



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Aristo Healthcare Services –
COVID Isolation and Quarantine Overflow Facilities Operations Contract
DATE: January 19, 2022

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Aristo Healthcare Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been necessary for Whatcom County to implement actions that will mitigate the spread of the disease and provide basic services in support of public health for the community at large. In order to respond to people in need of isolation and quarantine, who have no other options to accomplish such, Whatcom County opened a COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Facility (IQF).

In January, 2022, the original IQF reached guest capacity and it became necessary to identify additional (overflow) IQF sites for guests who could not be accommodated at the original IQF. The Health Department does not have the capacity to staff the additional IQF site. This contract provides funding for Aristo Healthcare Services to provide immediate staffing for the provision of daily operations at County-designated IQF overflow sites.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Total funding is estimated at \$705,200. Funding for this contract will vary depending on the number of employees assigned to the Facility, the position's hourly rate (including overtime, holiday, and weekend rates), various personnel accommodations (travel, meals, quarantine pay, etc.). Funding for this contract will either be through FEMA or American Rescue Plan Act grants. These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as estimated funding will exceed \$40,000.

Please contact Cindy Hollinsworth, Communicable Disease & Epidemiology Manager at 360-778-6160 (CHollins@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

