

Public Health Standard Language

Public Health: Always Working for a Safer and Healthier Washington

Public health agencies in Washington provide critical programs and services for all people in the state—from drinking water protection to disease prevention. The public health network coordinates at the local, statewide and national level to keep our communities healthy and safe. The work of public health includes:

- **Essential programs for improving health:** Programs such as immunizations, communicable disease prevention, and chronic disease and injury prevention help individuals and communities stay healthy.
- **Information that works:** Resources such as educational and training programs, community health reports and statewide health and safety information provide individuals and communities information they can use to make good decisions.
- **Protecting you and your family every day:** Services such as drinking water and air quality monitoring, septic system inspections, restaurant inspections, disease prevention and planned community crisis response ensure individual and community health and safety.

Elevator pitch:

The work of public health is to:

- Help communities to be healthy places to live, work and play
- Serve as a resource for reliable health information you can use
- Protect our communities from hazards in the environment