



SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22-06

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT REAFFIRMING A DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GENERAL FUND RESOURCES FOR COVID-19-RELATED EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Board of Health adopted Resolution 20-06 declaring a public health emergency and authorizing use of general fund reserves for COVID -19 related expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the scientific basis for the public health response to COVID-19 is constantly evolving, variants of SARS-CoV-2 with different transmission and virulence characteristics are likely to continue to emerge, medical countermeasures to transmission and disease (e.g., vaccination, treatments) have progressed and are likely to continue to do so, and all of these factors contribute to a continuous, complex and often rapidly changing state of disease control guidelines, recommendations, and requirements at the local, state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the COVID- 19 virus is currently being transmitted at an alarming rate with the current highly contagious Omicron variant requiring extraordinary and swift action by local health jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, a Health Officer's Order was issued on March 4, 2020, declaring an emergency and waiving formal purchasing and procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, District staff is overwhelmed with the influx of calls and inquiries related to COVID19, and due to the exceptional effort required to respond to the outbreak, efficient, targeted and swift expenditure of COVID related funds is necessary to respond to current conditions; and

WHEREAS, to effectively respond to current conditions additional equipment, supplies and contracting for services need to be purchased quickly, and additional staffing resources and overtime is anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer and Administrative Officer have determined that delay in purchasing and procurement of equipment, supplies and services will result in an increased risk to public health necessitating suspension and waiver of formal bidding and procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains General Fund resources that can be accessed in the event of an emergency where the District's response is significant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to delegate further authority to the Administrative Officer and designees to access General Fund resources to address the significant rise in COVID cases and to combat the spread of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health as follows:

1. The Board of Health reaffirms its previous declaration of a public health emergency and does hereby delegate to the Administrative Officer or his designee(s) the authority to execute contracts and authorize expenditures for equipment, supplies and services related to the COVID-19 emergency from General Fund resources, in a total not to exceed \$1.5M or within the authorized limits of existing COVID funding, whichever is greater, and in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation to implement this resolution without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).
2. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, Resolution 20-06 shall remain in full force and effect, unchanged.
3. A copy of this Resolution, to the extent practicable, shall be posted at the District's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2022.

Stephanie Wright, Chair
Board of Health

ATTEST:

Shawn Frederick, MBA
Administrative Officer