

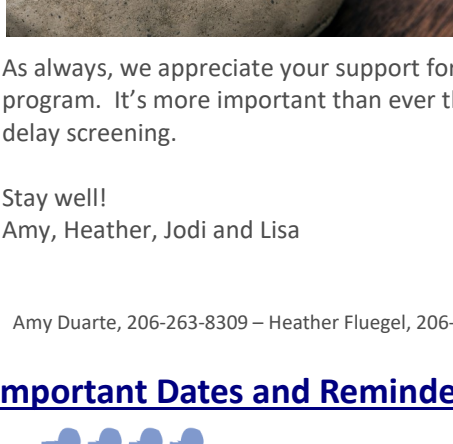
The BCCHP Connection

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Here we are in 2022!

Despite entering another pandemic year, we are optimistic to see prevention and treatment efforts. Adults and children continue to receive vaccines and boosters. The US government is prioritizing at home COVID test kit accessibility and there is an increase in personal protective equipment (PPE) production, such as N95 masks. We are seeing the peak and anticipated drop in the Omicron variant already in Western Washington. It's hard to predict what is next but the resiliency of contractors and staff continues to shine through.



The BCCHP team, for the most part, remain working remotely with staff going to the office one or two days a week. We continue to offer drop in trainings via ZOOM and can provide BCCHP orientation for new staff— never hesitate to reach out if you have a new staff or other training requests. We have plans for an annual meeting later in the spring with a twist... more to come on that in this newsletter.

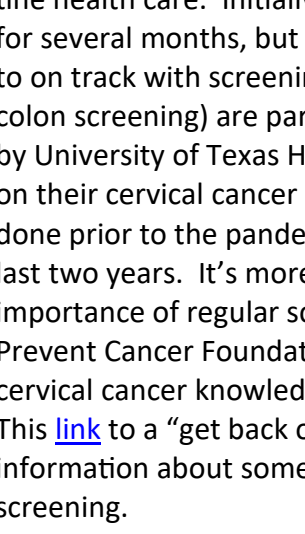
As always, we appreciate your support for BCCHP and the clients who benefit from the program. It's more important than ever that clients are aware of the program and do not delay screening.

Stay well!

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Important Dates and Reminders!



- January is [Cervical Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- March is [Colon Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- February is [Black History Month](#)
- February 4th was [World Cancer Day](#)

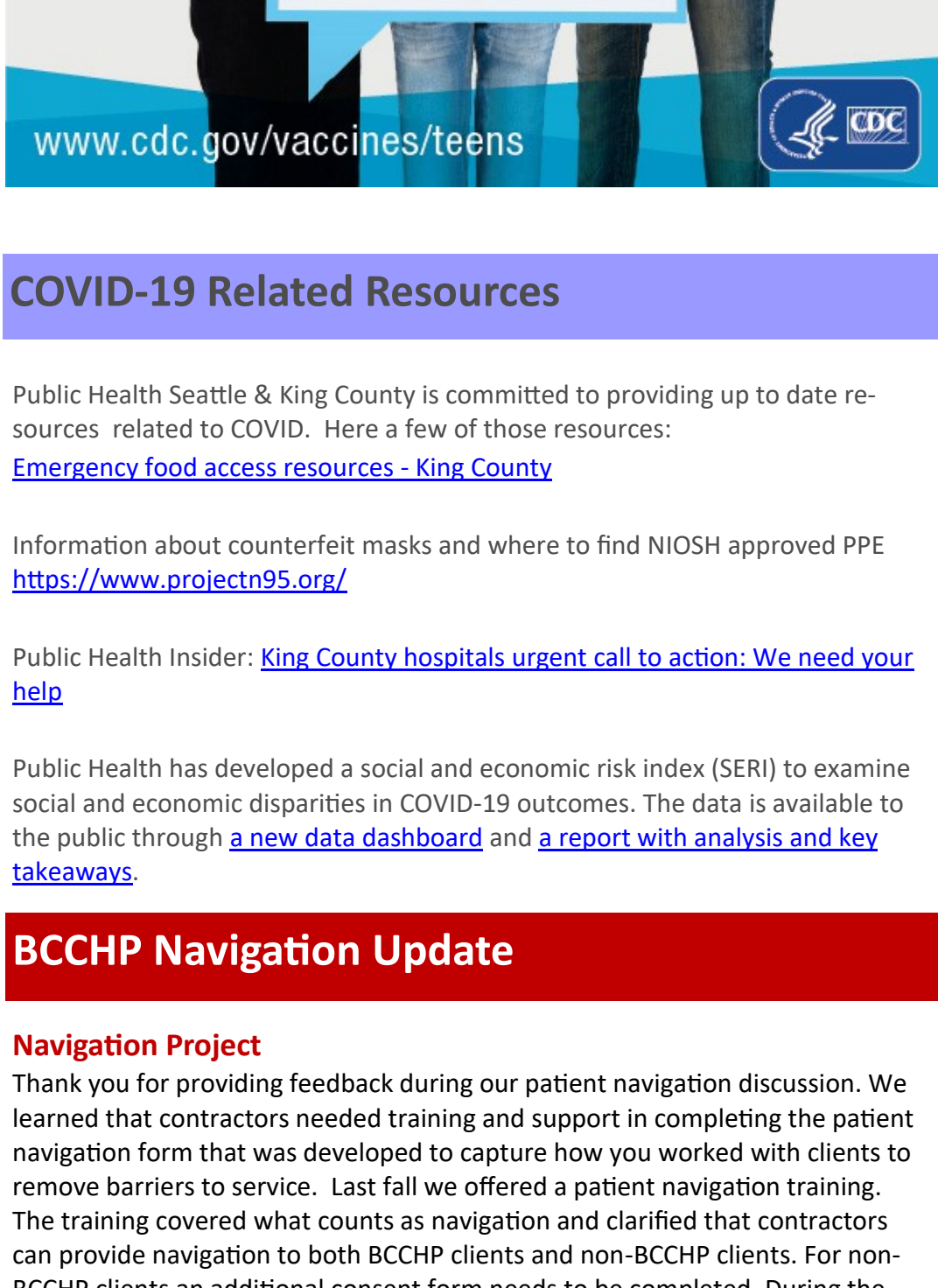
January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Covid continues to have an effect on routine health care. Initially with the shutdown, routine preventative care halted for several months, but it continues to have an impact on people getting back to on track with screenings. Cancer screening (especially breast, cervical, and colon screening) are part of preventative and routine health care. A study done by University of Texas Health Sciences Center found that women not up to date on their cervical cancer screening had increased by 14.4%. That study was done prior to the pandemic. Most likely that deficit has increased more in the last two years. It's more important than ever to provide education about the importance of regular screening and the urgency to get back on track.

Prevent Cancer Foundation surveyed over 2000 women in August 2021 about cervical cancer knowledge and practices.

This [link](#) to a "get back on track" infographic provides survey results and further information about some of the knowledge gaps and missed opportunities for screening.

Because so much focus is on Covid vaccine, other vaccines have been missed or are lagging behind, including the HPV vaccine. The momentum for HPV vaccine was increasing, but since that was stalled, the HPV vaccine messaging needs to be included in these "get back on track" messages. HPV vaccine has had a positive impact on population health with it helping to reduce not only cervical cancer rates, but other HPV related cancers as well.



COVID-19 Related Resources

Public Health Seattle & King County is committed to providing up to date resources related to COVID. Here are a few of those resources:

[Emergency food access resources - King County](#)

Information about counterfeit masks and where to find NIOSH approved PPE <https://www.projectn95.org/>

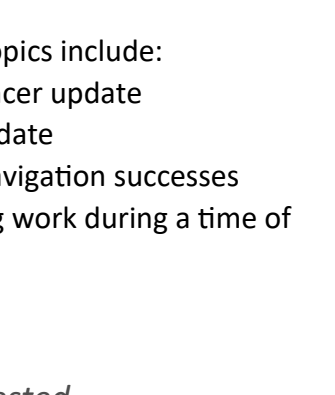
Public Health Insider: [King County hospitals urgent call to action: We need your help](#)

Public Health has developed a social and economic risk index (SERI) to examine social and economic disparities in COVID-19 outcomes. The data is available to the public through [a new data dashboard](#) and [a report with analysis and key takeaways](#).

BCCHP Navigation Update

Navigation Project

Thank you for providing feedback during our patient navigation discussion. We learned that contractors needed training and support in completing the patient navigation form that was developed to capture how you worked with clients to remove barriers to service. Last fall we offered a patient navigation training. The training covered what counts as navigation and clarified that contractors can provide navigation to both BCCHP clients and non-BCCHP clients. For non-BCCHP clients an additional consent form needs to be completed. During the training, the forms were completed with two examples in mind. Tip sheets are available to aid in completing the form. In addition, we are available to troubleshoot form completion with anyone having trouble finishing the form. Once the navigation is complete—the form needs to be signed, dated and sent to our office as you would any form for the program. BCCHP staff collect that information and include the reimbursement code for the time spent to provide navigation and completing form.

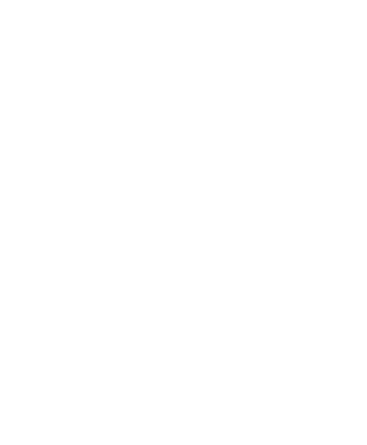


Since the training, we have at least two clinic systems that are regularly sending completed navigation forms and being paid for this body of work. Navigation leads to better care and outcomes for clients and potentially improved client satisfaction. We hope to see more clinic systems completing these forms.

BCCHP Annual Meeting

Last year we provided our usual 5 hour meeting via zoom. As we discuss planning for this year and reviewing the evaluations from last year, we have reconsidered the format for the meeting. Rather than a 4—5 hour ZOOM meeting. We will do a series of 4 meetings over a two month period of time.

We are currently working on the agenda and speakers and should have the line up confirmed by late February with the first meeting occurring towards the end of March. We anticipate each session will range from 60—90 minutes. Each meeting will be via ZOOM, with built in time for interaction, questions and answers. We will have an evaluation after each session to monitor how we can improve the sessions as we move through the series.



Anticipated topics include:

- Breast cancer update
- BCCHP update
- Patient Navigation successes
- Navigating work during a time of

chaos and trauma, a.k.a. the pandemic

Watch for an official meeting invite soon.

Thought you'd be interested....

Get Free at home COVID test information <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Last year we revised BCCHP flyer to accommodate getting out information on the program easier— This flyer is available on our webpage in several languages. Go to this [link](#).

For any questions, comments, or to remove yourself from this list, please call 206-263-8200 or email Jodi Olson at Jodi.Olson@kingcounty.gov *Please send any information, articles, or resources you would like to include in the next issue by replying directly to this message*