



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive
RE: Lease Extension for Quarantine and Isolation Facility
DATE: 09/21/2021

The County Executive requests authorization to enter into a contract amendment between G6 Hospitality for the extended use of the hotel as a quarantine and isolation (Q&I) facility through December 31, 2021.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In April, 2020 Whatcom County entered into a lease agreement with G6 Hospitality for the provision of a Quarantine and Isolation Facility. In February, a request for proposal (RFQ #2021-07) was advertised for a COVID Temporary Housing Facility. Twenty-three establishments were sent direct invitations to respond. The Planning Section of Whatcom Unified Command also worked with Bellingham/Whatcom County Tourism to promote the RFQ to area lodging facilities.

With the increased case counts due to the Delta variant and the higher utilization of the IQF facility in August and September there still remains a community need for a quarantine and isolation facility that can be used for residents that don't have the opportunity or resources to self-quarantine.

The extension of this lease for a Q&I facility will continue to help prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout the larger community.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The amendment extends the current lease for an additional four months through December 31, 2021 and increases the reimbursement by \$10,000 for each month paid through American Rescue Plan Act and the Administration is pursuing FEMA reimbursement for costs associated with the I/Q facility.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.