

**COVID-19 Latinx Community Response Call
3/19/2020**

Statewide update

• **Governor’s Office- RaShelle Davis**

- [Coronavirus.wa.gov](https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov)
 - Governor’s updates/proclamations regarding COVID-19 actions
 - Only website being used
 - Best place for information as things are rapidly changing

• **ESD – Mariana Hernandez**

- Proclamation to waive 8 week period for unemployment benefits
- Taking time to change IP changes and implement ASAP
 - Influx of claims and taking time to process them
- Website is on esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19
 - Daily updates
- Emergency rule changes implemented

• **DOH – Paj Nandi**

- Joint information center
- Transitioning to a unified communications effort
- Responding from statewide perspective – bigger than just health
- Estimation time in this state is a long time with data
- Focusing on leading with equity and cultural sensitivity
 - Diligent to translate everything into Spanish ASAP
 - Spanish landing page to house all materials- hoping to be ready by 3/20
 - Working with Spanish media, news, radio etc
 - Turnaround time working constantly
- Working with grassroots w/ mean of implementation to the Latinx community
 - Information changing rapidly
- COVID-19 101 campaign in eastern wa – location TBD
 - In Spanish and working on other languages
- Identifying and closing language access gaps
 - Spanish language materials created through key partner channels to be disseminated
 - Continue to disseminate translated COVID flyers in healthcare facilities
 - Growing list of over 40 languages
 - Social media pages in 14 languages including Spanish
 - Using graphics and animations to convey the same information
 - Telephonic interpretation to OSPI for school closures for example
- Recognition
 - Spanish isn’t always the preferred language
 - Continuing to identify other languages by partnering with indigenous communities to get it translated

Topic	Lead
Welcome	Nina
Introductions (name, organization)	Nina
State-wide update	Maria, state partners on call
Coordination -form business committee -form steering committee	Nina/Maria
Identify Pressing Issues	Maria
Next Steps	Maria/Nina
Close	Nina

Questions from community

1. Do you have any resources for language access gaps?
2. Concerned about how our population and how they will be qualifying for the resources? What are measures the state is currently thinking about or going to take? How can we help the state to help undocumented folks?
 - a. ESD requirements from FEDERAL PROGRAM is being legally authorized to work

3. What testing kits are available?
 - a. No specific number
 - b. Requesting additional resources
 - c. SEAMAR taking samples
4. Other employments besides agriculture, business fields need some clarification
5. Unemployment benefits, is there something the government is working on where undocumented people to get aid? Are there resources we can share with the front-line staff (construction, janitorial for example) population? (L&I follow up)
 - a. Non-profit organizations that can provide more information
 - b. Conversations are happening
 - c. Program for family aide for the majority of workers regardless of immigration status
6. We need to think about warehouse laborers (in packing sheds, etc.) being protected during these times. There is not communication from growers to employees on what measures they need to take to protect themselves.
7. Immigrant status not affecting testing/insurance
 - a. SEAMAR does have a hotline for questions in Spanish
 - b. Enrollment for medical insurance until April 8th through [Washington Health Plan Finder](#)
8. Indigenous languages
 - a. Auto-visual information is the best form for indigenous populations as alphabet is new
 - b. Sanctuary state – asking to check with Governor to have a consideration for us
 - c. A phone call in Spanish would be helpful
9. Federal funding is tied to immigration status
 - How are we going to help undocumented populations
 - Foodbank assistance

Committees

In order to create dedicated time to If you are interested in working together on the following subgroups:

Email hispanic@cha.wa.gov

Subject: COVID-19 Workgroup

In the body of the email specify which group you'd like to work in:

1. Labor
 - To include general workforce concerns and small business resources
2. Medical
 - Indigenous language
 - Medical testing
 - Insurance coverage
3. Communications/Advocacy
4. Resources for undocumented individuals

Next Steps:

Subcommittees to convene before next call.

Subcommittees will review community concerns and address next steps/actions. Updates will be given at weekly meetings.

Next Call:

Thursday 3/26/2020, 12:00pm

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