



**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, AND TOXICOLOGY**  
**Animals, birds, pets - Measures to prevent human disease**  
**WAC 246-100-191, and**  
**Birds – Measures to prevent psittacosis**  
**WAC 246-100-201**  
**October 2009**

ACTIVITY *	EXPECTED TIMELINE	DATE COMPLETED
File CR-101	May 2007	May 2, 2007
Interagency workgroup develop recommendations	Winter 2009	February 23, 2009
Informal stakeholder review and comment	Nov 2009	
Finalize draft rule, significant analysis, and SBEIS	Feb 2010	
State Board of Health briefing	Mar 2010	
File CR-102	April 2010	
Public hearing	June 2010	
Prepare concise explanatory statement	June 2010	
File CR-103P	July 2010	
Rule effective	Aug 2010	

*\* This timeline takes into account staffing limitations related to West Nile Virus activities during the summers of 2007 through 2009.*

**Purpose**

The purpose of this revision is update existing rules to reflect current standards of practice for prevention and control of human cases of psittacosis, rabies, and other diseases transmissible from animals to humans. The rules will focus on environmental factors and controls rather than human case tracking and management.

**Recent Issues and Activities**

On February 23, 2009, the Zoonotics Interagency Workgroup met to provide further recommendations for rule revision.

**Next Steps**

Department of Health and State Board of Health staff will draft rule text to incorporate the workgroup recommendations. After the draft rule text has been reviewed by the workgroup, the department and board staff will conduct an informal stakeholder review of the draft rule text.

*For detailed information about the rulemaking process and related timelines,  
 please see the Department of Health web site at  
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