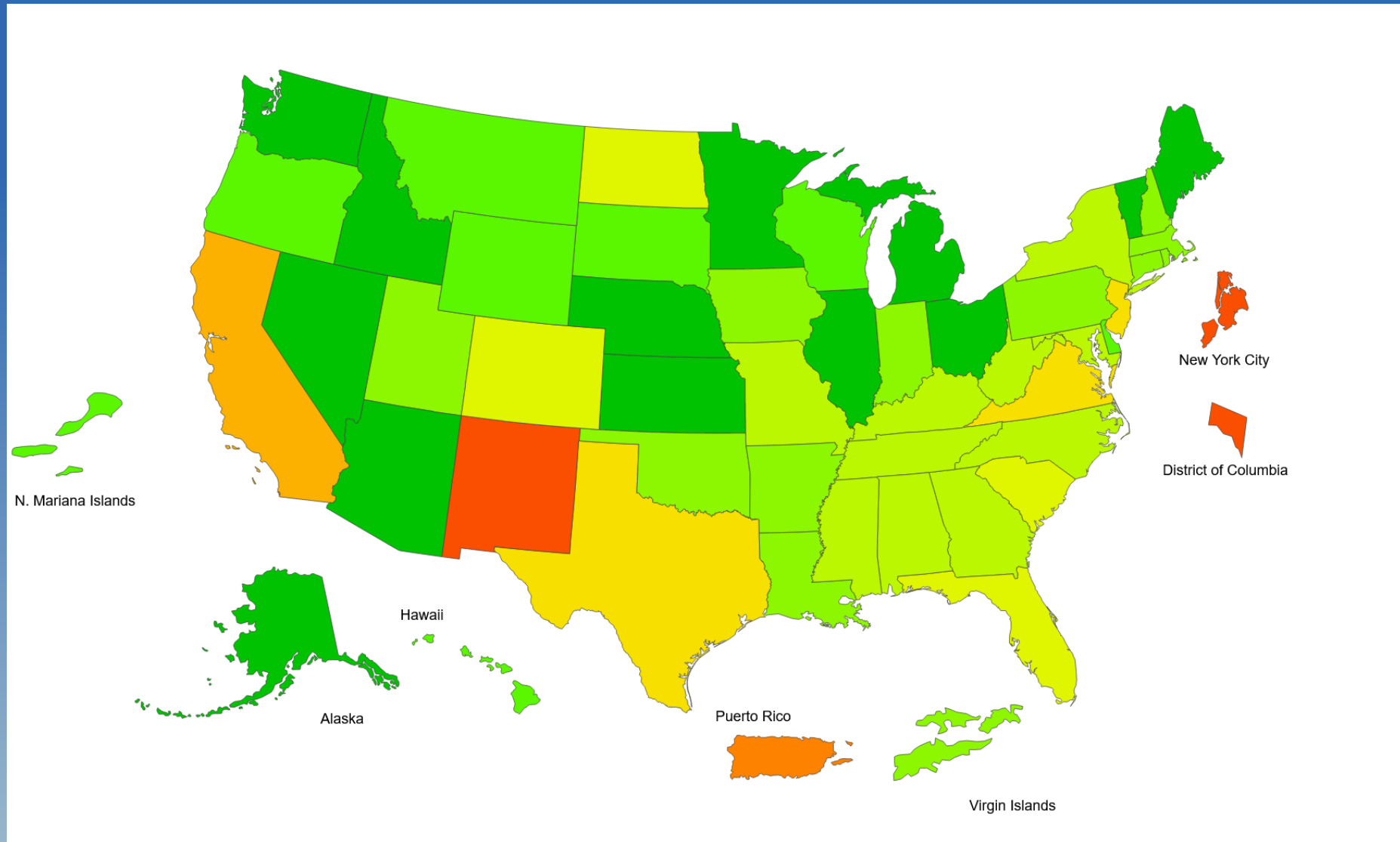


# Department of Health Updates

# Public Health Threats

# U.S. Influenza Activity





# U.S. Emergency Department Visits for Respiratory Disease

## Weekly Emergency Department Visits by Age Group

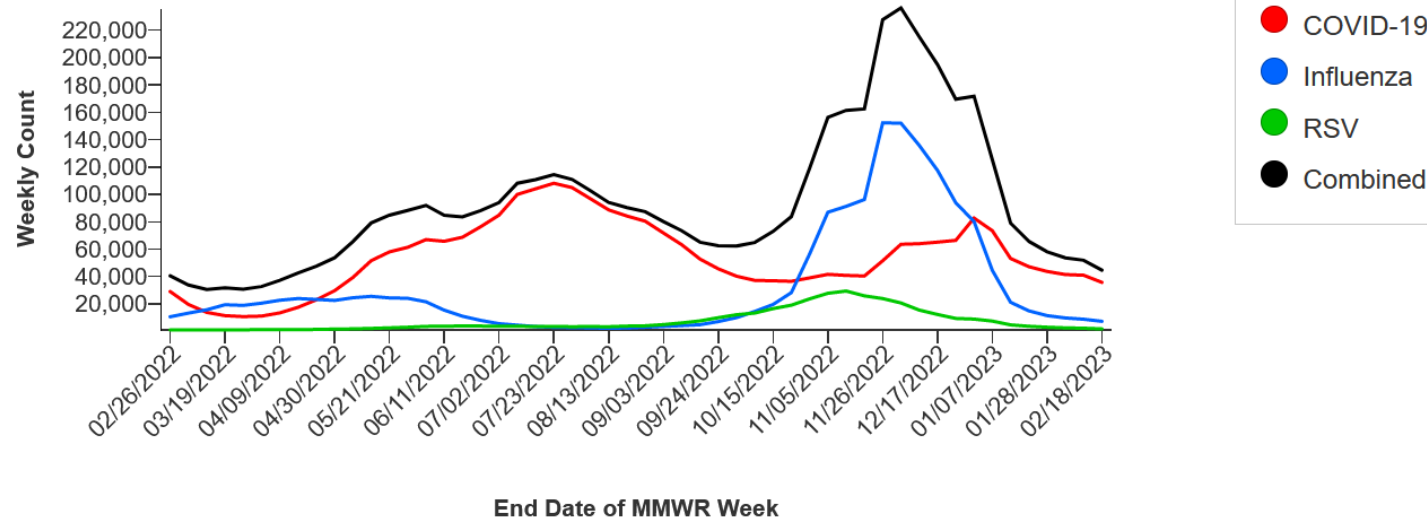
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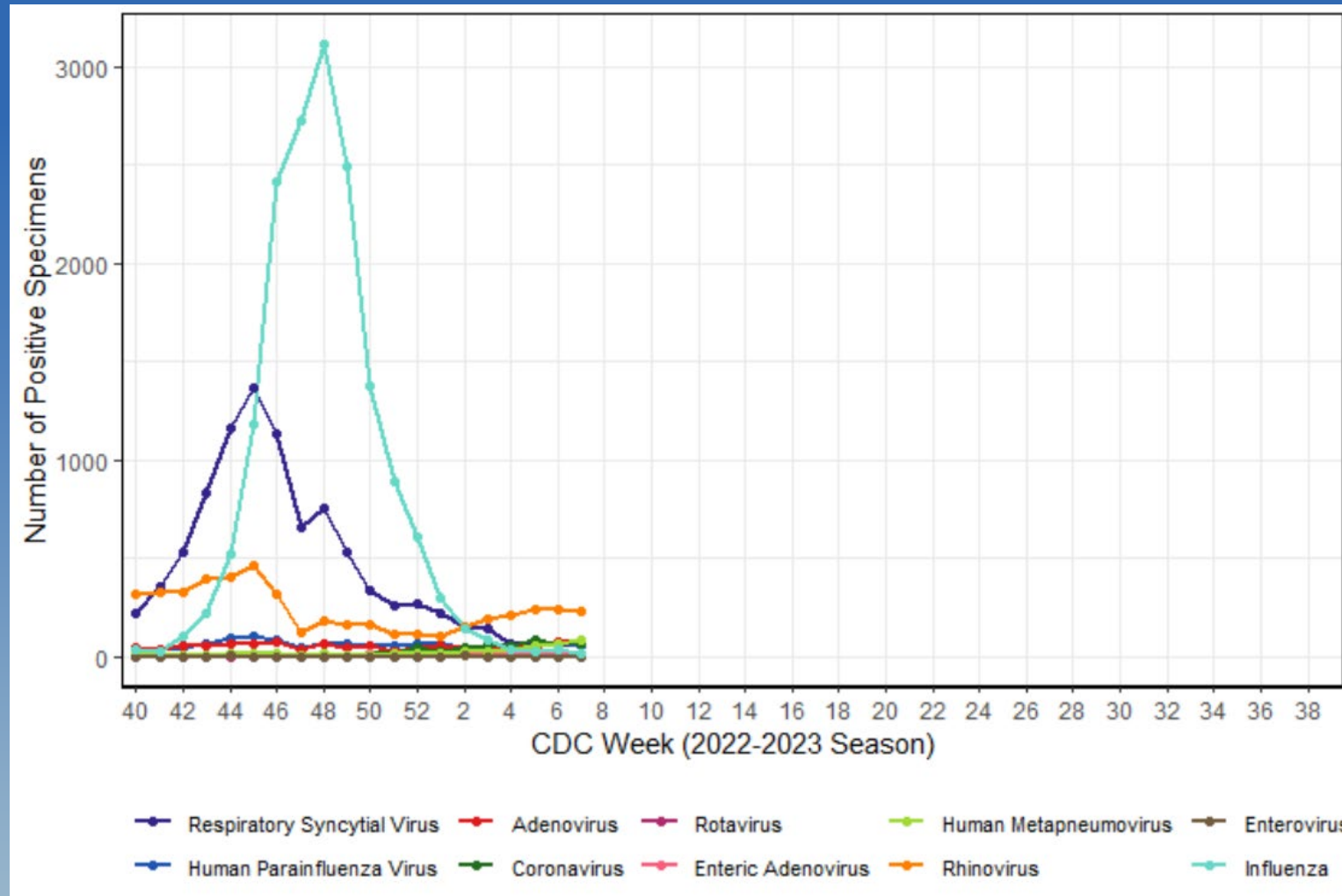
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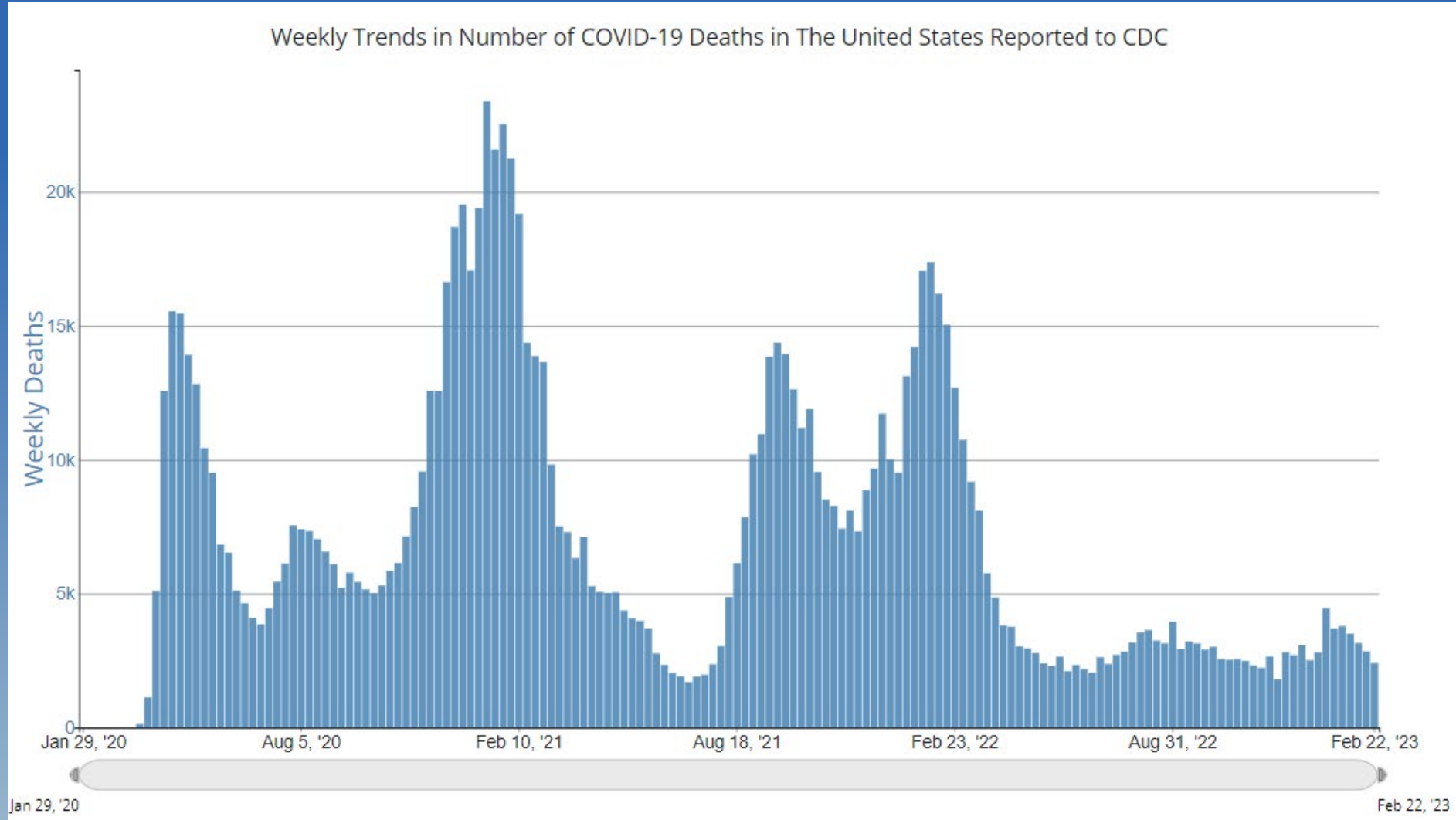
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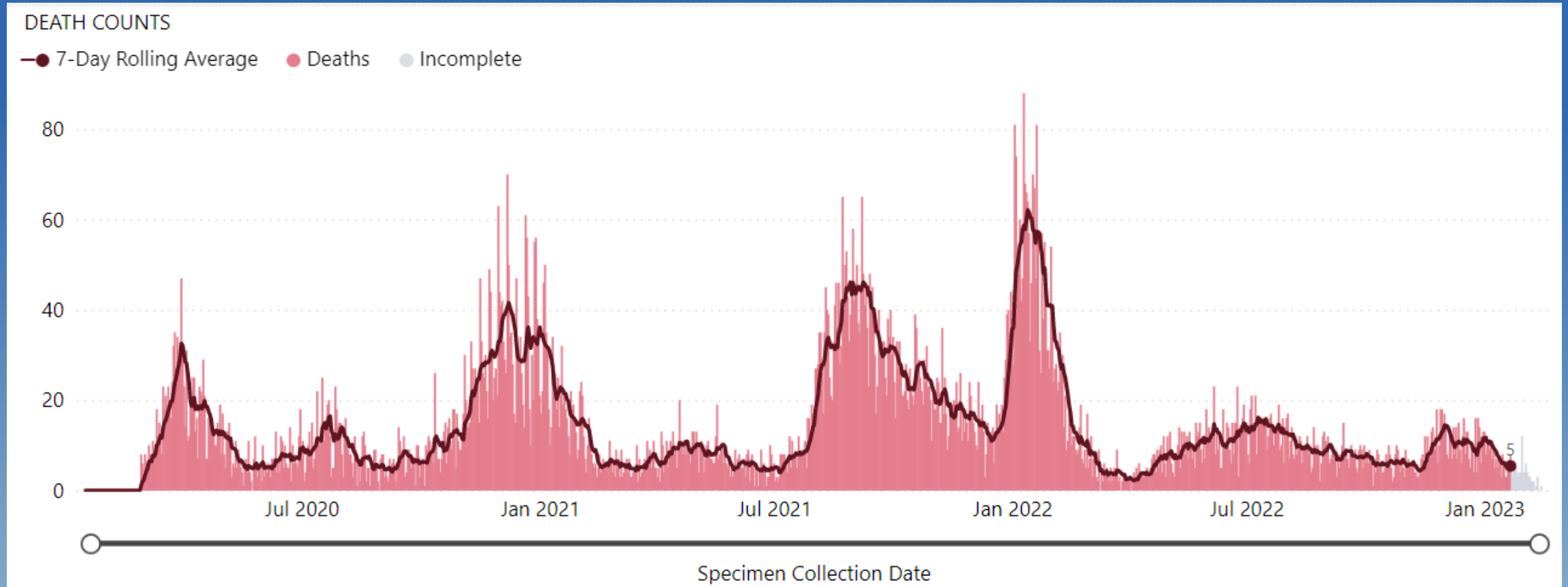
# Respiratory and Enteric Viruses in WA 2022-2023



# COVID-19 in United States



# COVID-19 Washington State



# COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 9, 2023

Contact: HHS Press Office  
202-690-6343  
[media@hhs.gov](mailto:media@hhs.gov)

## Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap

Based on current COVID-19 trends, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. Our response to the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, remains a public health priority, but thanks to the Administration's whole of government approach to combatting the virus, we are in a better place in our response than we were three years ago, and we can transition away from the emergency phase.

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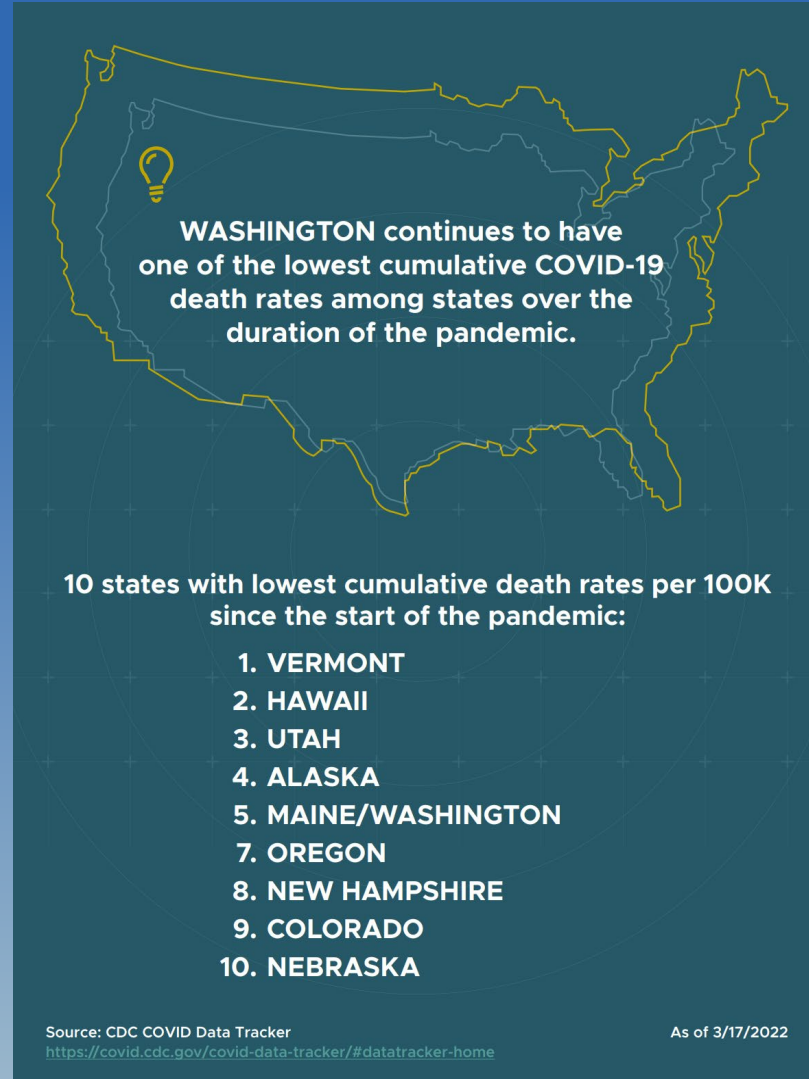
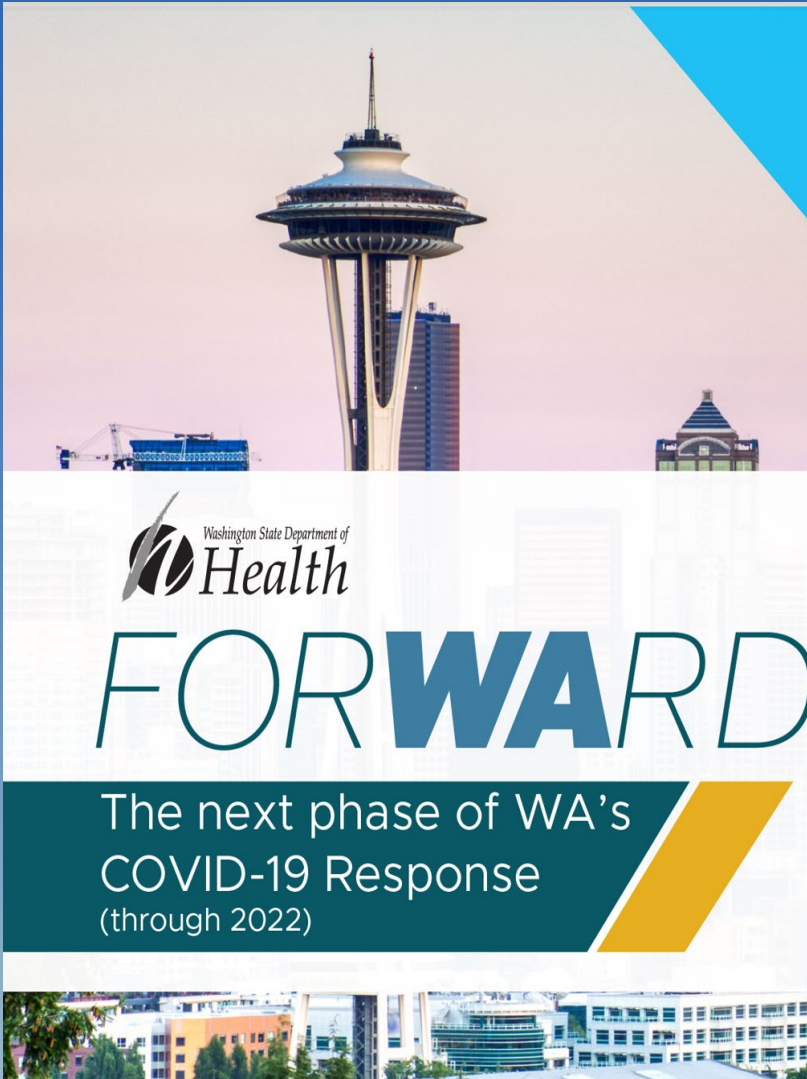
- **May 11, 2023, end of Section 319 PHE**
- **Congress extended Telehealth flexibility through 2024 and expanded Medicaid eligibility through FY23 Federal Omnibus.**
- **Free COVID vaccines remain until run out of federal stockpile. Granted under separate emergency authority.**
- **Paxlovid will continue to be provided until FDA approval.**
- **Federal free COVID tests will end.**



# WA Forward

## COMMITMENTS

- Engagement and empowerment
- Vaccination Capacity
- Testing Capacity
- Masks and PPE
- Continued surveillance, including sequencing and wastewater
- Health systems capacity monitoring and support
- Access to treatment



# Secretary of Health Mask Order Ends April 3rd



## News Release

[www.doh.wa.gov/newsroom](http://www.doh.wa.gov/newsroom)

For immediate release: March 3, 2023

(23-024)

Contact: [DOH Communications](#)

## Masking requirements in healthcare, long-term care, and correctional facilities to end April 3

- **COVID-19, RSV, and influenza disease hospitalizations declining**
- **DOH guidance recommends masks for patients, healthcare providers and visitors in healthcare settings**
- **Licensed healthcare facilities required to have infection prevention policies**
- **Several worker protection requirements by Washington State Department of Labor and Industries remain in effect**
- **Local or tribal governments, facilities, and providers may choose to require masks**

# State of Health

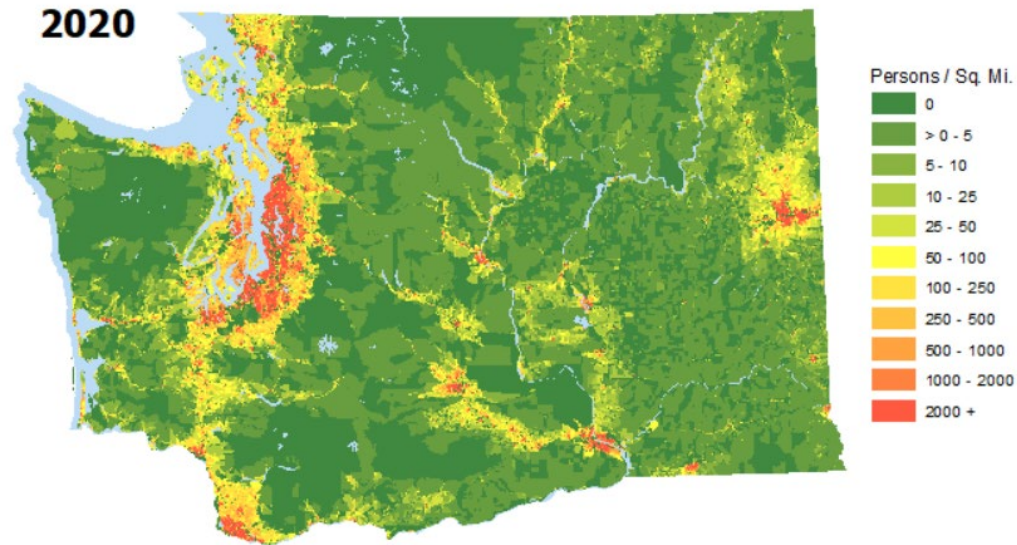
# Trust is foundational for change

*...trust is a prerequisite for collective action. But for many marginalized communities, trust is in short supply. One way to build trust is to learn from and empower the people you are trying to help.*

[Restoring Trust in Public Health: Lessons Local Health Coalitions | Commonwealth Fund](#)



# Diversity and Disparities in Washington

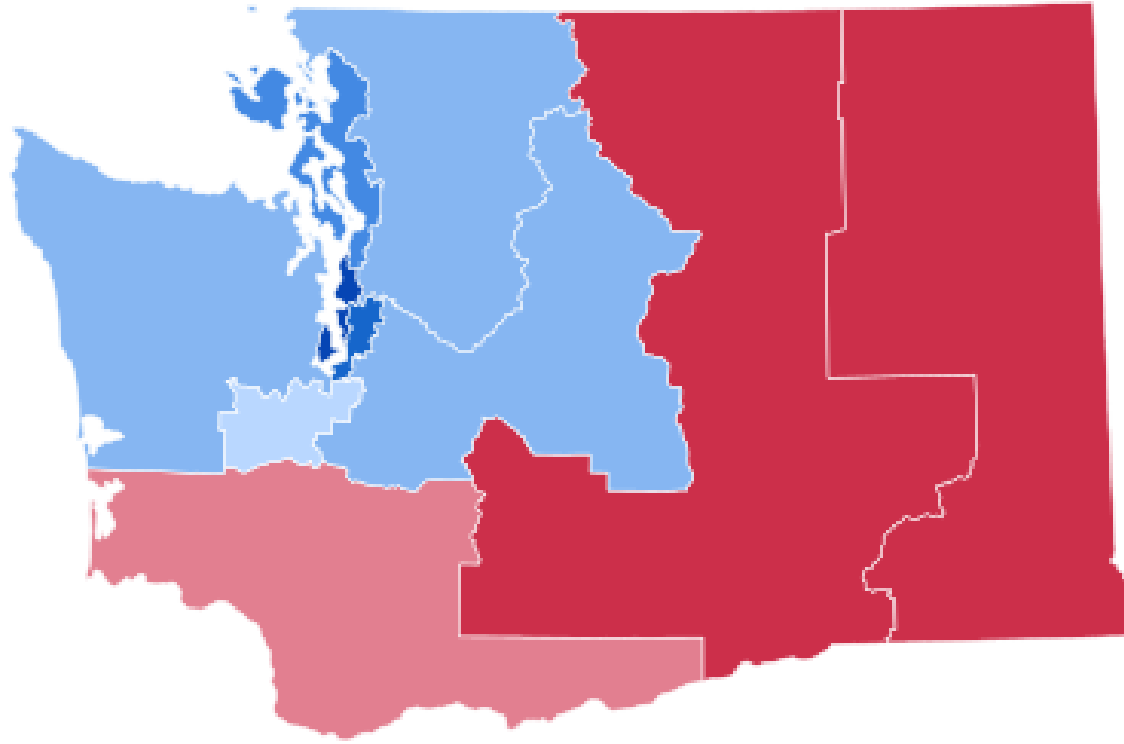


[Population density by census block | Office of Financial Management \(wa.gov\)](#)

Images from Wikimedia Commons



# Political Geography in Washington



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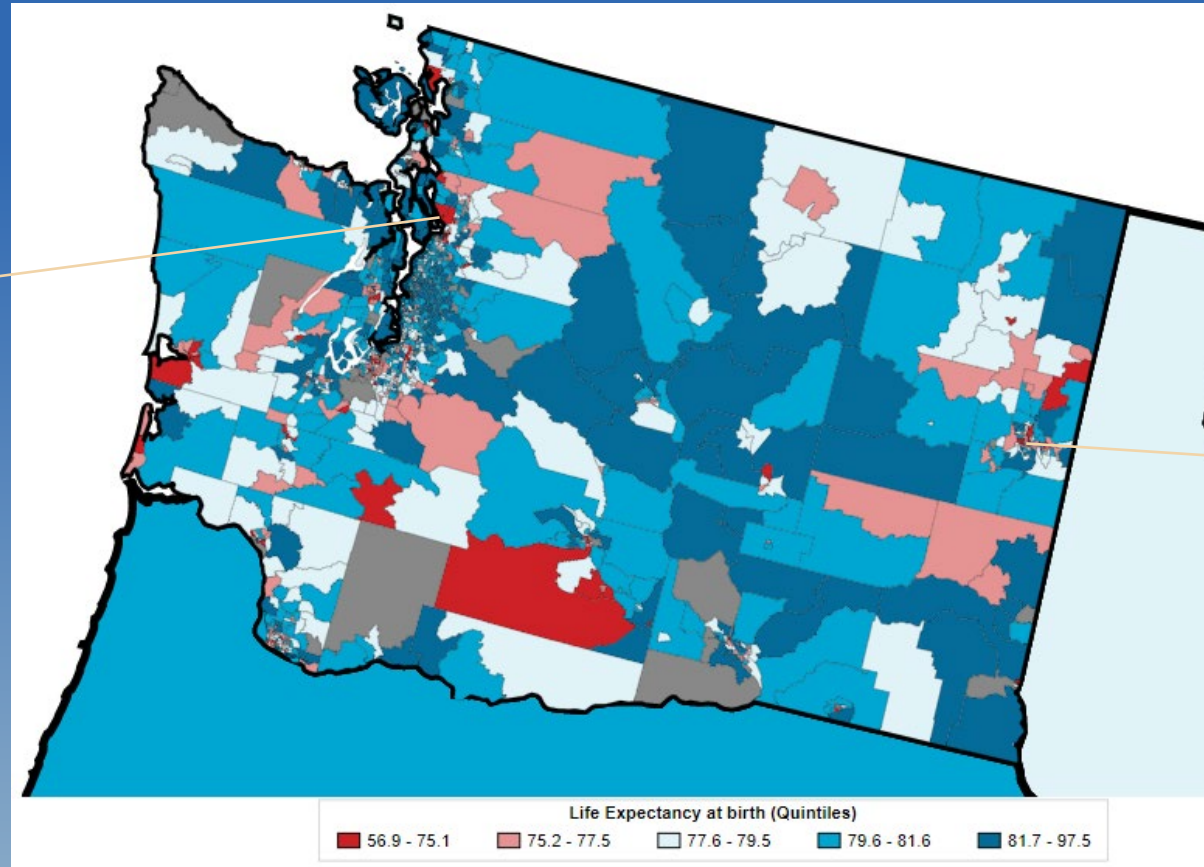
# Leading causes of death

Cause of Death	WA Decedents
Malignant Neoplasms	13,551
Heart Disease	12,788
Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia	5,475
COVID-19	5,450
Cerebrovascular Disease	3,194
Unintentional Injury, not overdose	2,998
Chronic Lower Respiratory	2,642
Diabetes Mellitus	2,238
Unintentional Drug Overdose	2,122
Chronic Liver Disease	1,409
Suicide	1,227
Homicide	333

Preliminary 2021 data, WA Center for Health Statistics

# Life Expectancy Disparities in Washington

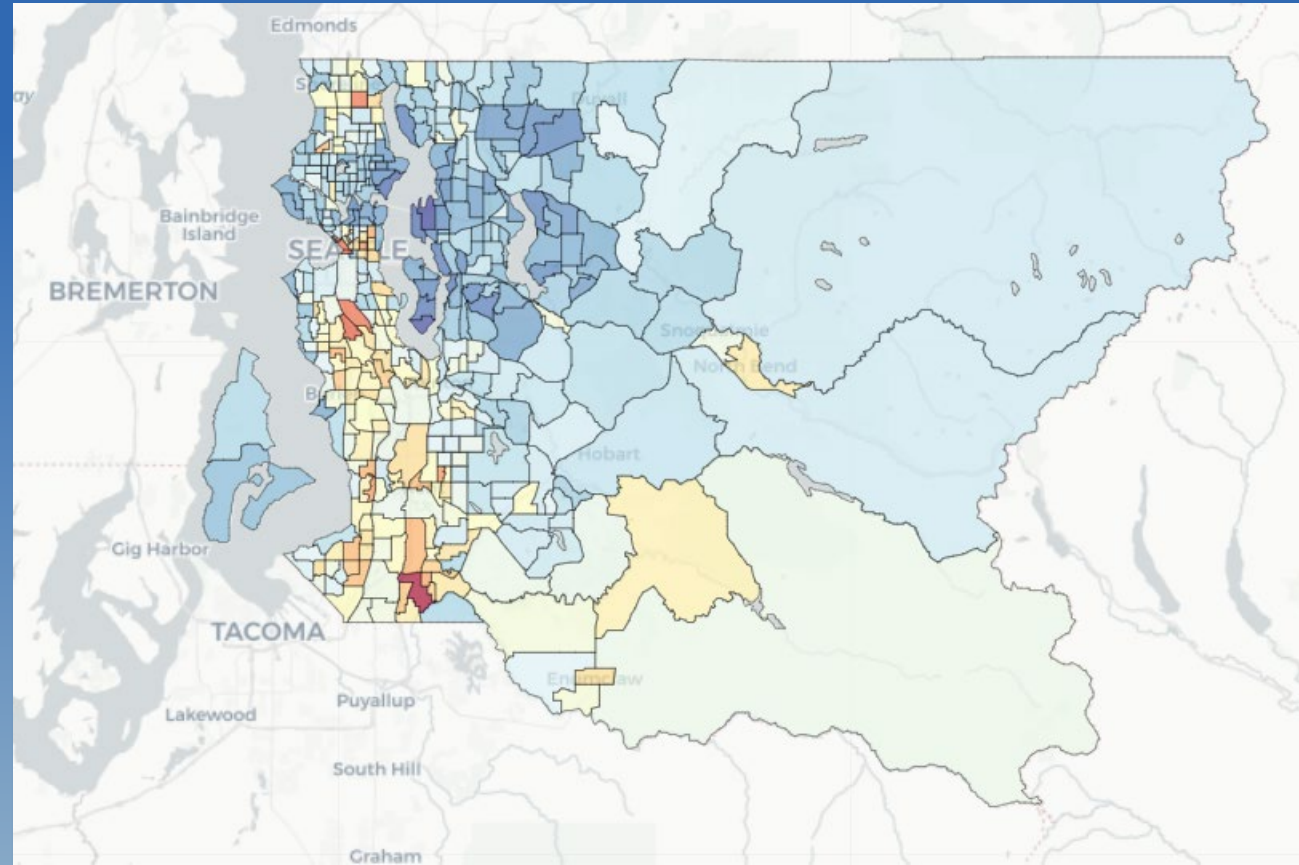
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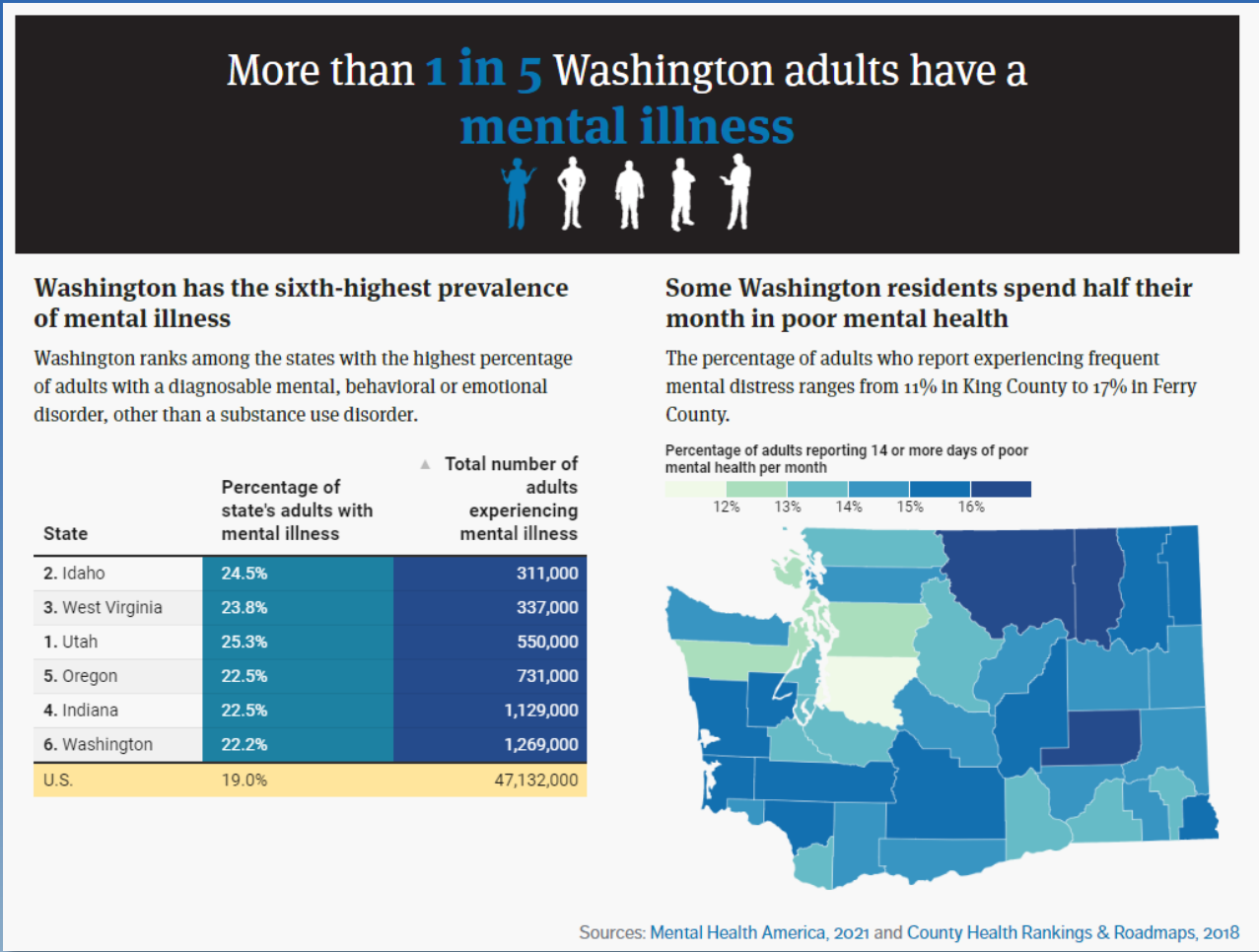
[Life Expectancy Data Viz \(cdc.gov\)](https://data.cdc.gov/)

# Life Expectancy Disparities in King County



[VizHub - King County Census Tracts \(healthdata.org\)](https://healthdata.org/vizhub/king-county-census-tracts)

# Growing Burden of Mental Health Conditions

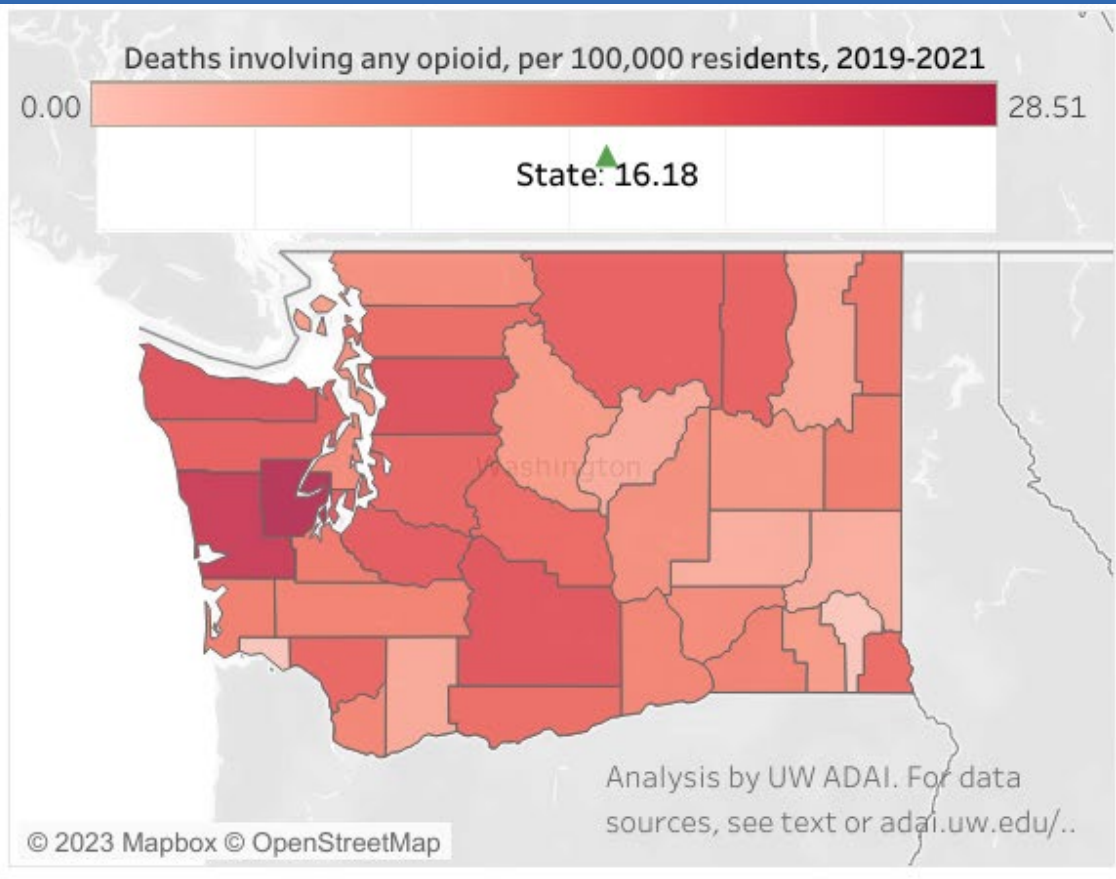
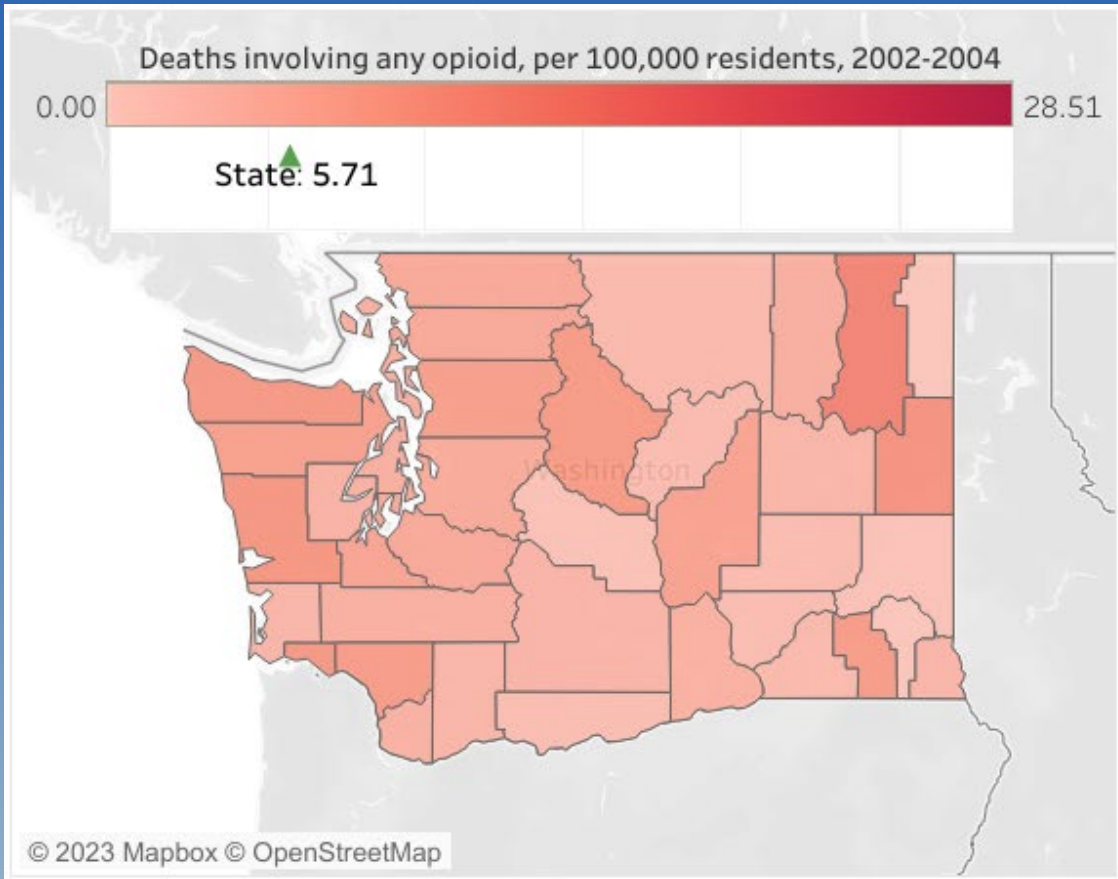


[Here are the basic facts about mental health and treatment in Washington state | The Seattle Times](#)



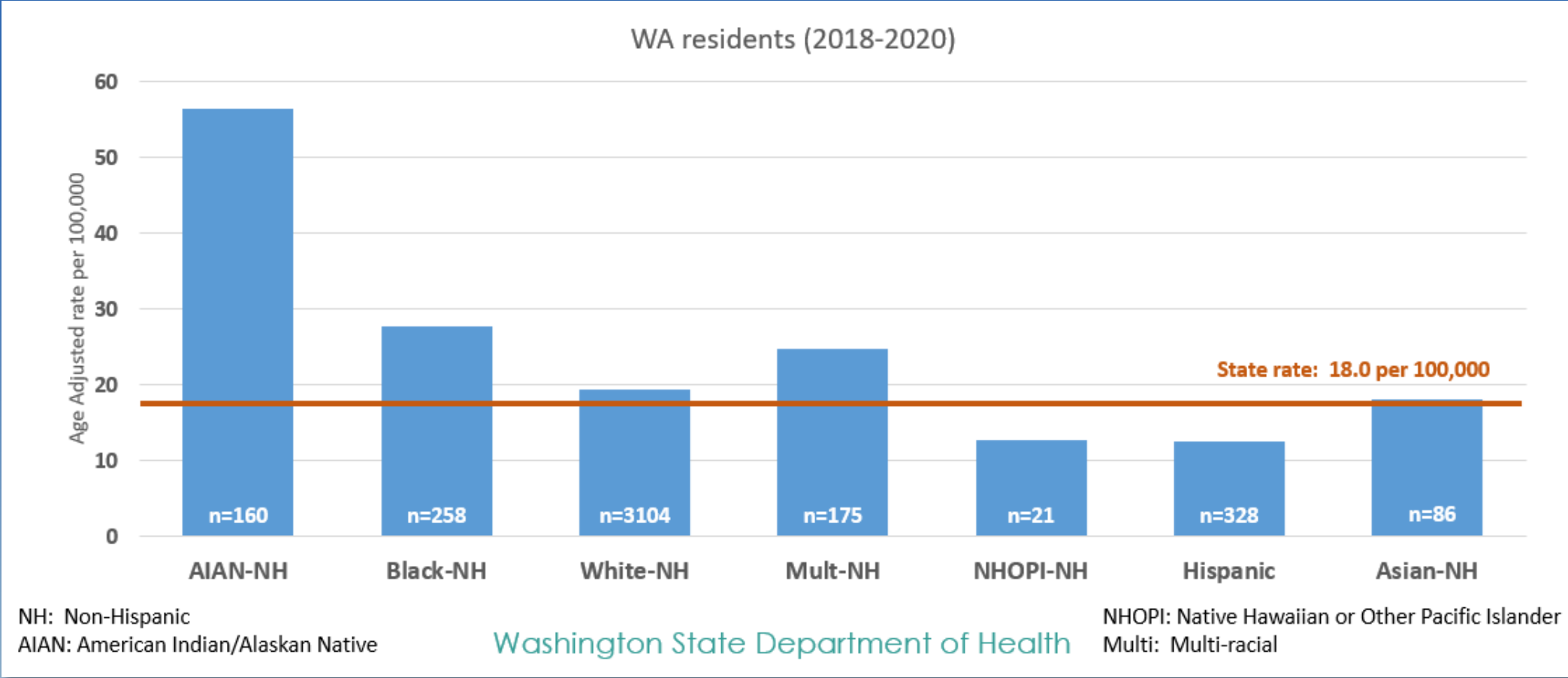
# Opioid Crisis in Rural and Urban Communities

OPIOID DEATH RATES 2002-2004 COMPARED TO 2019-2021



[Washington state opioid trends: Deaths](#)

# Overdose Deaths by Race



**WARRIORS PROTECT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

**BE A WARRIOR  
GET VACCINATED**

**Seven Generations  
Way of Living**



**Making Choices for the Health of Indigenous People  
Today, Tomorrow, and into the Future**  
**Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunizations Coalition**  
<https://aihc-wa.com/immunizations>



# Transforming Our Public Health System Together





# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## TRANSFORMATIONAL PLAN

### A VISION FOR HEALTH IN WASHINGTON STATE

#### OUR PRIORITIES AND VISION FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALTH



##### I. HEALTH AND WELLNESS

All Washingtonians have the opportunity to attain their full potential of physical, mental, and social health and well-being.



##### II. HEALTH SYSTEMS AND WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION

All Washingtonians are well served by a health ecosystem that is robust and responsive, while promoting transparency, equity, and trust.



##### III. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

All Washingtonians will thrive in a broad range of healthy environments — natural, built, and social.



##### IV. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE

All Washington communities have the information and resources they need to build resilience in the face of myriad public health threats and are well-positioned to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and natural disasters.



##### V. GLOBAL AND ONE HEALTH

All Washingtonians live in ever-connected environments that recognize and leverage the intersection of both global and domestic health as well as the connections of humans, animals, and the environment.

#### TRANSFORMATIONS IN ACTION



INNOVATION AND  
TECHNOLOGY



COMMUNITY  
CENTERED



VISIBILITY  
AND VALUE



EQUITY  
DRIVEN



COLLABORATIVE  
ENGAGEMENT

**CORNERSTONE VALUES:** EQUITY • INNOVATION • ENGAGEMENT

**VISION:** EQUITY AND OPTIMAL HEALTH FOR ALL



# Transformational Health: Structure

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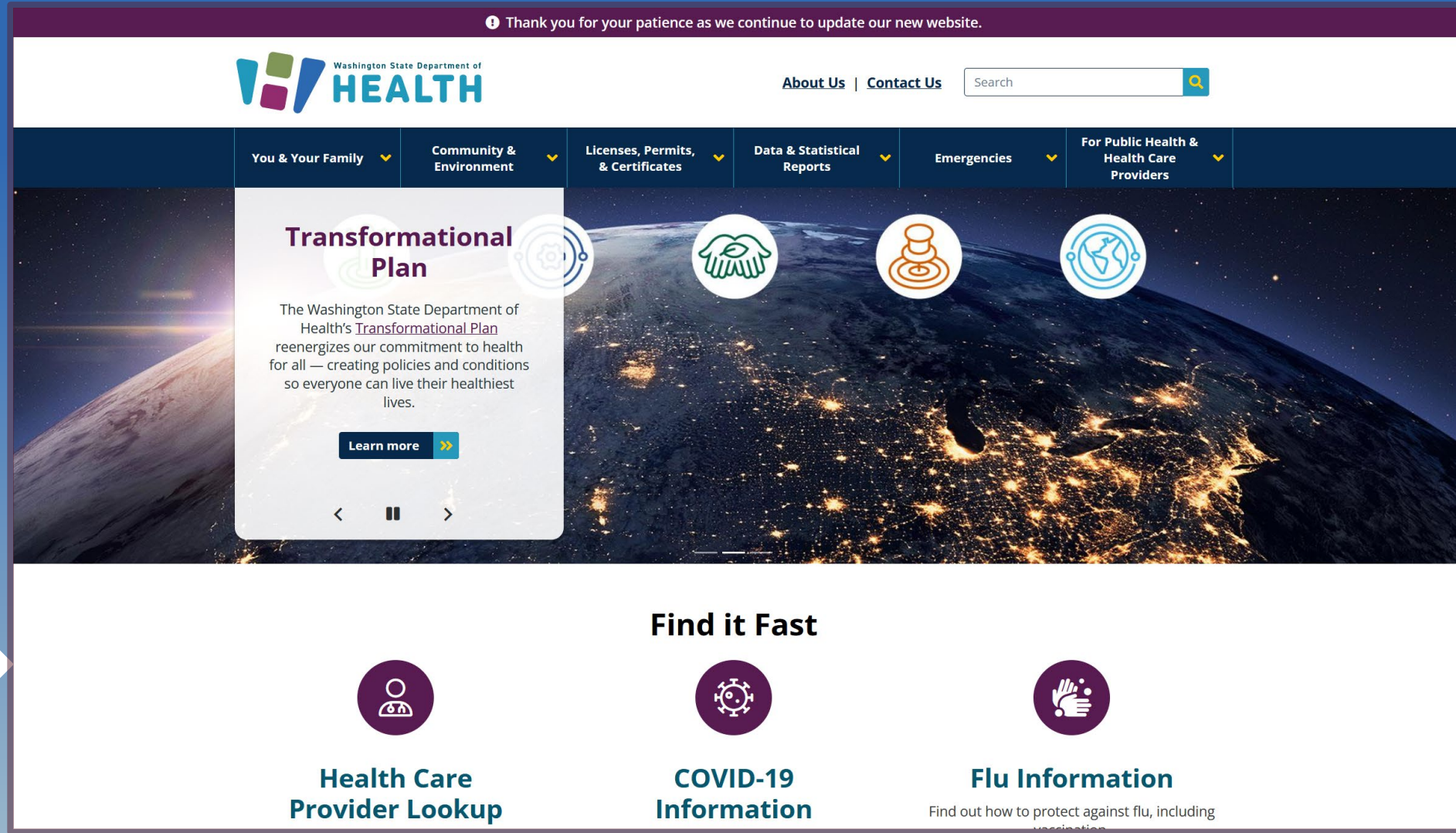
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Secretary of Health



## Executive Leadership Team Office & Functions January 2023

Office of Chief of Staff	Office of Innovation & Technology	Office of Prevention, Safety & Health	Office of Strategic Partnerships	Office of Science & Health	Office of Public Affairs & Equity	Office of Policy, Planning & Evaluation	Office of Resilience & Health Security
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Risk Management & Business Services	Technology	Prevention & Community Health	Tribal Health	Disease Control & Health Statistics	Health Education	Public Health Law	Readiness & Response
Adjudicative Services	Innovation	Health Systems Quality Assurance	Private Partnerships	Medical Science	Health Promotion	System Transformation	Emergency Logistics
People & Culture	Data & System Modernization	Behavioral Health & Wellness	Academic Partnerships	Non-Infectious Disease Epi	Community Engagement	Economic Analysis & Evaluation	Resiliency & Recovery
Regional Health Offices					Equity	Legislative & Federal Affairs	Preparedness Grants & Contracts

# Transformational Health: Branding





# Transformational Health: Story-Telling



We invite you to view the premiere  
of our new speaker series



**Public Health Connects**  
a speaker series promoting equity, innovation, and engagement

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Topic:  
**Resiliency: How to lead with heart  
during a time of crisis.**  
Feb. 15, 2023 | 1:00-2:00pm | Location: Virtual

Sign up to join the live event  
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Speaker:  
**Abigail  
Echo-Hawk**



Host:  
**Dr. Umair A.  
Shah**



Washington State Department of  
**HEALTH**



# January 21, 2020

Health | Local News | Nation | Nation & World | Northwest | World

## Snohomish County man has the United States' first known case of the new coronavirus

Jan. 21, 2020 at 10:58 am | Updated March 11, 2020 at 1:08 pm



1 of 3 | At a news conference at the Washington state Department of Health's Public Health Laboratories on Tuesday, Dr. Satish Pillai of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined other health professionals to discuss... (Greg Gilbert / The Seattle Times) [More](#)



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### BRIEF REPORT

## First Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in the United States

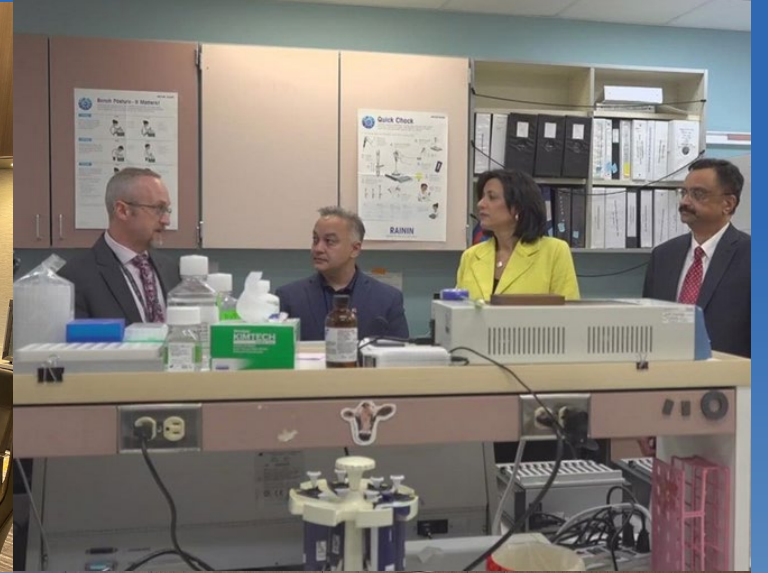
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### SUMMARY

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that began in Wuhan, China, has spread rapidly, with cases now confirmed in multiple countries. We report the first case of 2019-nCoV infection confirmed in the United States and describe the identification, diagnosis, clinical course, and management of the case, including the patient's initial mild symptoms at presentation with progression to pneumonia on day 9 of illness. This case highlights the importance of close coordination between clinicians and public health authorities at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as the need for rapid dissemination of clinical information related to the care of patients with this emerging infection.



# Transformational Health: Strengthening Links





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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Black Resistance

VIRTUAL/WEBINAR EVENT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 10-11AM PST

A panel discussion of health and wellness in the Black community  
to overcoming health disparities and social injustice.

MODERATOR: Kristopher Holiday, Washington State Department of Health



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**One Health**  
Needs Assessment Workshop  
in Washington State

March 22-23, 2023 | Central Washington University | Ellensburg, Washington



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# Transforming Our Public Health System Together



- 1. Following a roadmap to unwind the public health emergency as we move beyond emergency response to COVID-19.**
- 2. Advancing Washingtonians health will require our health system to move from a transactional to transformational approach to address the social, structural, and environmental factors that result in health inequities.**
- 3. Focusing on key priorities such as public health urgencies/emergencies, maintaining core public health capacity, helping address workforce challenges, core investments, and partnerships & community-rooted efforts.**



# Going farther together



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