



HEART TEAM SUNSETTING

Public Health
Seattle & King County



BACKGROUND

The Health Engagement Action Resource Team (HEART) was formed to provide homeless service providers with support and guidance around COVID-related mitigation strategies, in the essential work that they do.



EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE, CHANGING APPROACH: HEART COVID-19 RESPONSE

As more became known about the virus, HEART adapted its approach:

- General education and prevention strategies, COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine (I&Q)
- Improving ventilation- distributed 3,278 HEPA Air Purifiers
- Vaccination education and administration
- Managing COVID-19 variants and large shelter outbreaks

JAN 2023- AUG 2023

In January 2023, HEART reduced its team and consolidated with Mobile Vax and Mobile Testing. The focus shifted to testing, vaccination and outreach in encampments and shelters.

SEP 2023- MARCH 2024

In September 2023, as the Pandemic waned, HEART shifted to vaccination and outreach in encampments and shelters.

2023

1,487

Tests and
Vaccines

2023

952

Contacts and
Referrals

2024

~20 clinics and
125 vaccines



WHAT'S NEXT? MOVING FORWARD

- HCHN's Mobile Medical Van and Street Medicine Team will continue to offer vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness as part of their normal services.
- PHSKC Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Team, will continue to serve Homeless Services Provider sites on a limited capacity. For questions, please reach out to COVIDCaseReview@kingcounty.gov.
- PHSKC's Environmental Health team will continue to be available for on-site consultations, regarding rodent control, sanitation and hygiene, and air quality. Please reach out directly to Ricardo Settles at: ricsettles@kingcounty.gov.



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