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Hosting Organization: Washington State Hospital Association

Call Name: Clinician Support Call

Call Date: 5/26/20

Information about how to tune into the next call: The COVID-19 Clinician Support webinars will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month going forward. The next one will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 11am – 12pm. [Click here to register](#). Contact Midori Sudo (midoris@wsa.org) if you need assistance with registration.

[Click here for the slides](#)

Notes

- **Epi update:** Continued downward trend in COVID like hospitalizations. Top burden counties: King, Snohomish, Yakima, Pierce, Benton. Counties with large agricultural businesses are seeing the most outbreaks, driving county burden trends. Disproportionate cases in Hispanic populations - due to large outbreaks in farms/meat processing plants. Workers tend to be young so death rate doesn't match. Mask wearing in public should be mandatory, especially in these agricultural communities. Don't see same mask wearing norms across the state. Need leaders to advocate and lead by example for mask wearing in their communities (LHJs, County officials, Healthcare leadership, etc.).
- **Universal masking:** WSHA drafting policies and marketing materials. [WSHA Recommendations on Health Care System Policies for Universal Masking](#)
- **Remdesivir:** 2nd distribution being sent via hospital admission data. If you have patients in hospital and want to offer Remdesivir contact WSHA. Anticipate additional donations from Gilead.
- **Wellness and resiliency of staff in hospitals:** Anticipating things to pick back up in the fall. One size does not fit all, need to meet needs across generations and preferences. 3 areas of investment for healthcare workforce, examples from UW ([UW Medicine COVID-19 Support](#)): 1.) Life support: hotline for resources, particularly childcare. Partnered with the state to make free/low-cost childcare available. Created "care and share" website for people to post needs and resources. Brought resources for homeschooling and now thinking about summer camps. 2.) Emotional support: Trained across provider types in peer support. Partnered with Dept of Psychiatry to offer supportive conversations for front-line intervention, listening, and problem solving. Dedicated team focusing on well-being and resiliency to lead efforts. Brought psychological first aid program to workforce. 3.) Communication: Weekly town halls, weekly well-being email in addition to other informational emails. Also see: [Providence COVID-19 Support](#)

Acronyms:

WSHA – Washington State Hospital Association

LHJ – Local Health Jurisdiction

UW – University of Washington