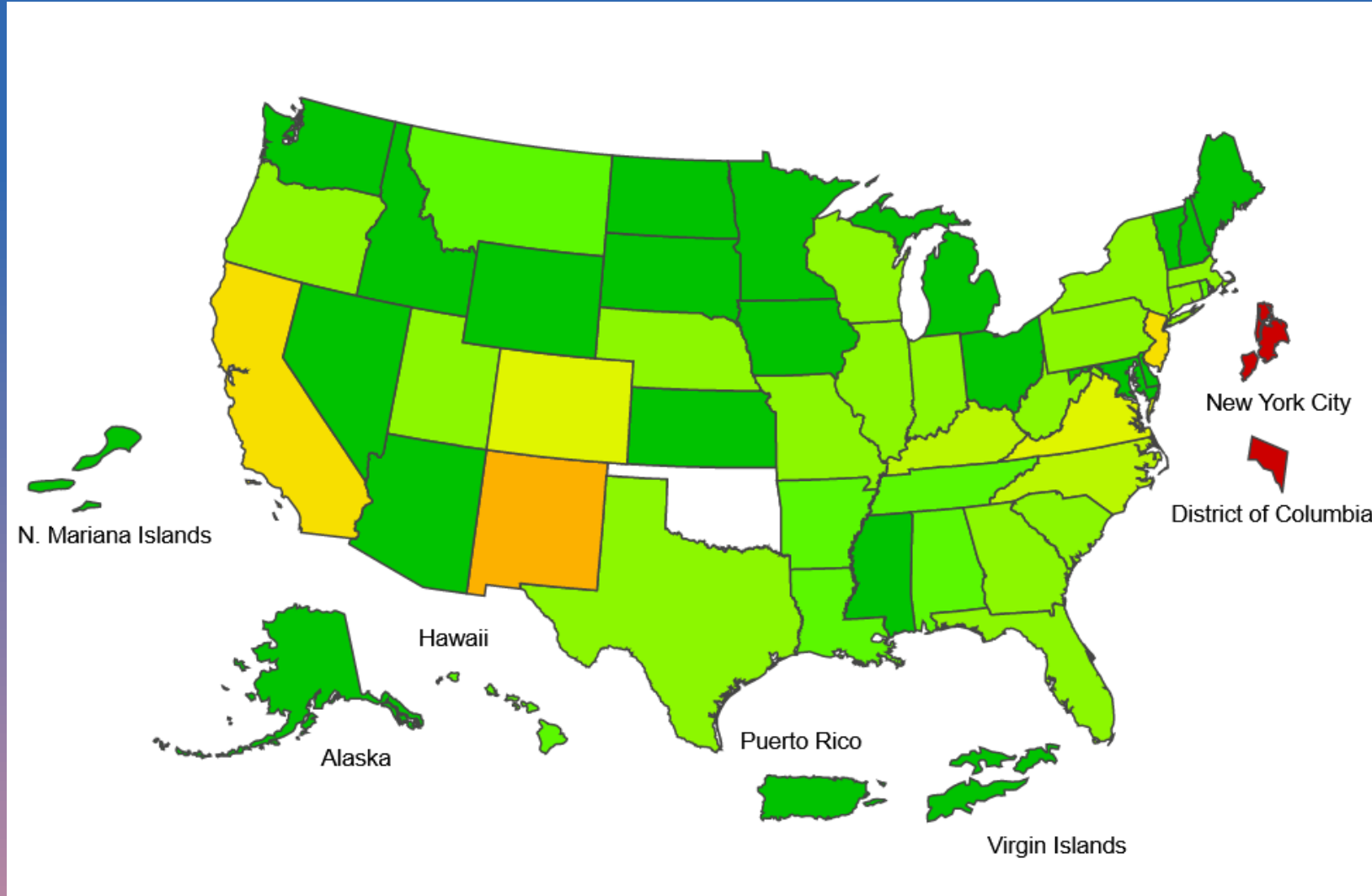


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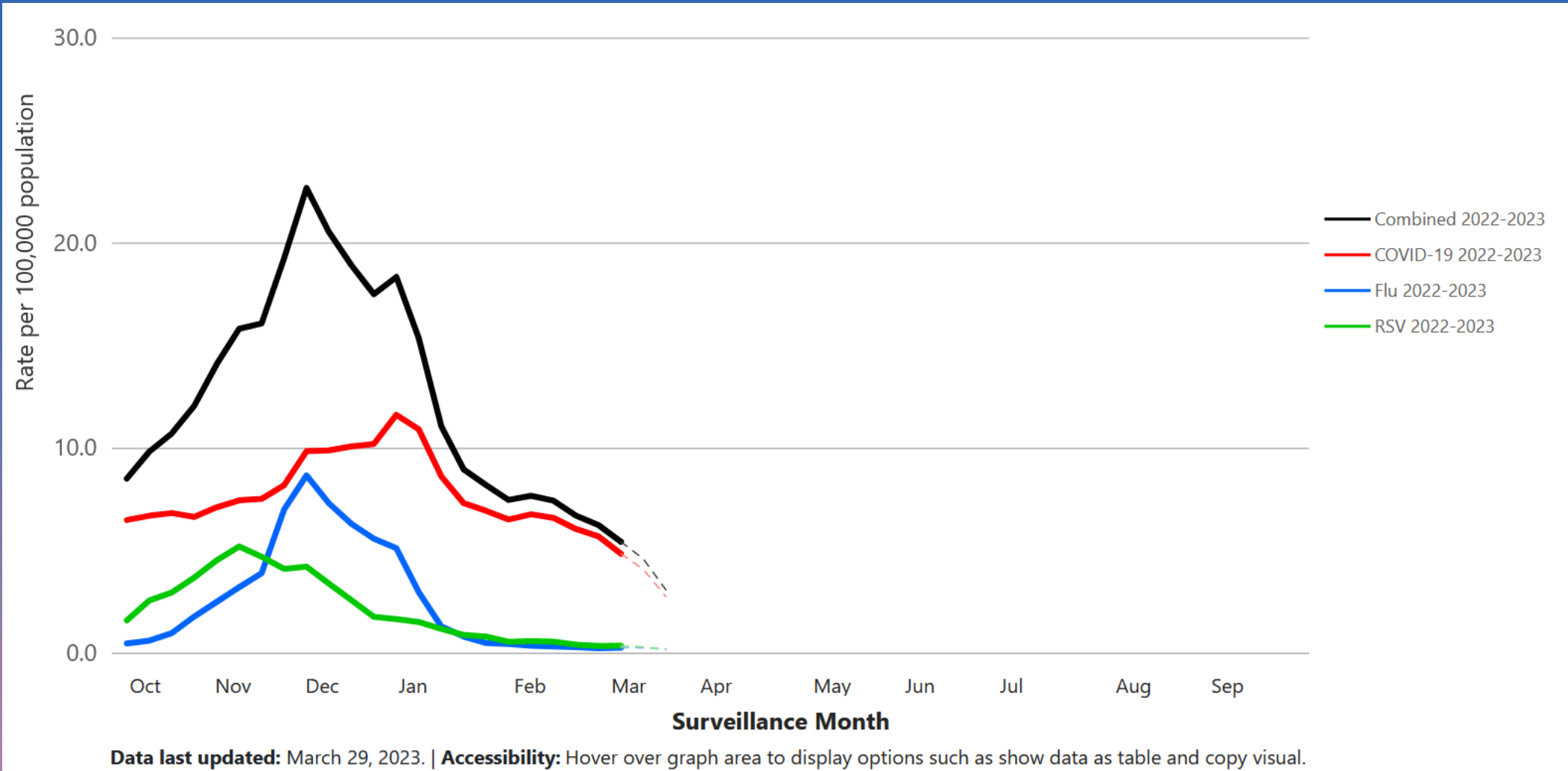
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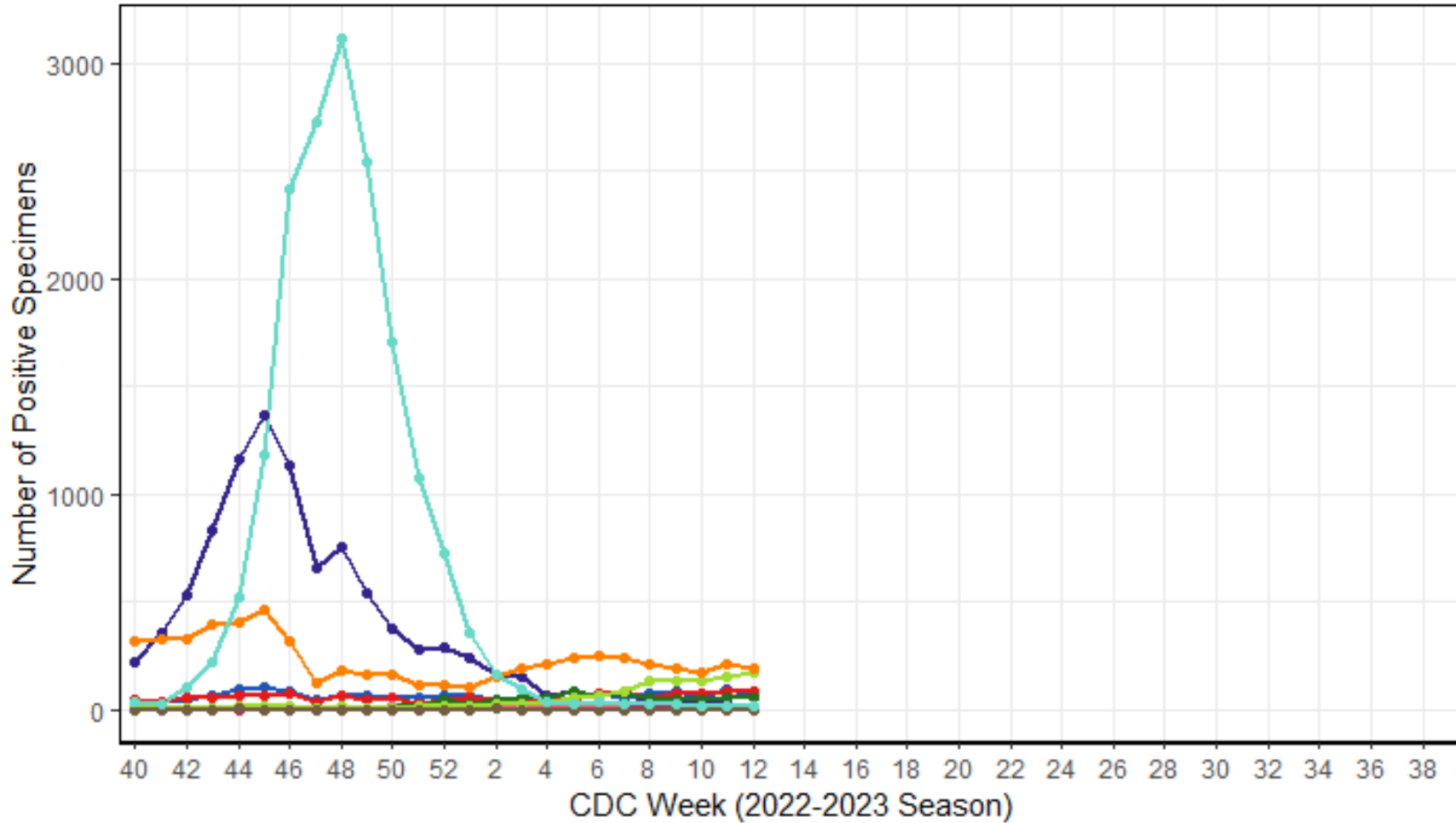


U.S. Rates of Respiratory Virus Hospitalizations

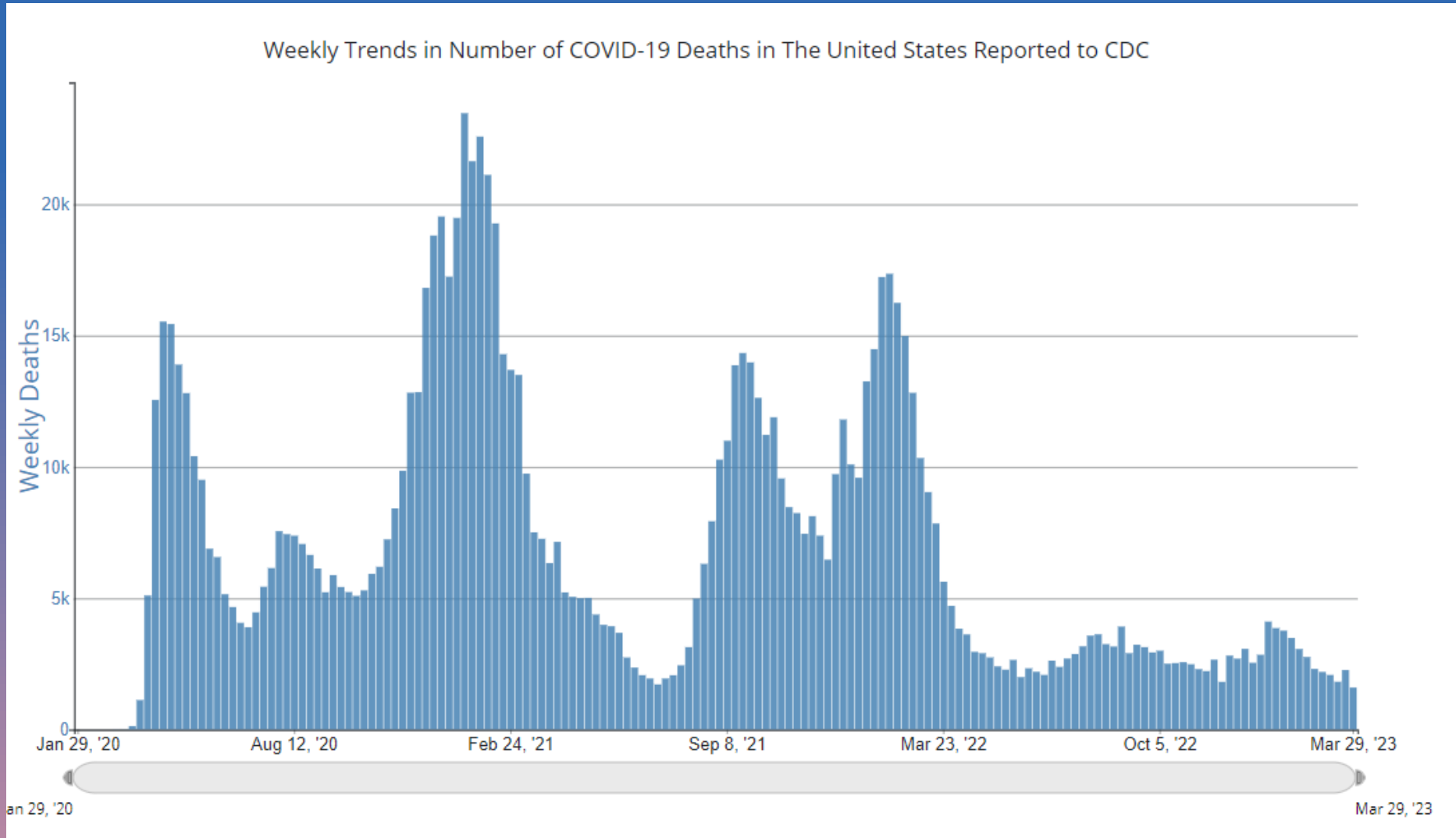


Respiratory and Enteric Viruses in WA 2022-2023

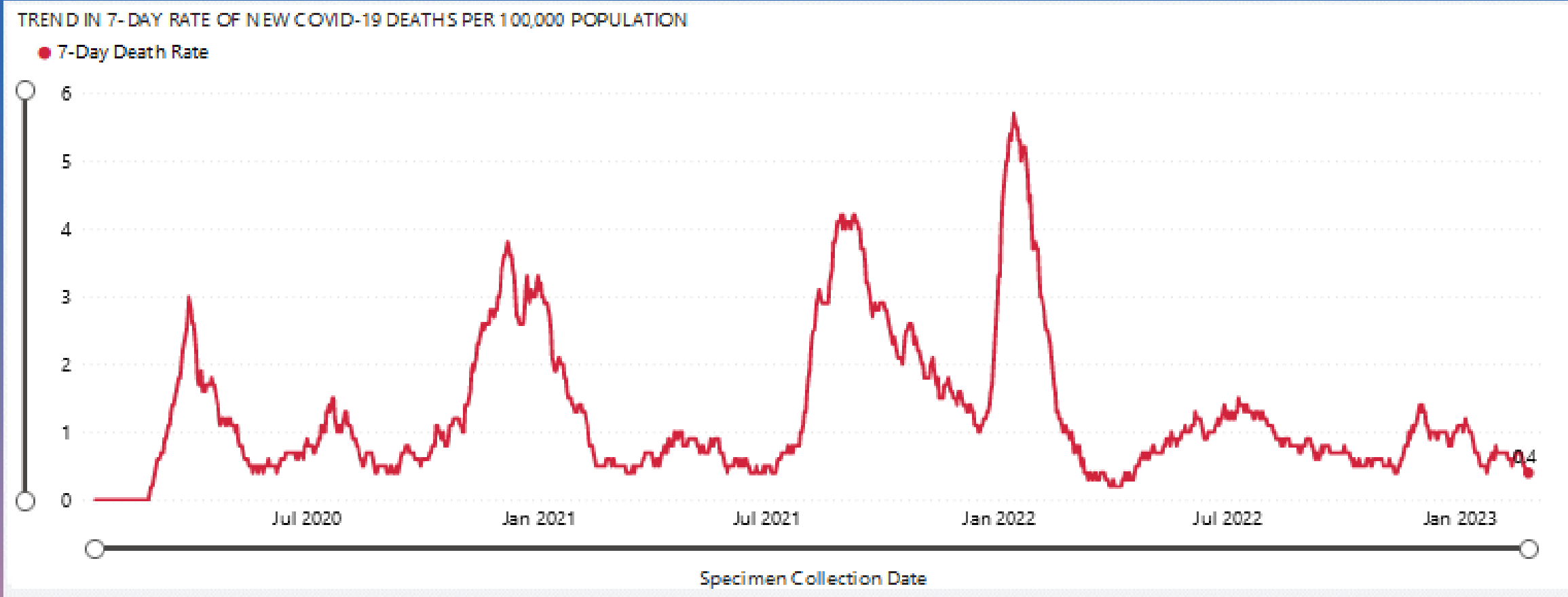
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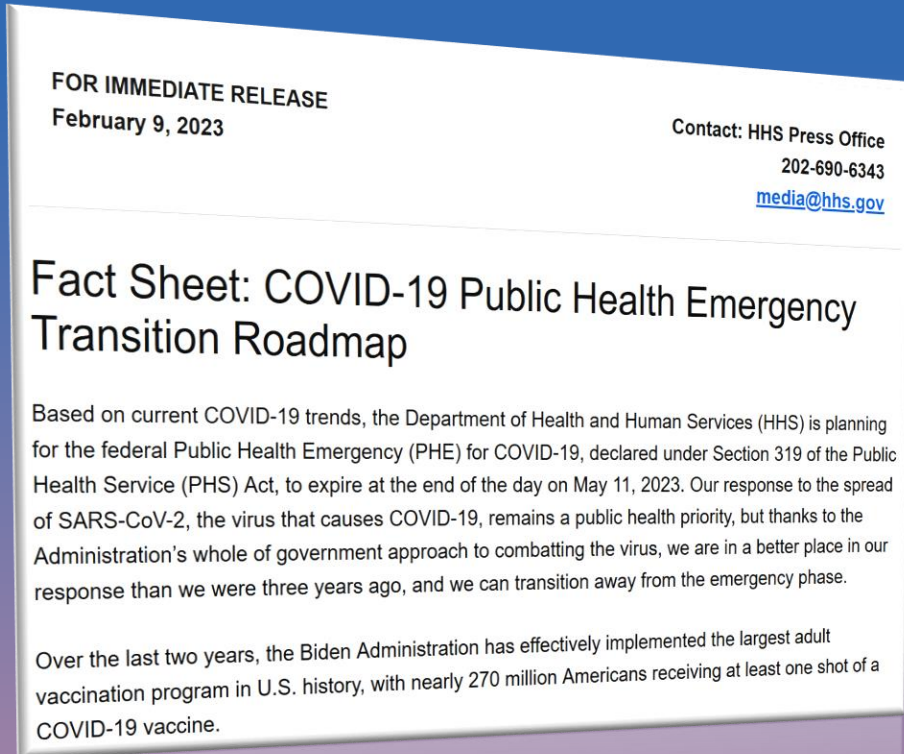
COVID-19 in the United States



COVID-19 in Washington State



COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap



- **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

The Hon. Patty Murray, Senator
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The Hon. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Representative
The Hon. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Representative
The Hon. Pramila Jayapal, Representative
The Hon. Adam Smith, Representative
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Maria Cantwell, Senator
The Hon. Rick Larsen, Representative
The Hon. Dan Newhouse, Representative
The Hon. Derek Kilmer, Representative
The Hon. Kim Schrier, Representative
The Hon. Marilyn Strickland, 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.

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





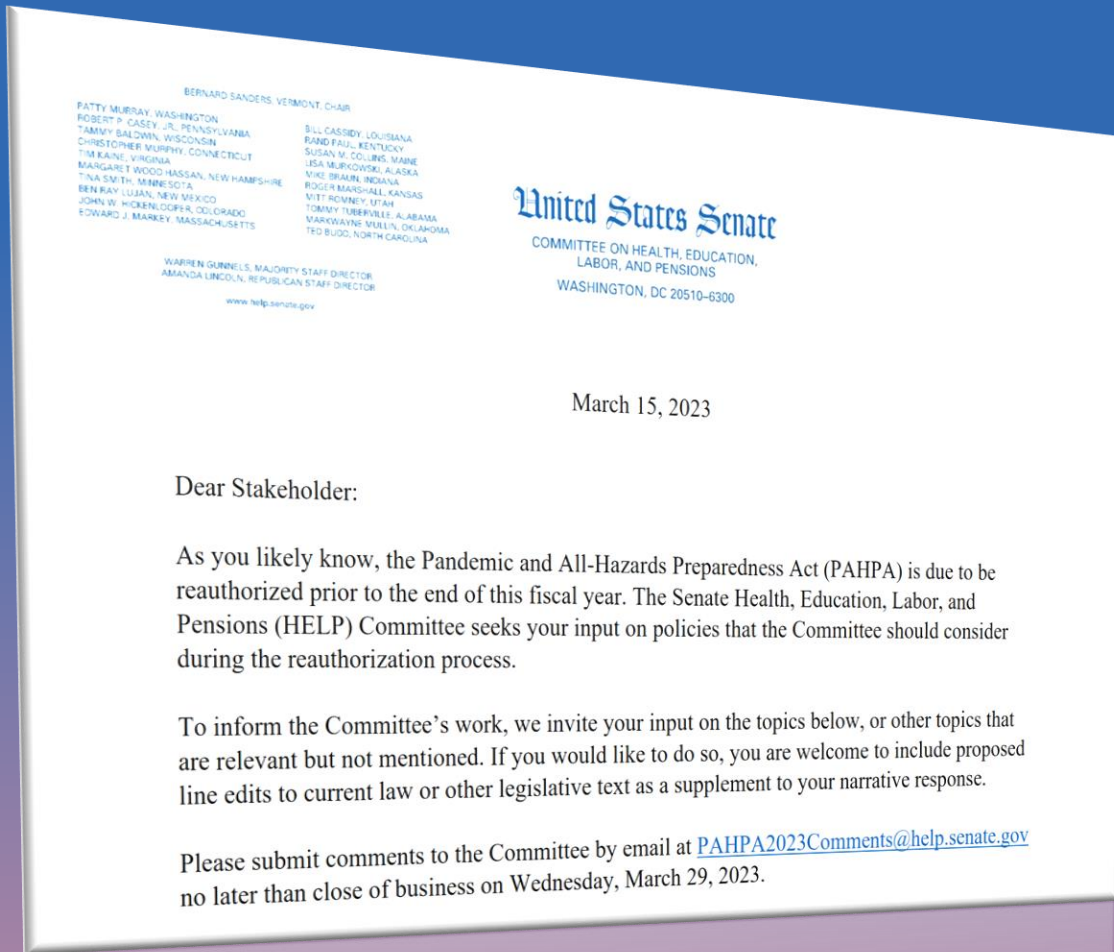
A NATIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR BIODEFENSE:

LEADERSHIP AND MAJOR REFORM
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REPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN
COMMISSION ON BIODEFENSE
October 2015



PAHPA Reauthorization

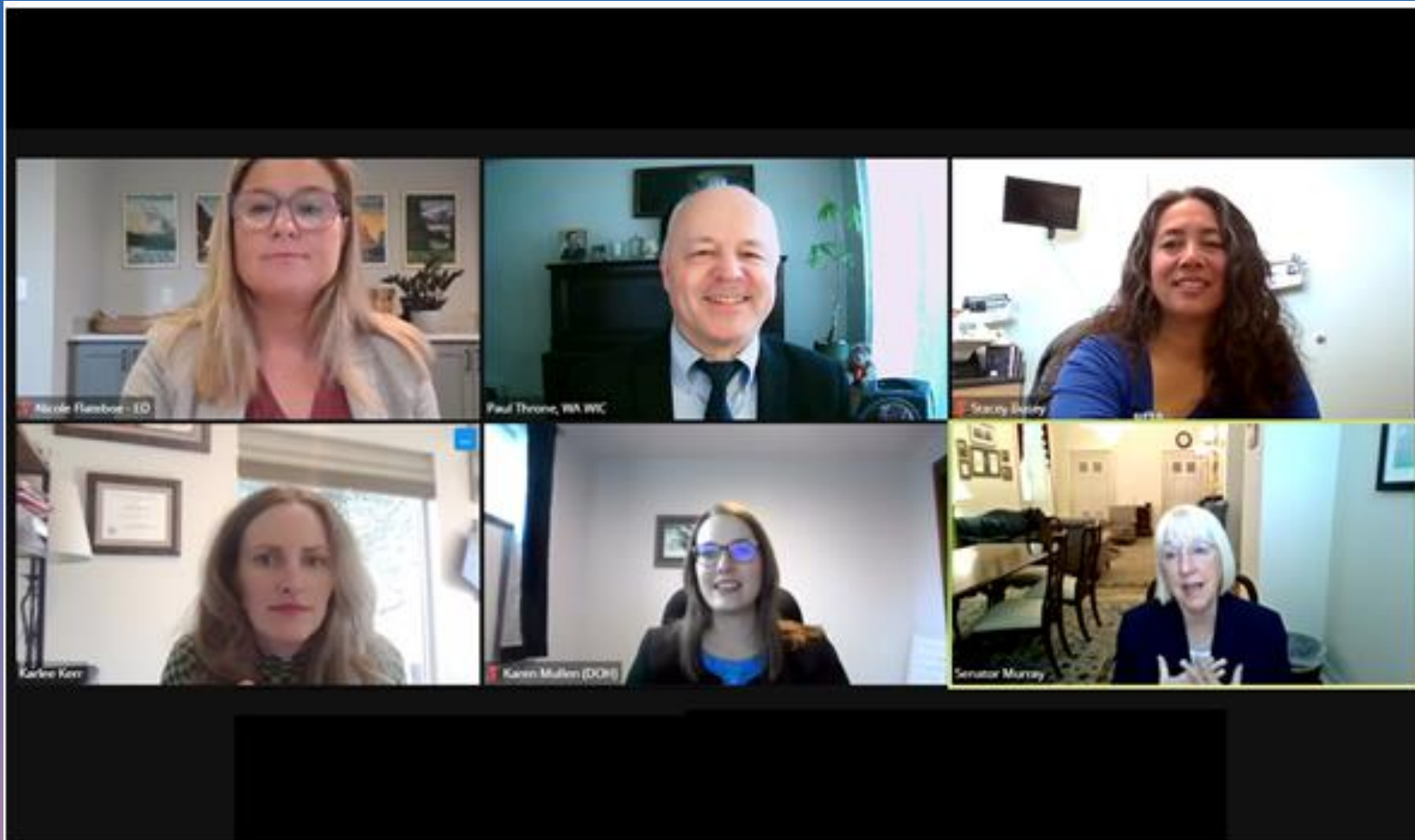


- This year's PAHPA reauthorization will build upon steps taken by lawmakers to bolster national defense against pandemics or biothreats.
- DOH shared comments with Senate HELP Committee in response to this request for information.

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
<p>Women Infants and Children Program (WIC)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnant participants • Breastfeeding and postpartum participants • Infants • Children 1-5 years <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income below 185% of poverty level • Adjunctive eligibility, such as Medicaid, TANF, and SNAP. • About 200,000 participants 	<p>Food Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Other Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition education • Breastfeeding support • Health screening • Referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating Grocery Stores • Coming summer 2024: Online Ordering with Walmart
<p>WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)</p> 	<p>WIC participants (except infants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35,173 participants in 2022 season • \$440,076 in food benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating Farmers Markets • Participating Farm Stores • Coming 2023: Participants can use Fruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefits at Participating Farmers Markets and Farm Stores

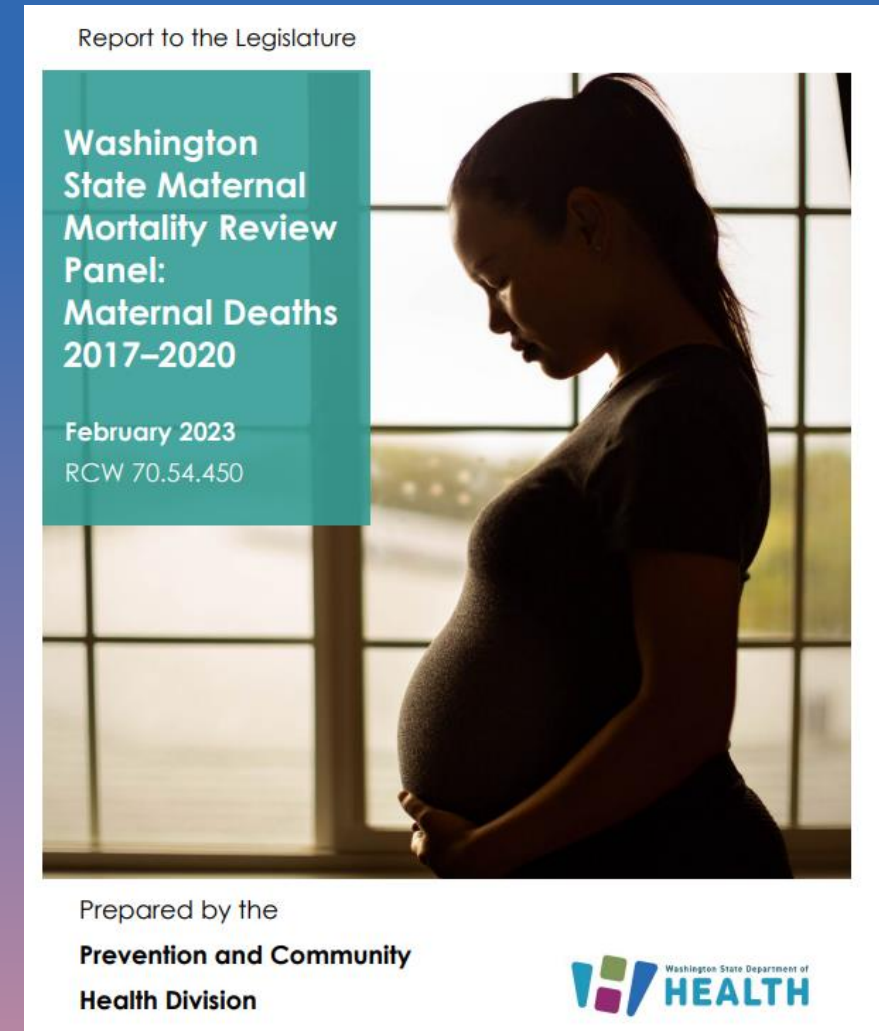
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<p>SNAP Market Match</p> 	<p>Anyone who has a SNAP/EBT card.</p>	<p>At participating Farmers Markets, get \$1 SNAP Market Match for every \$1 EBT (up to \$25 per day).</p> <p>Spend the match on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs • Mushrooms • Seeds and plants that produce food • SNAP Market Match dollars expire at the end of the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 123 Farmers Markets, Mobile Markets, and Farm Stands
<p>SNAP Produce Match</p> 	<p>Anyone who has a SNAP/EBT card.</p>	<p>Use \$10 SNAP/EBT to buy qualifying fruits and vegetables and get \$5 coupon for the next trip.</p> <p>Spend the coupon on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Fruit and Vegetable Prescriptions</p> 	<p>Eligible participants: Have or are at-risk of developing a diet-related chronic condition; and screen positive for food insecurity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant receives \$250 in fruit and vegetable vouchers over 6 months (\$10 per week). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



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Senate Hearing Room 4



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March 28, 2023

PPT PC's screen



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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 approximately 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



- 1. 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.**

Going farther together



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