Kitsap Public Health District supports policies that will protect the health of Kitsap residents, opposes any policies that reduce local health authority, and supports efforts to maintain funding to local public health services and programs.

**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING**

Recent funding from the legislature has been critical in building back the local public health infrastructure.

Support maintaining existing levels of funding for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS).

Support exploring a dedicated revenue source for FPHS funds.

Support ongoing and additional funds for communicable disease investigation, such as Covid-19, Monkeypox Virus (MPV), or Sextually Transmitted infections.

Support ongoing funds for Commercial Tobacco and Vaping Prevention.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Efforts to reduce public health authority are detrimental to the health of our community.

Oppose efforts to reduce or eliminate local public health authority.

Oppose bills that add authority *without adequate funds* further degrade local public health infrastructure.

Oppose bills that include unfunded mandates to local public health authority.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Public health is mandated to require that food for the public is safely prepared in a properly equipped commercial kitchen.

Oppose bills that reduce commercial kitchen facility requirements or that allow food intended to be sold to the public to be prepared in a non-commercial kitchen.

Public Health is charged with ensuring the proper sanitation of recreational water facilities.

Support efforts to restrict the use of pool-sharing apps in Washington State.

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