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Board considers adopting school health and safety rule

Wednesday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Yakima Convention Center, 10 North 8th St, Yakima

At its October 8 meeting in Yakima, the State Board of Health will continue deliberations and consider adoption of a proposal to modernize its environmental health and safety rule for K-12 schools. This is a continuation of a hearing that included public testimony in Spokane on August 27 and in Olympia on September 10.

The Board will also hold a public hearing and consider adopting proposed changes to its rule for immunizing child care and school children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Other items on the agenda include briefings on its notifiable conditions rule, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, and the Newborn Screening Program.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 3:15 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](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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