

COVID-19 Steering Committee Charter

1.0 Committee Objectives and Products

In May 2020, the [COVID-19 Steering Committee](#) was convened to guide the WSAS contribution in response to challenges in Washington state that have resulted from the pandemic. WSAS has a distinct capability to facilitate effective scientific input on complex issues. As such, the focus is to develop activities that will mobilize interdisciplinary experts to engage with government and other stakeholders (including public, nonprofit, philanthropic, and private sector) as they face difficult decisions in the ongoing management of the pandemic now, and as they contemplate lessons learned to improve preparedness and enhance resilience in the future.

2.0 Committee Structure and Procedures

Per the WSAS Bylaws, all standing committees must include no fewer than two (2) directors within their membership. The Committee Chair is appointed by the Board of Directors to serve one three-year term, with the possibility of serving a second subsequent three-year term, contingent upon the endorsement of the Committee and the Board. Each Committee member is appointed by the Chair to serve one three-year term, with the possibility of serving a second subsequent three-year term, contingent upon the endorsement of the Committee. The assigned WSAS Staff member serves as an Ex Officio non-voting member.

3.0 Committee Guidelines

COVID-19 Steering Committee members must adhere to the WSAS [Code of Conduct](#) at all times.

4.0 Committee Meeting Schedule

The COVID-19 Steering Committee meets on an as-needed basis, not more than once per month, as determined by the Committee Chair.