

# May 2023 Board of Health Spotlight

*Mandated Public Health Services*



# Washington Laws Governing Public Health



## Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

All permanent  
state laws

Enacted by the public or the  
Legislature and Governor

Public Health RCWs:  
70.05, 70.46, 70.95

## Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

Codify and regulate  
RCWs by subject

Created by State Agencies  
(e.g. Washington State  
Department of Health)

Public Health WACs:  
173 and 246

# Services Mandated by RCWs and WACs



**Communicable Disease**

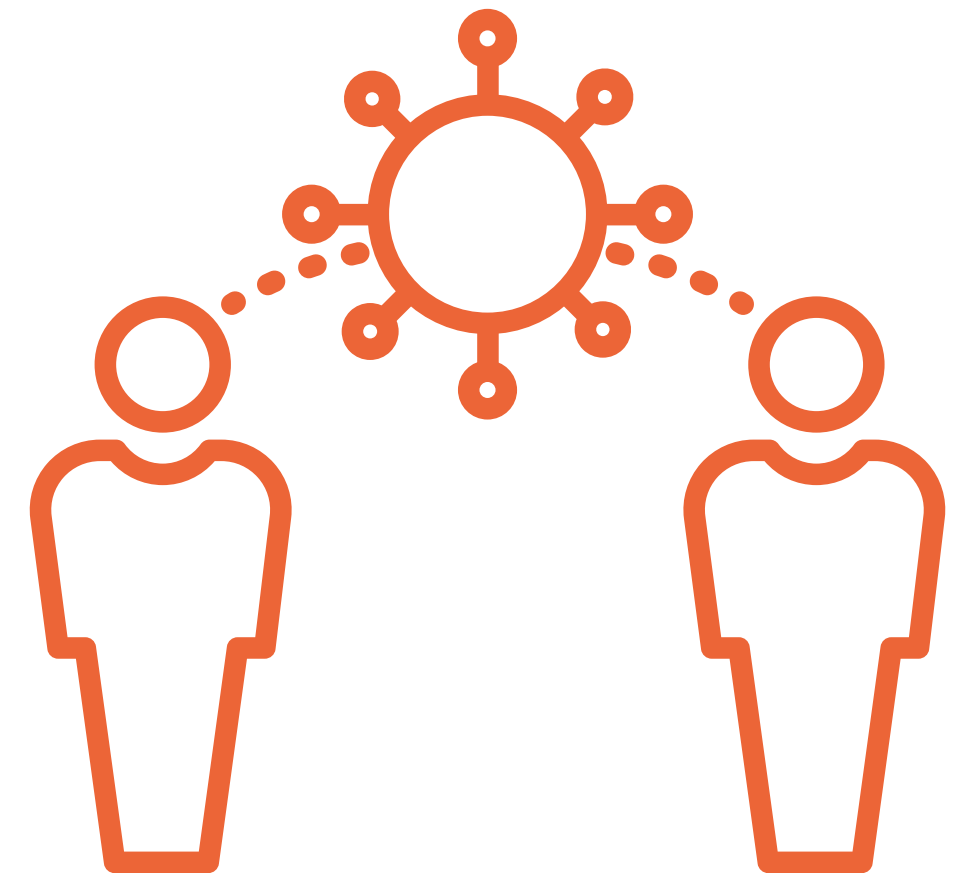
**Environmental Health**

**Vital Statistics**

**Tobacco**

# Role of the Health Officer

- The duties of the health officer are primarily outlined in WAC 246-101-505
- Health officers are largely responsible for controlling communicable disease.
- This may include ordering isolation/quarantine and implementing emergency measures.
- Case investigations.
- Health districts are required to support health officers in fulfilling their role.



# **Communicable Disease**

# Communicable Disease Control

## General Requirements:

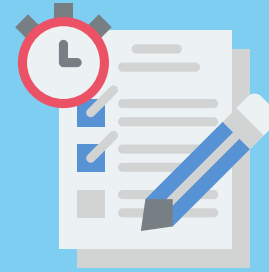
RCW 70.05.070; WAC 246-100; WAC 246-138



Investigation



Testing



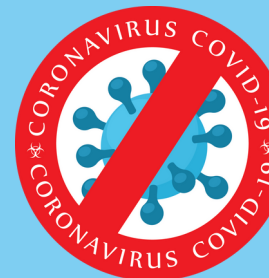
Reporting



Referrals

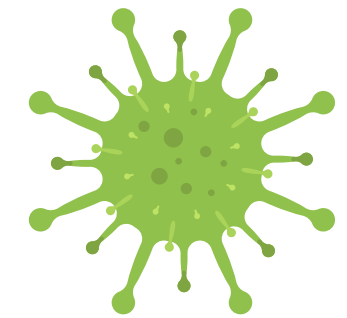


Isolation/quarantine



Emergency orders

## 10 Common Communicable Diseases



1. Common Cold

2. Influenza (The Flu)

3. Strep Throat

4. Fifth Disease

5. Gastroenteritis

6. Pink Eye

7. Chlamydia

8. Herpes Infections

9. Chickenpox

10. Viral Hepatitis

# Notifiable Conditions

 <b>Notifiable Conditions Reporting</b>		LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS
Notifiable to the Washington State Department of Health		
<b>IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE: (suspect or confirmed cases)</b> <b>CDE Notifiable to the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology: 1-877-539-4344</b>		
Anthrax Botulism (foodborne, wound, infant) Cholera Diphtheria Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin Emerging condition with outbreak potential Influenza, novel strain Measles (rubeola) Paralytic shellfish poisoning Plague	Poliomyelitis Rabies, human SARS Smallpox Tularemia Viral hemorrhagic fever Yellow fever Outbreak, or suspected outbreak, of illness due to infectious agent or toxin	
<b>Notifiable within 7 days</b> of case investigation completion or summary information required within 21 days of initial notification for the following:		
<b>CDE Notifiable to the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology: 1-877-539-4344</b>		<b>ID Notifiable to Infectious Disease Assessment: 360-236-3464</b>
Arboviral disease (Zika, West Nile virus disease, dengue, eastern and western equine encephalitis, etc.) Brucellosis ⚠️ <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> or <i>pseudomallei</i> ⚠️ Campylobacteriosis Cryptosporidiosis Cyclosporiasis Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> (see Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> ) Giardiasis <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> invasive disease Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome Hepatitis A, acute Hepatitis B, acute Hepatitis C, acute Hepatitis D, acute Hepatitis E, acute	Q Fever ⚠️ Rabies, suspected human exposure Relapsing fever Rubella Salmonellosis Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> infections (enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> including but not limited to <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7) Shigellosis Tetanus Trichinosis Typhoid fever Vaccinia transmission Vancomycin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (does not include vancomycin-intermediate) Varicella-associated death Vibriosis Yersiniosis	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (including AIDS in persons previously reported with HIV infection) Chancroid <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> Gonorrhea Granuloma inguinale Hepatitis B, chronic Hepatitis C, chronic Herpes simplex HIV infection Lymphogranuloma venereum Syphilis <b>TB Notifiable to TB Reporting Line 360-236-3397</b> Tuberculosis

## RCW 70.05.110; WAC 246-101

- Inform healthcare providers, hospitals, and labs about reporting requirements
- Review and take action on reported or suspected conditions
- Notify State Department of Health
- Authority to request exams for suspected cases



# Specific Diseases

## Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs): RCW 70.24; WAC 246-100

- Investigate, examine, and treat STI cases
- Establish comprehensive networks for AIDS prevention and treatment
- Order HIV testing and provide court-ordered services

## Tuberculosis Control:

### RCW 70.28; RCW 70.30; WAC 246-170

- Receive and maintain records of active TB reports
- Provide treatment and case management





# **Environmental Health**

# Fundamental Services

- **On-site Sewage Disposal Systems:** RCW 70.05.072, .074, .160, .190, .200; RCW 70.118; RCW 70.118A; WAC 246-272A; WAC 246-272C; WAC 246-274
- **Public Water Systems:** RCW 70.05.070; RCW 18.104.043; RCW 70.142; WAC 246-290; WAC 246-291
- **Solid Waste Management:** RCW 70.95; WAC 173-304; WAC 173-350; WAC 173-351
- **Water Recreation Facilities:** RCW 70.90; WAC 246-260; WAC 246-262
- **Food Service:** WAC 246-215

## Overarching requirements



Plan reviews



Inspections



Permitting



Enforcement

# Additional Mandated Services

## **Schools: WAC 246-366**

- Review and approve school building plans

## **Biomedical Waste: RCW 70.95K**

- Enforce state standards for handling and disposing medical sharps

## **Decontamination of Illegal Drug Sites: WAC 246-205**

- Inspect, evaluate, report, notify public, and enforce cleanup

## **Camps and Parks: WAC 246-376**

- Conduct inspections and enforce state health and safety standards

## **General Sanitation: WAC 246-203**

- Address miscellaneous public health nuisances



# **Vital Statistics**




# Birth and Death Certificates

## Vital Statistics: RCW 70.58

Health districts must provide certified copies of birth and death certificates





**NEW REQUIREMENTS**

As of January 1, 2021, Washington State passed a law requiring applicants provide proof documents showing the relationship to the requested birth certificate. Please visit [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) for requirement information. Mail in applications will require proof of identity copies. You may place your order with our only approved online vendor, [VitalChek](http://VitalChek).

**NUEVOS REQUISITOS**

A partir del 1 de enero de 2021, el estado de Washington aprobó una ley que requiere que los solicitantes proporcionen documentos de prueba que demuestren la relación con el certificado de nacimiento solicitado. Visite [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) para obtener información sobre los requisitos. Las solicitudes por correo requerirán copias de prueba de identidad. Puede realizar su pedido con nuestro único proveedor en línea aprobado, [VitalChek](http://VitalChek).

**NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES/ NUEVOS REQUISITOS PARA LOS CERTIFICADOS DE NACIMIENTO Y DEFUNCIÓN**


**WHEN PURCHASING BIRTH CERTIFICATES/ AL COMPRAR CERTIFICADOS DE NACIMIENTO**

- ID if expired more than 60 days it will be not be valid. / *Identificación si caduca más de 60 días no será válida*
- qualified relationship/ *relación calificada*
- The customer will need to provide a **marriage or domestic partnership** certificate that proves the customer is the spouse of the subject of the record/ *El cliente deberá proporcionar un certificado de matrimonio o pareja de hecho que demuestre que el cliente es el cónyuge*
- Foreign passport, driver's license, or ID card/ *Pasaporte, licencia de conducir o tarjeta de identificación extranjeros*

**WHEN PURCHASING DEATH CERTIFICATES/ AL COMPRAR CERTIFICADOS DE MUERTE**

- ID if expired more than 60 days it will be not be valid. / *Identificación si caduca más de 60 días no será válida*
- Death of a grandparent** provide their own birth certificate showing the linkage to their parent. / *Muerte de un abuelo (a)proporcione su propio certificado de nacimiento que muestre la puebra con su padre o madre*
- Copy of birth certificate/ *Copia del acta de nacimiento*
- The staff member of the **funeral home** is a qualified applicant for 12 months after the date of death and must submit a document identifying them as a staff member of that funeral home./ *El miembro del personal de la funeraria es un solicitante calificado durante 12 meses después de la fecha de la muerte y debe presentar un documento que lo identifique como miembro del personal de esa funeraria.*

**EXAMPLES**





# Tobacco

# Tobacco Prevention and Control

## Access to Minors: RCW 70.155

- LHJs work in collaboration with DOH to enforce regulations related to youth access to tobacco and vapor products

## Youth Tobacco and Vapor Products Prevention Account: RCW 70.155.120

- DOH provides funding for health districts to coordinate intervention strategies to prevent and reduce tobacco use by youth

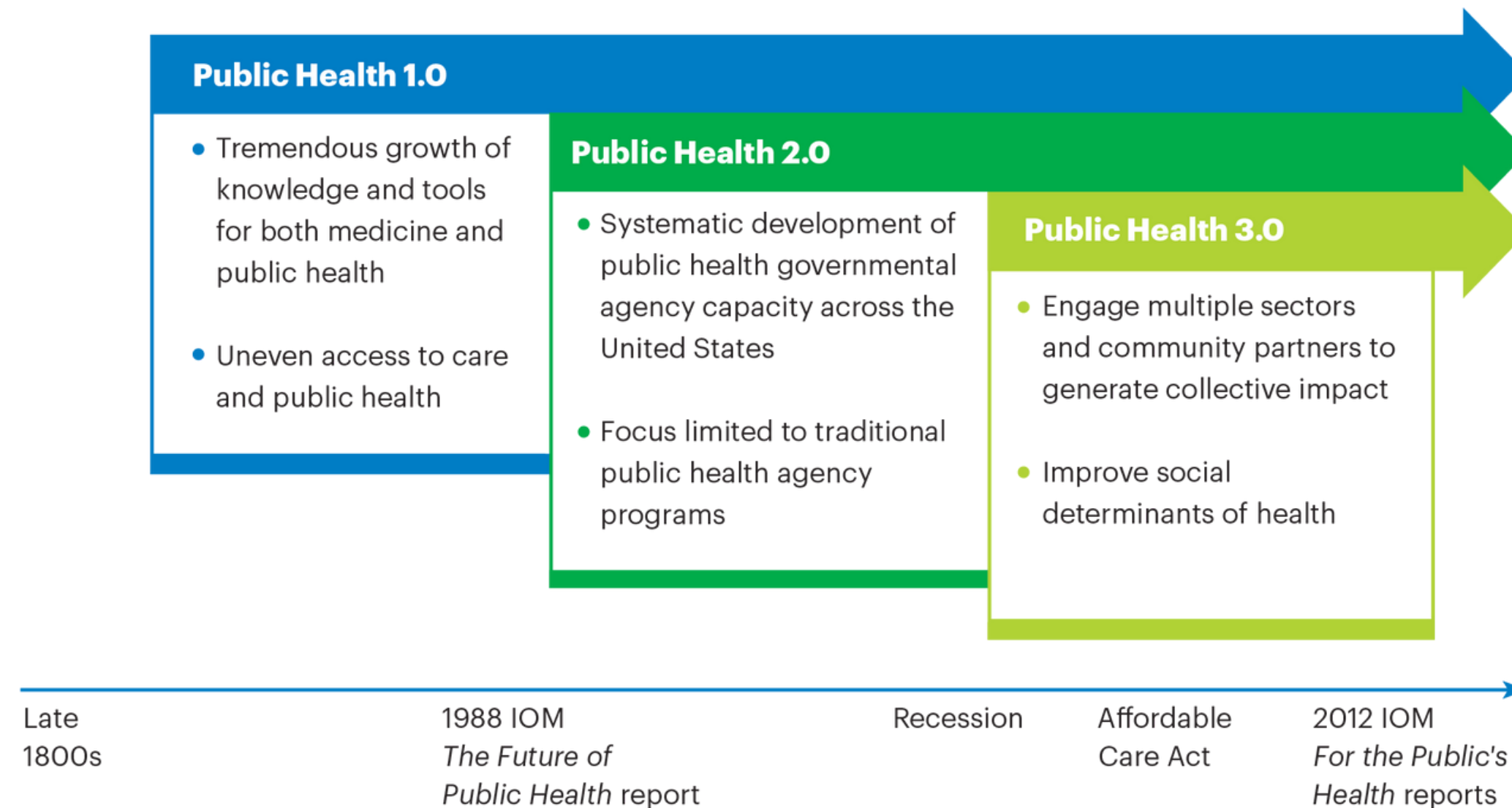
## Smoking in Public Places: RCW 70.160

- Health districts may adopt regulations to implement smoking provisions in public places



# Enhancing Public Health Effectiveness

## Evolution of public health practices, Institute of Medicine (IOM)



Source: Karen B. DeSalvo, K et al. "Public Health 3.0: A Call to Action for Public Health to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century." *Preventing Chronic Disease* 14 (2017).



# YHD Strategic Goals



**Deliver mandated  
services**



**Develop a network of  
community partners  
invested in improving  
public health**



**Increase the  
effectiveness and  
efficiency of district  
services**

**Questions?**