



Date: June 8, 2022

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Michelle Davis, Executive Director

Subject: 2022 Draft State Health Report

Background and Summary:

RCW 43.20.100 requires the Washington State Board of Health (Board) to develop a State Health Report by July 1 of each even-numbered year. The report includes “suggestions for public health priorities for the following biennium and such legislative action as it deems necessary.” Staff worked with Board members to identify potential topics to include in the 2022 report.

Recommendations in the draft 2022 report include, but are not limited to:

- Enhancing interoperability of data systems to facilitate the collection, analysis, and storage of uniform, disaggregated demographic data in alignment with the state’s pro-equity and anti-racism plan.
- Expanding access to health insurance for individuals at least 19 years of age who are income-eligible, regardless of immigration status.
- Conducting a baseline report regarding current access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health services in Washington and recommendations for improvement.
- Lifting the suspension of the school environmental health and safety rules and prioritizing investments to address indoor air quality and climate change
- Prohibiting the sale of all flavored nicotine and tobacco products, including vapor products, to reduce the appeal of these products by youth and young adults.
- Continuing and expanding foundational public health investments in the 2023-2025 biennium as well as future biennia to fully fund and implement foundational public health services across Washington

Board staff have started to engage community groups and public health practitioners to understand their most pressing public health topics. Today I ask the Board to allow staff additional time to incorporate community voice and input from public health partners into the 2022 State Health Report prior to review and approval by the Board.

Recommended Board Actions:

The Board may wish to consider and amend, if necessary, the following motion:

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The Board directs staff to continue to develop the 2022 State Health Report, in consultation Board members, public health partners, and community groups, and present a final draft for the Board's consideration at its August 2022 meeting.

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