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Finally, can you enter this interview from the World Health Organization into the record. It spells out exactly what the City and neighboring counties need to be doing: setting up fever centers, free and easy testing, dedicated public health infrastructure to investigate cases, identify the close contacts, and then make sure they remain under surveillance. Also large dedicated treatment facilities which include extracorporeal membrane oxygenation [removing blood from a person's body and oxygenating their red blood cells]. The WHO summarizes: easy testing, dedicated beds, more ventilators, oxygen, CTs, and labs, every hospital should test people with atypical pneumonia for Covid. People with flu-like symptoms (Fever and cough) should have an easy way to test for Covid.

<https://www.vox.com/2020/3/2/21161067/coronavirus-covid19-china>

World Health Organization (WHO) agency's assistant director general and veteran epidemiologist Bruce Aylward.

On Mon, Mar 2, 2020 at 11:39 PM Cass K wrote:

We tried submitting an e-comment but the site kept timing out. We are submitting it now via email as instructed. Please attach it to the agenda

Agenda Item 3.4 Coronavirus

We are concerned that because of delayed testing by the CDC that the virus has spread making early containment impossible (in Seattle they estimate it has been spreading for 6 weeks). China was able to successfully reduce the number of deaths and infections by moving to stringent lock downs. In the US and the EU the reactions have been delayed and after the fact. Will the City be listening to medical professionals who are suggesting school closures, bans on large gatherings, and pressuring employers to offer more paid sick leave options to workers who must come in to to work and more work from home options by the Silicon Valley tech employers? And will the City/County/State be offering free testing like they are doing in South Korea and China?

Finally, will the City be coordinating with the Santa Clara County and the adjacent counties. Is there an leadership council who is empowered to make rapid joint regional decisions? Can each County appoint a coronavirus liaison for critical departments (City leaders, Health, fire, police, etc) to have a single dedicated point of contact?

Signed Cass Kohler
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