

## Donahoe, Kaitlyn N (SBOH)

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**From:** ANNA DESHANE <ab2662@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:10 AM  
**To:** DOH WSBOH Notifiable Conditions  
**Subject:** Notifiable Condition Rule Change

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To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that Aspergillus is not currently listed as a 'Notifiable Condition' that healthcare providers/hospitals must report to the DOH/local health agencies. Given the new rule that is about to change, I feel Aspergillus should be listed and here is why. My son spent a length of time at a hospital that has notably admitted to having Aspergillus in their air handling system. My son passed away at this hospital. My son had been fighting a horrible illness and at the time of his passing he was also fighting an Aspergillus infection in his lungs that compounded his ability to get well. My son passed away at this hospital. Listed on his death certificate as one of his causes of death is Aspergillus. A hospital is supposed to be the safest place you can be. Hospitals need to be held accountable for the cleanliness and sterile environment. I plead to you to add Aspergillus to your list when you make the rule change.

Thank you,  
Anna Deshane

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**From:** [Thyda Ros](#)  
**To:** [DOH WSB0H](#)  
**Subject:** Disaggregated data - public comments  
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Hello,

My name is Thyda Ros on behalf of the Khmer Community of Seattle King County. I would like to express the importance of obtaining disaggregated data for our community. It will show how disproportionate and isolated we are compared to that of other Asian groups. We are a minority within a minority and often left out from much needed resources. There have been little resources that directly reached our community and since our resettlement in the state 40 years ago we still don't have a community center to serve our people.

Thank you so much for your time.

With gratitude!

Thyda

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**From:** Janet Single-Schwall <janetsingleschwall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** DOH WSBOH Notifiable Conditions  
**Cc:** Dave Schwall  
**Subject:** Comments to DOH WAC-Notifiable Conditions.  
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We are submitting comments to CR-102, Announcement regarding proposed rule, for chapter 246-101 WAC-Notifiable Conditions on the attached Word document.

David Schwall

Janet Single-Schwall

These comments are being submitted to the Washington State Board of Health pertaining to CR-102, Announcement regarding proposed rule, for chapter 246-101 WAC-Notifiable Conditions.

We feel very strongly that Aspergillus contamination and infections has to be listed as a “Notifiable Condition” that healthcare providers/hospitals must report to the DOH/local health agencies. This information also has to be publicly available for patients and families to make informed decisions when seeking treatment at Washington Medical facilities. This type of disclosure would also notify the treating doctors and staff on the risk of exposure to aspergillus while at a hospital.

Our daughter, Hannah Single-Schwall, was a patient at Seattle Children’s Hospital from 2003-2005. She suffered a pulmonary hemorrhage in 2003, while at Seattle Children’s Hospital, that we feel was directly caused by Aspergillus. Later bronchial lavage and biopsies proved she had Aspergillus, Rhizopus, and Candida. She suffered the entire 20 months she was hospitalized with lung issues and fungal infections. She had to use supplemental oxygen for the rest of her life after the pulmonary hemorrhage. She passed away 2-18-2005. One of the cases of death listed on her death certificate was fungal infections.

Please make changes to list Aspergillus as a “Notifiable Condition”. This is very serious and life threatening for many patients. Facilities need to have stricter testing and compliance standards to prevent continued Aspergillus contamination risk due to faulty HVAC Systems. If we had known that there were reported Aspergillus infections and deaths at Seattle Children’s Hospital, we would have never taken our daughter there for treatment. She could possibly still be alive today if this information related to Aspergillus was public information when we were researching which hospital to choose for Hannah’s lifesaving bone marrow transplant.

David Schwall

Janet Single-Schwall

Parents to Hannah Alisha Single-Schwall

May 27, 1992 – February 18, 2005