

February 2022 Spotlight

Environmental Health Division



Today's Presentation

- Division Overview
- Division Services
 - Food Safety Program
 - Water Recreation & Camps Program
- Program Purpose



What is Environmental Health?

Environmental Public Health is the focus on the relationships between people and the environment in which they live.

Promoting human health and well being and foster healthy and safe communities



Environmental Health Programs

- Drinking Water
- On-Site Sewage/Land Development
- Solid Waste
- Vector Control
- Food Safety
- Water Recreation & Camps

Environmental Health at YHD

Staffing

- 1 Environmental Health Technician
- 7 Environmental Health Specialists
 - All EHS required to obtain Registered Sanitarian Certification within first 2 years
- Environmental Health Director

Budget

- Annual Operating Budget of 1.3 million dollars



Food Safety

Program Overview

- Annual Budget of \$465,000
- 3.5 Full Time Employees (FTEs)
- Three sub-programs:
 - Temporary Food Events
 - School Food Safety
 - Food Education (Food Worker Cards)



Food Safety

Program Purpose

- Prevention and investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks
- Ensure safe food preparation and handling practices

Our Work in Food Safety

- Plan review and licensing
- Food safety inspections, education, and compliance
- Temporary food event inspections
- Issuance of food worker cards and food education classes
- Foodborne illness outbreak response
- Emergency response

Water Recreation & Camps

Program Purpose

- Conduct routine inspections of annual and seasonal pools, spas and camps to ensure public health and safety

Our Work in Pools

- Annual operating budget of \$51,000
- 0.3 FTEs
- Plan reviews and permitting of pools and spas
- Conduct inspections of all pools and spas annually
- Provide education and corrective action items to operators
- Outbreak response



Water Recreation & Camps

Program Purpose

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Our Work in Camps

- Annual operating budget of \$51,000
- 0.3 FTEs
- Plan reviews and permitting of camps
- Conduct inspections of all camps annually
- Provide education and corrective action items to operators as needed
- Outbreak response



Strategic Goals

- **Deliver mandated services**
- **Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of district services**
- **Develop a network of community partners invested in improving public health**

Our Partners

- Washington State Dept. of Health
- Washington State Dept. of Ecology
- Washington State Dept. of Agriculture
- Washington Food Industry Association
- Yakima County Public Services
- 15 Yakima County School Districts
- Selah Veterinary Hospital
- Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
- Washington On-Site Sewage Association



Questions?