

## **Questions from September Webinar**

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*Will there be an AAR regarding the wildfire response around the state including emergency notifications through EAS and WEA? Those in the emergency management, fire, and communication communities should be involved along with the SECC.*

**Yes. A request to participating agencies was sent out on October 1st, 2020 to have initial Wildfire after action meeting(s) by October 15th. An AAR will be generated following the meeting(s).**

*A number of local jurisdictions have conducted interim AARs to capture lessons learned through the first part of the pandemic. Is the state going to conduct an AAR?*

**Yes. A COVID Interim Improvement Matrix took place in June 2020. Additional items have been added to the Improvement Matrix. Items were identified in WebEOC and via email submissions. A coordinated meeting within EMD is needed to incorporate the items into the overall Continuous Improvement Plan.**

*We have several questions about COVID guidelines for Registered Disaster Volunteer workers. They haven't seen any guidelines and are having trouble getting PPE. The State has said to check with their local EM's. Locals have said they do not have enough for their own responders. Can the State help with this?*

**Each county has the ability to request PPE for entities that fall outside the current DOH approved Tiering Guidelines for Allocation of PPE. If a county submits that request, we can consider it for allocation outside of the tiering structure.**

*“When and where will the next regional emergency management training exercise be conducted and who is coordinating the exercise?”*

**The CR22 Initial Planning Meeting (IPM) is tentatively scheduled for Q1 of 2021; however, an official date has not been selected. Currently in the process of re-convening the SCIPT and CR22 Core Capability sub-committees.**

*“Why is the Emergency Management Council (EMC) failing to perform its function as delineated in RCW 38.52.040?”*

**The Emergency Management Council is scheduled to meet November 4. The three previous meetings were cancelled due to the COVID response, as well as other incidents.**

*How is the staffing for all the EOC's in the state? Are they running short being operational for so many events at one time?*

**The EOC's in the state are responding very well to numerous events. However, the prolonged response and complexity have left some EOCs stretched thin.**

*Can the state EMD put out weekly or bi-weekly updates regarding the status of COVID-19 and response plans?"*

**Department of Health continues to provide the latest information and updates on their website at [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://coronavirus.wa.gov)**

*Is there any planning being done to respond to potential civil unrest related to the presidential election and succession?*

**The State EOC continues to stand by and is ready to support County and Local Jurisdictions for potential needs related to civil unrest and any disaster natural or manmade.**

*Is the state still distributing free masks to local governments?*

**The state continues working on distribution of cloth masks for individuals falling below 200% FPL.**

**The 2nd round of adult cloth mask distribution underway- As of September 24: 10 counties have completed distribution of 224,800. 19 counties are in the process of distribution of 601,307. 10 counties are not receiving a 2nd shipment or have not started distribution or pending updates.**