



Washington State Board of Health

2024 State Health Report

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Washington State Board of Health State Health Report (SHR)

- **RCW 43.20.100** requires that the Board submit a report to the Governor's Office by July 1 of every even-numbered year to identify public health priorities and legislative action for the following biennium.
- The Board meets this requirement by submitting its State Health Report.
- The purpose of the State Health Report is to highlight strategic directions and high-level initiatives anticipated in the upcoming biennium for the Governor and Legislature.



2022 Recommendations

1. Improving Public Health's Response to Health Inequities through Data Reform.
2. Removing Barriers to Health Care Insurance and Care Coverage.
3. Improving Access to Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Services.
4. Making School Environments Healthy and Safe.
5. Decreasing Youth Use of Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Products.
6. Strengthening Washington's Public Health System Through Continued Investments.



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Topic Areas for the 2024 State Health Report

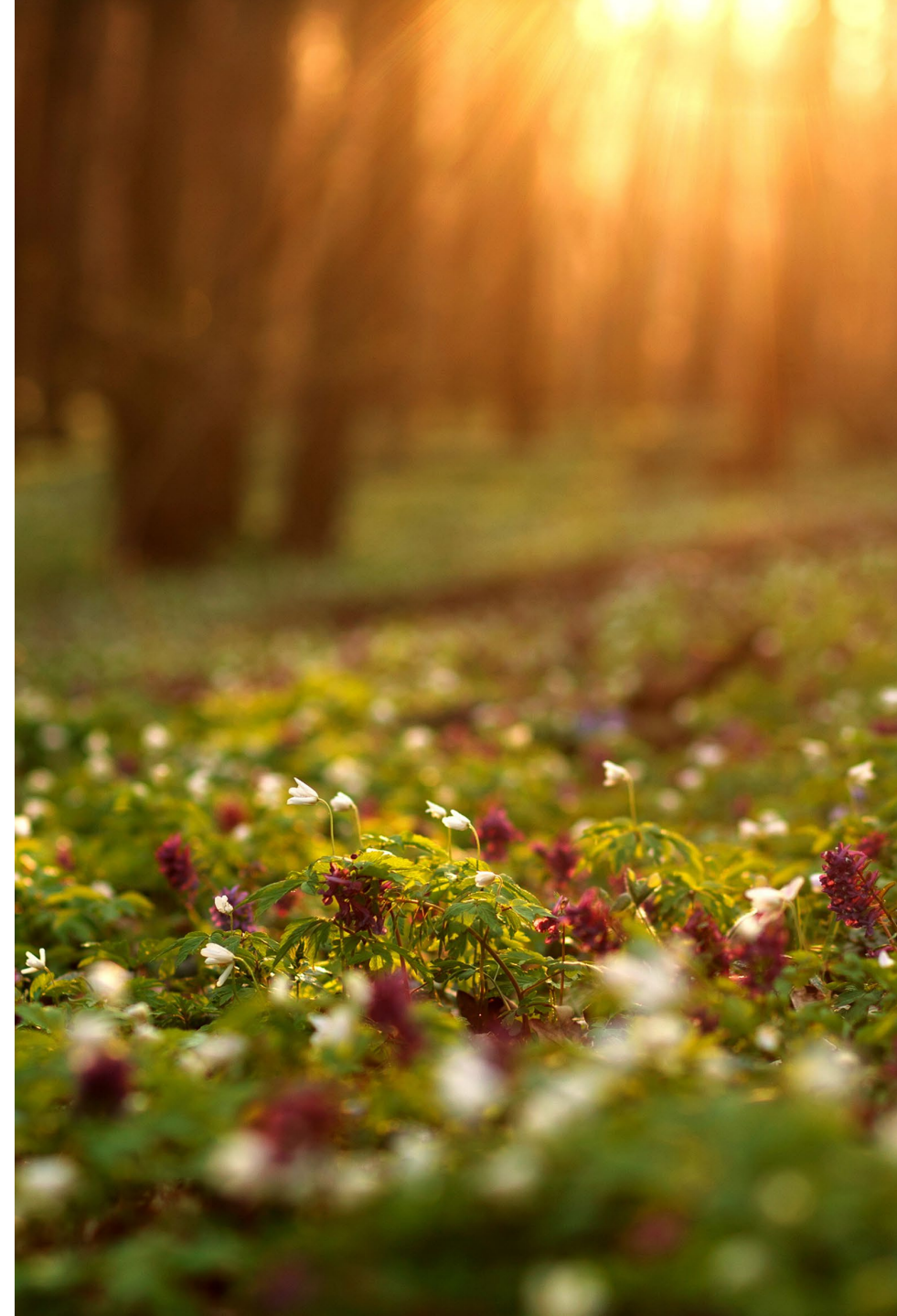
- School Environmental Health and Safety
- Environmental Justice and Climate Change
- Pregnant Person Health and Mortality Prevention
- Racism as a Public Health Crisis and Promoting Health Equity
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use and Contamination Prevention
- Data Disaggregation
- Continued Investments in the Public Health System and Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)



Community Engagement Process

GOAL:

A 2024 State Health Report that is informed by and reflective of the priorities of communities in Washington State.



We expect that our **recommendations will change** based on what we hear from community voices.

The **community voices** we are seeking out come from those who:

- Have experience with the topics in the State Health Report.
- Are affected by the recommendations in the State Health Report.
- Come from overburdened communities.¹
- Experience a disproportionate impact from the Social Determinants of Health.



1. Statutory definition from RCW 70A.02.010 - "Overburdened community" means a geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and includes, but is not limited to, highly impacted communities.

Activities



Community Storytelling Panel

- An opportunity for Board Members to hear directly from community members.
- Gain deeper knowledge about proposed State Health Report topics.
- Proposed for March 2024 meeting.



One-on-one Trusted Messenger Conversations

- Provide additional context and information.
- Allow Board staff to gain in-depth knowledge in specific recommendation areas that the panel may not address.



Accountability

- Responsiveness Summary.
- Notice of State Health Report release sent to all participants.
- Community Compensation.

2024 State Health Report Proposed Timeline

January 2024

Finalize List of 2024
SHR Topics

February 2024

Research and
Community
Outreach

March 2024

SHR Community
Storytelling Panel

March-April 2024

1:1 Conversations
and Finalize SHR
Recommendations

April-May 2024

Report Drafting,
Editing, and
Formatting

June 2024

Present Report to
the Board for
Review and
Adoption

July 2024

Submit Report to
the Governor's
Office

July-Sept 2024

Disseminate SHR
and Report Back to
Community

| THANK YOU

Appendix: Past State Health Report Topics and Recommendations

SBOH SHR Year	Topics and Recommendations
2010	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restore stability to the state's public health system 2. Encourage policies that promote healthy behaviors 3. Promote healthy and safe environments 4. Implement the state action plan to end health disparities 5. Focus health care reform on delivering preventive services 6. Integrate prevention policies across state agencies
2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the public health system. 2. Increase access to preventative services. 3. Reduce health disparities. 4. Encourage policies that promote healthy behaviors. 5. Promote healthy and safe environments.
2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oral health. 2. Language access. 3. Health Impact Reviews.
2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). 2. Promoting health equity in WA state. 3. Advancing school health (environmental health and safety, and preventative screenings).
2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen and transform WA's public health system 2. Improving health by decreasing the use of tobacco and vapor products. 3. Continue to combat opioid use disorder. 4. Equity in state government. 5. End AIDS by 2020. 6. Make school environments healthy and safe for WA students.
2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen and transform WA's public health system. 2. Improve health by decreasing the use of tobacco, nicotine, and vapor products. 3. Dismantle racism and improve equity in state government. 4. Make school environments healthy and safe for WA students.