

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



DIVISION: COMMUNITY HEALTH

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM



KITSAP COUNTY'S DISEASE DETECTIVES

We help keep Kitsap residents healthy by tracking, investigating, and working to control the spread of infectious diseases. We are continually monitoring and responding to new health risks, while educating our community and healthcare providers about disease prevention.

"I really enjoy providing educational opportunities with community organizations — demystifying public health and letting our community know that we are real people who work to make our neighborhoods healthier."

Communicable Disease Team Member

WHAT WE DO

We monitor, investigate, and work to prevent the spread of diseases that can be passed from person to person, with emphasis on:

- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea.
- Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C.
- Tuberculosis, including immigration screenings.
- Enteric illness, including potential foodborne and/or waterborne illness outbreaks.
- Emerging diseases and disease outbreaks.
- Certain healthcare associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial-resistant infections of public health significance.

We also provide internal employee health services.



RESOURCES FOR KITSAP HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Kitsap Public Health publishes regular advisories, alerts and data reports to keep healthcare providers informed of pressing public health issues. Find our latest updates and sign up to receive notifications at:

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AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM NAME: Communicable Disease

MANAGER: Kelsey Stedman

2022 FTE STAFF: Grew from 5.0 FTE to 14.0 FTE by December 2022

KEY LEGAL MANDATES GUIDING WORK:

- RCW 70.05.070; WAC 246-100; WAC 246-138 (Communicable Disease Control)
- RCW 70.24; WAC 246-100 STD (Investigation and Control)
- RCW 70.05.110; WAC 246-101 (Notifiable Conditions)
- RCW 70.28; RCW 70.30; WAC 246-170 (Tuberculosis)
- WAC 246-110 (Contagious Disease — School Districts and Childcare Centers)

GRANTS & SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES:

- **Foundational Public Health Services** funding for sexually-transmitted infections, Hepatitis C, and other communicable diseases.
- **State Department of Health**, Strengthening Healthcare-Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance Program Capacity.

Thank you to our funders and partners for their continued support!

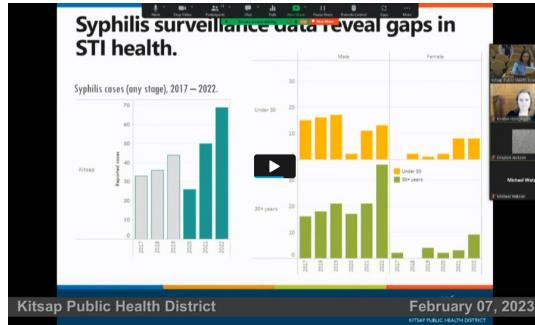
2022 BY THE NUMBERS

1,900+

notifiable conditions reported in Kitsap. These are diseases of special concern that providers are required to report.

17

active tuberculosis cases and infected close contacts received coordinated treatment from our team.



Scan this code with a smartphone to view a [video presentation of key disease trends from 2022](#).

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We provided services to an **unprecedented number of new active tuberculosis cases and contacts in 2022**. Through support from our Health Board, local partners, state Department of Health, and activation of our internal Incident Command System, we were able to surge and respond to this complex community need in a timely and appropriate manner.
- We were awarded funding through Washington Department of Health to create and implement a **Healthcare Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance** program to support our local healthcare facilities in these areas.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

We are very excited to continue to grow the size of our program and services offered.

Our Community Health division continues to adapt to the needs of our community and our agencies expanding body of work, and we are reorganizing responsibilities between our Communicable Disease and our Immunizations programs.

Our team plans to strengthen outreach and build relationships in communities most affected by communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and sexually-transmitted infections.

We also look forward to implementing internal systems to better understanding our internal performance and success as well as review of local Kitsap data to aid us in identifying communities that could benefit from additional services or access to care to make Kitsap a safe place for everyone.

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