



SNOHOMISH COUNTY

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA

February 10, 2026

3:00 PM

3020 Rucker Ave, Auditorium or remote: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87098263636>

Board of Health Members:

Tim Abrahamson, Janet Anderberg, Megan Dunn, Lisa George, Summer Hammons, Dale Kaemingk, Strom Peterson, Desmond Skubi, Mindy Woods

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda Contents and Order**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2025
- 5. Special Business**
 - a. Welcome new members
 - b. Election of chair and vice chair
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Action**
 - a. Resolution 26-01 regarding Foundational Public Health Services (SR 26-01)
Suggested Action: Move to approve Resolution 26-01
- 8. Director's Report**
 - a. Director's report (SR 26-02)
- 9. Briefings**
 - a. Ordinance 26-01 related to sewer connections (SR 26-03)
 - b. Board of Health code of conduct (SR 26-04)
 - c. Washington state legislative update (SR 26-05)
 - d. Board of Health 2026 work plan (SR 26-06)

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Information Items

- a. Upcoming meetings

13. Adjournment

Board of Health members

The public is invited to attend. Parking and meeting rooms are accessible for persons with disabilities. Questions or additional information about the board meeting may be obtained by contacting the Board Clerk at 425.339.5210; Email SHD-BoardClerk@snoco.org. To request reasonable accommodations, please contact the Board Clerk by the Friday prior to the board meeting. It's customary at each regular meeting of the full Board to include an assigned period for public comment from individuals present at the meeting. Generally, the public comment occurs near the beginning of the meeting and comments are limited to no more than three minutes per person. The Chair of the board may, as circumstances require at each meeting, reduce the time allotted to individuals or reduce the overall time assigned for public comments.

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ [Draft Minutes - December 9, 2025](#)

**Snohomish County Board of Health
Board of Health Minutes
December 9, 2025**

The regular meeting was held in the auditorium of the Rucker Building and via Zoom conference call/video.

Members Present

Megan Dunn, Chair
Heather Logan, Vice Chair
Janet Anderberg
Lisa George
Summer Hammons
Dale Kaemingk
Desmond Skubi
Mindy Woods

Members Absent

Jared Mead

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Megan Dunn.

Comings and Goings

Desmond Skubi arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Clerk of the Board Sarah Buker who reported there was a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda Contents and Order

It was moved by Heather Logan and seconded by Mindy Woods to approve the agenda contents and order.
The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2025

It was moved by Heather Logan and seconded by Mindy Woods to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2025

It was moved by Mindy Woods and seconded by Heather Logan to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Megan Dunn opened the floor for public comment. Kerri Lonergan-Dreke provided comment regarding unpermitted food vendors. No one else from the public volunteered to speak and Megan Dunn closed the public comment period.

Action

Proclamation 25-09 Recognizing Heather Logan for her Service on the Board of Health (SR 25-034)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen read aloud the proclamation. Board members expressed their appreciation for Heather Logan's public service.

It was moved by Mindy Woods and seconded by Janet Anderberg to approve Proclamation 25-09. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Heather Logan).

Director's Report

Department Director Kim Van Pelt provided an update including:

- Federal litigation
- Strategic plan
 - Agreed to provide quarterly strategic plan progress
- Opioid settlement
- Foundation Public Health Services
- Unpermitted food vendors update
- 90-day progress as new director

Briefings

Financial Update (SR 25-035; Theresa Bengtson)

Finance Manager Theresa Bengtson provided an update regarding the 2025-2026 biennial budget, historical and projected trends of funding, and known and potential impacts for funding sources. Board members discussed need for deeper understanding funding complexities and sustainability planning and expressed support for the creation of a financial workgroup with consultant for funding sustainability.

Year in Review (SR 25-036; Department Staff)

Staff presented accomplishments across divisions:

- Board actions: Record number of ordinances adopted (8 in 2025).
- Office of the Director: Strategic plan finalized; building remodel completed; major outreach campaigns (MMR, flu).
- Environmental Health: 4,300 food inspections; improved permit turnaround; expanded Savvy Septic program.
- Prevention Services: STI clinic success; immunization outreach doubled; TB program milestones; chronic disease initiatives.

Intersection of Public Health and Equity (SR 25-037; Nicole Thomsen)

Public Affairs, Planning, and Policy Manager Nicole Thomsen and Health Equity Policy Analyst Helen Wong shared a presentation on equity initiatives, partnerships, and workforce diversity efforts with an emphasis on community trust and culturally-responsive services.

Old Business**New Business****Information Items***Upcoming Meetings*

Chair Dunn reviewed the dates of the next Board of Health meetings, noting the January meeting is cancelled (due to member appointments). Next meetings: February 10, 2026, and March 10, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Megan Dunn, Chair, Board of Health

Kimberly Van Pelt, Department Director

Election of chair and vice chair

Background

Snohomish County Code Section 2.300.090 states: "There is hereby established a Snohomish county board of health, as directed by RCW 70.050.035. The board of health shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from its membership. The chair shall be one of the county councilmembers and shall preside at the meetings of the board of health."

The floor will be opened to Board members to place a nomination for their nominee or nominees for Board Chair, then Vice Chair. Election of Chair and Vice Chair will be made by roll-call vote of the full Board.

Board Authority

Snohomish County Code Section 2.300.090 and RCW 70.050.035.

Resolution 26-01 regarding Foundational Public Health Services

Division:

Office of the Director; Kim Van Pelt, Director

Background

The Washington State Legislature is considering a nearly 40% reduction in funding for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS), which would severely impact the ability of local health jurisdictions to provide essential public health protections. FPHS funding is the backbone of Washington's public health system, supporting critical services such as disease tracking and response, food and water safety, emergency preparedness, and multilingual health communications. These services are not optional - they are population-level protections performed solely by governmental public health agencies. Without stable FPHS funding, communities across Snohomish County would face delays in permitting, gaps in disease surveillance, and reduced capacity to respond to emergencies like floods, wildfires, and outbreaks.

This resolution urges the Legislature to maintain FPHS funding and correct revenue errors that support the FPHS account. FPHS investments have been transformative for Snohomish County, enabling rapid containment of a measles outbreak, real-time coordination during the December 2025 floods, and expanded customer service support across all Environmental Health programs and administrative services – including OSS permit technicians and regulatory revisions that strengthen environmental health protections. Losing this funding would dismantle these capabilities and leave our residents vulnerable to preventable health threats.

Adoption of this resolution demonstrates the Board's commitment to protecting the health and safety of Snohomish County residents and ensuring a strong, resilient public health system for the future.

Board Authority

RCW 70.05.060 – Powers and duties of local board of health

Snohomish County Code Chapter 2.300

Recommended Motion

Suggested Action: Move to approve Resolution 26-01

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ [Resolution 26-01 Regarding FPHS Funding](#)

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26-01

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: Foundational Public Health Services

WHEREAS, a responsive and viable governmental public health system is essential for healthy and economically vital communities across Washington; and

WHEREAS, protecting the public's health across the state is a fundamental responsibility of the state, which is accomplished through the state's governmental public health system. This system comprises the state department of health, the state board of health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs; and

WHEREAS, Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) are core services that the governmental public health system is responsible for providing consistently and uniformly in every community in Washington; and

WHEREAS, like public safety, public utilities, and other public infrastructure, there is a foundational level of public health services that must exist to protect the health of everyone in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the governmental public health system in Washington provides the foundation for the larger health care framework, working to prevent illness and disease while supporting the work of community partners; and

WHEREAS, tracking, responding to, and preventing costly food and water contamination and disease outbreak-activities performed by public health is essential to protecting the public's health; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Legislature passed HB 1947, which codified the governmental public health system, the Foundational Public Health Services framework, and support to rebuild and transform public health in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the Foundational Public Health Services Account, and invested \$300 million in the 2026-2027 biennium to the governmental public health system to implement Foundational Public Health Services; and

WHEREAS, FPHS funding enabled Snohomish County to protect health during the December 2025 floods by enabling staffing of the County Emergency Operations Center, supporting environmental health risk monitoring, and delivering timely, multilingual safety guidance to residents. This coordination ensured continuity of essential public health services despite 100+ road closures and power outages and drove over 170,000 visits to the county's public safety hub. FPHS funding reduced disaster response fragmentation, improved the timeliness of emergency response communications, and reduced health and safety risks during the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, FPHS funding allowed Snohomish County to rapidly detect and contain a January 2026 measles outbreak before widespread transmission occurred. This was achieved through immediate activation of an Incident Management Team, real-time coordination with neighboring counties and the state, and timely public communication that reduced

misinformation. Without FPHS support, delays in response would have increased the risk of disease spread in schools, healthcare settings, and neighboring jurisdictions, leading to higher costs and preventable illness; and

WHEREAS, FPHS funding supports critical epidemiology and surveillance work in Snohomish County, enabling the Health Department to track and respond to sexually transmitted infections (STIs). In the first half of 2024 alone, Snohomish County reported over 1,000 chlamydia cases, 200 gonorrhea cases, and 20 syphilis cases. FPHS-funded staff ensure data-driven interventions that break transmission cycles and protect vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and newborns. Without this funding, the county would lack the capacity to understand disease burden and would be limited in its ability to implement effective prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, FPHS funding has strengthened Environmental Health in Snohomish County by expanding customer service support across the division's programs and administrative services, including On-Site Sewage (OSS) permit technicians, and enabling regulatory revisions that improve environmental health protections. These enhancements ensure timely permitting responsive service and modernized regulations that safeguard water quality, food safety, and community health; and

WHEREAS, Foundational Public Health Services funds have allowed the Health Department to prepare for disease outbreaks by having an adequate number of staff available to respond; and

WHEREAS, without maintaining ongoing, stable, and dedicated funding for core public health services, our communities are left unprepared for emergencies like hazardous air from wildfires, vulnerable to the spread of communicable diseases like measles, and unprotected from health threats such as contaminated drinking water; and

WHEREAS, supporting core public health services today is critical to keeping communities healthy, strong, and resilient to threats and emergencies for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Board of Health calls on the Washington State Legislature to recognize that public health is essential and maintain Foundational Public Health Services funding and fix vapor tax errors that support the Foundational Public Health Services Account, to support core services in all communities and allow public health to continue to rebuild its statewide system with added efficiency.

ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026

Megan Dunn
Chair, Board of Health

ATTEST:

Kimberly Van Pelt
Director, Health Department

Director's report

Division:

Office of the Director; Kim Van Pelt, Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ [SCHD_BOH_Director's Report_2.10.26.pdf](#)



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

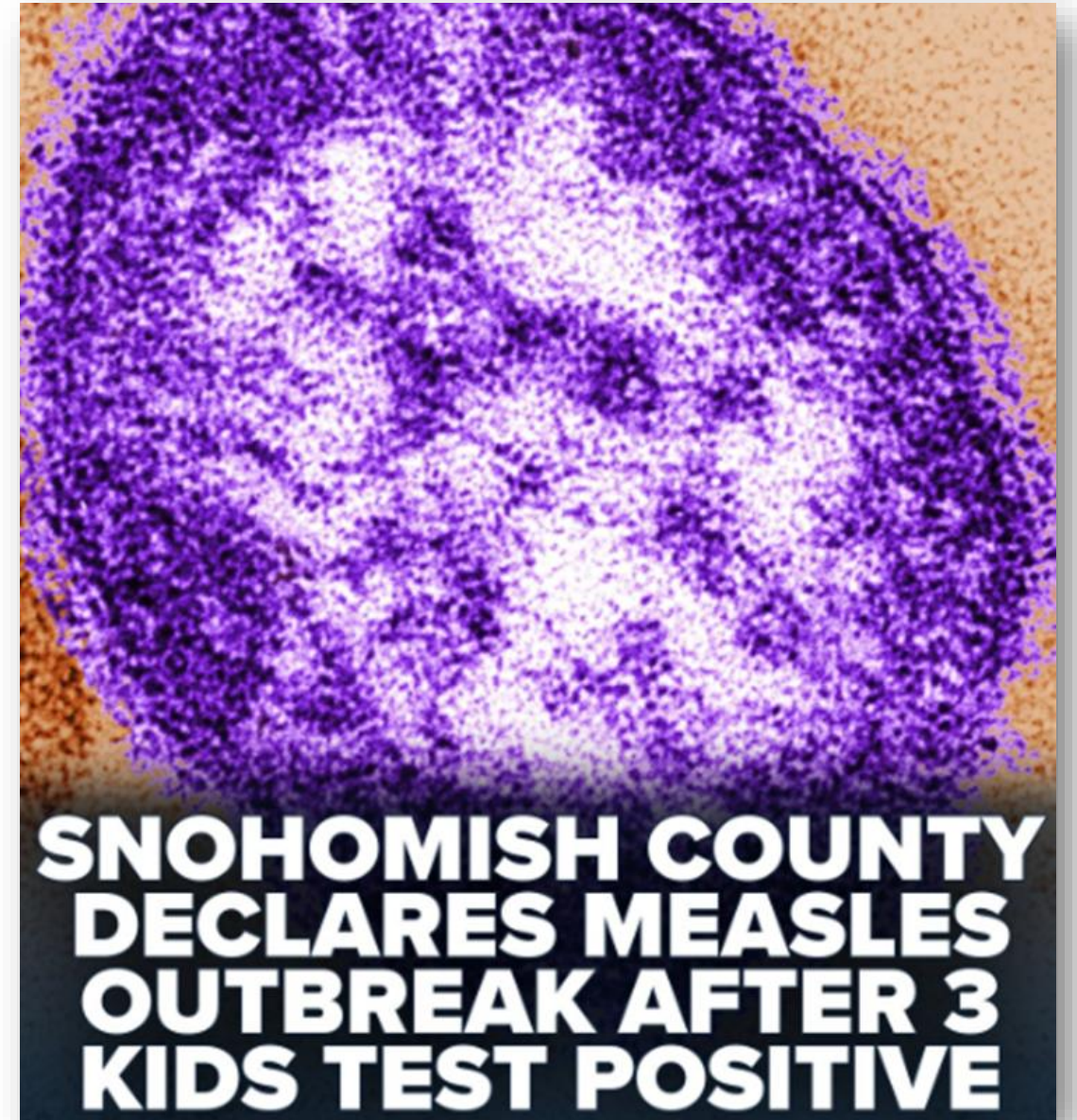
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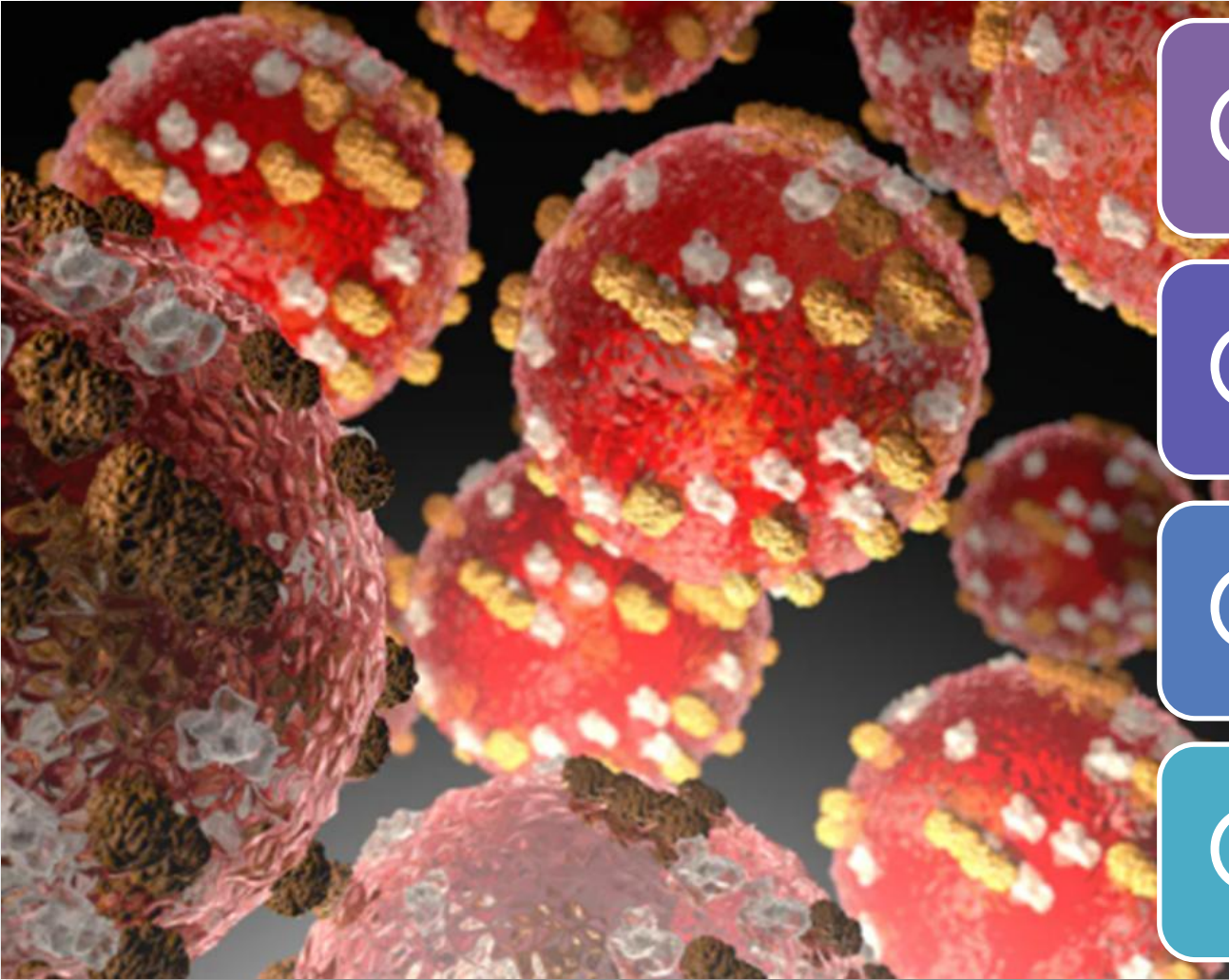
Measles Outbreak

Outbreak declared 1/15/2026

- 3 initial cases
- 7 total cases for Snohomish County
- 2 additional sites connected to SeaTac



Case Timeline



Cases 1-3, Jan 14

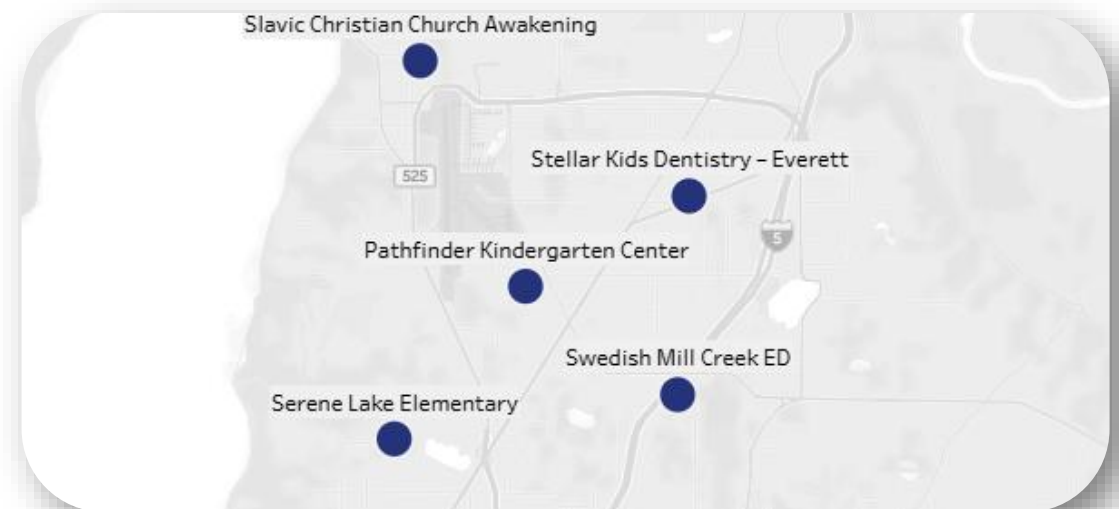
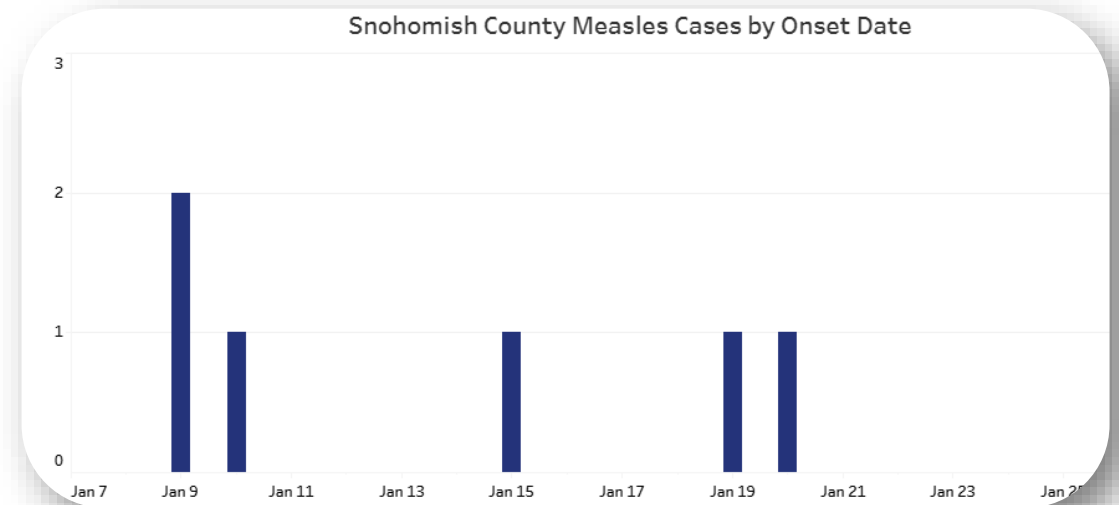
Cases 4-5, Jan 20

Case 6, Jan 27

Case 7, Jan 2

Notification, Monitoring, & Surge Staffing

- **282** exposure notifications
- **69** persons on symptom monitoring
 - On days 7, 14, and 21
 - Unverified or no immunity status
- **19** non-Communicable Disease staff used for surge
 - Provided pre-drafted scripts
 - Provided resources/referral information
 - GLOBO contract



Outreach

- Community navigator/trusted source
- Tailored messaging
- Translating & interpretation resources
- School nurse meeting



Lake Serene Elementary & Pathfinder Kindergarten Center

- **213** of our 282 exposures (staff, students, and visitors)
- **44** Students with exemptions
- **6** Staff excluded for 14 days
- **27** students excluded for 14 days
- **>90%** vaccine rate at both school
- Closed for **2** days



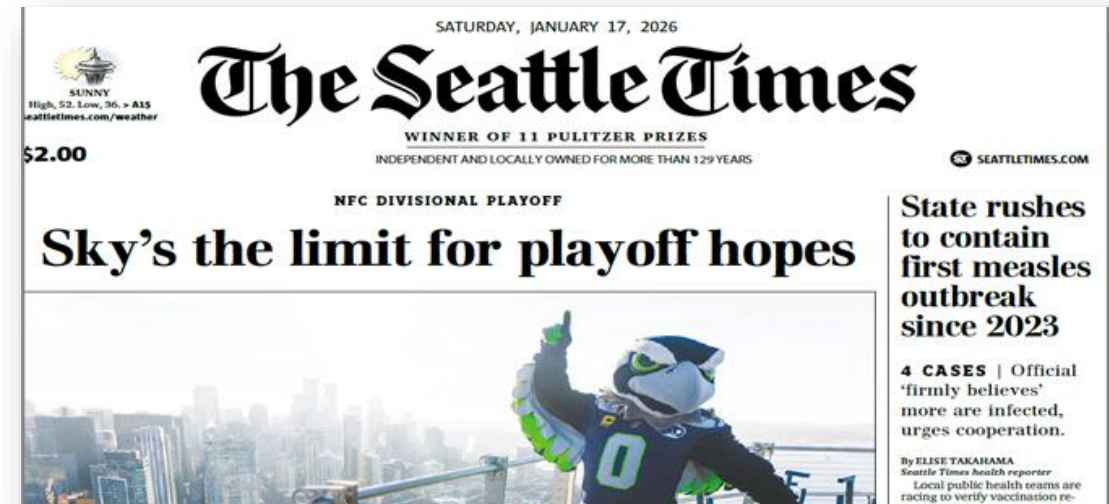
Vaccines & Titters

- King County mobile testing event
- On-site walk-in vaccine clinic
- VPD outreach
 - Provider communication
- Updating WAIS with immunity verification
- 1 Home visit (titers)



Messaging & Media

- **164** mentions in National Media (1/15-1/20)
- **16** Health Officer Interviews (as of 1/29)
- **3** Provider Alerts
- **1** Child Care Alert
- Activated County Joint Information System (JIS)



Public Interest: Social Media Impressions

Facebook

- **4 Posts**
- **430,155 Views**
- **2,770 Interactions**
- **995 “Likes” or Reactions**
- **2,514 Link Clicks**
- **898 Shares**

Instagram

- **3 Posts**
- **19,015 Views**
- **480 Interactions**

Up-to-Date Measles Information



SNOHD Measles
Dashboard



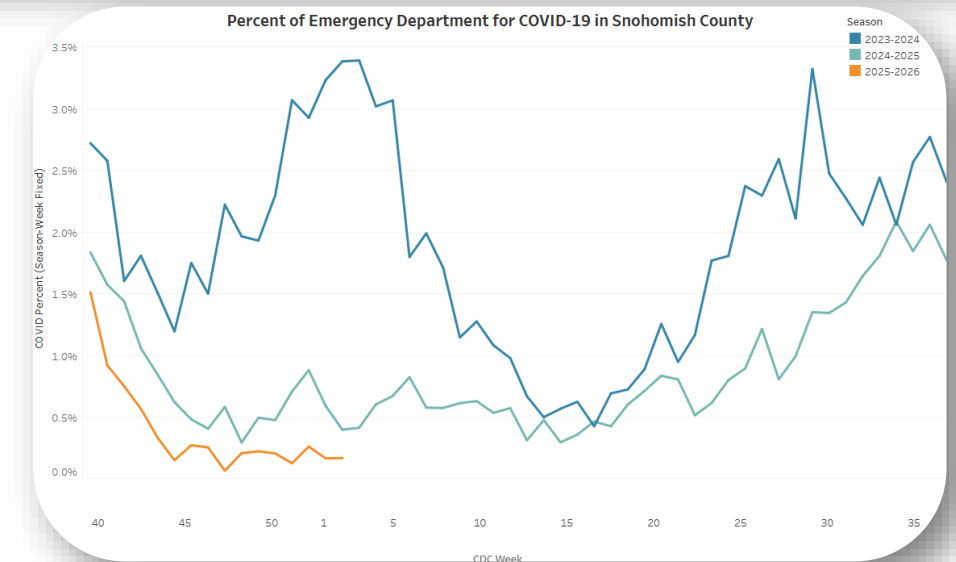
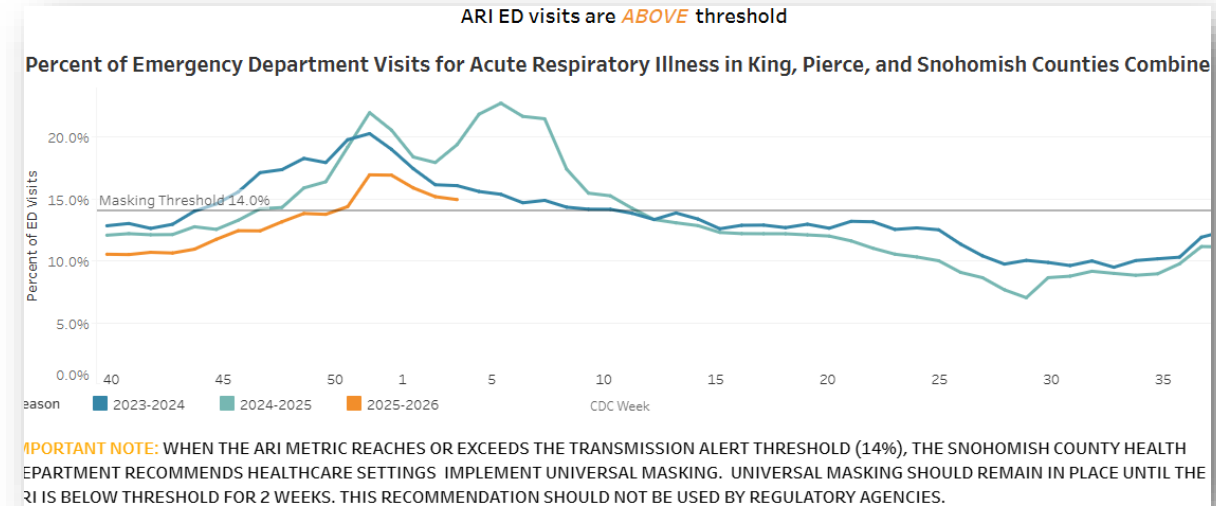
Newsroom: Press Release
And Health Alerts



DOH Exposure Location
Tracker

Respiratory Virus Threshold


- New approach for 25-26 season
 - ARI data shows King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
- Flu and RSV Season
 - Milder than last 2 seasons
 - First pediatric death of flu 25-26 season
- COVID has declined and remains low
- Vaccine trends




Tuberculosis

- Exposure at Meadowdale HS, Edmonds
- Exposure dates Nov 2025 until 1/23/26
- **140** potential exposures
- SCHD has provided staff messaging and is working with student health center to offer testing

Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection.




Most people with TB have it in their lungs. But it can infect any part of the body.



Antibiotics can cure TB.


TB isn't easily spread.



You have to spend a lot of time close to a person with active TB disease to catch it.


TB isn't easily spread outdoors because air flows freely and sunlight kills the bacteria.

TB has 2 stages.



A person with inactive TB infection:


- Has TB bacteria but isn't sick.
- Can't spread TB.
- Should get treatment before developing active TB disease.




A person with active TB disease:

- Has TB bacteria and is sick.
- Can spread TB through a cough, sneeze, laugh, shout or singing.
- Must get treatment to avoid getting very sick and dying.


TB isn't spread when people:



Share clothes.




Share utensils.








Hug, kiss or have sex.

TB is uncommon in the U.S.




About 20 TB cases occur in Pierce County each year.

Active TB disease symptoms:




- Coughing 3 weeks or more.
- Fever.
- Weight loss.
- Fatigue.
- Night sweats.
- Coughing up blood.


People at highest risk for TB:



Live with a person with active TB disease.



Travel to or were born where TB is common.



Have a health problem.

Financial Working Group

- Anticipated mid-2026 start date
- New revised Request for Proposal released



Sound Foundation for Public Health



STAFFING UPDATES



DETERMINING NEXT
STEPS



INTERIM PLAN

Unpermitted Roadside Food Stands

Enforcement efforts:

- **203** total complaints for 2025
- **40** closures since May 2025
- **60** staff work hours from Sept 2025 – Dec 2025



Unpermitted Food Vendors: Next Steps

Creation of a statewide work group

- Local health departments
- DOH

SCHD creation of local group

- Snohomish County cities
- Snohomish County departments



Opioid Settlement



Oversight of Opioid Settlement funding

Determining next steps

Staffing plans

Creation of new website

Questions?

Ordinance 26-01 related to sewer connections

Division:

Environmental Health; JR Myers, Assistant Director

Background

State regulations governing on-site sewage systems (OSS) allow local boards of health to require connection to a public sewer system when necessary to protect public health, safety, and the environment, and in certain cases when required by local comprehensive plans or development regulations. The Growth Management Act (GMA) generally limits the extension of urban services into rural areas, allowing such extensions only in narrow circumstances necessary to address basic public health, safety, and environmental protection.

Snohomish County Code similarly restricts sewer extensions outside of urban growth areas (UGAs), except when required by the Health Department or a state agency. While the Board of Health already holds this authority under state law, the Board has identified the need to clearly delegate decision-making authority to the Health Officer and to codify criteria governing when public sewer connections may be required for new development outside of UGAs.

This ordinance amends Chapter 5.05 of the Snohomish County Board of Health Code to add a definition for Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) and to delegate authority from the Board of Health to the Health Officer to require connection to a public sewer system under limited, clearly defined circumstances when outside the UGA. The ordinance clarifies existing authority under WAC 246-272A-0025 and ensures consistency with state law, the Growth Management Act (GMA), and county land use regulations.

Board Authority

RCW 70.05.060 (3) Enact such local rules and regulations as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide for the enforcement thereof.

WAC 246-272A-0025(3) Local boards of health may require a new development to connect to a public sewer system to protect public health.

WAC 246-272A-0025(4) Local boards of health shall require new development or a development with a failing OSS to connect to a public sewer system if it is required by the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ [Ord BOH 26-01 - Sewer Connection](#)
- ▣ [Public Sewer Connection Slides BOH Briefing.pdf](#)

1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
2 Snohomish County, Washington

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4 ORDINANCE NO. BOH26-01
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6 RELATING TO PUBLIC SEWER CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS; ADDING A NEW
7 DEFINITION AND NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 5.05 OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
8 CODE
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10 WHEREAS, WAC 246-272A-0025(3) provides that local boards of health may
11 require a new development to connect to a public sewer system to protect public health;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, WAC 246-272A-0025(4) provides that local boards of health shall
14 require new development or a development with a failing on-site sewage system to
15 connect to a public sewer system if it is required by the comprehensive land use plan or
16 development regulations; and
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18 WHEREAS, as the Washington State Legislature recognized in the Growth
19 Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), that generally cities are the units of
20 government most appropriate to provide urban governmental services; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State Legislature also recognized in RCW 36.70A.110(4) and
23 implementing regulations in WAC 365-196-320(1)(c), that the extension of urban
24 governmental services, such as sanitary sewer systems, to rural areas, is allowed in
25 those limited circumstances necessary to protect basic public health, safety, and the
26 environment, and only when such services are financially supportable at rural densities
27 and do not permit urban development; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Code in Section 30.29.110 recognizes that
30 connection to a public sewer is generally prohibited outside of an Urban Growth Area
31 except when required by the Snohomish County Health Department or a state agency;
32 and
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34 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health ("Board of Health") aims to
35 ensure that any requirement for new development or a development with a failing on-
36 site sewage system to connect to public sewer systems, whether inside or outside of
37 urban growth areas, is consistent with applicable state and local rules and regulations;
38 and
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40 WHEREAS, delegating the authority granted to the Board of Health under WAC
41 246-272A-0025(3) and (4) to the Snohomish County Health Officer or their
42 representative, allows for timely and consistent public health decision making based on
43 established criteria and unique elements of each development proposal; and
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1 WHEREAS, under RCW 70.05.060(3) the Board of Health has authority to enact
2 such local rules and regulations as necessary in order to preserve, promote, and
3 improve the public health and provide for the enforcement thereof; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Board of Health has determined that updating the existing
6 Snohomish County Board of Health Code to formally delegate this authority to the
7 Health Officer, or their representative, and to adopt criteria for when a public sewer
8 connection may be required for new development outside of the urban growth areas, is
9 necessary to effectively communicate the local rules and regulations to the people of
10 Snohomish County;
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:
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14 Section 1. A new section is added to Chapter 5.05 of the Snohomish County
15 Board of Health Code to read:
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17 **5.05.050 Definitions.**
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19 In addition to the definitions found in WAC 246-272A-0010, the following shall apply to
20 this title:
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22 "Urban Growth Areas" or "UGAs" means those areas designated by the county after
23 consultation with cities, where urban growth will be encouraged and supported
24 by public facilities and services. The urban growth areas include areas and densities
25 sufficient to permit the urban growth that is projected to occur in the county for a 20-
26 year period. Urban growth refers to growth that makes intensive use of land for the
27 location of buildings, structures, and impermeable surfaces to such a degree as to be
28 incompatible with the primary use of such land for the production of food, other
29 agricultural products or fiber, or the extraction of mineral resources.
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31 Section 2. A new section is added to Chapter 5.05 of the Snohomish County
32 Board of Health Code to read:
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34 **5.05.100 Connection to public sewer system.**
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36 A. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to delegate authority from the board of
37 health to the health officer, under WAC 246-272A-0025, and establish criteria
38 under which the health officer may require new development located outside of
39 the urban growth area to connect to a public sewer system.
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41 B. *Authority delegated.*

42 1. The board of health delegates its authority under WAC 246-272A-0025(3) to
43 the health officer to decide when to require a new development to connect to a
44 public sewer system when necessary to protect public health, safety, and the

1 environment. The health officer may only allow connection upon finding that the
2 criteria in subsection (C) have been met.

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4 2. The board of health delegates its authority under WAC 246-272A-0025(4) to
5 the health officer to require new development or development with a failing on-
6 site sewage system to connect to a public sewer system when required by the
7 Snohomish County comprehensive land use plan or development regulations.

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9 C. *Criteria for requiring public sewer connection for new development (OSS) outside*
10 *of an urban growth area when necessary to protect public health, safety, and the*
11 *environment.* The health officer may require a new development located outside
12 of the urban growth area to connect to a public sewer system upon finding all of
13 the following criteria have been met:

- 14 1. the connection is necessary to protect basic public health and safety;
- 15 2. the connection is necessary to protect the environment;
- 16 3. public sewer system services are financially supportable and will not permit
17 urban development in conflict with the Snohomish County comprehensive
18 land use plan or development regulations;
- 19 4. the public sewer provider allows the sewer connection and has adequate
20 public sewer services available within 200 feet from where the existing
21 building drain connects to the existing building sewer, or where no building
22 drain exists, within 200 feet from where the sewer line begins, as measured
23 along the usual or most feasible route of access;
- 24 5. the real property upon which the new development is proposed abuts an
25 urban growth area; and
- 26 6. an on-site sewage system (OSS) fully conforming to the requirements of this
27 title cannot be designed and/or installed.

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29 D. *Issuance of health officer decision.* Any decision of the health officer under this
30 section shall be in writing and shall demonstrate how the requirements of this
31 section have been met.

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33 E. *Independence of agency decisions.* A decision by the health officer requiring
34 connection to a public sewer system does not guarantee, imply, or influence any
35 decision made by the Snohomish County Department of Planning and
36 Development Services or any other applicable local, state, tribal or federal
37 agency with permitting or regulatory authority.

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39 Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any
40 person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application
41 of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Snohomish County, Washington

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

- () APPROVED
- () EMERGENCY
- () VETOED

DATE: _____

Approved as to form only:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



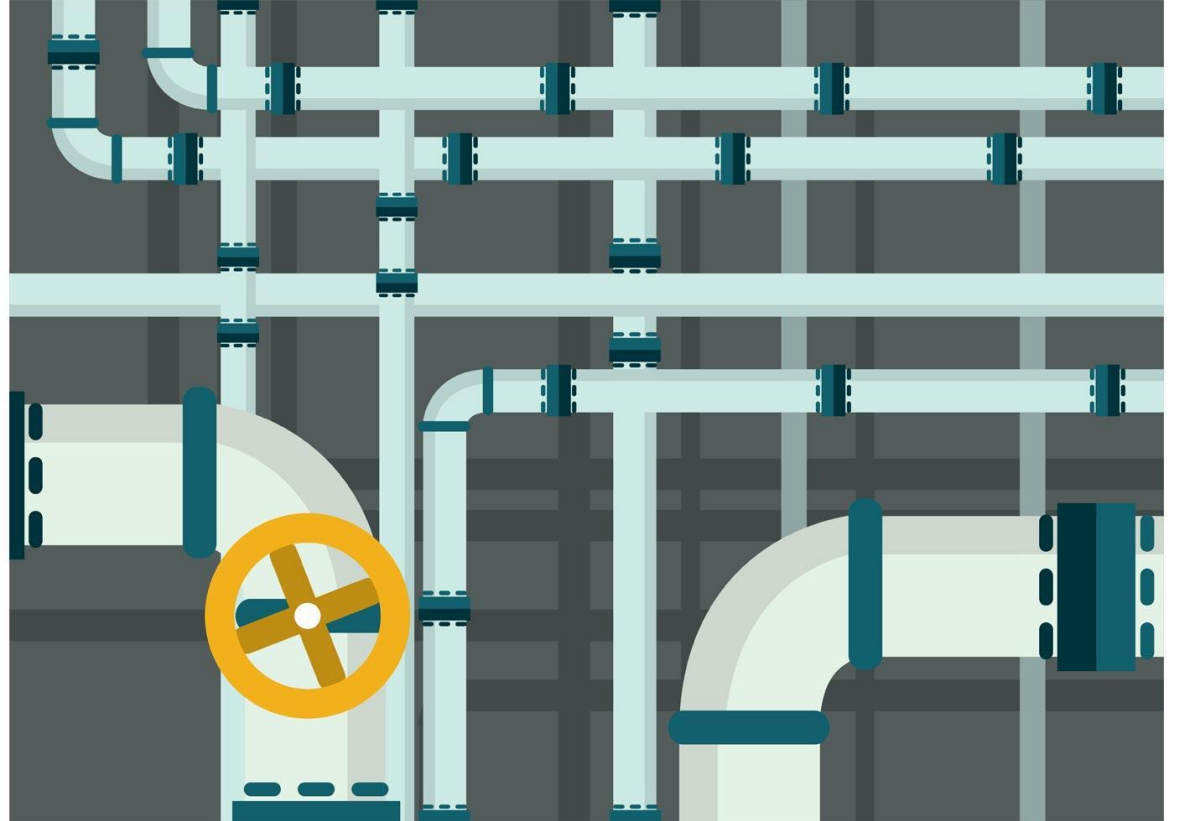
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Requiring Sewer Connections

A Board of Health Code Update

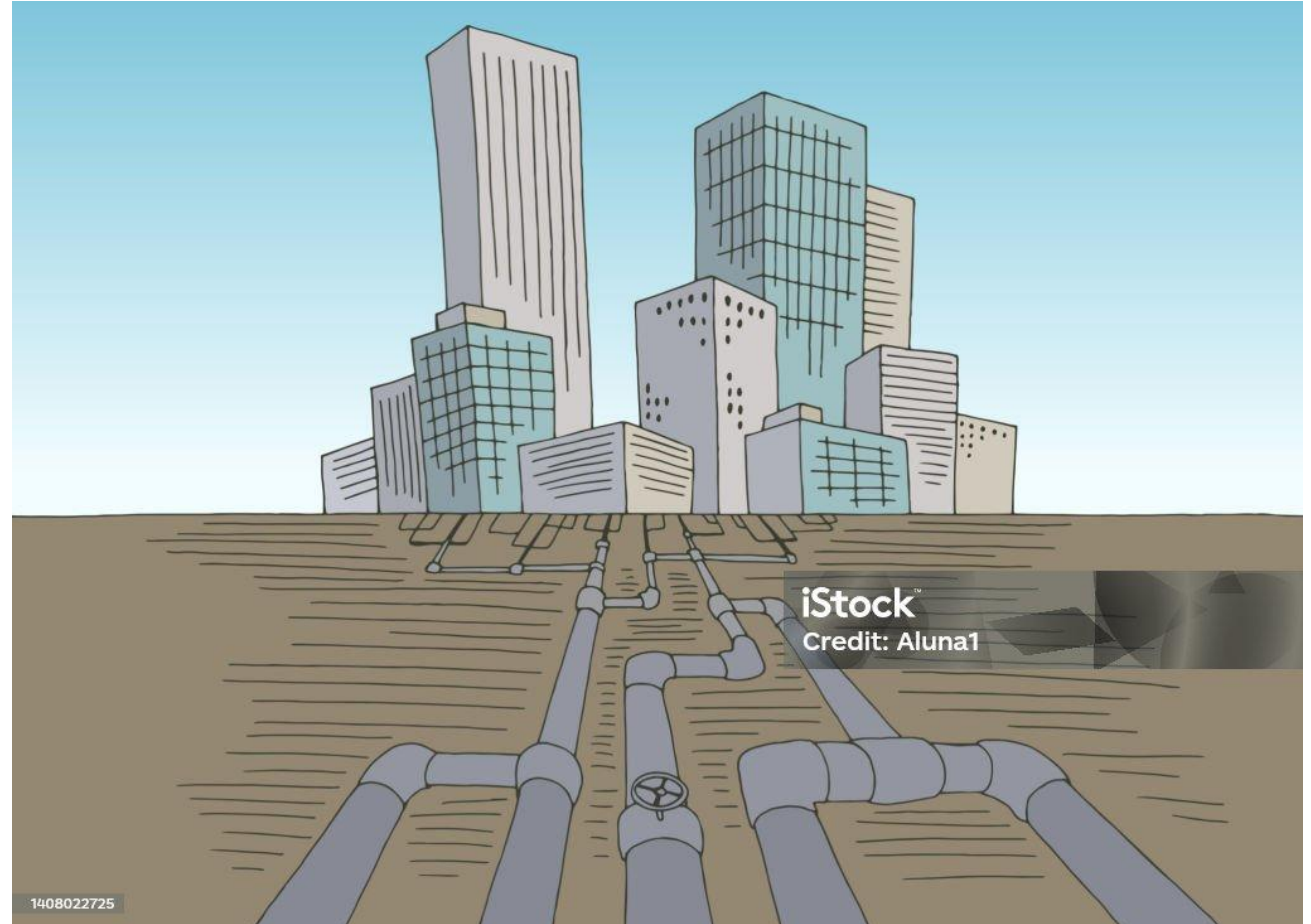
What needs to happen

We need to update Snohomish County Board of Health Code to delegate authority to the Health Officer when requiring new construction to connect to public sewer



Background

- Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) prohibits sewer connections outside Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) to prevent sprawl
- Local Health Jurisdictions can require a connection to sewer in limited cases



Section 1

Connection to public sewer system.

(1) Upon the failure of an existing OSS within the service area of a sewer utility, the local health officer **shall**:

(a) Permit the repair or replacement of the OSS only if a **conforming OSS** can be designed and installed, excluding OSS designed in compliance with or proposing to use Table X in WAC [246-272A-0280](#); or

(b) **Require connection** to a public sewer system if the sewer utility allows the connection and has adequate public sewer services available within **200 feet** from where the existing building drain connects to the existing building sewer, or where no building drain exists, within 200 feet from where the sewer line begins, as measured along the usual or most feasible route of access.



Translation:

The Health Officer shall permit a repair *if* conforming, or require sewer connection *if* within 200 feet and sewer utility ok

Repairs are considered 1st priority

Section 2

Connection to public sewer system.

(2) The owner of a structure served by an OSS permitted as a repair under Table X in WAC 246-272A-0280 **shall abandon** the OSS as specified in WAC 246-272A-0300, and connect the structure to a public sewer system when:

- (a) Connection is deemed **necessary to protect public health** by the local health officer;
- (b) An adequate public sewer becomes available within **200 feet** of the existing structure, or in cases where no building drain exists, within 200 feet from where the sewer for the building begins, as measured along the usual or most economically feasible route of access; **and**
- (c) The sewer utility allows the sewer connection.



Translation:

An owner with a non-conforming repair shall connect if necessary for public health, available within 200 feet and sewer utility ok

Section 3 & 4

Connection to public sewer system.

(3) Local boards of health **may** require a **new development** to connect to a public sewer system to protect public health.

(4) Local boards of health **shall** require new development or a development with a failing OSS to connect to a public sewer system **if** it is **required** by the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations.



Translation:

Board of Health may
require new development
to connect if protecting
public health, or if
required by comp plan

What this means for us

- Specifically calls out “local boards of health”
- Requires the Board of Health to review applications and make land use decisions

Unnecessary procedural red tape



Recommendation



New ordinance to add to Title 5 (Wastewater)



1. Delegates authority over sewer connection decisions to the Health Officer (or designee)



2. Establishes specific criteria for requiring sewer connections

- E.g. risk to public health, environmental sensitivity, proximity to sewer infrastructure, etc.



3. Aligns local regulations with state laws



4. Ensures Health Officer decisions will not influence decisions made by other agencies

Recommended Criteria

1. The connection is necessary to protect basic public health and safety;
2. The connection is necessary to protect the environment;
3. Public sewer system services are financially supportable and will not permit urban development in conflict with the Snohomish County comprehensive land use plan or development regulations;

Recommended Criteria, Cont.

4. The public sewer provider allows the sewer connection and has adequate public sewer services available within 200 feet from where the existing building drain connects to the existing building sewer, or where no building drain exists, within 200 feet from where the sewer line begins, as measured along the usual or most feasible route of access;
5. The real property upon which the new development is proposed abuts an urban growth area; and
6. An on-site sewage system (OSS) fully conforming to the requirements of this title cannot be designed and/or installed.

Timeline

Feb

- Ordinance briefing to Board of Health
- Public comment starts

Mar

- Ordinance presented to Board of Health for action

Questions?

Board of Health code of conduct

Division:

Office of the Director; Nicole Thomsen, Public Affairs & Policy Manager

Background

The 2025 work plan, as approved by the Board of Health, includes the adoption of the Code of Conduct by resolution. This work is required in alignment with [Snohomish County Board of Health Code 1.10.110](#), "The Board will establish a code of conduct that provides ethical standards and expectations for Board of Health members, including grounds for removal."

Following review by legal, several revisions to the draft were recommended. These include:

- Reformatting the document adding a numbering scheme.
- Expanding the purpose to add alignment with department mission, vision, and values. This resulted in de-duplicating stating values from the American Public Health Association.
- Removing inclusion and reference to the Fairness Doctrine.
- Clarifying language and focus for the items discussed in the Conflict of Interest section.

Based on edit requests by board members, an additional legal review may be necessary. Assuming no further legal review, this item is scheduled for action in March 2026.

Board Authority

RCW 70.050.060 - Powers and duties of local board of health and Snohomish County Code Chapter 2.300

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Description

- ▣ [CodeOfConduct_BOH_2026-02-02_Clean.pdf](#)



BOARD OF HEALTH CODE OF CONDUCT

2026

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1.0 - Purpose

This Code of Conduct is established pursuant to [Snohomish County Board of Health Code 1.10.110](#). The purpose is to maintain the public trust by ensuring ethical decision-making and promoting transparency and accountability. It is intended to provide a clear framework for acceptable behavior, prevent conflicts of interest, and foster a culture of integrity that reflects the County and Health Departments mission, vision, and values.

2.0 - Applicability

This Code of Conduct applies to members of the Snohomish County Board of Health.

- A. The Board Clerk shall:
 - 1. provide incoming board members with a copy of the Code of Conduct during board orientation.
 - 2. provide all Board members with a copy of the Code of Conduct and of the procedures for disclosing and managing conflicts once a year.
- B. Board members shall annually acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct in writing.

3.0 - Standards & Commitments

3.1 - Professionalism

As stewards of public trust, each Board member is expected to:

- A. Conduct themselves with self-awareness, self-respect, and professionalism;
- B. Treat all others with respect, dignity, and civility, regardless of status or position; and
- C. Refrain from engaging in hostile, intimidating, offensive, or unlawful activities or behaviors that may include discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, or bullying.

3.2 - Public Health

Public health is the science and art of promoting health and preventing disease and premature death of a population by systematic efforts of society, communities, or individuals. The Board's work strives to enhance public health through a blend of health protection, health promotion, and disease prevention efforts. Board members come from a variety of disciplines and represent numerous scientific and technical areas of study and lived experiences.

4.0 - Conflict of Interest

No Board member shall derive any direct or indirect personal or organizational profit or gain by reason of his or her service on the Board. Board members should conduct their affairs in such a manner to avoid conflicts of interest with their duties and responsibilities as Board members.

- A. It is every Board member's obligation, in accordance with this policy, to ensure that decisions made by the Board reflect independent thinking.
- B. Board members shall affirmatively disclose any personal or organizational conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to financial interests when the matter that reflects a conflict of interest becomes a matter of Board action.
- C. Any Board member having a conflict of interest shall not vote or use his or her personal influence to address the matter. Board members with a conflict shall not be counted in determining the quorum for the matter.
- D. All conflicts disclosed to the Board shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting in which the disclosure was made. The minutes shall also note that the Board member with a conflict abstained from the vote and was not present for any discussion, as applicable, and was not included in the count for the quorum for that matter.

5.0 - Confidentiality

Board members may be privy to confidential financial, personnel, or health information as a result of their service on the Board. No Board member shall disclose any confidential information secured during the course of serving on the Board, included information secured during an executive session, unless disclosure is otherwise required by law.

6.0 - Open Public Meetings

Board members are reminded that meetings of the Board of Health shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend such meetings, except executive sessions and non-quorum working groups as authorized by the laws of the state of Washington.

7.0 - Representation of Board

Board members should make clear distinctions between statements made and actions engaged in as a private individual and as a representative of the Board. Members who speak on behalf of the Board shall accurately represent the official and authorized positions of the Board.

8.0 - County Resources

8.1 - Assets

Snohomish County and the Health Department have an inherent responsibility to safeguard assets and guard against improper or unauthorized use of resources intended for public benefit. No Board member shall sell, divert, convert, give away, or use any county equipment, vehicles, or other county property, real or personal, other than in the performance of his/her official duties in behalf of the county.

8.2 - E-mail

Board members will be issued a Snohomish County e-mail address to support public records compliance. This will be the primary method for communications between staff and board members. Board members should avoid using personal devices or email addresses to conduct Board of Health business. If a Board member uses a personal device or email address to create or receive public records, the Board member shall transfer or copy the records that are being retained to Snohomish County devices or accounts as soon as practicable.

9.0 - Removal

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.080, Board members may be removed by the county council for misfeasance.

10.0 - Points of Contact

Board of Health Chair: The Chair position is elected annually and is a Snohomish County Councilmember. The Chair is responsible for determining the agenda and workplan in consultation with the Board Administrator and Public Health Department Director. Any inquiries about workplan, potential board action, and requests for specific agenda ideas should be directed to the Board Chair and their staff.

Board Administrator: Nicole Thomsen is the Board of Health administrator. She can assist with policy questions, background, and requests for information on agenda items, Public Health Department information, etc. Email: nicole.thomsen@snoco.org

Board Clerk: Sarah Buker supports members on questions related to technical assistance, stipends, reimbursements, and other administrative supports. Email: shd-boardclerk@snoco.org.

Washington state legislative update

Division:

Office of the Director; Nicole Thomsen, Public Affairs & Policy Manager

Background

The 2026 short legislative session (60 days) began January 12. This is the second year of a two-year legislative cycle, meaning that new bills are added for consideration and bills that did not pass into law by the close of the 2025 legislative session are re-activated for consideration this session. Bills not passed into law after this short session do not continue into 2027.

Significant focus for this session is on budget as estimates show a revenue shortfall of up to \$4 billion over four years. An updated revenue projection from Washington State Office of Financial Management is expected in February.

As of February 2, 2026, more than 1,200 new bills have been filed across both chambers.

Remaining key legislative dates:

- February 17: House of origin cutoff
- February 25: Policy committee of opposite chamber cutoff
- March 2: Fiscal committee of opposite chamber cutoff
- March 6: Opposite chamber cutoff
- March 12: Sine Die

Bills we are closely monitoring:

- [HB 2168](#) / [SB 5933](#) - Facilitating the rapid sharing of overdose mapping information for overdose prevention
- [HB 2183](#) - Relating to requiring counties to develop and implement heat response plans
- [HB 2242](#) / [SB 5967](#) - Relating to preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions
- [SB 6291](#) - Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections
- Foundational Public Health Services account vape tax revenue fix bills to watch
 - [HB 2382](#)
 - [HB 2439](#)
 - [SB 6116](#)
 - [SB 6129](#)
- [HB 2685](#) - Concerning sharing and protection of tribal data

A complete listing of public health bills of interest are attached.

Board Authority

RCW 70.05.060 – Powers and duties of local board of health and Snohomish County Code
Chapter 2.300

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Description

- ▣ [Legislative Bill Tracker - Week 3](#)

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Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
High Priority						
HB 1203	SB 5183	Tobacco & nicotine products	Prohibiting the sale of certain tobacco and nicotine products.		Peterson Ryu Kloba Davis Lovick Lias Stanford Robinson Salomon	
HB 1386		Firearms tax	Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition.		Ryu Duerr Peterson Cortes Fosse	
HB 1443	SB 5332	Mobile dwellings	Concerning mobile dwellings.		Low Duerr	
HB 1534		Tobacco, nicotine, and vapor	Concerning the regulation of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products.		Davis Kloba Peterson	
HB 1870	SB 5709	Public health clinics/tax	Concerning county property tax levies for public health clinic purposes.		Duerr	
HB 2068	SB 5803	Tobacco & nicotine products	Regulating tobacco and nicotine products.		Lias Lovick Robinson Stanford	
HB 2242	SB 5967	Preventive health services	Relating to preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.			House: Health Care & Wellness: Do pass, 1st sub, 01/28/2026 Rules Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Passed, 01/20/26 Rules:
HB 2289	SB 5998	Operating budget, supp.	Relating to 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.			House: Appropriations: Work Session & Public Hearing: 01/12/2026, 4:00PM Appropriations: Public Hearing: 01/14/2026, 4:00PM Senate: Ways & Means: Work Session: 01/13/2026, 4:00PM
HB 2382		Tobacco product excise taxes	Concerning excise taxes on cigarettes, vapor products, and tobacco products.		Ryu	House: Finance: Public Hearing, 1/30/2026, 1:30PM

Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
High Priority (cont.)						
HB 2439		Tobacco product policy	Enhancing public health by modifying cigarette, vapor product, and tobacco product policy.			House: Consumer Pro & Business: Public Hearing, 1/20/2026, 1:30PM
HB 2442	SB 6294	Local government fund use	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.		Berg Duerr Ryu Peterson	House: Finance: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/29/2026
HB 2685		Tribal data	Concerning sharing and protection of tribal data.			House: Health Care & Wellness: Public Hearing, 02/03/2026, 1:30PM Health Care & Wellness: Exec Session, 02/04/2026, 1:30PM
	SB 6116	Vapor products/tax	Restoring funding for cancer research and public health services.			Senate: Ways & Means: Public hearing, 1/22/2026, 4:00PM
	SB 6129	Cigarettes, nicotine/tax	Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products.		Robinson	Senate: Ways & Means: Public hearing, 1/22/2026, 4:00PM
	SB 6196	Kratom taxation	Taxing kratom.			Senate: Labor & Commerce: Public hearing, 1/26/2026, 10:30AM Labor & Commerce: Exec Session, 2/03/2026, 10:30AM
	SB 6291	On-site wastewater systems	Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections.			Senate: Local Gov't: Public Hearing, 1/29/2026, 1:30PM Local Gov't: Exec Session, 2/02/2026, 1:30PM
	SB 6303		Concerning sustainability and safety in cannabis product packaging and vapor devices.			Senate: Labor & Commerce: Public Hearing, 2/02/2026, 10:30AM Labor & Commerce: Exec Session, 2/03/2026, 10:30AM
Medium Priority						
HB 1033		Child care local licensing	Authorizing local licensing and regulation of child care providers.		Low Eslick	
HB 1034		Nonopioid drugs for pain	Concerning nonopioid drugs for the treatment of pain.		Ortiz-Self Peterson Kloba Donaghy	
HB 1066		Regulated substance use data	Creating a data dashboard to track use of regulated substances.		Davis	House: Passed; 1st Sub from 2025 session; 01/22/2026; 84-7-0-7 Senate:
HB 1072		Health care services	Preserving access to protected health care services.		Ryu	

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Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Medium Priority (cont.)						
HB 1152		Firearm storage	Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.		Ryu Duerr Peterson Berg Davis	
HB 1255		Encampment removal	Funding the removal of illegal and dangerous encampments.			
HB 1303	SB 5380	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.			House: Refer to Appropriations: 01/12/2026
HB 1404	SB 5352	Free school meals	Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.		Berg Davis Ryu Peterson Cortes Fosse Muzzall Lovick Liias Salomon Stanford	
HB 1581		988 line tax	Increasing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax.			
HB 1663	SB 5369	Youth mental health/schools	Enhancing youth mental health and well-being through advanced training and expansion of the workforce in schools.		Liias	
HB 1684	SB 5597	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.			House: Refer to Local Gov't: 01/12/2026
HB 1690		Water and sewer systems	Assessing the state's existing water and sewer systems.		Fosse Duerr	
HB 2105	SB 5852	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	Relating to protecting immigrant workers.		Oriz-Self Fosse Stanford Cortez Lovick Robinson	House: Labor & Workplace Standards: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/23/2026 Approps: Senate: Labor & Commerce: De Pass, 1st Sub, 01/30/2026

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Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Medium Priority (cont.)						
HB 2122		Hospital influenza imm.	Relating to requiring hospitals to offer immunizations for influenza to inpatients 65 years of age or older and inpatients with one or more chronic health conditions.	Fosse Peterson Kloba Ryu	House: Health Care & Wellness: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/21/2026 Rules	
HB 2145	SB 5981	340B drug pricing program	Relating to protecting patient access to discounted medications and health care services through Washington's health care safety net by preventing manufacturer limitations on the 340B drug pricing program.	Fosse Duerr Berg Ryu Kloba	House: Health Care & Wellness: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/23/2026 Approps: Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/27/2026 Ways & Means: Public Hearing, 02/05/2026, 1:30PM	
HB 2168	SB 5933	Overdose mapping information	Relating to the facilitation of rapid sharing of overdose mapping information for overdose prevention.	Muzzall	House: Health Care & Wellness: Public Hearing: 01/13/2026, 1:30PM Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Public Hearing: 01/16/2026, 8:00AM	
HB 2182	SB 5917	Abortion medications	Relating to improving access to abortion medications.	Ryu Kloba	House: Health Care & Wellness: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/23/2026 Approps: Senate: Human Services: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/27/2026 Rules:	
HB 2183		Heat response plans	Relating to requiring counties to develop and implement heat response plans.	Ryu	House: Local Gov't: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 1/23/2026	
HB 2201		Urban growth area planning	Relating to standardizing city and county planning and development regulations with an urban growth area.	Duerr	House: Local Gov't: Public Hearing: 01/14/2026, 8:00AM	
HB 2238		Statewide food security	Relating to statewide food security.	Peterson Berg Fosse Donaghy	House: Ag & Natural Resources: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/21/2026 Rules:	
HB 2609		Tobacco products tax/vapor	Exempting vapor products from the tobacco products tax.			
	SB 5067	Impaired driving	Concerning impaired driving.	Lovick Liias	Senate: Passed, 1st Sub, 01/28/2026, 26-23-0-0	
HB 1433	SB 5201	Psychedelic substances	Concerning access to psychedelic substances.	Salomon Fosse Peterson		

Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Medium Priority (cont.)						
	SB 5271	School nurse requirement	Requiring school districts of the first class to employ a school nurse.			
	SB 5547	Cannabis revenue/local gov.	Increasing cannabis revenue distributions to local governments.		Wagoner	
	SB 5605	Microenterprise home kitchen	Concerning the operation, authorization, and permitting of microenterprise home kitchens.		Lovick	
	SB 5635	Alt. on-site sewage systems	Concerning approval of certain alternative on-site sewage systems.			
	SB 5650	Cannabis local excise tax	Authorizing a local excise tax on cannabis.		Wagoner	
	SB 5870	AI systems/suicide liability	Relating to establishing civil liability for suicide linked to the use of artificial intelligence systems.			
	SB 5916	Nonopioid drugs for pain	Relating to nonopioid drugs for the treatment of pain.			Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/27/2026 Rules
	SB 5955	Medicaid fee-for-service	Relating to the medicaid deprivatization act.			
	SB 5990	Rural local health officers	Relating to the qualifications of those who may serve as a local health officer in rural counties.		Muzzall	Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/30/2026 Rules
	SB 6219	Pollution prevent. Planning	Repealing the pollution prevention planning requirements under chapter 70A.214 RCW.			
	SB 6280	Smoking cessation products	Concerning the taxation of smoking cessation products.			
	SB 6315	Disaggregated data	Concerning collection and publishing of disaggregated data to inform state-funded programs, services, and activities.			
Low Priority						
	HB 1000	Controlled Subst. Violation	Expanding the circumstances that may constitute a major violation of the uniform controlled substances act.			
	HB 1031	School facility temperatures	Mitigating the impact of rising school facility temperatures resulting from climate change.		Ryu Fosse	
	HB 1092	Children/controlled sub	Maintaining the safety of children.		Low	
	HB 1159	Control. subst. endangerment	Concerning the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance.			

Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Low Priority (cont.)						
HB 1175		Small businesses/residential	Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.		Ryu Kloba	House: Passed; 2nd Sub + Amendments; 1/15/2026; 94-2-0-2
HB 1176		Health care/minors	Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 17.			
HB 1413		Opioid reversal purchasing	Prohibiting government purchases of opioid overdose reversal medications from certain entities.			
HB 1416		Tobacco & vapor products tax	Increasing tobacco and vapor products taxes.		Davis Duerr Peterson	
HB 1417		Cigarette carbon tax	Establishing an embodied carbon tax on cigarettes.		Davis Duerr	
HB 1520	SB 5513	Pharmacist scope of practice	Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to improve access to health care and the management of chronic diseases.			
HB 1574		Substance use/care, services	Protecting access to life-saving care and substance use services.		Davis Kloba	House: Rules
HB 1607	SB 5502	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.		Peterson Kloba Duerr Fosse Robinson	House: Approps: Do Pass, 3rd Sub, 01/28/2026 Rules Senate: Refer to Rules: 01/12/2026
HB 1637		School safety	Concerning nonfirearm measures to increase school safety for students and staff.		Eslick	
HB 1674		Hepatitis B & C screening	Concerning hepatitis B and hepatitis C screening.			
HB 1679		Nuclear reactor projects	Encouraging electric utility investments in advanced nuclear reactor projects for clean energy transformation act compliance.			
HB 1680		Preventive dental care	Improving access to patient care by increasing preventive dental care.		Eslick	
HB 1697	SB 5668	Newborn screening additions	Ensuring timely, efficient, and evidence-based additions to newborn screenings.			
HB 1704		Cannabis revenue/local gov.	Increasing cannabis revenue distributions to local governments.		Eslick	

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House	Senate					
Low Priority (cont.)						
HB 1749		SEPA considerations	Ensuring consideration of climate change, carbon sequestration, environmental health disparities, and treaty-protected and cultural resources in the state environmental policy act.			
HB 1753		Child removal/opioid use	Addressing threats of harm to children by modifying the child removal standard related to another person's use or possession of a high-potency synthetic opioid.		Eslick	
HB 1784		Certified medical assistants	Concerning certified medical assistants.			House: Health Case & Wellness: Do Pass, 2nd Sub, 01/28/2026 Rules
HB 1857		Asbestos building materials	Concerning asbestos-containing building materials.			
HB 1872		Firearms	Concerning firearms.			
HB 1933		Overdose information	Providing universal access to overdose information to law enforcement and emergency services providers.			
HB 1959		Office of equity repeal	Eliminating the office of equity.			
HB 2018		Solid waste/local government	Concerning solid waste and establishing the local government solid waste assistance account.			House: Finance: Public Hearing: 01/30/2026, 1:30PM
HB 2097		County B&O tax	Relating to authorizing counties to impose a business and occupation tax.			
HB 2112		Adult content/age minimum	Relating to establishing an age minimum to access certain adult content online.		Ryu Eslick Duerr Fosse	House: Consumer Protection & Business: Public Hearing: 01/16/2026, 8:00AM
HB 2130		New 2025 taxes repeal	Relating to repealing new taxes imposed by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5814 during the 2025 regular legislative session.			
HB 2177		Definition of fetal death	Relating to modifying the vital statistics definition of fetal death.		Ryu Kloba	
HB 2198	SB 5968	Permitting and licensing	Relating to improving regulatory efficiency by integrating executive order 25-03, concerning permitting and licensing processes, into chapter 43.42A RCW		Ryu Fosee Liias	House; State Gov't & Tribal Affairs: Public Hearing: 01/23/2026, 8:00AM Senate: State Gov't,Tribal Affairs, Elections: Do Pass, 1st Sub, 01/23/2026 Rules:

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Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Low Priority (cont.)						
HB 2216		Emergency response	Relating to protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington.	Ryu	House: Tech, Econ Dev, & Vetrans: Public Hearing: 01/16/2026, 10:30AM	
HB 2222		Weather modification	Relating to restricting weather modification activities.			
HB 2265		Extreme heat/tenants	Relating to protecting tenants from periods of extreme heat.		House: Housing: Public Hearing, 01/19/2026, 1:30PM	
HB 2291		Kratom	Relating to the kratom consumer protection act.		House: Consumer Prot & Business: Public Hearing, 01/30/2026, 8:00AM Consumer Prot & Business: Exec Session, 02/04/2026, 1:30PM	
HB 2297		Grocery store incentives	Relating to incentivizing grocery stores located in underserved communities.	Ryu Kloba Fosee	House: Finance: Public Hearing, 01/30/2026, 1:30PM	
HB 2522		Preventive dental care	Relating to advancing oral health equity and protecting access to preventive dental care amid federal and private sector coverage restrictions.	Donaghy Fosse		
HB 2703		Cottage food operations	Expanding the products considered to be potentially nonhazardous as they apply to cottage food operations.	Eslick		
SB 5002		Immigration enforcement	Concerning federal immigration enforcement.			
SB 5071		Controlled sub. Endangerment	Updating the endangerment with a controlled substance statute.	Wagoner	Senate: Passed, Engrossed Sub, 01/21/2026, 40-9-0-0	
SB 5213		Fentanyl possession	Penalizing the possession of fentanyl.			
SB 5229		Opioid overdose/civil commit	Facilitating civil commitment for treatment for a person requiring revival by opioid overdose reversal medication.	Wagoner		
SB 5290		Controlled subs. Dismissal	Allowing persons who complete substance abuse programs to seek dismissal of certain controlled substance related charges.	Salomon		
HB 1675	SB 5387	Corp. practice of medicine	Concerning the corporate practice of medicine.	Robinson Liias Stanford	Senate: Refer to Ways & Means: 01/12/2026	
SB 5526		Tobacco, nicotine, & vapor	Concerning the regulation of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products.	Liias Stanford		

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Bills		Abbrev. Title	Short Description	HD Priority	SC Delegate Sponsor(s)	Notes
House	Senate					
Low Priority (cont.)						
	SB 5643	Child fatality reviews	Expanding the purview of child fatality and near fatality reviews.			
	SB 5660	Water & sewage system access	Making it possible for more properties to have access to water, storm drains, and sanitary sewage systems.		Goehner	
	SB 5783	Vaccination status	Prohibiting use of vaccination status in certain administrative and legal proceedings.			
	SB 5867	Mobile pregnancy application	Relating to partnering with a mobile pregnancy application to improve maternal and infant health.		Muzzall	
	SB 5921	Psilocybin	Relating to psilocybin.		Salomon	Senate: Health & Long-Term Care: Public Hearing, 01/27/2026, 10:30AM
HB 2344	SB 5975	Safe cookware	Relating to providing consumer access to safe cookware and interstate and international trade certainty in the regulation of lead in cookware.		Low	Senate: Env. Energy, & Tech: Public Hearing: 01/14/2026, 8:00AM Env. Energy, & Tech: Exec Session: 01/30/2026, 10:30AM - No action
HB 2437	SB 5988	Opioid treatment prg. Fees	Replating to fee authority for accreditation services provided to opioid treatment programs by the department of health.		Robinson	House: Health Care & Wellness: Do Pass, 01/30/2026 Senate: Ways & Means: Public Hearing: 01/19/2026, 4:00PM Ways & Means: Exec Session: 02/03/2026, 4:00PM
	SB 6200	Tenant cooling devices	Concerning renters' and mobile home occupants' ability to install portable cooling devices.		Liias	Senate: Housing: Public Hearing: 01/23/2026, 10:30AM Housing: Exec Session: 02/04/2026, 10:30AM
	SB 6287	Kratom products	Concerning the preparation, distribution, and sale of kratom products.		Salomon Stanford	Senate: Labor & Commerce: Public Hearing, 01/27/2026, 10:30AM Labor & Commerce: Exec Session, 02/03/2026, 10:30AM

Board of Health 2026 work plan

Division:

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Background

Each year the Board of Health (BOH) develops a work plan. The intent of this plan isn't to be prescriptive but to determine sufficient topical detail for the Board to plan and inform prioritization of topics.

2025 had a number of successes and work plan items completed including 8 ordinances and 9 proclamations adopted. A vaccination panel was also hosted at a meeting and a tour of the public health clinic.

Looking forward to 2025 a draft work plan (Exhibit A) was drafted based on conversations with health department leadership to understand their needs and anticipated requests for the coming year and initial review by BOH officers.

Emphasis of the coming year is to continue getting the Board of Health code updated and building out board procedures.

Board Authority

RCW 70.05.060 – Powers and duties of local board of health and Snohomish County Code Chapter 2.300

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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Snohomish County Board of Health
2026 Work Plan

Topic	Specific Issue	Potential Actions				Notes
		Rules & Regulations	Resolution	Briefing & Discussion	Board Advocacy	
Board Required Work	2026 Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair					Feb
	2026 Work Plan		X			Feb
	Environmental Health Fees	X				
	Code Revision – Public Sewer Connections	X				Adopt by April
	Code Revision – Operating and Maintenance Program	X				
	SCC and BOH Code Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with HB1946 (2025) Language for first meeting of the year 	X				
	BOH Code of Conduct		X			April
Other Work	2026 WA Legislative Updates			X	X	Jan – March
	Local Public Health Funding			X		Working Group
	Strategic Plan Implementation Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood & Adult Vaccinations Water Quality Protection Emergency Preparedness & Response 			X		On-going
Time Pending						

Upcoming meetings

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Upcoming Meetings:

March 10, 2026

April 14, 2026

May 12, 2026