



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

# THE BAINBRIDGE PREPARES PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES FOR REPORTERS

**WHAT WE DO:** The Bainbridge Prepares partnership is designed to increase the resilience of Bainbridge Island and surrounding areas. This effort is led by volunteers through mutual aid in preparation for community response to widespread emergencies.

**WHO WE ARE:** Bainbridge Prepares, a community-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to emergency preparedness, and the Bainbridge Island Fire Department started the partnership in 2011. The City of Bainbridge Island joined the effort in 2016. This unique, collaborative blend of a non-government organization (NGO), a fire district, and a local municipality is our interpretation of FEMA's "whole community" approach to preparedness.

### ■ ROLE OF CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

As the local emergency management organization, the City is responsible for registering, credentialing, and deploying volunteers.

### ■ ROLE OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is responsible for emergency response and the coordination of integrating community volunteers into on-scene operations. The Department also provides subject matter experts and facilities for the training of community volunteers.

### ■ ROLE OF BAINBRIDGE PREPARES

The NGO supplies the "people power" for the majority of our teams with a focus of neighbors taking care of neighbors so our professional first responders can focus on our community's core infrastructure.

### ■ FUNDING

The partnership efforts are largely supported through funding from the City of Bainbridge Island and the Bainbridge Island Fire Department (separate taxing jurisdictions). Bainbridge Prepares is supported by donations and small grants.

### ■ QUICK FACTS

- 500+ volunteers (222 new volunteers since March 2020!)
- 19 preparedness teams
- 5,679 volunteer hours since March 2020
- Please see [bainbridgeprepares.org/teams](http://bainbridgeprepares.org/teams) for more details about our teams

Since March 2020, the partnership has been extremely busy responding to the needs of the community. Some of our efforts are highlighted below:

### VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

The partnership has activated and deployed our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Bainbridge Island Emergency Medical Responders, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and other emergency management volunteers to support COVID testing efforts and vaccine clinics in Kitsap and Jefferson Counties.

### VACCINE EFFORTS

The partnership is coordinating with the Bainbridge Island Community Pharmacy on distribution efforts to facilitate vaccine clinics. As vaccine distribution increases, the partnership has plans in place to facilitate a large-scale vaccine clinic at a local school.

### TEST SITE

Since November 2020, we've operated a drive-thru test site at City Hall to support public health goals in our community. Current operations are Mondays and Wednesdays.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn more about our COVID-19 efforts at: [bainbridgewa.gov/COVID19](http://bainbridgewa.gov/COVID19)

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