COVID-19 Vaccine Community Helplines Launched

CISC’s team of bilingual staff have been working to ensure seniors, family members, and now youth are able to get access to vaccines. We have also been working with community leaders to advocate for equitable access to vaccines and improvements at the Lumen Field mass vaccination site, which include language and mobility assistance.

Recently, the City of Seattle’s Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs partnered with community-based organizations to launch in-language COVID-19 Vaccine Community Helplines to schedule appointments. CISC’s helpline is staffed by our Cantonese, Mandarin, and Vietnamese-speaking bilingual staff who can assist residents in King County who are limited English proficient and/or have limited access to the Internet.

Vaccine Helplines (assistance scheduling vaccine appointments)
Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm
Cantonese: 206-278-7446
Mandarin: 206-278-7447
Vietnamese: 206-278-9775

Spring Citizenship Clinic

Opening new opportunities through naturalization is one of the many ways CISC creates opportunities for immigrants to succeed while honoring their heritage. CISC and Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA) successfully co-hosted a virtual citizenship clinic together for the second time. We served 20 clients and provided legal assistance on completing the naturalization application (N-400) for 13 clients. The clinic had support from five immigration attorneys, five Department of Justice accredited representatives, four interpreters for Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese, and two form fillers to ensure timely and quality service for our clients. We used a hybrid model that combined in-person and remote service.

For more information about the next Citizenship Clinic, contact:
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The King County Coalition Against Hate and Bias, formed in 2020, has spent the past year listening to community members impacted by hate- and bias-motivated experiences. The partners in the Coalition are coming together during a May 26 forum to expand on these conversations and develop possible solutions. The forum is hosted by Eastside for All, one of the partner organizations in the Coalition.

This community forum is intended to share information and spark action within participants’ circles of interest and influence. An overview of the King County Hate and Bias Incident Response Survey will be shared, along with data specific to East King County.

**How We Heal: A Call to Action**
May 26, 12-1:30pm
Register for the event via Zoom

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**Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Summer Program**

During the pandemic, our Kaleidoscope Play and Learn (KPL) program went virtual and continued to be an important way for children and their family members to engage in fun early learning activities as well as stay connected to information and community resources.

This summer, we are hosting KPL Live programming once a week with Mandarin and Cantonese groups alternating each week. The programs will feature songs, nursery rhymes, kindergarten readiness skills, community resources, and more.

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**Thank you for supporting CISC**

On behalf of our Board and team members, thank you for the recent GiveBIG donations to support our COVID-19 response and our programs for youth, families, and older adults. In addition, we would like to thank the following organizations for their recent support:

- All in WA Vaccine Equity Initiative
- Group Health Foundation
- HealthierHere COVID-19 Vaccination Fund
- Historic South Downtown
- Seattle Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund-Phase 3
- US Bank Foundation

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