

WASHINGTON STATE

BOARD OF HEALTH

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES	RCW
Composition of SBOH	43.20.030
Serve as public forum	43.20.050(1)
Adopt rules for accessing existing databases for health-related research	43.20.050(2)(g)
Prepare biennial health report to Governor each even-numbered year	43.20.100
All local boards of health, health officials, officers of state institutions, police officers, and all other state and local government employees shall enforce SBOH rules or be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars on first conviction and not less than one hundred dollars on second conviction	43.20.050(5)
CHILDREN'S HEALTH	RCW
Immunizations	
Adopt rules on proof of immunizations for school and day care attendance	28A.210.080
Prescribe form of written records for in schools and daycares for immunizations	28A.210.100
Adopt rules that establish requirements for "full immunization"	28A.210.140
Prenatal and Newborn Testing for Congenital Disorders	
Adopt rules for prenatal diagnosis of congenital disorders, which group disability insurance for childbirth must cover when medically necessary	48.21.244
Specify screening tests for newborn infants	70.83.020
Specify what positive tests for newborns must be reported to Department of Health	70.83.030
Adopt rules for testing newborns for heritable, metabolic, or congenital disorders	70.83.050
Visual and Auditory Screening	
Adopt rules for auditory and visual screening in schools	28A.210.020
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	RCW
General Authority	
Adopt rules for prevention and control of infectious and noninfectious diseases	43.20.050(2)(f)
Adopt rules for isolation and quarantine	43.20.050(2)(e)
Adopt rules to restrict persons with contagious diseases on school premises	28A.210.010
Disease Reporting	
Specify by rule the diseases physicians must report to the local health officer	70.05.090

Specify by rule the contagious diseases local health officials or physicians must report to SBOH	70.05.110
Human Remains	
Adopt rules for receipt and conveyance of human remains	43.20.050(2)(f)
May adopt rule requiring embalming of deceased persons	18.39.215
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	
Define, for the purposes of controlling and treating sexually transmitted diseases, the following terms: blood-borne pathogen, medical treatment, sexually transmitted disease, and test for a sexually transmitted disease	70.24.017
Adopt rules authorizing interviews that state and local public health officials may conduct to investigate the source and spread of disease	70.24.022
Define behaviors that endanger the public health; designate facility standards for those detained per court order; and establish standards for counseling and education	70.24.034 , 70.24.070
Establish procedures for laboratory confirmation of sexually transmitted disease and anonymous reporting	70.24.050
Adopt rules for sexually transmitted diseases and other blood-borne pathogens, including reporting requirements, confidentiality, investigations, behaviors that endanger public health, specimens that may be obtained and test that can be administered, and risk of exposure and transmission in occupational settings, jail settings, and correctional facilities	70.24.130
Tuberculosis	
Adopt rules for reporting of TB cases, and due process standards for testing, treating and detaining infected individuals	70.28.032 , 70.28.035
VITAL STATISTICS	
Adopt rules specifying pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery necessary for statistical study (confidential portion of the birth certificate)	70.58A.020 , 70.58A.902
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	
General Authority	
Adopt rules to prevent health hazards and nuisances related to disposal of human and animal excreta and animal remains	43.20.050(2)(c)
Adopt rules for environmental conditions in public facilities including food service establishments, schools, recreational facilities, and transient accommodations	43.20.050(2)(d)
Contaminated Properties	
Adopt rules for processes to force decontamination of properties used for illegal drug manufacturing	64.44.010 , 64.44.070(1)
Food Service	
Consider most current FDA Food Code when adopting rules	43.20.145
Adopt rules for food and beverage service worker permit requirements	69.06.010

Set uniform statewide food handler permit fee	69.06.020
Adult family home caregiver training must meet SBOH standards for food workers	70.128.250
Molluscan Shellfish	
Adopt rules for sanitation of growing areas and operations, considering most current version of national shellfish sanitation program model ordinance	69.30.030
On-Site Sewage Systems	
Adopt rules for design, construction, operation, repair, and maintenance of systems with design flows of less than 3,500 gallons per day	43.20.050(3) , 70A.105 70A.110 90.48.264
Approve training programs for pumping and inspecting on-site sewage systems	35.67.020 , 35.92.020 , 36.94.020 , 57.08.005
Outdoor Music Festivals	
Adopt rules for siting, development, and sanitation of outdoor music festivals	70.108.040
Pesticide Poisoning	
Adopt rules for reporting by physicians and health care providers to Department of Health of pesticide poisonings	70.104.055
Public Drinking Water Systems	
Adopt rules for Group A public water systems	43.20.050(2)(a) , 70A.100 , 70A.120 , 70A.125.010 , 70A.130
Adopt rules for Group B public water systems	70A.125.010 , 70A.100 43.20.050(2)(b) ,
Department of Health and local health agencies shall implement SBOH drinking water rules	70A.125.060
Transient Accommodations	
Adopt rules regarding health, safety and sanitation in transient accommodations	70.62.240
Water recreation	
Adopt rules on safety, sanitation, and water quality for water recreation facilities	70.90.120
Zoonotic Diseases	
Adopt rules on importation and possession of pet animals to control diseases in humans	16.70.040
Adopt rules to prevent and control infectious diseases, including vector borne illnesses	43.20.050(2)(f)

HEALTH EQUITY	RCW
Convene and staff Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities	43.20.275
Develop health impact reviews in collaboration with Council on Health Disparities	43.20.285
CONSULTATION AND INTEGRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RCW
Review and comment on applications from health professionals seeking regulation	18.120.040
May recommend to the secretary means for obtaining appropriate citizen and professional involvement in all public health policy formulation and other matters related to the powers and duties of the department	43.20.050(1)
May delegate rule making authority to Secretary of Health	43.20.050(4)
May advise Secretary of Health on health policy related to the department and state	43.20.050(6)
Review need for advisory committees under respective jurisdictions biennially	43.70.040(2)
Promote and assess health care along with Secretary of Health and receive list of priority health study issues for consideration of inclusion in state health report	43.70.050
Receive reports from Secretary of Health and take action as determined necessary	43.70.130
Adopt such rules necessary to entitle state to participate in federal funding, unless prohibited by law	70.01.010
Advise on medical education programs regarding pesticide poisoning	70.104.057
Receive from Secretary of Health emergency medical services and trauma care system plan for consideration during preparation of state biennial health report	70.168.015
CONSULTATION AND INTEGRATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES	RCW
Consult with Director of Licensing on training requirements for cosmetologists, barbers and manicurists	18.16.100
Consult with Director of Licensing on salon and barber shop sanitation requirements	18.16.175
Consult with Secretary of Department of Social and Health Services on nursing home rules	18.51.070
Consult with Superintendent of Public Instruction about exclusion from school entry for students lacking required immunizations	28A.210.120 , 28A.210.160
Integrate policies with Director of Ecology	43.21A.140 , 43.70.310
INTEGRATION WITH LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS	RCW
May remove local health officer or administrator for failure to enforce SBOH rules or public health laws	70.05.120
Local officials must apply SBOH health and sanitation standards to mobile home parks, \$100 fine to park owner	59.20.190
Establish guidelines for health district funds	70.46.080
Develop health services standards for any county that withdraws from a health district	70.46.090
Remove local health officer as registrar of vital statistics for neglect of duties	70.58A.050
Adopt rules establishing the appointment process for members of local boards of health who are not elected officials	43.20 (Chapter 205, Laws of 2021)