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Board discusses environmental health and safety in schools, HIV counseling and testing

Wednesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m. –4:45 p.m., Best Western Park Plaza, 620 South Hill Park Drive, Puyallup

At its meeting June 11 in Puyallup, the state Board of Health will hear a final briefing on its environmental health and safety rule for K-12 schools that is likely to be proposed for publication and formal public comment. In addition, the board will hear a briefing on the anticipated costs of the new rule requirements. A representative from the Office of the Education Ombudsman will discuss the role that office can play in resolving conflict between parents and the public school system. The board plans to hold rule hearings in both eastern and western Washington in August and September and may adopt the rule as early as September 10.

The board will hear a briefing on requests from public health and medical organizations that the board revise its rules regarding HIV counseling, testing, and partner notification.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 4:15 p.m. Public testimony related to the school environmental health and safety rule will be taken at 2:20 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site \(www.sboh.wa.gov\)](http://www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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