



King County

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Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Board of Health

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Snoqualmie Indian Tribe: *Jolene R. Williams, MMC, or
Steve de los Angeles; Alternate: Quintina Bowen*

Seattle Indian Health Board: *Esther Lucero; Alternate: Meriah Gille*

**Dr. Sandra Valenciano, Health Officer and Interim Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health
Staff: Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board Administrator - KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov**

1:00 PM

Thursday, March 19, 2026

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members
4. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2026 **pg 6**
5. Public Comments
6. Chair's Report
7. Director's Report **pg 11**



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Briefings

- 8. BOH Briefing No. 26-B05 **pg 31**

Overview of the Public Health - Seattle and King County's Tuberculosis Program

Dr. Caitlin Reed, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County

Kevin Baker, Health Services Administrator, Tuberculosis Program, Prevention Division, Public Health - Seattle & King County

Discussion and Possible Action

- 9. Resolution No. 26-04 **pg 39**

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 24, 2026, as World Tuberculosis Day in King County, Washington.

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Briefings

- 10. BOH Briefing No. 26-B06 **pg 42**

Update on the Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

Maythia Airhart, Director, Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

Matthew Weintraub, Government Relations Manager, Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

Kendrick Stewart, Operations Manager, Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

- 11. BOH Briefing No. 26-B07 **pg 53**

Public Health - Seattle & King County's Efforts to Address Unpermitted Food Vending in King County

Dylan Orr, Director, Environmental Health Division, Public Health - Seattle & King County

Dr. Eyob Mazengia, Assistant Division Director, Environmental Health Division, Public Health - Seattle & King County

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- 12. BOH Briefing No. 26-B08 **pg 65**

State Legislative Session Wrap Up

Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County

- 13. **Board Member Updates**

- 14. **Other Business**

Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 20 - Archiopoli, Daniels, de Castro, Dunn, Falcone, Foster, Gudgel, Juarez, Lewis, Loo, Lucero, Rinck, Mohammed, Mosqueda, Schroff, von Reichbauer, Williams, Garcia, Hartfield and Thomas

Excused: 3 - Chew, de Michele and Elkins

3. **Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**

Boardmember Garcia served in place of Boardmember de Michele.

Boardmember Hartfield served in place of Boardmember Chew.

Boardmember Thomas served in place of Boardmember Elkins.

Also in attendance were Boardmember Gille, Boardmember Kaur, and Boardmember Paquette.

4. **Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2025 and January 29, 2026**

Boardmember Foster moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 and January 29, 2026, meetings as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Public Comments**

*The following person spoke:
Alex Tsimerman*

6. **Chair's Report**

The Chair briefed the Board on the upcoming agenda.

7. **Director's Report**

The Director's Report was included in the additional meeting materials packet.

Briefings

8. **BOH Briefing No. 26-B04**

State Legislative Session Update

Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County, briefed the Board and answered questions.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

9. **Resolution No. 26-03**

A RESOLUTION in support of Foundational Public Health Services funding.

Matias Valenzuela, Director, Office of Equity & Community Partnerships, Public Health - Seattle & King County; Jackie Vaughn, Executive Director, Surge Reproductive Justice; Rosi Bolatagici, Pasifika Food Networks Manager, Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington; Ryan Kellogg, Assistant Division Director, Environmental Health Services, Public Health - Seattle & King County; briefed the Board and answered questions.

A public hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Boardmember Daniels that this Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Archiopoli, Daniels, de Castro, Falcone, Foster, Gudgel, Juarez, Lewis, Loo, Lucero, Rinck, Mohammed, Mosqueda, Schroff, Williams, Garcia, Hartfield and Thomas

Excused: 5 - Chew, de Michele, Dunn, Elkins and von Reichbauer

10. **Resolution No. 26-02**

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2026 work plan for the King County Board of Health.

Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Boardmember Foster moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

A Public hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Boardmember Foster that this Resolution be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 20 - Archiopoli, Daniels, de Castro, Dunn, Falcone, Foster, Gudgel, Juarez, Lewis, Loo, Lucero, Rinck, Mohammed, Mosqueda, Schroff, von Reichbauer, Williams, Garcia, Hartfield and Thomas

Excused: 3 - Chew, de Michele and Elkins

11. **Board Member Updates**

Boardmembers Lewis, Gudgel, Juarez, and Garcia provided updates.

12. **Other Business**

No other business was presented.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



King County
King County Board of Health
Director's Report

Date: March 19, 2026

Prepared by: Dr. Sandra J. Valenciano, Health Officer and Interim Director, Public Health –
Seattle & King County

Stay current on Public Health trends and news:

I invite King County Board of Health Members and Alternates to stay updated on important news, local health trends and funding opportunities through Public Health – Seattle & King County's blog, social media and online dashboards:

The Public Health Insider blog:

[PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER – Official insights from Public Health - Seattle & King County staff](#)

Social media: [Instagram](#) and [Public Health - Seattle & King County | Facebook](#)

Data dashboards:

- [Public Health data - King County, Washington](#) – Explore population-level health outcomes, communicable disease data and more
- [Data dashboard: The impact of firearms in King County - King County, Washington](#)
- [Overdose data dashboards - King County, Washington](#)
- [Medical Examiner's Office data](#)
- [Climate Impacts on Health - King County, Washington](#)

Funding opportunities – RFPs, RFQs, RFAs and others:

[Funding opportunities - King County, Washington](#)

TB evaluation at Rainier Beach High School

Public Health – Seattle & King County is following up on the confirmation of an individual associated with Rainier Beach High School, in Seattle, who was diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB). Public Health is working with Rainier Beach High School to define the extent of any potential TB exposures and supporting the school as Public Health conducts evaluations for those exposed and provides guidance and information to staff, students and families.

Learn more online: [TB evaluation at Rainier Beach High School – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)

Seattle/King County Clinic – April 23-26 at Seattle Center

A project of Seattle Center and Seattle Center Foundation, Seattle/King County Clinic brings together healthcare organizations, civic agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and thousands of volunteers to produce the largest community-driven free health clinic of its kind in the United States. Funded by grants and donations, this four-day clinic transforms facilities on Seattle Center's campus normally used for performances and events into a fully functioning healthcare operation offering dental, vision, and medical care to anyone who struggles to access or afford services.

As a low-barrier clinic, patients do not need any form of documentation or proof of income, insurance, or immigration status to receive care. Each year, 3,000+ people in need are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learn more online and download a flyer and social media graphics in multiple languages:

seattlecenter.org/patients



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FREE Dental, Vision & Medical Services!

ALL ARE WELCOME

- For people in need
- All services are **FREE**
- **No ID required**
- Interpreters available
- Limited number of admission tickets
 - Distribution starts at 5:30 AM in Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center
- First come, first served

 **April 23 – 26, 2026** |  **at Seattle Center**

MORE INFORMATION: SEATTLECENTER.ORG/PATIENTS

King County Community Health Improvement Plan: Building relationships, removing barriers, and centering community voice

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is bringing together communities across King County to address health inequities through collaboration, trust, and shared responsibility. Through this process, community members, organizations, and public health leaders are working side by side to identify what matters most and how to move forward together.

Over the spring and summer of 2025, a group of leaders representing more than 90 organizations and various community sectors, including **King County Board of Health members Victor Loo, Mustafa Mohammed and Quiana Daniels**, education and economic development partners, community organizations, Native/Indigenous organizations, hospitals and health systems, community health centers, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, and government, worked together to co-create the goals, objectives, actions, and measures of progress in this five-year plan. This inclusive process centered voices representing communities most affected by health inequities.

Learn more online: [King County Community Health Improvement Plan: Building relationships, removing barriers, and centering community voice – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)

What I learned from Duwamish River fishers: Portraits of Public Health

In our new series, Portraits of Public Health, we meet Khanh, an educator with Public Health’s “Fun to Catch, Toxic to Eat” program in Environmental Health Services. Khanh raises awareness about the toxic contamination in our local Duwamish River by supporting community members to do health outreach into their communities. From Khanh: “Fishing is a big part of the identity of the people we work with. A lot of them are immigrants or refugees who come from a fishing culture. So when they came here, they found that Seattle’s only river is the Duwamish. But the mud in the Duwamish River is highly contaminated with toxic chemicals and they are exposed to it from the fish and seafood that they catch for their families. They’re at risk for a lot of bad health effects if they eat the fish year after year.”

Learn more online: [What I learned from Duwamish River fishers: Portraits of Public Health – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)



Director's Report

Sandra J. Valenciano, MD, MPH, FACP
Health Officer and Interim Director
Public Health – Seattle & King County

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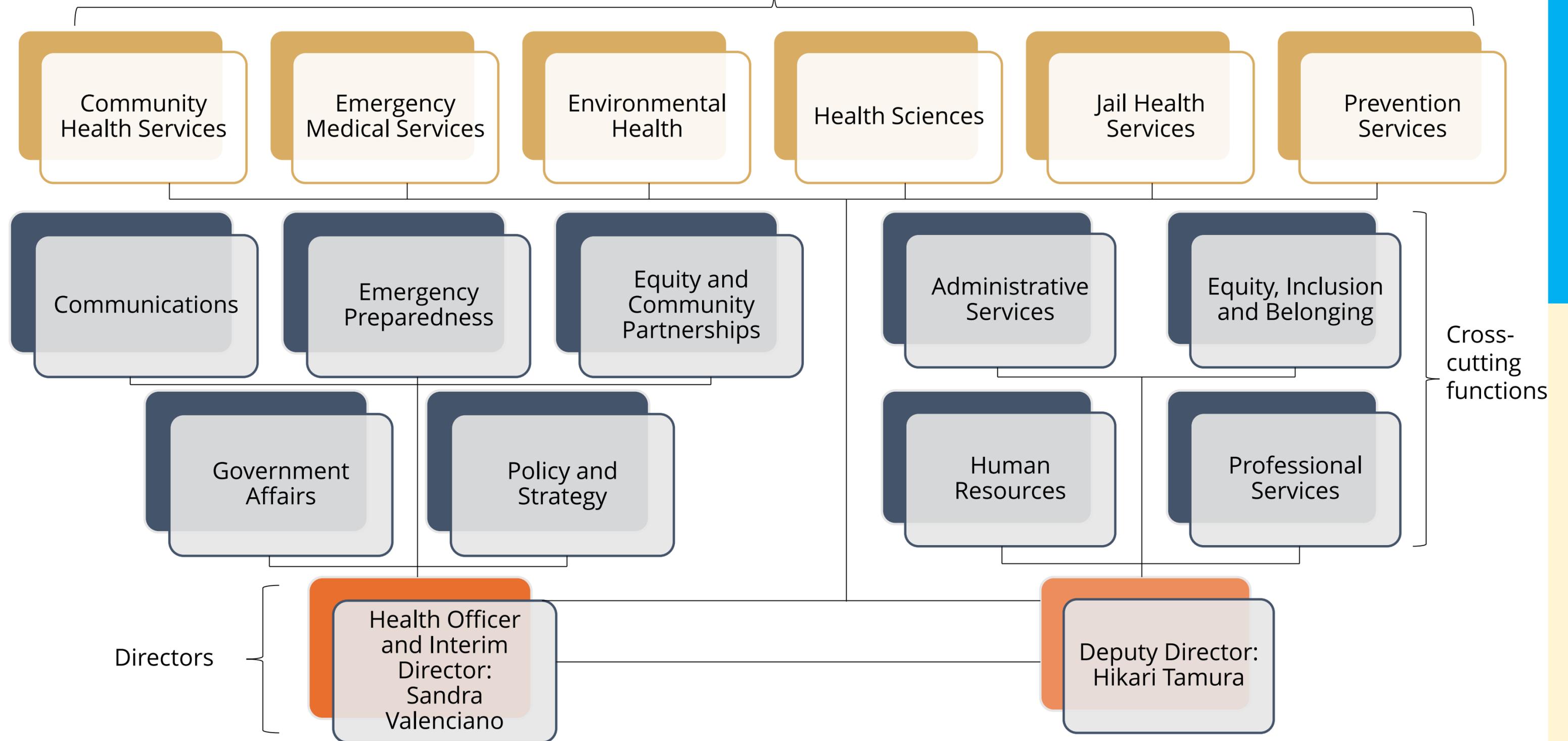


2024-2029 Strategic Plan

- Protecting against major threats to health in King County,
- Improving how we carry out our work, and,
- Ensuring that anti-racism and equity remain the foundation for all we do.

Organizational Structure

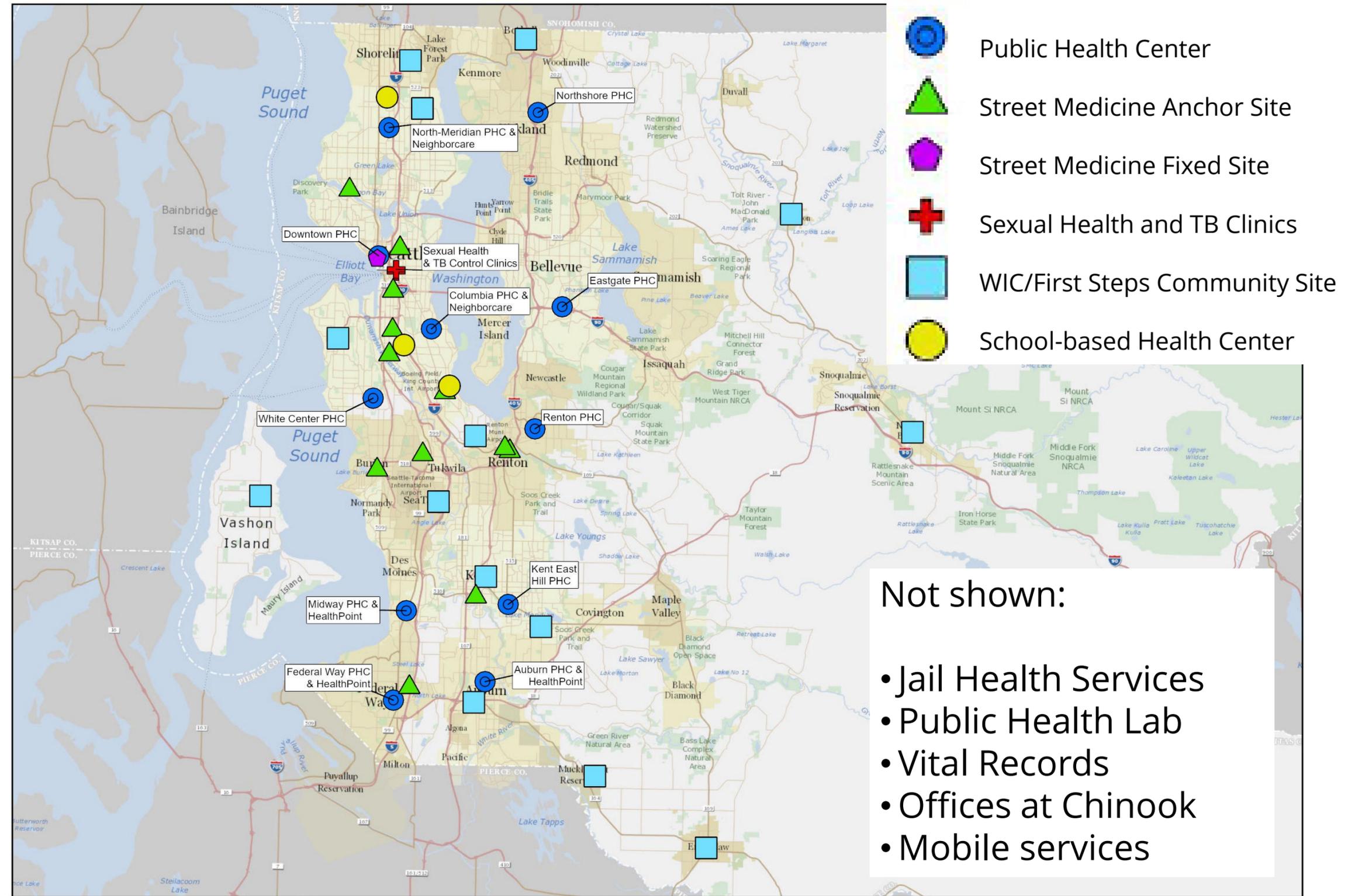
Divisions



Directors

Cross-cutting functions

King County Public Health Centers, Street Medicine Locations, SBHC, and WIC Sites



Public Health
Seattle & King County



Public Health serves all of King County with fixed locations and mobile services

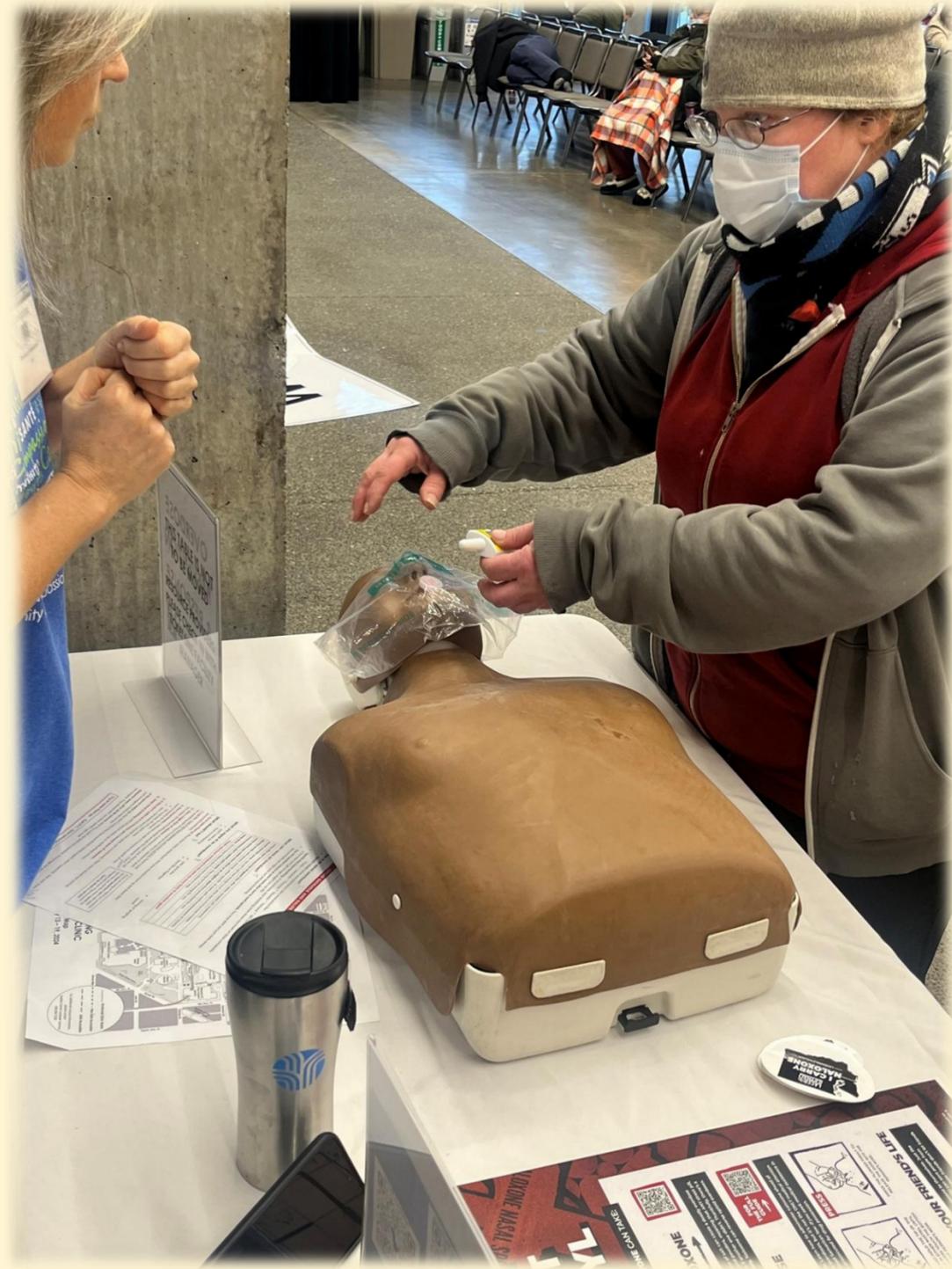
Public Health
Seattle & King County



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March 2026

Divisions



Administrative Services

Provides infrastructure services and business functions for all Public Health operations

Finance/budget, contracts & procurement, facilities/fleet management, electronic health records and HIPAA compliance, general records management, risk management

Personnel: 83



Community Health Services

Assures basic health and human services are available to all, including uninsured clients

Serves approx. 70,000 clinic patients annually

- 25% of patients are uninsured
- 20% are experiencing homelessness
- 67% identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color

Personnel: 587



Community Health Services, continued

Assures access to health care through partnerships, outreach and networks





Emergency Medical Services

Provides EMS services to all of King County outside of the City of Seattle

Cardiac arrest victims are 2-3 times more likely to survive in Seattle and King County compared to other communities

Personnel: 154



Environmental Health

Promotes sanitation, safe food and water, and healthy air and soil

Permits over 20,000 food businesses, pools and spas, solid waste facilities, pet businesses, schools, plumbing, and septic systems

Personnel: 189





Environmental Health, cont.

Prevents harm from toxic exposures and other environmental risks





Health Sciences

Prevents chronic disease and injuries, and provides data and evaluation services

Analyzes over 150 Community Health Indicators for public-facing data dashboards

Personnel: 120



Jail Health Services

Provides quality health care in King County's adult detention facilities 24/7

Provided health screening and evaluation for all 17,564 jail bookings in 2025

Personnel: 260



Prevention Services

Legally responsible for monitoring, reporting and preventing the spread of over 80 notifiable conditions such as HIV, syphilis, mpox and COVID

Operates two clinics that achieve disease control objectives: TB and Sexual Health

Medical Examiner determines cause of death for over 3,000 cases/year

Personnel: 277



Cross Cutting Functions



Mission Support Functions



Communications



Emergency Preparedness



Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion



Equity/ Community Partnerships



Government Affairs



Human Resources



Policy



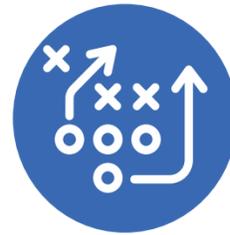
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Public Health – Seattle & King County's Tuberculosis (TB) Program

Dr. Caitlin Reed, TB Medical Officer

Kevin M. Baker, Human Services Administrator, TB Program

Public Health – Seattle & King County

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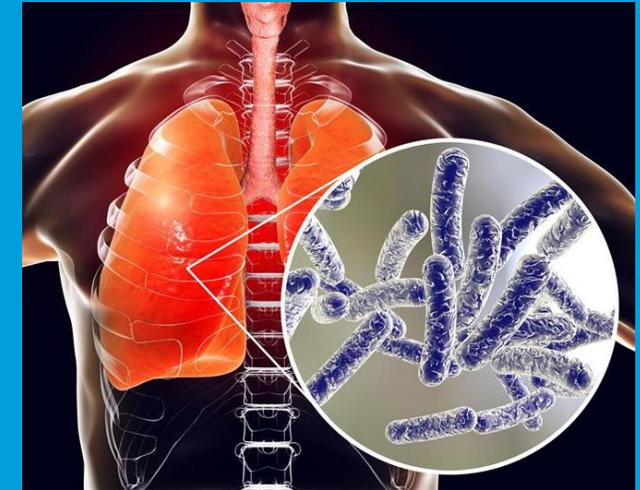
What is TB?

- TB is a bacteria that
 - Is spread through the air from a person who is sick with TB ("TB disease").
 - Can be treated and cured.
 - Can live in the body without causing illness or being contagious ("latent TB infection").
 - Mostly affects the lungs, but can affect any part of the body.



TB Program Priorities

- Ensures all patients with TB disease are treated until cured
- Identifies individuals in close, prolonged contact to someone with TB disease to offer medical evaluation and provide treatment, if necessary
- Identifies populations at increased risk of TB infection and progression to TB disease and offer education, testing and treatment proactively
- Participate in research studies to identify shorter and more effective regimens to treat and cure TB infection and TB disease.



TB Program Staff

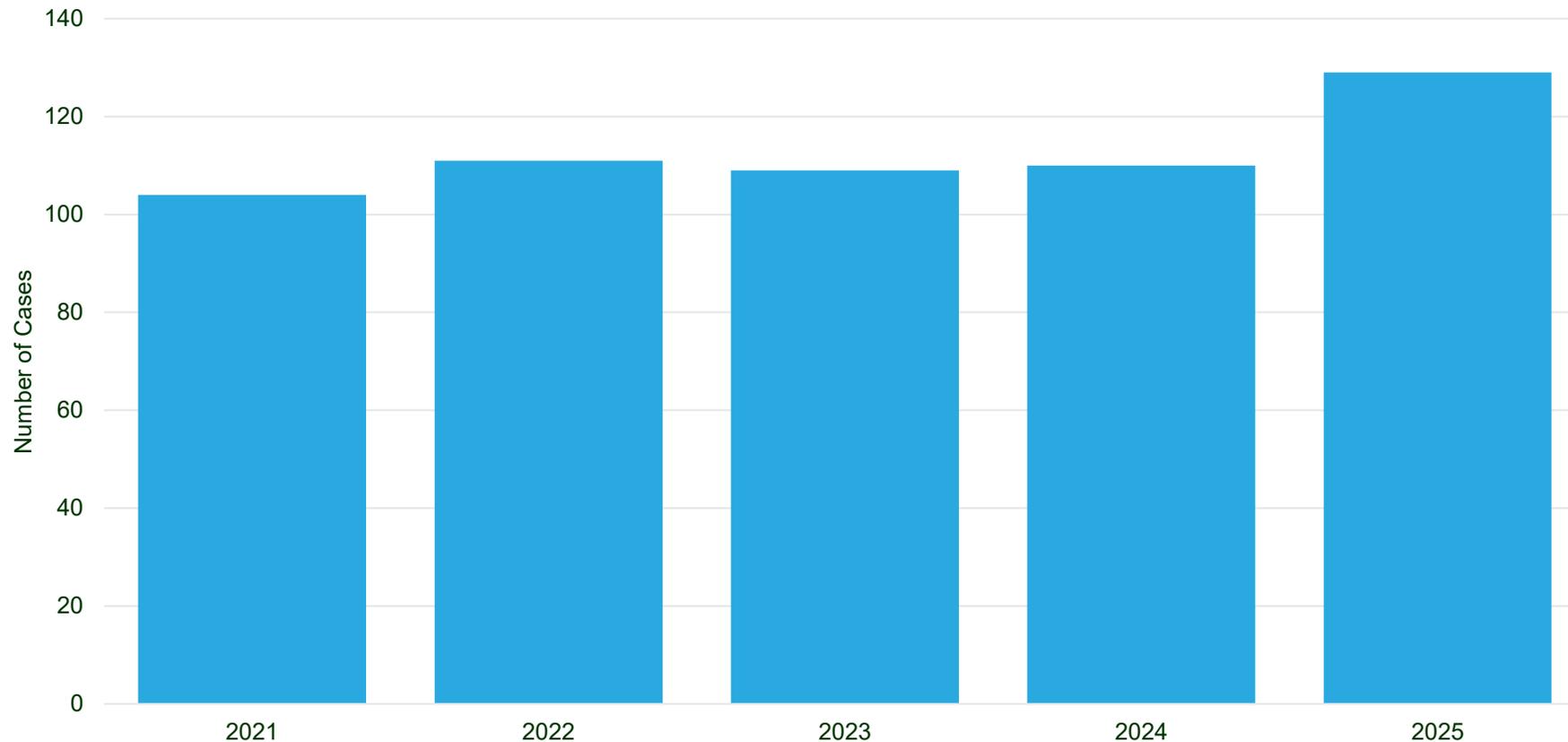
- The TB Program consists of about 35 multi-disciplinary staff



TB in King County

- Approximately 100 individuals are diagnosed with TB disease annually.
- An estimated 100,000 individuals are living with TB infection.

TB Case Counts in King County 2021–2025

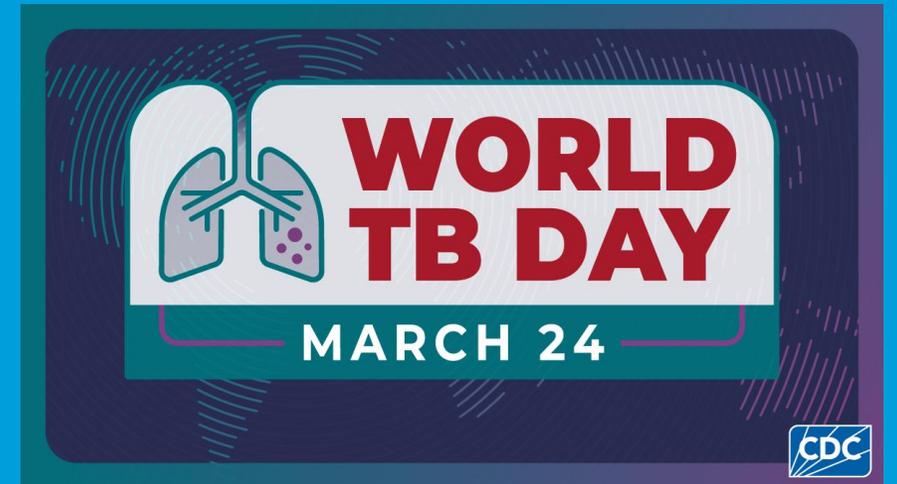


TB incidence
King County
~4.7/100,000

United States
2.9/100,000

World TB Day

- Observed annually on March 24 to commemorate the day Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of the germ that causes TB, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
- This year's theme is "Yes! We Can End TB!"
- World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world and recognize the public health professionals working diligently to prevent and treat TB.



Questions? Contact:

KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov

Tuberculosis Program

Public Health – Seattle & King County

Located at Harborview Medical Center

325 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: 206-744-4579

kingcounty.gov/TB



Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 26-04.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 24, 2026, as World
2 Tuberculosis Day in King County, Washington.

3 WHEREAS, each year on March 24, the global community recognizes World
4 Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness of the ongoing health, social, and economic impacts
5 of tuberculosis and to accelerate efforts to eliminate this preventable and curable disease,
6 and

7 WHEREAS, March 24 marks the historic 1882 announcement by Dr. Robert
8 Koch identifying *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as the cause of tuberculosis ("TB"), a
9 discovery that paved the way for modern diagnosis and treatment, and

10 WHEREAS, TB remains one of the world’s leading infectious disease killers,
11 taking an estimated 1.2 million lives globally in 2024, surpassing all other infectious
12 agents including COVID-19, and

13 WHEREAS, King County continues to experience a higher TB incidence than the
14 United States overall, with 110 reported cases in 2024—an incidence rate of 4.8 per
15 100,000, compared with 3.0 per 100,000 nationally, and

16 WHEREAS, TB disproportionately affects communities of color and immigrants
17 in King County, with 85 percent of 2024 cases occurring among people born outside the
18 United States, and

19 WHEREAS, TB continues to impact vulnerable populations, including seven
20 cases among people experiencing homelessness in 2024, underscoring the need for
21 sustained outreach, screening, and treatment access, and

22 WHEREAS, the King County TB program conducted 63 contact investigations in
23 2024, highlighting the essential role of surveillance and rapid response in preventing
24 transmission, and

25 WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 King County residents are living with latent
26 TB infection, and nearly all future active TB cases could be prevented through expanded
27 latent TB infection testing and treatment, and

28 WHEREAS, the TB program has strengthened prevention efforts by partnering
29 with community navigators, supporting refugees and immigrants with TB follow up, and
30 delivering multilingual education, and

31 WHEREAS, eliminating TB requires sustained commitment, culturally informed
32 care, community partnership, and equitable access to TB services for all residents,

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the King County Board of Health:

34 March 24, 2026, is proclaimed World Tuberculosis Day in King County,
35 Washington, and the Board calls upon all residents, healthcare providers, community
36 organizations, and public institutions to join in raising awareness, reducing stigma,

- 37 expanding prevention efforts, and supporting the ongoing work to eliminate tuberculosis
38 in our communities.

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Teresa Mosqueda, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None



Hazardous Waste Management Program

King County Board of Health Annual Update

Maythia Airhart, Program Director

Kendrick Stewart, Operations Manager

Matthew Weintraub, Government Relations Manager

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Today's Update



Program Overview and Refresher

- Purpose, History, Structure, and Services



Current Highlights

- Management Plan Update
- Policy and Legislative Priorities
- Community Engagement

Program Overview

Mission

Protect public health and environment from risks posed by hazardous materials.



Authorized By

County: King County Board of Health

State: WA State Dept. of Ecology



Service Area

2.3 million residents and more than 70,000 businesses across King County, and unincorporated areas.

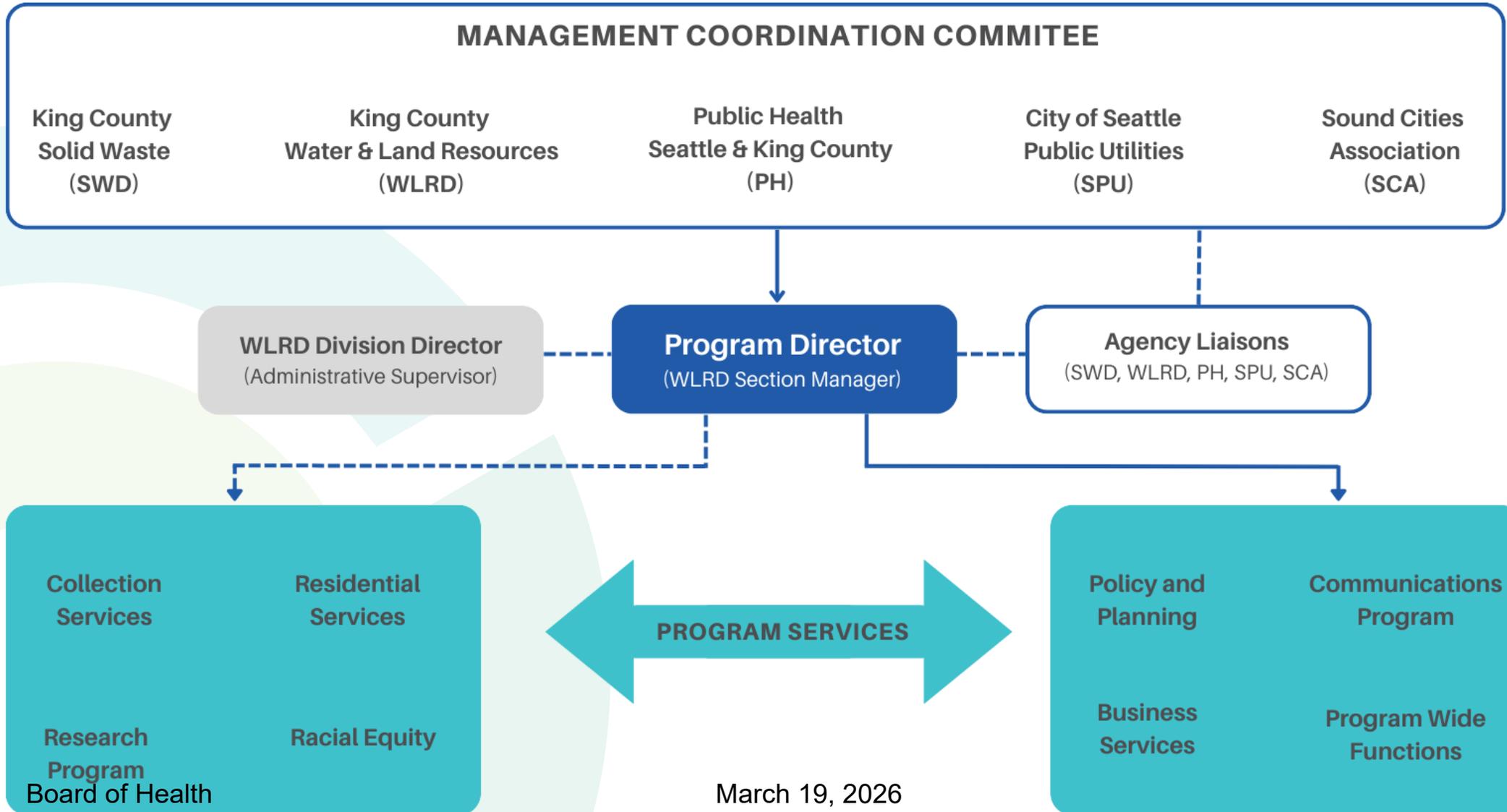


Unified Program

Managed by a Multi-Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee.



Program Structure

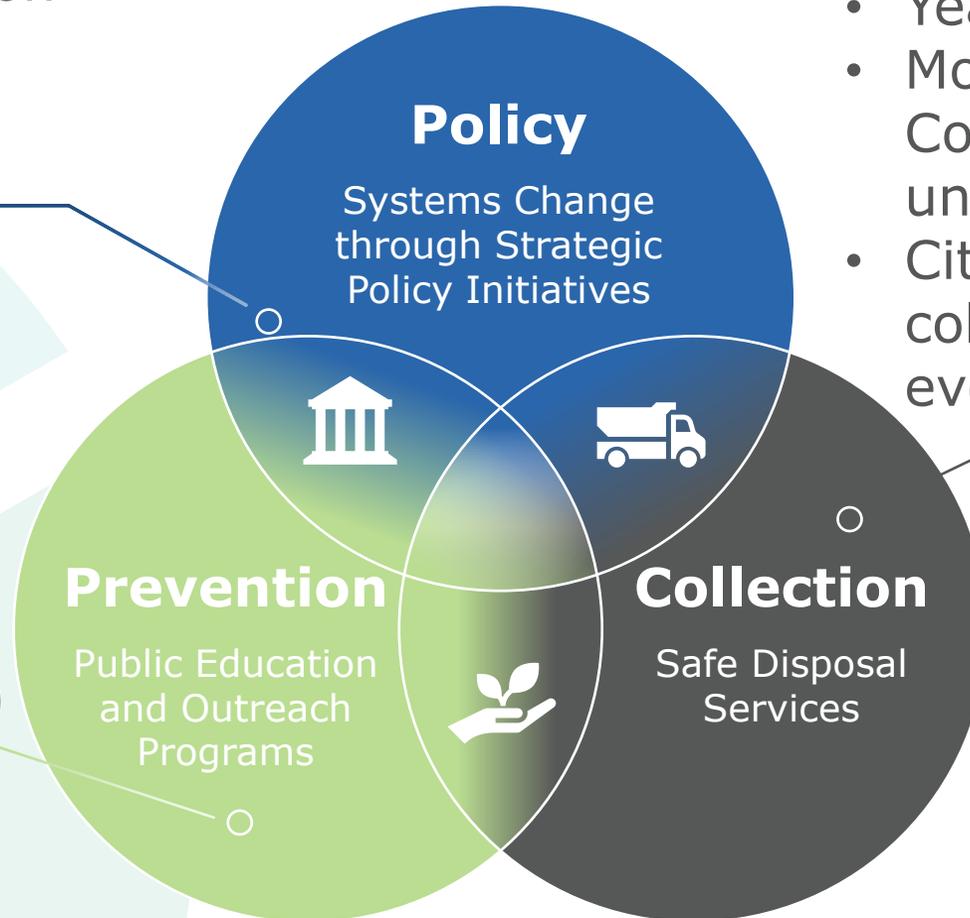


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Program Services

- EPR for all HHW
- Lead exposure reduction
- PFAS and chemical restrictions
- Exposure research

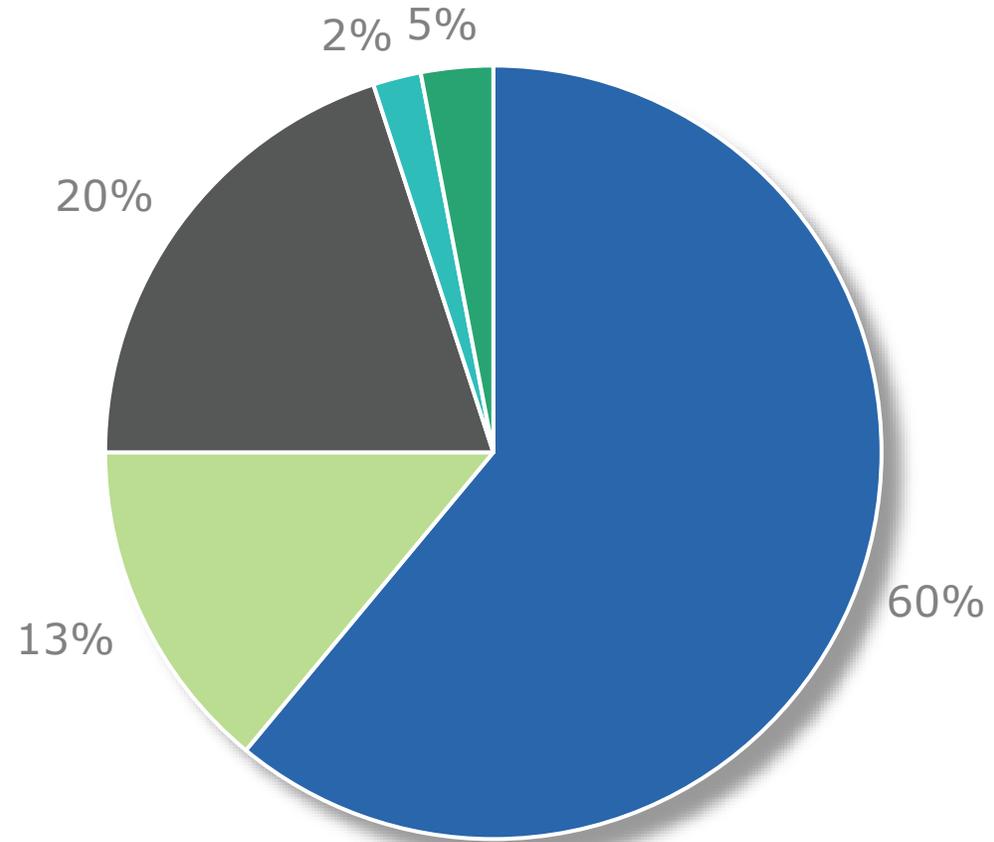
- Awareness and education
- Best practices training
- Customer support centers
- Small business assistance (Tech support & vouchers)



- Year-round collection facilities
- Mobile collection across King County including unincorporated
- City and Tribe Sponsored collection and education events

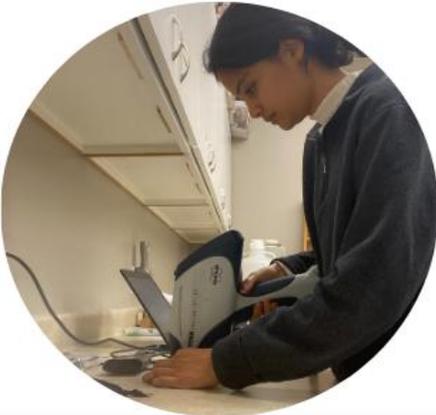
2025 Local Hazardous Waste Fund Sources

King County BOH sets hazardous waste fees and adjusts them periodically for inflation and service sustainability.



- Solid Waste Fees
- Wastewater Treatment Fees
- Transfer Station Fees
- WA State Grant
- Interest Income

Management Plan Timeline



2021-2024

2025-2028

2029-2032

- Continue services
- Understand underlying causes and priorities
- Design approaches with BIPOC communities and partners

- Pilot new ideas based on learnings
- Advance policies
- Evaluate performance

- Adaptively manage for effectiveness

2026 Legislative Overview

Upstream Solutions to Hazardous Materials

- Extended producer responsibility for paint (PaintCare)**
- Alterations to existing lead in cookware laws**
- Regulations on the sales and distribution of nitrous oxide**
- Cigarette, vape, and tobacco product policy
- Reducing microplastic pollution from washing machines
- Regulation of 6PPD in tires
- PFAS in agricultural products

- New requirements on plastic products and packaging
- Repealing pollution prevention and planning requirements
- Packaging requirements for cannabis and vape devices
- Increases in vape product taxes

Community Services Overview

A region-wide strategy to reduce toxic exposure through equity and access

PREVENTION	PROTECTION	UPSTREAM	EQUITY	ACCESS
 <p>Reduce Household & Community Exposure</p>	 <p>Address Business & Worker Chemical Risk</p>	 <p>Shift Risks Before it Reaches Communities</p>	 <p>Center Communities Most Impacted</p>	 <p>Connect Residents to Services</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Childhood lead response✓ Safer product and cleaning education✓ Multi-family housing partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ On-site small business assistance✓ Safer product replacement✓ Financial incentives to remove cost barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Youth stewardship & workforce education✓ Community informed policy engagement✓ Regional engagement partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ In-language & trans-created outreach✓ Equity centered outreach✓ Community co-design & partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Call center & expert hotline support✓ Mobile & fixed site disposal services✓ Year-round regional educational outreach

For more information

[Hazardous Waste Management Program – Homepage](#)

[2026 Wastemobile Schedule](#)

[2024 Annual Report](#)

[Hazardous Waste Program Management Plan](#)

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Food Safety Program Overview and Update on Unpermitted Food Vending

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Mission: We improve food safety to protect the public from foodborne illness

Board of Health

Topics

- Food Safety Program overview
- Common permitting barriers
- Unpermitted street food vending
 - Interagency collaboration
 - Addressing unpermitted vending
- FIFA World Cup 2026

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Program Overview

~60 staff (45 field staff) who speak 16 languages

Services Provided Annually:

Permit and inspect:

- More than 12,000 permanent food businesses such as restaurants, delis, groceries, meat shops, coffee shops
- 3,500 temporary food businesses
- 50 farmers markets
- 800 mobile food units (e.g., food trucks, carts)
- More than 400 donated food distributing organizations

Review and approve:

- 800 - 1,000 new plan review applications

Investigate and respond to:

- More than 1,000 complaints

Food Safety Training and Community Engagement

Select a tab by year below to display a list of King County investigations and state and national outbreaks with reported King County cases

2026 INVESTIGATIONS 2025 INVESTIGATIONS 2024 INVESTIGATIONS STATE AND NATIONAL OUTBREAKS

→ [Illnesses associated with the consumption of raw oysters](#)

Date posted	Last updated	Food business	Suspected organism
12-22-25	01-13-26	Tokyo Stop Teriyaki	Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> O157
12-16-25	12-16-25	Mizuki Buffet	
12-09-25	01-13-26	Kanishka Cuisine of India	
11-14-25	11-14-25	Stripe's workplace cafe	
11-13-25	11-13-25	Seastar Restaurant & Bar	



- Food handler training (50k food worker cards issued annually)
- Community-based information sessions to provide 1:1 support to new food vendors
- Online quarterly stakeholder meetings
- Media engagement including interviews, blogs, and social media
- Visit **kingcounty.gov/foodsafety** to:
 - Search food safety ratings for every permitted food business
 - View public disclosures of food-related illness outbreaks
 - Subscribe to quarterly food safety newsletter (>14k subscribers)

RESTAURANT NAME Search

Filter by

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<p>20 Corners Brewing Co. 14148 Ne 190th St Woodinville, WA 98072 (425) 375-5223</p>	<p>GOOD HISTORY</p>
<p>206 Burger 1329 N 45th St Ste 109 Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 805-9222</p>	<p>N/A RATING NOT AVAILABLE HISTORY</p>
<p>2 Fingers Social 9211 Delridge Way Sw Seattle, WA 98106 (425) 281-0686</p>	<p>GOOD HISTORY</p>

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Unpermitted Street Food Vending

There are different types of unpermitted vendors. Some vendors lack knowledge or resources to obtain a permit, whereas others have both knowledge/resources but refuse to do so.

Concerns include:

- Increased risk of foodborne illness
- Public safety risks (fire and zoning)
- Illegal dumping of waste in stormwater drains
- Potential labor standards violations/labor trafficking
- Economic damage to permitted food businesses through unfair competition
- Lost revenue: licensing, taxes, jobs
- Food inspector safety
- Tensions between permitted & unpermitted vendors



Permitting Barriers & Implemented Strategies

Barrier	Strategy
Navigating permitting process	Contract with community organizations to conduct outreach and support with permit applications; information sessions
Financial	Prorated permit fees
Access to commercial kitchens	6-month commissary kitchen vouchers for up to 15 hours per week (\$750); commissary kitchen map at kingcounty.gov/commissary
Lead time to obtain a license and permit	Reduced plan review turnaround time
Language barriers	Developing translated resources and offering interpretation

Commissary Kitchen Map
Public Health - Seattle & King County Food Safety Program

Number of Kitchens Selected: 36

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	Chop Kitchen (2 locations)	Clandestine Commissary	CuliNex Kitchens	Cultiva
Address	10231 16th Ave SW, Seattle, WA, 98146	3518 Fremont Pl N, Seattle, WA, 98103	360 Corporate Drive N, Tukwila, WA, 98188	1251 S C
Email	chopkitchens@gmail.com	zach@ripecatering.com	kitcheninfo@culinex.biz	crystal@
Phone	206-551-4584	206-387-1702	N/A	206-963
Website	https://www.chopkitchens.com/	NA	https://culinexkitchens.biz/contact/	
Kitchen Type	Commercial Commissary Kitchen	Restaurant/Caterer	Commercial Commissary Kitchen	Donated
Other Kitchen Type				
Rental Types			Monthly	Hourly, 1
Rate	5-month leases available. Two rental packages available. 1. Part-time with limit of 20 hrs per week and minimal storage 750/month + 5% utilities. 2. Full time with a dedicated prep station (more storage) 1300/month + 10% utilities	\$350/month for 1/day/week access to \$1800-\$2000 full-time access	Culinex Kitchens is not available for single event or ad-hoc rentals. Tenants sign month to month agreements that are based on the number of hours per week/month and type of resources needed (i.e., dry/refrigerated/frozen storage).	

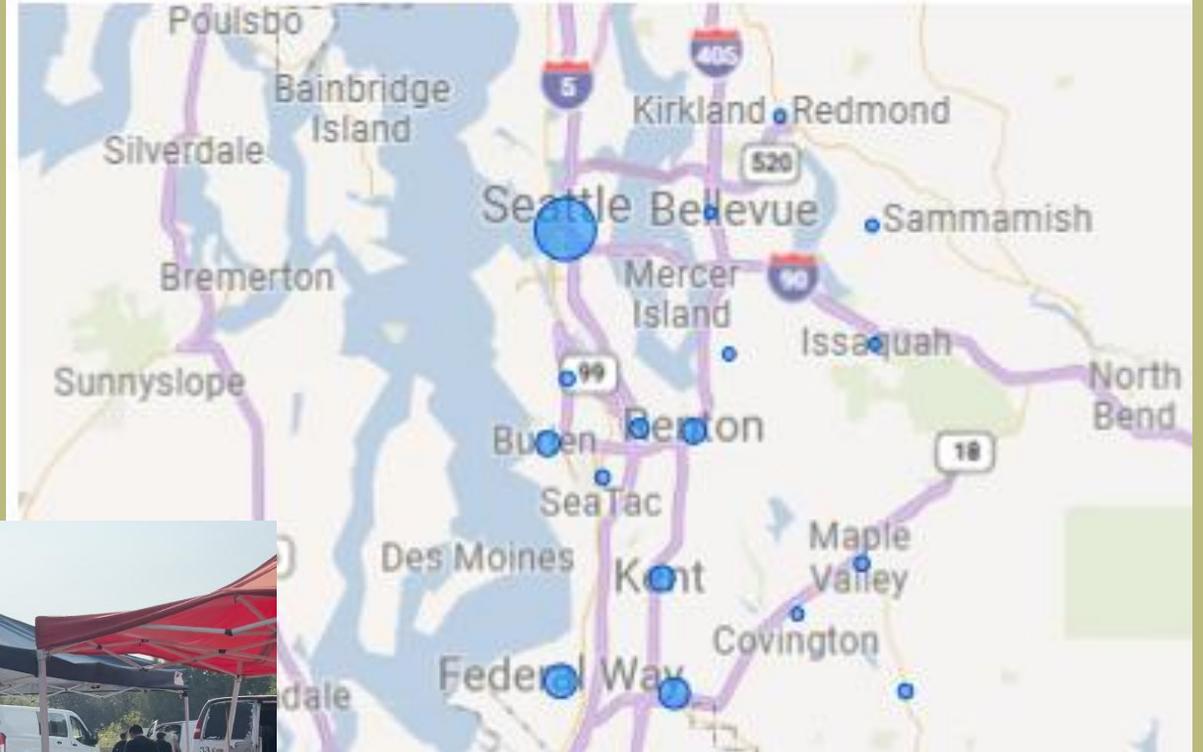


Unpermitted Street Food Vending Trends

Complaints and Closures



Count of Closures by City (2025)



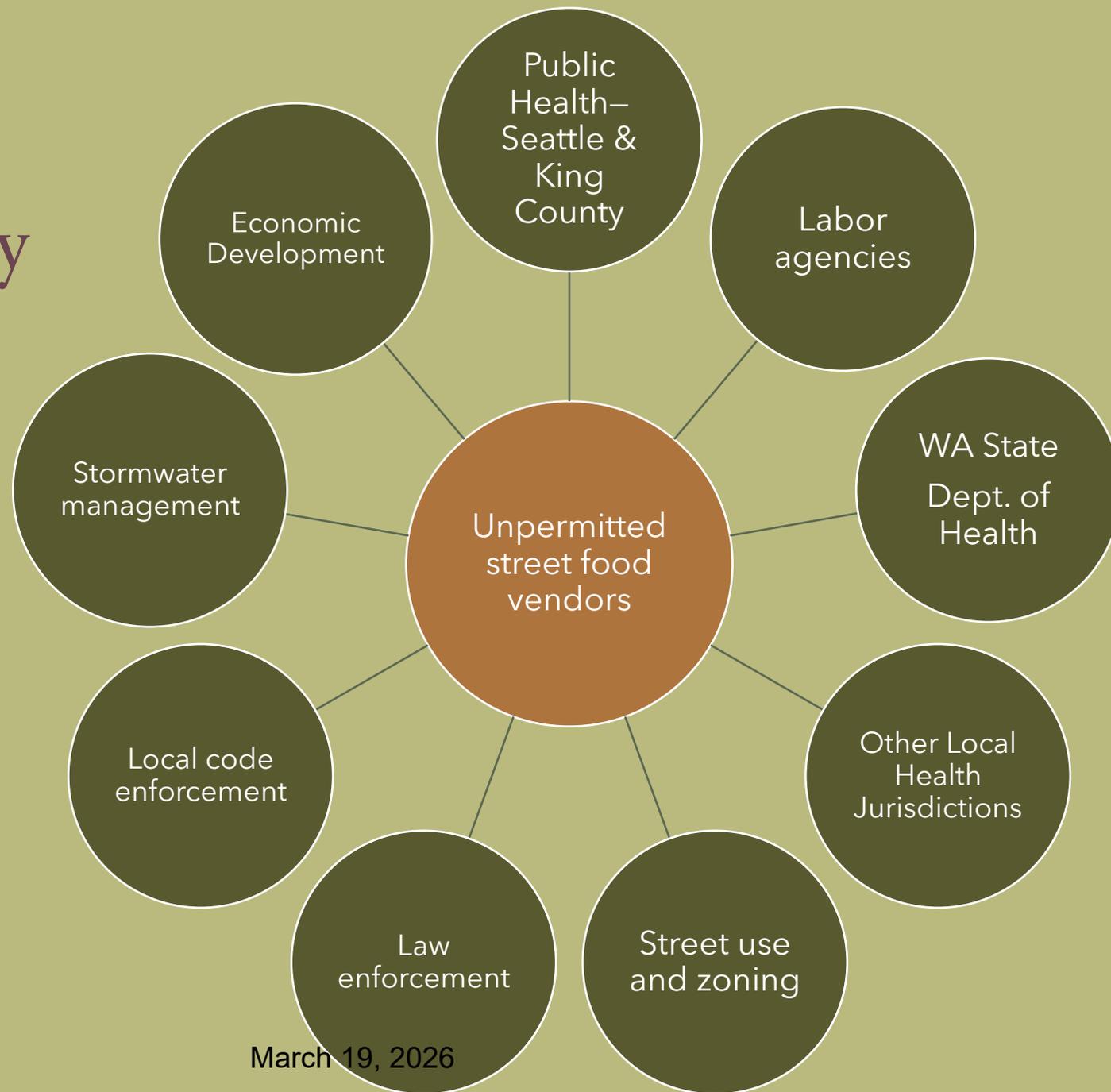
Annual increase in closures is driven mainly by what appear to be centrally organized networks of vendors who:

- Run large operations (not small “Mom-and-Pop” shops)
- Work out of makeshift residential units
- Prepare large amounts of food
- Work across county and state lines
- Refuse to engage with Public Health
- Reopen as soon as inspectors walk away



Board of Health

Interagency collaboration is key



Public Health Efforts to Address Unpermitted Street Food Vending



- Engagement with community-based organizations (CBOs), including information sessions with 1:1 support to reduce barriers to permitting
- Commissary kitchen voucher program
- Public education
- Engagement with Sound Cities Association
- Coordination with City of Seattle (OED, SDOT, SPD, SCDI, Fire, Parks, code enforcement) and other cities
- Collaboration with the Washington State Dept. of Health and other local health jurisdictions on state codes & potential interagency task force
- Progressive compliance plan

Community Voices

"Our primary concern is regarding public health and safety. Violations of the food code can make people very sick, or worse. **We don't want the public to ever question the safety of food prepared by mobile food vendors, which is why this issue is of such great concern and importance to us...**

The prevalence of unlicensed and unpermitted food vendors is a real slap in the face to legitimate food service establishments that are obtaining and paying for the required licenses and permits and are strictly complying with the food code."

- Lori Johnson, Executive Director, WA State Food Truck Association

"Until recently, I was preparing my food in a licensed commissary kitchen, but it closed a few months ago. Since then, I have been without a commissary, which has made it very difficult to prepare food safely and remain in compliance with health requirements. I am seeking a voucher to help cover commissary kitchen fees so I can continue operating responsibly and legally...**Receiving this voucher would be a big help... allowing me to focus on preparing food safely, supporting my family, and keeping my business going...**

Access to a commissary kitchen is essential for my business, and this support would make a meaningful difference for me and my family."

- Commissary Voucher Applicant

FIFA World Cup 2026



We are part of a broader effort on preparedness and response to support food safety for FIFA.

Public Health's focus is:

- Responding to an increase in food permitting requests
- Conducting an increased number of food safety inspections
- Responding to foodborne illness outbreaks
- Addressing unpermitted food vending activity



Thank you!

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2026 State Legislative Session Update

Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer

King County Board of Health

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Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$30 million annual system-wide reduction
- SB 5998 / HB 2289 - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.



Loss from Vapor Product Tax Account

- \$20 million annual shortfall of vapor tax revenues.
- SB 6129 - Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products.



- Environmental Health & Clean Water
- Tracking of Communicable Diseases
- Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Mitigation
- Data Assessment and Information
- Communications & System Infrastructure

2026 State Session - Policy

Local Government Revenue

- HB 2442 - Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.

Public Health

- HB 2242 - Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.

Food Access

- HB 2238 - Concerning statewide food security.

Access to Care

- HB 2385 - Concerning the Medicaid access program.
- HB 2548 - Strengthening health care market standards.

2026 State Session – Policy Cont'd

Environmental Health and Climate Change

- SB 6291 - Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections.
- SB 6188 - Concerning the department of labor and industries' authority to enact rules related to regulating asbestos training.

Gun Violence

- HB 2320 - Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing.

Data Protections

- SB 5906 - Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.

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