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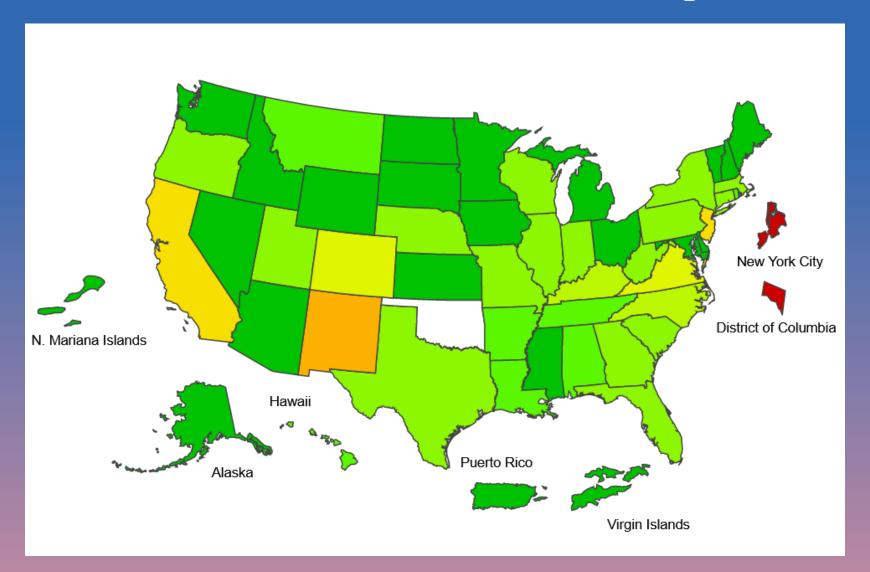








U.S. Influenza Activity





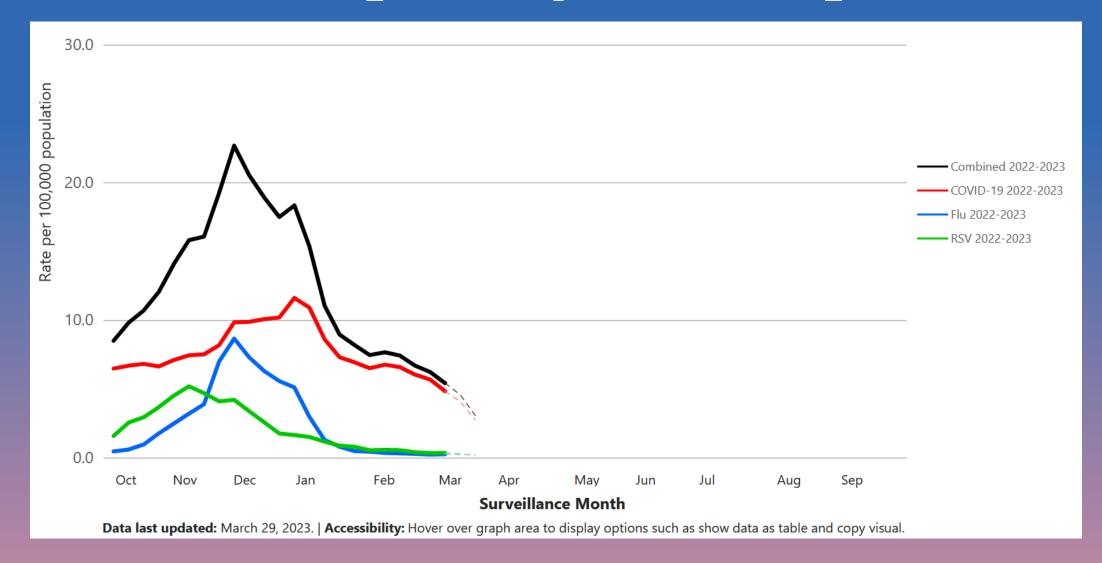








U.S. Rates of Respiratory Virus Hospitalizations





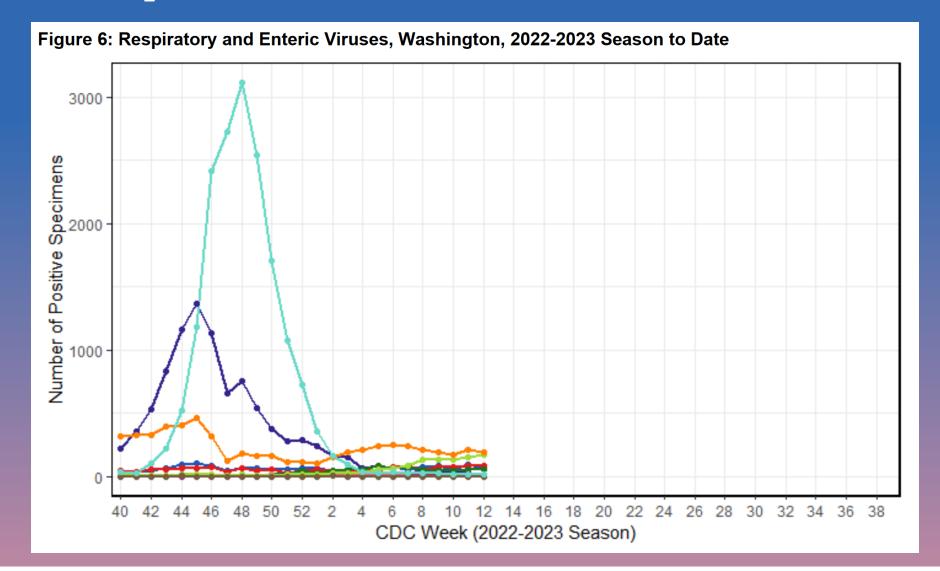








Respiratory and Enteric Viruses in WA 2022-2023





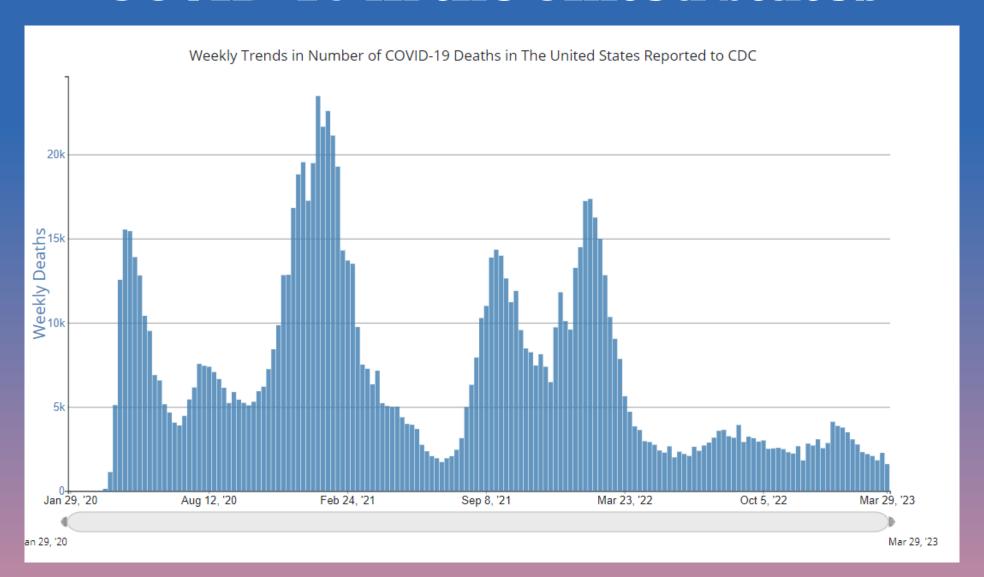








COVID-19 in the United States





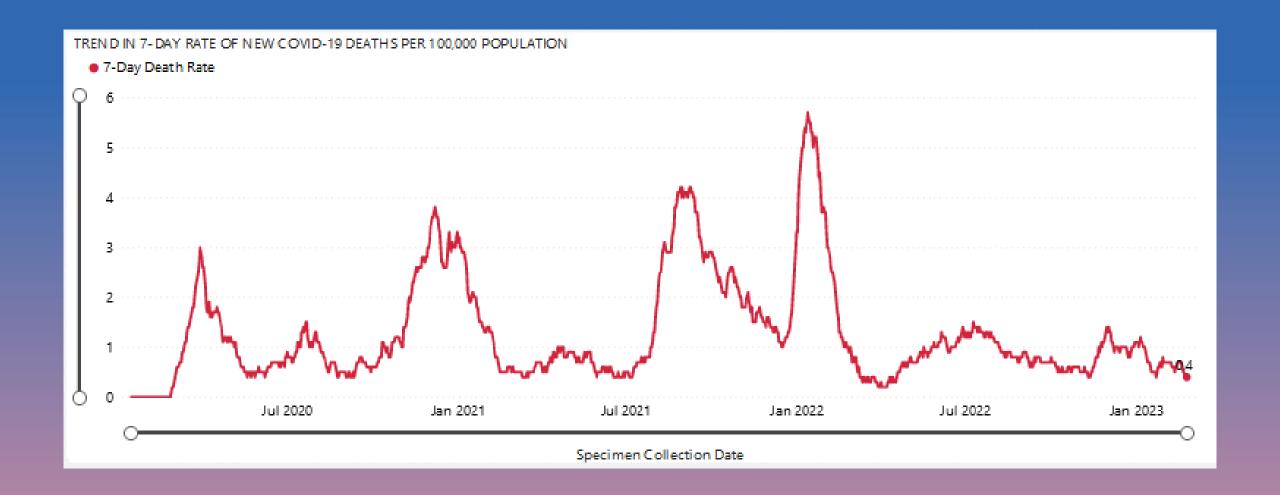








COVID-19 in Washington State













COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 9, 2023

Contact: HHS Press Office 202-690-6343

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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.

Over the last two years, the Biden Administration has effectively implemented the largest adult vaccination program in U.S. history, with nearly 270 million Americans receiving at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccine.

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- H.J. Res. 7 Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020
- May 11, 2023, end of Section 319 Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- Congress extended Telehealth flexibility through 2024 and expanded Medicaid eligibility through FY23 Federal Omnibus
- US Health & Human Services must determine how to apply PREP Act as COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics become commercialized











Public health system continue comprehensive monitoring of COVID-19 post-PHE

- Hospitalizations (primary focus)
- Emergency department visits
- Deaths (via death certificate data)
- Test positivity data (passive reporting)
- Genomic surveillance (national, wastewater, traveler)
- Sentinel surveillance (high-risk populations, settings, and outcomes)
- Wastewater surveillance
- Vaccine effectiveness studies
- Post-COVID conditions (Long COVID) studies













118th United States Congress













Appropriations



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March 13, 2023

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The Hon. Maria Cantwell. Senator

The Hon. Rick Larsen, Representative

The Hon. Derek Kilmer, Representative The Hon. Kim Schrier, Representative

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Dear Members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), I write to express my appreciation for your ongoing commitment to federal investments to strengthen our public health infrastructure to protect and improve the health of all Washingtonians.

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- Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity
- Data Modernization Initiative
- Domestic Preparedness



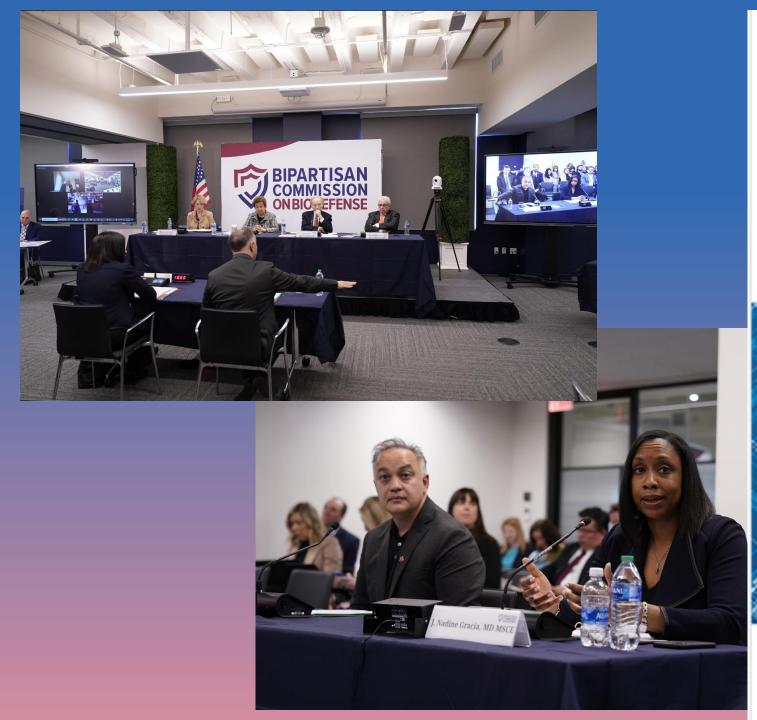












A NATIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR BIODEFENSE:

LEADERSHIP AND MAJOR REFORM

NEEDED TO OPTIMIZE EFFORTS

REPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON BIODEFENSE

October 2015





PAHPA Reauthorization

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March 15, 2023

Dear Stakeholder:

As you likely know, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) is due to be reauthorized prior to the end of this fiscal year. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee seeks your input on policies that the Committee should consider during the reauthorization process.

To inform the Committee's work, we invite your input on the topics below, or other topics that are relevant but not mentioned. If you would like to do so, you are welcome to include proposed line edits to current law or other legislative text as a supplement to your narrative response.

Please submit comments to the Committee by email at PAHPA2023Comments@help.senate.gov no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

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sens to current law or other legislative text as a supplement to your parent to include propose

- This year's PAHPA reauthorization will build upon steps taken by lawmakers to bolster national defense against pandemics or biothreats.
- DOH shared comments with Senate HELP Committee in response to this request for information.







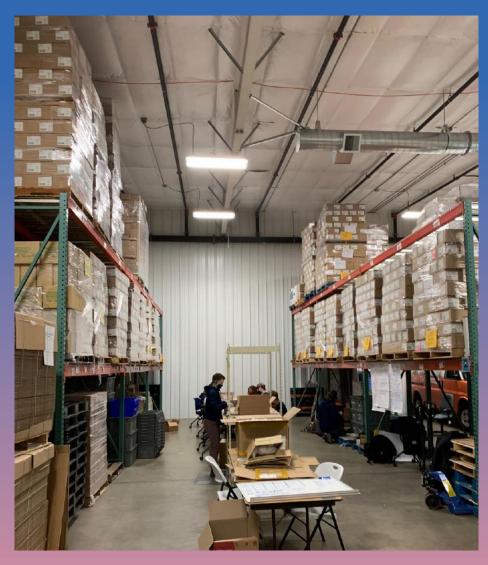






Washington State Medical Logistics Center





Washington State Nutrition Programs



From left to right: Nicole Flateboe, Paul Throne, Stacey Busey, Karlee Kerr, Karen Mullen, and Patty Murray discussed issues facing the WIC program, staff, and participants.

Washington State Nutrition Programs

Program	Who can use it	Benefits	Where Participants can Redeem Benefits
Women Infants and Children Program (WIC) 6058 6000 0000 0000 WASHINGTON	 Pregnant participants Breastfeeding and postpartum participants Infants Children 1-5 years Eligibility: Household income below 185% of poverty level Adjunctive eligibility, such as Medicaid, TANF, and SNAP. About 200,000 participants 	Food Package: Fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables Baby Food Beans/Peas/Lentils Breakfast Cereal Cheese, Eggs Fish – Canned Dairy, Soy Peanut Butter Whole Grain Bread, Rice, Pasta Other Benefits: Nutrition education Breastfeeding support Health screening Referrals	Participating Grocery Stores Coming summer 2024: Online Ordering with Walmart
WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) WIC & SENIOR Farmers Market Benefits WELCOME HERE! WELCOME HERE! WELCOME HERE!	 WIC participants (except infants) 35,173 participants in 2022 season \$440,076 in food benefits 	 \$28 of benefits for use at Farmers Markets and Farm stands from participating WIC clinics each year. Coming 2023: WIC Fruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefits at Farmers Markets and Farm Stores Local, fresh and unprocessed fruits, vegetables and cut herbs Local means grown in Washington and in bordering counties in Idaho and Oregon Season runs June 1-, Oct 31 	 Participating Farmers Markets Participating Farm Stores Coming 2023: Participants can use Fruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefits at Participating Farmers Markets and Farm Stores

Washington State Nutrition Programs

Program	Who can use it	Benefits	Where Participants can Redeem Benefits
SNAP Market Match SNAP Market Market Match	Anyone who has a SNAP/EBT card.	At participating Farmers Markets, get \$1 SNAP Market Match for every \$1 EBT (up to \$25 per day). Spend the match on: • Fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs • Mushrooms • Seeds and plants that produce food • SNAP Market Match dollars expire at the end of the year.	At 123 Farmers Markets, Mobile Markets, and Farm Stands
SNAP Produce Match SNAP Produce Match	Anyone who has a SNAP/EBT card.	 Use \$10 SNAP/EBT to buy qualifying fruits and vegetables and get \$5 coupon for the next trip. Spend the coupon on: Fruits and vegetables that are fresh and frozen with no added sugar, salt, or fat. SNAP Produce Match coupons expire one month after they are issued. 	 Participating Grocery Stores, currently: Albertsons Fiesta Foods Amazon Fresh (online available) Safeway (online available) Community Food Co-op Chimacum Corner Farmstand The Food Co-op Skagit Valley Food Co-op Seatac International Market Sophiya Mini Market
Fruit and Vegetable Prescriptions Fruit and vegetable and vegetable prescriptions	Eligible participants: Have or are at-risk of developing a diet-related chronic condition; and screen positive for food insecurity	Participant receives \$250 in fruit and vegetable vouchers over 6 months (\$10 per week).	 Any Safeway Store in Washington There are 11 different health care systems currently distributing fruit and vegetable prescriptions in 50 clinics across Washington.

68th Washington State Legislature







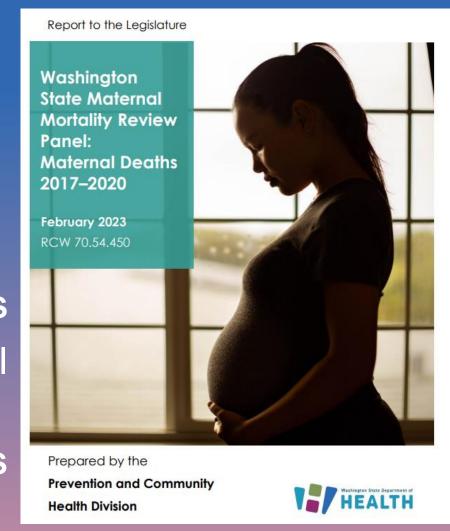






Maternal Mortality Review Panel Report

- Submitted to the legislature as required every three years
- Maternal Mortality Review Panel review of deaths
- From pregnancy through 1 year postpartum
- Inequities, disparities, and contributing factors
- Recommendations from 2017–2020 maternal deaths
- Actions for policy, perinatal care, and agencies

















Tuesday, 28 March 2023 08:35:26 AM

Senate Health & Long Term Care

March 28, 2023, 8:00 am - Senate Hearing Rm 4 and Virtual



Workforce

- 4 New Health Professions
- 4 New Compacts
- Expanded Scopes













Behavioral Health

- 988 Crisis System
 - HB 1134 Implementing the 988 crisis response system
 - SB 5120 23-hour Crisis relief centers

- Reducing Barriers to Licensure
 - HB 1724













Public Health and Safety

- HB 1470 Private Detention Centers
- SB 5367 Products containing THC
- SB 5536 Controlled Substances
- SB 5263 Psilocybin
- HB 1335 Doxxing













House and Senate Budgets

- Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)
 - Senate Increases base funding by 50 M/year
 - 23 M one time FHPS specified for Data Systems
 - House Increases base funding by 50 M/year
 - No specific appropriations
 - Both budgets use a mix of GFS and Vape Tax
 Revenue to reach 50 M/year
 - Brings the total ongoing biennial FPHS investment to approxitely 324 Million
- School Rule Proviso













Next Steps

- Sine Die April 23
- Governor has 20 days after the end of Session to sign bills including the Budget
- Budget effective July 1













Transforming Our Public Health System Together



- We are following a roadmap to unwind the public health emergency as we move beyond emergency response to COVID-19. Our public health system will continue comprehensive monitoring of COVID-19 post-PHE.
- 2. US Congress is deliberating on reauthorization of foundational legislation to modernize and strengthen emergency preparedness (PAHPA) and nutrition programs (Farm Bill), as well as critical annual investments in our nation.
- 3. Washington State Legislature is deliberating on bills to expand our health workforce and behavioral health capacity, as well as continue vital investments in foundational public health services.















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