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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coronavirus Quarantine Area on Fircrest campus in Shoreline

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Dear Superintendent Mangat,

Your letter indicates that it is the intention of the Washington Department of Health and Governor Inslee to place a coronavirus quarantine facility consisting of RVs/campers on Fircrest RHC property on the corner of 15h Avenue NE and NE 150th Street in the City of Shoreline.

I am sorry I have to say this, but **YOU HAVE GOT TO BE JOKING!** Who on earth can possibly think that this is an intelligent decision? To put people who may have been exposed to a highly contagious virus on the campus of Fircrest near some of the most vulnerable and fragile people in the state AND in the densely populated city of Shoreline is insane. Putting a coronavirus quarantine area at Fircrest RHC, near apartments, neighborhoods, schools, shopping should NEVER be an option. If the governor thinks this is okay why not put the RV's next to his house or on the capitol grounds in Olympia?

This is an absolutely unacceptable plan. There is an abundance of open, uninhabited areas in Washington where people can be quarantined without putting the population at risk. The Governor, the Department of Health and DSHS need to go back to the drawing board and figure out a better solution.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hartzog  
Fircrest parent and guardian

On Feb 6, 2020, at 2:18 PM, Mangat, Upkar (DSHS/DDA) <[upkar.mangat@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:upkar.mangat@dshs.wa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Guardians,  
Please read the attached communications.

Thank you,

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February 6, 2020

Dear Fircrest School Residents, Families and Guardians,

At the request of Department of Health Secretary John Wiesman and in collaboration with Governor Inslee's office, the Department of Social and Health Services is exploring the possibility of opening vacant property on the southwest corner of Fircrest School grounds in order to assist with efforts to manage the coronavirus in Washington state. I want to keep you posted as we work with DOH on the details and assure you that if this possibility becomes a reality, we will let you know immediately.

DOH has asked to place four recreational vehicles that will be used to monitor individuals who **may** have been exposed to the coronavirus. Please be assured that having these RVs on the Fircrest property would pose **zero** health risk to your loved ones, our staff, the community and any domestic or wild animals in the vicinity of Fircrest School. The individuals who would be placed in these vehicles **do not exhibit signs or symptoms of the coronavirus**. They would be placed on-site for observation and monitoring by public health professionals.

Together with DSHS Chief of Staff Don Clintsman, Developmental Disabilities Administration Assistant Secretary Evelyn Perez and myself, DSHS Secretary Cheryl Strange and Secretary Wiesman will host a meeting from **2:30-3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 on the Fircrest School campus in the Activities Building** to discuss this possibility. I encourage you to attend if you are able; if you are not, they will host a **conference call at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7**. The number for that call is 855-929-3239 and the access code is 804 970 552#.

I am including with this letter some questions and answers that I hope you will find useful. Questions specific to the coronavirus can be found on DOH's website at [www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus).

Thank you in advance for your input and I look forward to updating you on developments to the situation as they transpire.

Sincerely,

Upkar Mangat

Superintendent, Fircrest School