Kitsap Public Health Board
Health Officer Update

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May 7, 2024
Millions of Americans are living with viral hepatitis. Many don’t know it.

Topics

- May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month
- Communicable Disease Update
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- Military Health Agency Strategic Plan
- Healthcare Access and KCHP
Communicable Disease Update

- Measles
- Pertussis
- Mpox

WHOOPING COUGH CAN BE DANGEROUS

Especially for newborns and babies

Whooping cough can lead to...
- PNEUMONIA (a serious lung infection)
- CONVULSIONS
- BRAIN DAMAGE
- APNEA
- DEATH

About half of babies younger than 1 year old who get whooping cough are hospitalized.

State Summary

- 741 TOTAL CASES
- 21 TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS
- 0 TOTAL DEATHS

Total Weekly Case Counts

Peak in July/August 2022

“Blip” of cases in Fall of 2023

Many US states are experiencing this “blip”
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza- “Bird Flu” -H5N1
• Backyard Poultry Flocks in Kitsap in summer ’22
• >90 million cases in poultry
• Spillover into multiple mammal species – seal in Jefferson Co., sea lions, cats, polar bears, etc.
• 36 dairy herds in 9 states
• 13 humans globally, including 2 US cases
Military Health System Stabilization: Rebuilding Health Care Access Is Critical to Patient's Well-Being

Jan. 22, 2024 | By Robyn Mincher, MHS Communications
Healthcare Access – A Brief Update

Programmatic Operations

Community Investments

Coordinated Care

Community Partnerships

Policy Development

- Kitsap Public Health
- Kitsap Community Health Improvement Priorities
- Participating Community Partners

1. Traditional Clinical Prevention
   - Increase the use of evidence-based services

2. Innovative Clinical Prevention
   - Provide services outside the clinical setting

3. Total Population or Community-Wide Prevention
   - Implement interventions that reach whole populations

To read more: http://journal.lww.com/jphmp/toc/publishahead

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
Military Health System Stabilization: Rebuilding Health Care Access Is Critical to Patient's Well-Being

Military Health System Strategy

After downsizing health care for years, Pentagon says medical readiness was a casualty

Mass Mortality of Sea Lions Caused by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus

Bridging the gap: Doula services as a solution to WA maternal health crisis

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus Infection in a Dairy Farm Worker

Health Advisory: H5 Avian Influenza Updates

Weekly Pertussis Update for Washington State
Food Safety Rating System

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KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
Food & Living Environment staff includes nine full time employees.

- **Paul Giuntoli**
  - 17 years

- **Jodie Holdcroft**
  - 24 years

- **Susan Van Ort**
  - 11 years

- **Layken Winchester**
  - 5 years
What do we spend our time doing?
### Foodborne Illness Stats

About 100 foodborne illness reports in Kitsap in 2023

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Food safety rating signs

Food Safety Inspection

Food Grade Rating

Based on last 4 routine inspections.

See full inspection results at:

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ABOUT 6 YEARS AGO...

- Policy Committee discussed it
- Decided to hold off
- Posted entire inspection reports
  + report interpretation guidance
FOOD INSPECTION REPORTS

All inspection reports for food establishments are on our website.
SINCE THEN...

- Watching and waiting
- Lessons learned
- More data
DATA SHOWS...

- Consumers want inspection information posted.
- Fewer outbreaks.
- Fewer complaints.
- Fewer reinspections.
GOING FORWARD

Food Safety Rating System
Why?

- Positive reinforcement
- Communicate risk to the consumer
- Incentivize operators to improve sanitary conditions
- Reduce number of outbreaks, reinspections, & complaints
Food Safety Inspection
Inspección de Seguridad Alimentaria

BEST
MEJOR

No violations observed over the last 2 years.

See full inspection results at:
kitsappublichealth.org/scores

Report food safety concerns and illnesses.
Contact us at (360) 728-2235, food@kitsappublichealth.org
or kitsappublichealth.org/report.

HOW IT WILL WORK
SIGN PLACEMENT
NEW ESTABLISHMENTS

- “We are still new” signs
- Includes recent changes of ownership
- Receives regular sign:
  - After 1st routine inspection - Low risk food establishments
  - After 2nd routine inspection - Med and high risk food establishments

Food Safety Inspection

We are still new

We don’t have a rating yet.

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No violations observed over the last 2 years

A few violations observed over the last 2 years

A number of violations observed over the last 2 years

Establishments on probation

25%

52%

4%

4%
BIGGEST CHALLENGES

• Keep current on routine inspections.

• Inspector pressure to not write violations.
COMMUNICATION PLAN

Long implementation phase
- One year
- At least one routine visit
- Familiarity with process

@ Inspections
- Face-to-face discussions
- Handouts

Messaging
- Social media posts
- Email messaging to operators
- Dedicated informational webpage
- Health Board meeting
- Inspection reports
- Explainer video
WHAT WE WANT TO SEE

- Number of complaints go down
- Number of reinspections go down
- Overall better category % shift

Improved food safety!
THANK YOU

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
Onsite Sewage System Ordinance Revision

John Kiess, RS
Environmental Health Director
May 7, 2024
Onsite sewage systems, also known as septic systems, treat wastewater from private residences, restaurants, or other situations where flows are less than 3,500 gallons per day.
Kitsap Public Health OSS Program

• Currently, there are more than 57,000 onsite sewage systems in Kitsap.

• 1961 - First local OSS ordinance, 15 years before a State rule

• 2011 – Last amendment to the current Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2008A-01
Washington State Department of Health Rule Revision

- 2018 - WA DOH initiated the WAC 246-272A rule revision process
- January 2024 – New rule adopted by the State Board of Health with an effective date of April 1, 2025
- Local health jurisdictions can use this interim period to update their local regulations to be submitted and approved by DOH to become effective after DOH approval
Washington State Department of Health Rule Revision Key Changes

- Requires OSS property transfer inspections at time of sale
- Establishes a “Minor Repair” definition and exemption to permitting
- For OSS repairs (replacements) establishes requirements and enforcement and reporting of OSS failures
- Provides support for a local OSS remediation policy
- Increases minimum lot size and useable land area requirements for the creation of new lots that will utilize OSS
- Adds new definitions and updates technical design standards
- Requires DOH review of local OSS management plans to determine if updates are needed
Proposed Kitsap Public Health Ordinance Revision Process 2024-2025

- **January** – Started ordinance revision with existing OSS Technical Advisory Committee
- **May** - Kitsap Public Health Board update
- **August** – Draft ordinance completed
- Public comment period
- **October** – Kitsap Public Health Board update
- **November** – Draft rule sent to DOH for approval
- **January/February** - Kitsap Public Health Board public hearing for adoption of new ordinance