



# King County

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Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Agenda Board of Health

**Metropolitan King County Councilmembers:** *Teresa Mosqueda, Chair;  
Reagan Dunn, Rhonda Lewis, Pete von Reichbauer  
Alternate: Vacant*

**City of Seattle Members:** *Dionne Foster, Vice Chair; Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck  
Alternate: Rob Saka*

**Sound Cities Association Members:** *Amy Falcone, Victoria Schroff, Vacant;  
Alternates: Hugo Garcia, Satwinder Kaur, Cheryl Paquette*

**Public Health, Facilities, and Providers:** *Butch de Castro, PhD, MSN/MPH, RN, FAAN;  
Lisa Chew, MD, MPH; Katherine Gudgel, MS Alternate: Karen Hartfield*

**Consumers of Public Health:** *Quiana Daniels, BS, RN, LPN, Vice Chair;  
Mustafa Mohammed, MD, MBCHB, MHP, LAAC, AAC Alternate: LaMont Green (Gullah), DSW*

**Community Stakeholders:** *Christopher Archiopoli, Victor Loo Alternate: Françoise Milinganyo*

**Muckleshoot Indian Tribe:** *Jaison Elkins; Alternate: Andrea N. Thomas, MHA*

**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 Acting Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health  
Staff: Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board Administrator - KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov**

**1:00 PM**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

**Hybrid Meeting**

### SPECIAL MEETING

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**HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. **In person:** You may attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers.
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- 2) Watch King County TV on Comcast Channel 22 and 322(HD) and Astound Broadband Channels 22 and 711(HD).

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**
4. **Public Comments**
5. **Chair's Report**

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6. Director's Report **PG 4**

**Briefings**

7. BOH Briefing No. 26-B09 **PG 23**

State Legislative Session Wrap Up

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

8. BOH Briefing No. 26-B10 **PG 28**

Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention Update

*Eleuthera Lisch, Director, Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

*Rafael Padilla, Chief of Police, City of Kent*

*Mark Rivers, Deputy Director, Community Passageways*

9. BOH Briefing No. 26-B11

Update on Implementation of BOH25-02

*Dylan Orr, Director, Environmental Health Services Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

*Julie Horowitz, Strategic Advisor, Environmental Health Services Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

10. Board Member Updates

Adjournment

If you have questions or need additional information about this agenda, please call (206) 263-0365, or write to Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator via email at [KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov)



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# Director's Report

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

King County Board of Health  
April 29, 2026

**Public Health**  
Seattle & King County



# April Updates

- Public Health Week
- FIFA preparations
- Employee Recognitions

# Public Health Week

## April 6-10



King County

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## RECOGNITION

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**WHEREAS**, Public Health – Seattle & King County delivers on the promise of longer, healthier lives through strong inter-governmental relations, community leadership, scientific advancement, and partnership with our 2.3 million residents and communities in urban, suburban, and rural King County; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination across local, state, and federal governments forms the backbone of clean water, safe food, disease prevention, and emergency response, as people across jurisdictions and systems understand that good health does not happen by chance, but is built on a foundation of safety and sanitation laws that protect us all; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health – Seattle & King County is committed to advancing the best available science and evidence in all its work, recognizing that science is not abstract, but foundational to longer, healthier lives, as seen throughout history with vaccines, sanitation, seatbelts, and safer workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, public health is not something done to residents, but something created with them, as individuals and communities shape outcomes through daily choices, collective advocacy, and shared responsibility;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gimay Zahilay, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2026, as

### **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

in King County and ask all residents to join me in celebrating the many successes of Public Health – Seattle & King County, while renewing our collective commitment to strengthening the systems, science and community partnerships that keep us healthy.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Gimay Zahilay  
King County Executive

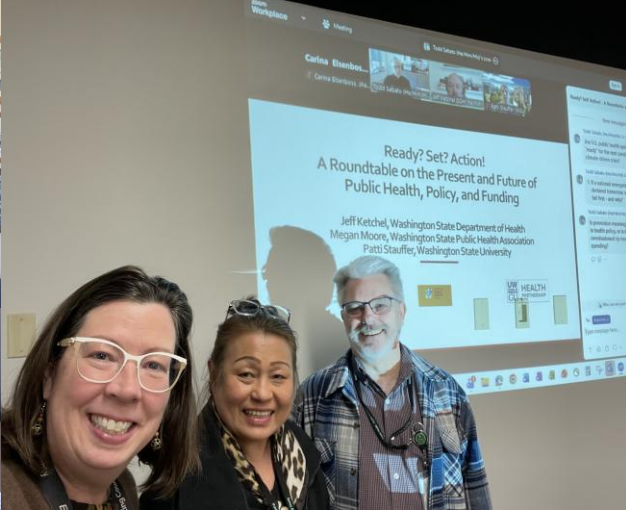
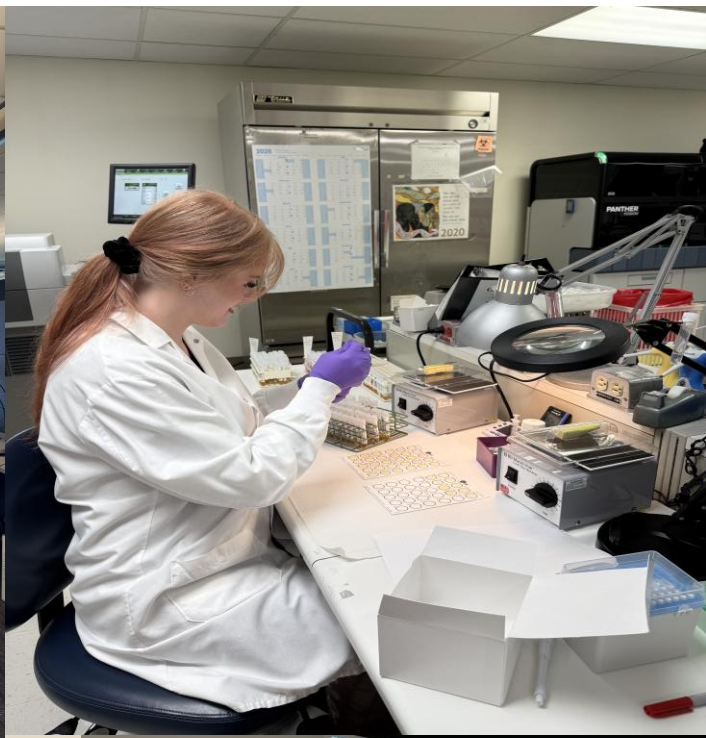


**Hosted Executive Zahilay at  
our Downtown Public Health  
Center**

**Leadership thank you visits  
across our divisions and  
programs**

**Grateful to 1700+ Public  
Health staff county-wide --  
working for you!**





THE WORLD CUP IS COMING TO

SEATTLE

**Event Coordination Planning  
2026 FIFA World Cup**

**Public Health**  
Seattle & King County



# Overview

## 2026 FIFA World Cup June 11, 2026 - July 19, 2026

- First tournament to be spread across multiple cities and multiple countries.
- Expanded to 48 teams from 32 teams.
- Largest sporting event ... ever?! *Like hosting 6 Super Bowls over three weeks.*

## Important Dates

- Arrival of *Team TBD* to Base Camp in Renton - May 2026
- Six matches in Seattle: June 15, 2026 - July 6, 2026.
- **Friday, June 19 - Team USA plays in Seattle**
- Tournament overlaps Juneteenth, Pride, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States)






# FIFA WORLD CUP 26™ MATCH SCHEDULE

## GROUP STAGE

BELGIUM  V  EGYPT  
JUNE 15 - 12:00 PM PT

USA  V  AUSTRALIA  
JUNE 19 - 12:00 PM PT

ITA/NIR/WAL/BIH  V  QATAR  
JUNE 24 - 12:00 PM PT

EGYPT  V  IR IRAN  
JUNE 26 - 8:00 PM PT

## ROUND OF 32

1G  V  3AEHIJ  
JULY 1 - 1:00 PM PT

## ROUND OF 16

W81  V  W82  
JULY 6 - 5:00 PM PT

# Other Activities and Locations



- **Basecamps:** Sounders Clubhouse (Renton), Gonzaga University (Spokane)
- **Practice Facilities:** University Washington Soccer Stadium, Seattle University Championship Field
- **Fan Celebrations:** Seattle Center, Waterfront Park, Pacific Place, Victory Hall in SODO ... plus additional cities will be hosting “fan zones” or viewing parties.

# Public Health – Seattle & King County 2026 World Cup Event Coordination

- Planning by Public Health staff to sustain department operations and monitor, mitigate, and respond to conditions which may lead to a public health emergency.
- Planning is under way to maintain continuity of operations (COOP) and keep up with an increased demand for routine services.



# Matches will impact ...

## Continuity of operations

Public Health has services that must be maintained 24/7/365. This includes King County Medic One, Jail Health Services, and the Medical Examiner's Office.

## Increased demand for routine services

Partners are depending on Public Health to ensure the health and safety of World Cup events. We will conduct disease surveillance and inspect and permit food vendors. We also anticipate additional EMS calls and additional cases managed by the Medical Examiner's Office.

# Matches *may* impact ...

## Emergency response

Due to the World Cup's scope and size, Public Health will use an incident management structure for day-to-day coordination. This allows us to be forward-leaning for emergencies, which may include disease outbreaks, extreme heat, and mass casualty incidents. Liaisons will be deployed to the Seattle EOC and King County EOC on match days.

## Recent incidents at sporting events

NEWS  
Chaos Erupts as Thousands of Copa  
America Soccer Fans Stampede in Miami

Driver arrested on  
suspicion of attempted  
murder after plowing into  
crowd at Liverpool soccer  
parade

Players and fans at the Club World Cup  
are coping with high temperatures as a  
heat wave hits US

Notre Dame vs. Georgia in Sugar Bowl  
postponed after deadly New Orleans  
truck attack

The dreaded norovirus has hit the Winter  
Olympics. At least 199 people are sick.

# Takeaways

## **This summer will be busy.**

Seattle is hosting six matches over three weeks, plus fan celebrations. We may see 750,000 individuals traveling to our region.

## **Event plans are still taking shape.**

Team logistics, security and traffic plans are still being finalized. Public Health is actively engaged with local, state, and federal partners to coordinate.

## **We're getting ready.**

Public Health will be ready to maintain critical 24/7 operations, meet an increased demand for services, and be prepared for any emergencies that may occur. We will activate our incident management structure to be ready to respond to potential incidents like disease outbreaks, extreme heat, or scenes of violence.



# 2026 Q1 Service Awards

Employees who served at least 15 years at Public Health - Seattle & King County.



**Years**

**Katie Heidere**, Prevention  
**Nancy Tuck**, Administrative Services  
**Tracey Le**, Community Health Services



**Years**

**Nancy Corgiat**, Community Health Services  
**Tri To**, Community Health Services  
**Heather Maisen**, Community Health Services  
**Mayra Odenana**, Community Health Services  
**Josephine Ashley**, Community Health Services  
**Silvia Cully**, Community Health Services  
**Ghia Coloma**, Jail Health Services  
**Violeta Souza-Arceo**, Community Health Services  
**Laura Stuart**, Community Health Services  
**Tishawna Smith**, Emergency Medical Services



**Years**

**Timothy Kuo**, Community Health Services  
**Lesley Nash**, Community Health Services  
**Miguel Urquiza**, Community Health Services



**Years**

**Michelle Pennylegion**, Community Health Services  
**Steven Nastruz**, Environmental Health Services  
**Tim Yee**, Jail Health Services  
**Sean Dumas**, Jail Health Services  
**Doris Dyar**, Community Health Services  
**Linh Le**, Prevention



**Years**

**Dan Moran**, Environmental Health Services



**Years**

**Jim Sandlin**, Emergency Medical Services



# 2026 Q1 Retirements

**Jennifer Johnson**, Permit Technician in Environmental Health Services (18 years of service)  
**George Jennings**, Truck Driver in Administrative Services (26 years of service)  
**Richard Barber**, Disease Research and Intervention Specialist in Prevention (19 years of service)  
**Pam Look**, Administrative Specialist II in Community Health Services (27 years of service)  
**Eileen Chikamura**, Nutritionist II in Community Health Services (39 years of service)  
**Ronda Denbo**, Public Health Nurse in Community Health Services (27 years of service)  
**Monty Nelson**, Forensic Medicolegal Death Investigator in Prevention (27 years of service)  
**Mary Law**, Nutritionist I in Community Health Services (25 years of service)  
**Nancy Corgiat**, Registered Nurse in Community Health Services (20 years of service)  
**Donah Bajet-Gerona**, Dentist in Community Health Services (20 years of service)  
**Cindy Marshall**, Health and Environmental Investigator III in Environmental Health Services (24 years of service)  
**Barry Peterson**, Lead Forensic Autopsy Technician in Prevention (28 years of service)  
**Mark Brownell**, Paramedic in Emergency Medical Services (28<sup>14</sup> years of service)  
**Syvia Feder**, Paramedic in Emergency Medical Services (33 years of service)

**Thank you for your service  
at Public Health - Seattle & King County  
and happy retirement!**



# Thank you!

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**King County**  
King County Board of Health  
Director's Report

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Date: April 29, 2026

Prepared by: Dr. Sandra J. Valenciano, Health Officer and Interim Director, Public Health –  
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**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](#)

Please share these stories with your networks:

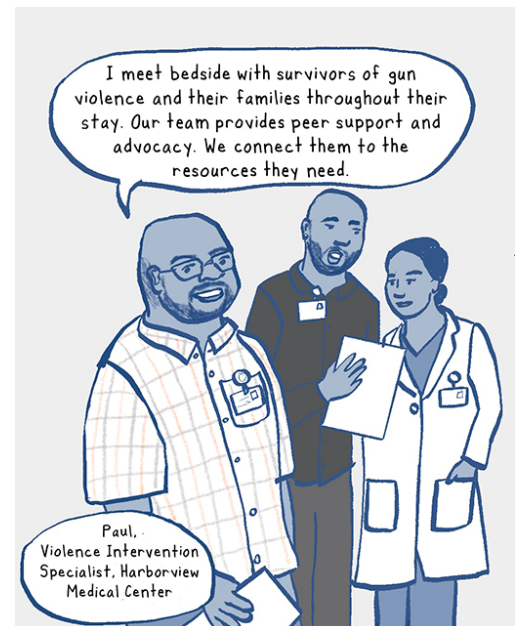
**Survivors aren't alone: Family support inside a hospital**

New comic on the Public Health Insider – part 3 of an ongoing series: When a survivor of gun violence arrives at the local trauma hospital, they need support that goes beyond just medical treatment. In this comic strip, we meet Paul from the Violence Intervention & Prevention Program that offers survivors and their families bedside support and immediate assistance with basic needs.

The Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention partners with Harborview Medical Center to deliver a violence prevention and intervention program and victim support services within the hospital. Harborview Medical Center's Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (VIPP) team provides extensive bedside support and helps meet immediate basic needs for patients with firearm injuries and their families.

View online: Part 3: [Survivors aren't alone: Family support inside a hospital – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)

Part 2: [Shots fired: On the scene with a violence interrupter – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)



## **National Public Health Week – April 6-10**

I was excited to host King County Executive Girmay Zahilay at our Downtown Public Health Center for Public Health Week, [following his official proclamation](#). He connected with front-line staff serving our community, representing two of his administrations 4 B's priorities -- Breaking the Cycle and Be in Community. [We took a moment at the end of his visit to shoot a video](#) about the ways our staff serve people every day for safer and healthier communities. In addition to our Downtown Center visit, I joined with leaders across our department to visit and thank staff for their deep dedication to public service.

## **March 24 Food Access Now: Advancing Local Solutions to Food Insecurity**

The Food Access Now Forum was a success, with about 160 participants. Thank you to Kimi Lee King from Board member Debora Juarez's office for joining the conversation! Federal budget cuts are reshaping food access in King County, challenging local leaders to develop innovative solutions that keep healthy food within reach for low-income residents. The event brought together food system leaders, advocates, and policymakers to discuss the future of food access in our region. Public Health will release a blog post on the Public Health Insider summarizing the event, including videos of interviews with attendees. Summary notes from each of the breakout sessions will be shared back with attendees and lead agencies to help inform the future implementation phases for each topic area: Leveraging Medicaid-Funded Nutrition Supports, Boosting Farm to Community Programs, and Initiating a Countywide Produce Subsidy.



The summary of notes regarding leveraging Medicaid-funded nutrition supports will be shared with state leadership at the Healthcare Authority and the Department of Social and Health Services, in addition to the team at the City of Seattle responsible for administering the rollout of nutrition supports for Medicaid members across King County.

The notes from the Boosting Farm to Community Programs session will be shared with the team at King County's Local Food Initiative housed in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, as they proceed with convening the Food Systems Advisory Council to move forward their top 10 priority actions.

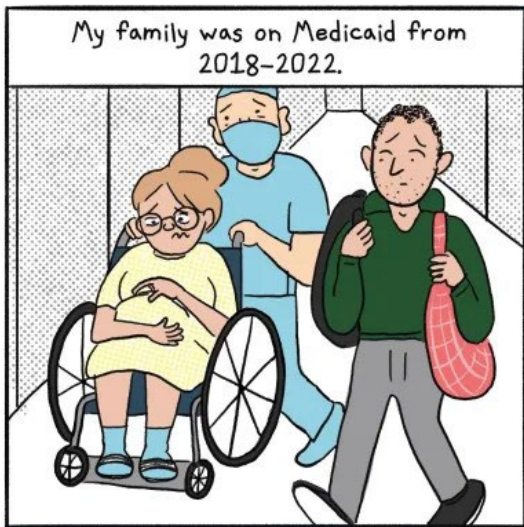
Public Health's Food Policy Team will be convening a 10-community member Codesign Team over the next few months to develop an action plan toward a countywide produce subsidy, modeled after the City of Seattle's Fresh Bucks program. Lastly, information gathered from the event will help inform the implementation phase of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan's flagship strategy to increase food access and food security.

## **Update -- WA State Board of Health School Environmental Health & Safety Rule**

In October 2025, Public Health’s [School Environmental Health & Safety Program](#) staff members briefed the King County Board of Health about the Washington State Board of Health’s effort to modernize environmental health standards for schools. We shared that for more than 15 years, a proviso in the state operating budget (2009 ESHB 1244) has blocked implementation of new school rules without legislative funding.

However, in the 2026 session, the Legislature amended—though did not remove—this restriction, allowing Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) to begin rulemaking. In 2025, SBOH and its Technical Advisory Committee drafted a potential new rule (chapter 246-370 WAC) to modernize environmental health and safety standards for K–12 schools, replacing the outdated chapter 246-366 WAC, which is over 60 years old and does not reflect current knowledge about environmental risks to student health.

This summer, SBOH will start rulemaking for the Phase 1 section of the draft rule, focusing on developing plans such as extreme temperature readiness and indoor air quality, which do not have additional funding needs. Public Health will help inform the plan development. Afterwards, SBOH can start rulemaking for Phases 2 and 3, but these cannot be implemented until the Legislature authorizes funding for them. Phase 2 requires a routine inspection of all schools by Local Health Jurisdictions.



### **Leda’s Story: How Medicaid helps families thrive**

In this comic, Leda, a mother of two young children, shares how Medicaid and SNAP made a crucial difference in the lives of her family, helping them stay afloat during a rough patch. It’s a familiar situation for many people who need short-term, additional support to thrive in the long-term.

View online: [Leda's Story: How Medicaid helps families thrive – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)

### **Free Webinar! “Ins and Outs of Boosters: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know”**

Join King County’s Target Zero Coalition for this free and informative 90-minute webinar focused on the important transition from into and out of a booster seat. Learn when to know whether your child is ready to move into a booster, and when they are big enough to fit just the seat belt alone. Learn critical information that is going to help keep your elementary school child as safe as possible in the car.

April 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

OR

May 12, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InsandOutsofBoosters>



**TARGET ZERO**  
KING COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COALITION



**9 OUT OF 10 KIDS  
MOVE OUT OF A BOOSTER  
TOO SOON**

**IS YOURS ONE OF THEM?**

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**REGISTER NOW**

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# 2026 State Legislative Session Wrap Up

Simon Vila, Government Relations Officer

King County Board of Health

April 29th, 2026

# 2026 State Session - Fiscal

## Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)



### Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$30 million annual system-wide reduction
- Restored by Legislature through SB 5998 - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.



### Loss from Vapor Product Tax Account

- \$21 million annual shortfall of vapor tax revenues.
- SB 6129 - Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products.

## Operating Budget: Noteworthy

### H.R. 1 Response

- Cascades Care Premium Assistance
- Food Access

### Onetime System-wide Investments

- Newborn Screening Program
- Increased Access to Reproductive Health Services

### Ongoing System-wide Reductions

- Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention
- First Responders Naloxone Kits

### Increased Funding

- King County's Airport Air Quality and Asthma Project

# 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.
- HB 2294 - Prohibiting negative use restrictions on real property that have the effect of limiting consumer access to food and medicine.

## Access to Health 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.
- HB 2338 - Authorizing community scaled weatherization projects

## Gun Violence

- HB 2320 - Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing.

## Access to Housing

- SB 6027 - Modifying certain funding and exemptions related to providing and maintaining affordable housing and related services.
- HB 2266 - Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters.

# Questions?

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# King County Board of Health

## Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention Overview & Update

- Eleuthera Lisch, Director- Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention
- Chief Rafael Padilla, City of Kent Police Department
- Mark Rivers, Deputy Director- Community Passageways

**April 29, 2026**

**Public Health**  
Seattle & King County



**Regional Office of  
Gun Violence Prevention**



## Mission:

Taking a public health approach, the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention (ROGVP) collaborates with community and across systems to deliver community-centered services to reduce gun violence in King County.

ROGVP's work is organized around four core strategies:

- **Coordination**
- **Prevention**
- **Intervention**
- **Stabilization & Restoration**



# Coordination

Aligns key partners to create a unified public safety network, joint collaborative responses and resource maximization.

## Coordination Services:

- Strategic guidance and technical assistance
- Cross department/government coordination
- Rapid Post Incident Response and Neighborhood Stabilization
- Contract oversight, training, and capacity building
- Evaluation



# Prevention

Raises awareness of services and resources, promotes harm reduction strategies, engages with residents and directly impacted communities to identify needs and collaboratively implement solutions.

## Prevention Services

- Public education and awareness campaign implementation
- Community engagement in directly impacted communities
- Convening & facilitation of public safety meetings
- Harm reduction activities (safe-storage device distribution, Stop the Bleed trainings, etc.)
- Collaboration on emerging youth violence prevention initiatives



# Intervention

Through contracted providers, the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention provides intensive services and supports for individuals directly impacted by gun violence and firearm injury.



## Community-based Intervention Services Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC)

**Population Focus:** Individuals ages 12-24 who are at risk of becoming perpetrators or victims in the near term.

### Services:

- Violence interruption and critical incident response
- Street outreach
- Intensive engagement and cognitive behavioral interventions
- School safety and safe passage
- Community safety operations at vigils, funerals, memorials, public events.

**Current Service Areas:** Burien, Kent, Federal Way, Renton and the Skyway and White Center areas of unincorporated King County.



# Hospital-based Intervention Services

## Harborview Medical Center

Harborview Medical Center's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP) provides support for all victims of firearm injury.

### Services:

- Extensive bedside support
- Immediate basic needs assistance
- Referral to RPKC for eligible individuals
- Bereavement and trauma support



## Stabilization & Restoration Services

Coordinates supports for individuals, residents, schools, businesses and communities recovering after incidents of gun violence.

### Stabilization & Restoration Services

- Survivor engagement
- Post Incident rapid response
- Neighborhood stabilization by coordinating with King Count/City departments and community providers



# Declines in Firearm Injury rates were seen within all of RPKC's 5 geographic hubs

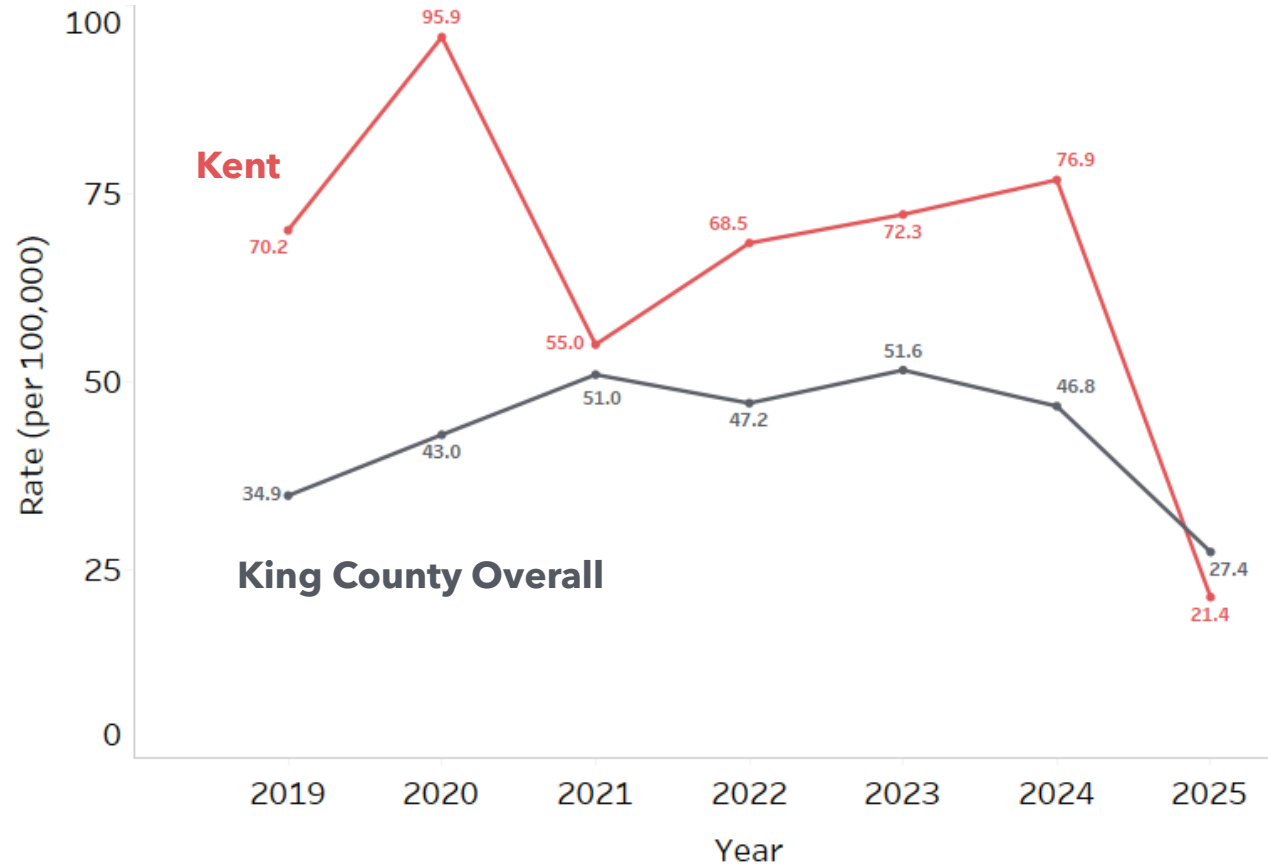
RPKC has implemented services in 5 Geographic Service Areas (GSAs). These GSAs are made up of 12 HRAs. In 2025, they accounted for 27% (158 of 575) of all KC EMS firearm injury encounters.

GSA	Overall rate trend	2025 rate per 100,000	2025 count of injuries	Percent of total firearm injuries (2025) that this GSA accounts for	RPKC services *RPKC soft launches services in South King County in 2021
<b>Kent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 2019 - 2023</li> <li>↓ 2023 - 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 32%, or 19 injuries)</b></p>	37.2	41	7.1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>2023:</b> Kent GSA is established; Community Passageways (CP) begins services</li> <li>- <b>2024:</b> CP establishes MOU with Kent PD and high schools</li> </ul>
<b>Renton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 2019-2022</li> <li>↓ 2022-2023</li> <li>↑ 2023-2024</li> <li>↓ 2024 – 2025 (by 12% or 7 injuries)</li> </ul>	45.0	49	8.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>2024:</b> Freedom Project administers RPKC services</li> </ul>
<b>Burien &amp; North Highline and White Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 2019-2021</li> <li>↓ 2021-2025</li> </ul> <p><b>(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 29% or 11 injuries)</b></p>	36.4	27	4.7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>2022-2024:</b> The Y provides RPKC case management and critical incident response services</li> <li>- <b>2025:</b> Progress Pushers administers RPKC services following The Y's departure in 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Way</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 2019-2021</li> <li>↓ 2021-2022</li> <li>↑ 2022-2023</li> <li>↓ 2023-2025</li> </ul> <p><b>(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 22% or 10 injuries)</b></p>	35.1	36	6.3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>2022:</b> Progress Pushers (PP) delivers case management and outreach</li> <li>- <b>2023:</b> Federal Way GSA is established</li> <li>- <b>2025:</b> PP begins administering expanded RPKC services</li> </ul>
<b>Skyway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ 2019-2020</li> <li>-- 2020-2021</li> <li>↑ 2021-2023</li> <li>↓ 2023-2025</li> </ul> <p><b>(From 2024-2025, the rate declined (by 38% or 3 injuries)</b></p>	25.0 - 30.0	<10	<1.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>2022-2023:</b> PHSKC contracts Rainier Beach Action Coalition to expand RPKC services to Skyway via Urban Family (UF)</li> <li>- <b>2025:</b> City of Seattle funds UF to provide services in Skyway</li> </ul>

# EMS Firearm Injury Encounters Involving Youth (12-24)

Kent vs. King County Overall, 2019-2025

Number of Firearm injuries per 100,000 population



Note: Data for 'King County Overall' includes Kent.

Data sources: King County Emergency Medical Services; Office of Financial Management Population Estimates

PHSKC, APDE; April 2026

# Partnership Spotlight

City of Kent

*Safe Passage Services*

# Chief Rafael Padilla

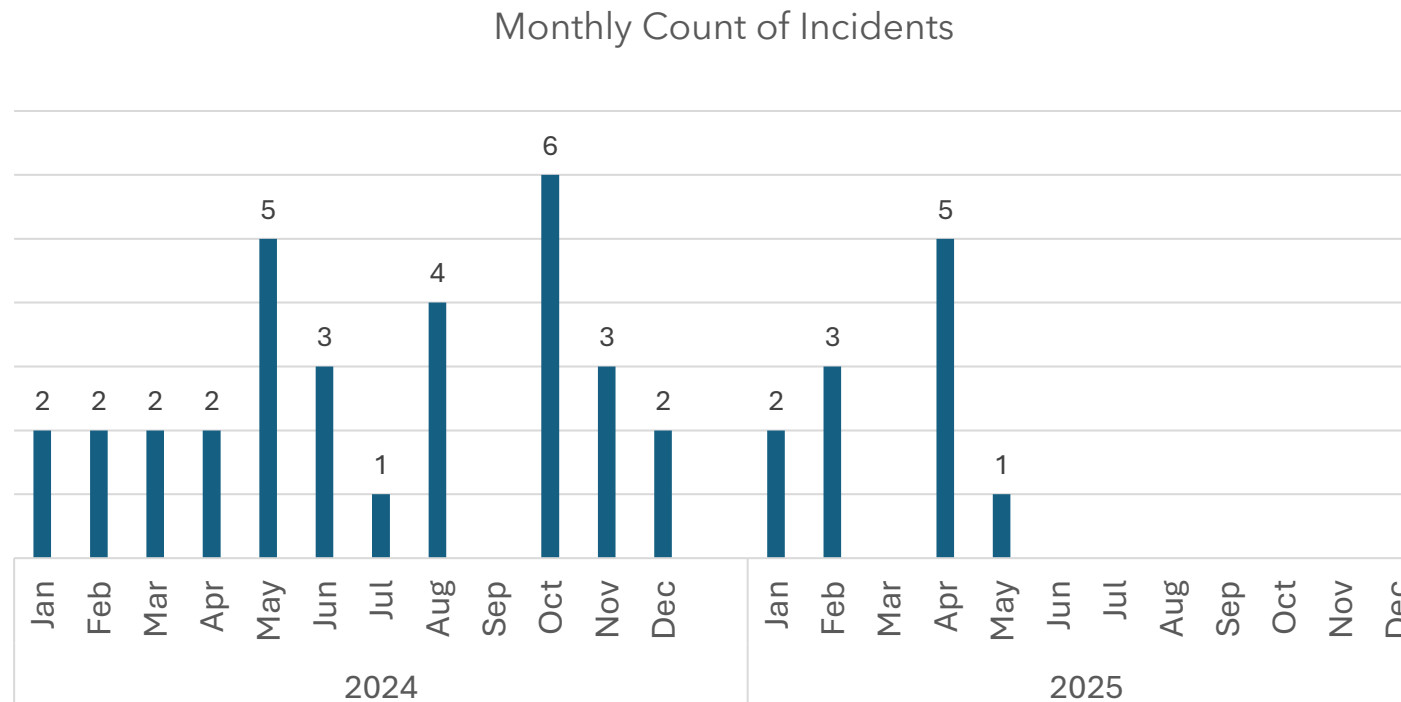
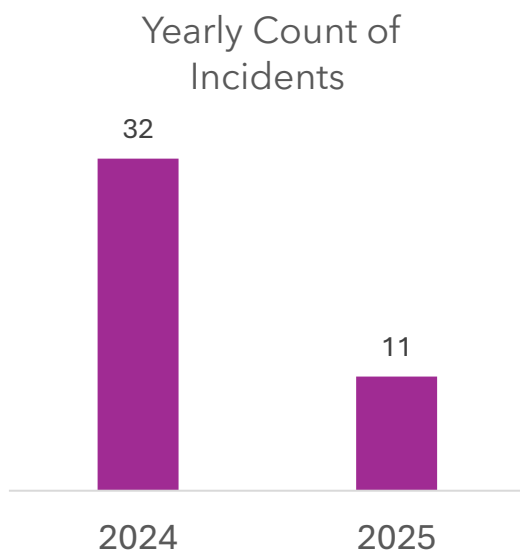
City of Kent Police Department

- Gun Violence trends in Kent, WA
- City of Kent Police Department's Response
- Community Collaboration



# Incidents in Kent with Police Response that Involved Youth

Locations: Kent Transit Center & Kent Meridian High School



Data Source: Kent Police Department, April 2026

# Mark Rivers

**Deputy Director, Community Passageways**

- Community Violence Intervention: Safe Passage
- Collaboration with City of Kent





# Thank You!

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