

BACKGROUND

The Health Engagement Action
Resource Team (HEART) was formed to
provide homeless service providers with
support and guidance around COVIDrelated 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

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

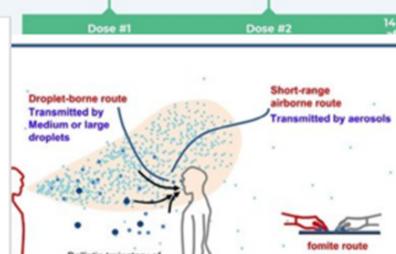
cdc.gov/coronavirus



Real-world data show vaccination reduced the COVID-19 hospitalization among adults 65 and Vaccination is a critical tool to reduce severe COVID-19

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late ratios compared to 18-29 year olds



COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH BY AC AX PX Companion 2X 3X AX SX Nature SX Nature

















WHAT'S NEXT? MOVING FORWARD

- · HCHN's Mobile Medical Van and Steet 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 to reach out to <u>COVIDCaseReview@kingcounty.gov</u>.
- ·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.

