



Armondo Pavone, Mayor



This Week from the Mayor

Update on coronavirus from Mayor Pavone

SADLY, THE FIRST PERSON TO DIE IN THE UNITED STATES from the novel coronavirus occurred (Saturday) in King County.

The City of Renton is coordinating closely with [Public Health – Seattle & King County](#) and our first responders to help keep our community prepared.

The vast majority of the illnesses around the world are mild, with fever and cough. A much smaller percentage of cases are severe and involve pneumonia, particularly in elderly people and people with underlying medical conditions.

It's important that everyone take steps to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus. Please be sure to:

- » Stay home when you are sick.
- » Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- » Have backup plans for work and/or childcare.

People who are traveling should be aware of the impacted countries, and if they become ill after traveling, call a doctor or hospital.

Meanwhile, we must work together to proactively address potential discrimination based on ethnicity or ancestry. A certain ancestry does not make a person more vulnerable to this disease. Coronavirus doesn't recognize race, nationality or ethnicity.

Help us interrupt stigma by sharing accurate information.

King County has activated the King County Emergency Operations Center to support Public Health, as well as to help coordinate the work of cities across King County.

If you believe you have been exposed to or have symptoms of COVID-19:

- » Call your doctor – Do not go into the medical facility
- » Your doctor will make an assessment about next steps. If it is determined that you should be screened for COVID-19, your doctor will contact King County Public Health to make arrangements for screening.
- » Take all appropriate precautions. Do not go to work if you are sick. Wash your hands often and do not touch your face.

Here in Renton, we're stronger as a community when we stand together against discrimination.

Please stay informed and prepared. We'll continue to keep our community updated via our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Coronavirus Information

We encourage community members to help protect yourself as you would during any cold or flu season:

- » Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- » When unable to wash your hands, use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- » Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- » Avoid contact with people who are sick
- » Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others
- » Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- » Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Public Health - Settle & King County Novel Coronavirus Fact Sheets

- » [English](#)
- » [Chinese, Traditional](#)
- » [Spanish](#)
- » [Chinese, Simplified](#)
- » [Korean](#)
- » [Vietnamese](#)
- » [Russian](#)

Stay Informed

- » [Washington State Department of Health](#)
- » [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- » [Public Health – Seattle & King County](#)
- » [World Health Organization](#)



King County Parks Director Warren Jimenez, Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Tukwila Mayor Allan Ekberg officially open a 1.1 mile section of the Lake to Sound Trail on Wednesday.

New section of Lake to Sound Trail opens

WEDNESDAY | I JOINED KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE Dow Constantine and Tukwila Mayor Allan Ekberg to officially open a 1.1-mile section of the [Lake to Sound Trail](#). The section includes a new bridge over the Black River and HAWK signal at Monster Road SW to provide a continuous route from Fort Dent Park in Tukwila to Naches Ave SW in Renton. The ribbon-cutting completed another step in our goal of building a 16-mile recreational trail from the south end of Lake Washington here in Renton to the Puget Sound shoreline in Des Moines.

In Renton we value our parks but and we also have an amazing accessible trail system that serves both outdoor enthusiasts and commuters. This new segment will bring people to the Black River Riparian Forest, one of Renton's best-kept secrets and home to one of the largest heron rookeries in the south Puget Sound.

Providing our residents and visitors with a remarkable recreational facility like the Lake to Sound Trail is very ambitious and amazing and impossible without a strong spirit of cooperation between the five affected cities – Renton, Tukwila, SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines – in King County.

My thanks to Executive Constantine, King County Parks Director Warren Jimenez, and to our neighbors to the south, Tukwila and Mayor Ekberg, and City of Renton staff for their work on this important project.

Census 2020: Community outreach

MY SINCERE APPRECIATION for the great work Julio Amador is doing in our Hispanic community explaining and promoting the [2020 Census](#).

Last Sunday at St. Anthony's Parish Julio talked with about 80 parishioners about the importance of a complete and correct count. He



also touched on how census results will impact funding for important programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) and childcare. He also stressed that information provided on the census form is kept confidential.

Julio's presentation was part of his work as one of our 2020 Census Trusted Ambassadors. He's also a member of Renton's Complete Count Committee and a founding member of the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force. His work with these groups along with that of his fellow members is vital as we work to get an accurate count.

News broke late last week that a national organization was sending out fundraising letters disguised as census forms. Please do not be fooled by these imitations. Legitimate census forms will not be mailed until mid-March and we have copies of the official letters on our website so you can see what they look like.

It angers me to have to deal with this type of situation especially because the census is so important. If you have questions about your form, please compare them to the copies we have on our website or call Ginna Hernandez our census program manager at 425-430-7728.

Police Department seeks volunteers

The Renton Police Department is looking for residents who want to serve on the [Community Representative Team](#) (CRT). Members are asked to review all aspects of the investigation following a law-enforcement-involved shooting, helping ensure the investigation was conducted in a trustworthy manner. If you're a committed community member with a history of involvement and can commit to a three-year term, please consider applying.

If you like to learn more about the team and the application process, we have all the information on our website. You can also contact Deputy Chief of Police Jon Schuldt at (425) 430-7555 or jschuldt@rentonwa.gov.

Feedback

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