



# Pierce County

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Secretary Wiesman:

The people of Pierce County are ready to move safely and responsibly to Phase 2.

As you will see in our enclosed application, we have flattened the curve. We are averaging around twelve new cases per day over the past two weeks and have hundreds of unoccupied hospital beds. Our public health partners are proactively testing in high-risk settings and quickly notifying people who are known to have been near an infected person. Furthermore, we have significant resources set aside to rapidly scale up our public health emergency response efforts in the event of a surge of cases.

We are also taking additional steps to support our safe reopening. We will be distributing millions of disposable masks to thousands of businesses, nonprofits, and houses of worship in Pierce County beginning this week. We will be ready to meet the Governor's masking order effective on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We are also actively exploring loan forgiveness and grants for businesses that implement workplace safety plans and other improvements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

In Pierce County, we understand the challenge ahead. We must contain the virus while we work together to restore the civic, economic, and social fabric of our community. This requires continued vigilance and personal responsibility by all of us.

The challenge is great, but the people of Pierce County are up to the task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Dammeier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce F. Dammeier  
Pierce County Executive

Encl: Application to Advance Pierce County to Phase 2