



News from the Washington Counties Risk Pool

January 2021

WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

WCRP Virtual Spring Conference & Board Meeting

Safety is at the forefront during these uncertain times, and as result, the WCRP Spring Conference & Board of Directors' Meeting will be taking place *virtually*, March 25-26, 2021! The WCRP looks forward to connecting with its members and more information will be coming soon. Until then, we ask that you please mark your calendars.

Happy New Year and stay safe and healthy!!

WCRP RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

Counties and the COVID-19 Vaccine

With the hard work and dedication of many people, COVID-19 vaccines are starting to become available and are arriving at various facilities. While first responders, medical personnel, and high-risk individuals will be the first to receive the vaccine, it will be no time at all before the public are lining up for their turn.

A question you might ask is whether the county, and their employees, including temporary employees and volunteers, are covered if a claim or lawsuit is filed for alleged negligence related to the administration of the vaccine. We believe this question can be broken out into three parts... [Read more.](#)

COVID-19 Sample Immunization & Consent Forms - New!

We have 2 new sample forms, that can be beneficial to every member in this current pandemic. Especially now that we are in the very beginning stages of approval and distribution of vaccines. We've created and uploaded an "Immunization Consent Form", to be used when the County is administering the vaccine to members of the public, as well as a "Public Health Isolation and Quarantine Agreement", an agreement between the County and a person staying at an isolation center. These forms are for our member counties to use in operations related to COVID-19 and we encourage you to pass these forms along to those at your county that may find them useful. You can find both forms [here](#).

Risk Manager's Toolkit - Now Available!

The WCRP Risk Manager's Toolkit is up and running! After much development, we have the first iteration of these great resources. We'll always improve and update the Toolkit as new information & best practices become available. We're always open to suggestions, so please let us know if you have any thoughts. You can find the Risk Manager's Toolkit [here](#).

County Questions - Online Archive

Are you looking for the answer to a particular question? Do you have a special circumstance you want insights on? When members ask questions that are relayed out to other members and we receive answers, we share them with everyone, but we also save them! You can find the archives for all previous questions (since Fall 2019) on our [website](#).

COVID-19 Jail Resources - New!

You'll find resources from the CDC, WASPC, and other industry leaders regarding best practices for handling COVID-19 in a correctional environment. Guidance can change; and we'll keep this up to date when new information is available. Find the latest information [here](#).

Do you have questions about WCRP risk management resources?

Email Risk-Claims@wcrp.wa.gov.

WCRP MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

WCRP Risk Reduction Program 2020-21 Funds Available!

The WCRP's Risk Reduction Program was established to provide special financial resources to member counties for funding projects and purchases that will help reduce or eliminate property and liability risks. Each WCRP member county can receive up to \$5,000 per year to use in a variety of different ways. Please visit the [WCRP Risk Reduction Program Page](#) to learn more and to apply!

WCRP Scholarships

Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) - WCRP members are eligible for one scholarship per county, for each of the upcoming MRSC webinars listed below. To learn more and to register, please click the training title to be directed to the MRSC's webpage. We ask that you please contact your county risk manager to request the scholarship discount code before registering.

[Ethical Considerations for Local Government Officials and Staff](#) | January 21, 2021
[PRA and OPMA Case Law Update](#) | January 26, 2021

Planning Association of Washington (PAW) - WCRP members are eligible for one reimbursable scholarship per county, for each of the upcoming PAW webinars. To learn more and to register, please review PAW's January webinar lineup, which is linked to both event titles below. We ask that you please contact your county risk manager if you wish to take advantage of this offer.

[Planner's Self Care](#) | January 8, 2021
[Moving Forward Together As a Planning Community](#) | January 22, 2021

Visit the bottom of the [WCRP Training & Scholarships](#) page for the most current listing of available scholarships or email MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov to learn more.

WCRP Training

[Situational Awareness Webinar](#)

Anyone could be vulnerable to a dangerous or volatile situation. This webinar is recommended for county staff at all levels and in all work environments. In this training, Jesus Villahermosa, of Crisis Reality Training, Inc., will teach practical skills to help participants actively practice situational awareness and identify some of the pre-cursors of violence which will allow time to implement a response or evasion plan. Click on the training title to learn more and to register.

Spots are still available so sign up today!

January 14, 2021, 10:00am-11:00am

Evaluating Employee Performance in the “New Normal” Webinar

With so many workplaces shifting to “remote” in place of “in-person” environments, new challenges are present in observing and assessing employee work performance. Please join Connie Poulsen, of Poulsen Management Training & Consulting, and Mike Bolasina, from Summit Law Group, as they explore the legal and managerial approach to measuring employees’ effective work performance — in either environment. Click on the training title to learn more and to register.

Spots are filling up quickly, so register right away!

January 21, 2021, 10:00am-12:30pm – session full

March 11, 2021, 10:00am-12:30pm – session full

May 13, 2021, 10:00am-12:30pm

For the most current training line-up and to register, please visit the [WCRP Training & Scholarships](#) page. Not seeing your training need? Email MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov and let us know

SAVE THE DATE!

Meetings and conferences are subject to cancellation based on the Governor’s orders concerning COVID-19

WCRP Conferences & Board Meetings

Spring Conference & Board Meeting | March 25-26, 2021

Virtual Event

Summer Conference & Board Meeting | July 28-30, 2021

Hotel Murano, Tacoma | Pierce County

Fall Conference & Board Meeting | December 1-3, 2021

Alderbrook Resort, Union | Mason County



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