



COVID-19 County Response

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020



ASOTIN
COLUMBIA
GARFIELD
WALLA WALLA
WHITMAN



Asotin County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

- Chris Seubert
- Brian Shinn

Assessor – Jenny Rynearson

Auditor – Darla McKay

Clerk – McKenzie Kelley

Prosecuting Attorney / Coroner – Ben Nichols

Sheriff – John Hilderbrand

Treasurer – Holly Steiner

Local Public Health Officials

- Brady Woodbury, *Director*
- Bob Lutz, *Health Officer*

135 2nd St
Asotin, WA 99402
509-243-2060





Columbia County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

- Charles Amerein
- Ryan Rundell
- Michael Talbott

Assessor – Chris Mills

Auditor - Anne Higgins

Clerk – Susan Marinella

Prosecuting Attorney / Coroner – C Dale Slack

Sheriff – Joe Helm

Treasurer – Carla Rowe

Local Public Health Officials

- Martha Lanman, *Administrator*
- Larry Jecha, *Health Officer*

311 E Main Street
Dayton, WA 99328
509-382-4542





Garfield County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

- Justin Dixon
- Robert Johnson
- Michael Talbott

Assessor – Brian Bartels

Auditor – Donna Deal

Clerk – Marie Gormsen

Prosecuting Attorney / Coroner – Matthew Newberg

Sheriff – Drew Hyer

Treasurer – Tereasa Summers

Local Public Health Officials

- Martha Lanman, *Administrator*
- Glenn Houser, *Health Officer*

789 W. Main St
Pomeroy, WA 99347
509-843-1391





Walla Walla County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

- Jim Johnson
- Todd Kimball
- Greg Tompkins

Assessor – Debra Antes

Auditor – Karen Martin

Clerk – Kathy Martin

Coroner – Richard Greenwood

Prosecuting Attorney – James Nagle

Sheriff – Mark Crider

Treasurer – Gordon Heimbigner

Local Public Health Officials

- Meghan DeBolt, *Director*
- Larry Jecha, *Health Officer*

314 W Main St
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-524-2512





Whitman County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

- Dean Kinzer
- Michael Largent
- Art Swannack

Assessor – Robin Jones

Auditor – Sandy Jamison

Clerk – Jill Whelchel

Coroner– Annie Pillers

Prosecuting Attorney – Denis Tracy

Sheriff – Brett Meyers

Treasurer – Chris Nelson

Local Public Health Officials

- Troy Henderson, *Director*
- Brad Bowman, *Health Officer*

400 N Main St
Colfax, WA 99111
509-397-4622



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



Columbia County building and planning has stopped all inspections and issuing permits if they don't comply with the Governor's Proclamation. Staff is working remotely and is continuing to accept, and process permits.



Asotin County building and planning offices are closed to the public. New submittals and payments are being accepted in the ballot drop box at the main courthouse parking lot.



Walla Walla community development office is open by appointment only. Appointments are set based on need and only if social distancing conditions can be met. New submittals and payments are being accepted online and by drop box. Strict social distancing requirements are in place for any necessary inspections.



Whitman: Had an employee lodge a formal complaint with the AG's office citing working conditions that were unsafe. This complaint raises a significant question around local government's liability during this crisis.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



Walla Walla: Had a particularly difficult winter with major flooding that has resulted in millions of dollars in emergency work. The work has been able to continue, but reimbursements from the federal government are slow in coming and there are concerns around cash flow if the federal government is not able to reimburse these expenses.



Asotin County DD - The impact of COVID on our organization has been severe for staff and our clients. We provide employment services for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment, which has been essentially shut down due to area business closures and social distancing measures.



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Local Public Health Response

Meghan Debolt – Director

Walla Walla County Health and Human Services



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WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION
OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS

JANUARY - MARCH



Awareness
but limited
preparedness



Readying public
health response



Monitoring of
travelers



Coordinating
with public
health system

MARCH - PRESENT



Case
Investigation



Isolation and
Quarantine



Community
Measures



Local Agency
Coordination



Communication
and Messaging

CHALLENGES AND LOOKING AHEAD



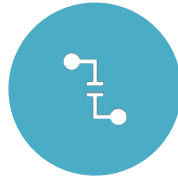
Reducing restrictions and Phase 2



Planning for second wave



Workforce



FPHS: On-going infrastructure needs

Impact on County Functions

How Has Responding To The Covid-19 Pandemic Affected County Functions?

- Essential needs – i.e. housing/homelessness, solid waste, broadband, transportation, food scarcity, etc.
- Public Safety
- Budget and Finances

Anticipated Needs Moving Forward

- What are key matters needing attention at the county level in order to dial activities back up?
- What problems do you anticipate as we move into our “new normal?”
- What impacts do you foresee on your county budget, staffing, services, etc.?
- How can counties help restart the economy? What do you need in order to assist?
- What scares you right now and looking ahead?

Questions?

THANK YOU

These slides, a copy of the webinar, and notes from this session will be shared with you as soon as possible.



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