Director’s Report
Board of Health
April 21, 2022

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Overdose deaths in Washington top 2,000 in 2021 and continue to rise

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The New York Times

Overdose Deaths Reached Record High as the Pandemic Spread

More than 100,000 Americans died from drug overdose in the yearlong period ending in April, government researchers said.
Recent growth in overdose

Drug & Alcohol Poisoning Deaths, King County
(Note: Bar chart can be viewed in terms of counts or rates; each decedent with a toxicology-confirmed overdose death is represented once.)

www.kingcounty.gov/overdose
Changing Trends in Drugs that Impact Overdose

Drugs Involved in Confirmed Overdose Deaths
(Note: 2021 is incomplete; a decedent may be represented in multiple lines)

- Fentanyl
- Methamphetamine
- Heroin
- Rx Opioid
- Cocaine
- Benzodiazepine

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Number of Overdose Deaths in King County, 2019-present

More detail available at: [https://tableau.med.kingcounty.gov/#/site/DPH_CDIMMS/workbooks/2624?origin=card_share_link](https://tableau.med.kingcounty.gov/#/site/DPH_CDIMMS/workbooks/2624?origin=card_share_link)
Fentanyl: Primarily in Blue M-30s, but also in various other
We Continue to Step Up Our Response

• Communication and Public Education
  • Laced and Lethal Campaign
  • Distributed 47,000 overdose awareness materials
  • Drug Alert Line – 5,000 subscribers

• Evidence Based Treatment Expansion
  • Buprenorphine and Methadone
  • Naloxone (Narcan)
  • Harm Reduction Services
  • Post overdose follow up

• Community Based Work
  • Interventions are informed by lived experience
  • Overdose prevention training in underserved communities
  • Stigma reduction
Future

Move upstream
Provide access to evidence-based care at every system interaction
Lower barriers to accessing care
Improve on what we know
Empower people with substance use disorder to make healthy decisions.
R&R 22-01 to Align with Updated State Food Code Regulations

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Mission of the Food Protection Program

To reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses by promoting safe food handling practices in all our retail food establishments.
Food and Facilities Program

• > 12,000 retail food businesses and ~ 3,000 temporary events and Farmers Markets
• ~800 food business plans reviewed/approved.
• > 15,000 food safety inspections and ~ 5,000 food safety consultation visits
• >50,000 food handlers training online and in-person.
• > 1,000 public complaints
• ~ 100 foodborne outbreaks
Background on R&R 22-01

• Chapter 246-215 WAC and Title 5 of King County Food Code, which adopts WAC 246-215 by reference.

• Previous version of Chapter 246-215 WAC was based on the 2009 U.S. FDA Model Food Code.

• As of March 1, 2022, Chapter 246-215 WAC is based on the 2017 version of the FDA Model Food Code.

• WA-SBOH has adopted Chapter 246-215 WAC incorporating from simple edits, repeal of outdated sections, and definition updates to significant changes in food safety practices.

• WA-DOH is recommending a six months educational grace period to help food businesses implement the new changes.
State stakeholder involvement

- The revisions are the outcome of a multi-year process coordinated by the Washington State Food Safety Advisory Council (FSAC).

- The FSAC is comprised of voting stakeholders:
  - Regulatory agencies,
  - Consumer advisory groups,
  - Hospitality businesses and
  - Concerned citizens.

*PHSKC coordinated with DOH food safety program to receive input from King County businesses.*
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Changes to the State Food Code

- Donated Foods
- Mobile Food Units
- Employee Health
- Food-Specific Changes
Equity Implications

• None of the changes are anticipated to have significant economic or operational impacts to any size of food business.

• DOH is implementing an educational grace period (and avoiding penalties for compliance deficiencies) to provide additional time for retail food business owners to fully understand the requirements and incorporate the changes into their practices.
Questions?

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Technical title correction

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Proposed No.: BOH22-02

TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED RULE AND REGULATION 22-02.

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On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike lines 1 through 7, and insert:

" A RULE AND REGULATION relating to the membership of the King County board of health; and amending R&R 09-04, Section 2, as amended, and BOH 2.04.020, R&R 11-01, Section 1, as amended, and BOH 2.04.035, R&R 09-04, Section 3, as amended, and BOH 2.04.045, and R&R 11-01, Section 5, as amended, and BOH 2.04.165."

EFFECT prepared by S. Porter: Corrects the title to reflect the four sections of BOH Code amended by the Rule and Regulation.