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Board receives briefings on swimming pools, shellfish related illnesses, and drinking water systems

Wednesday, November 12, 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m., Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 3, Capitol Campus, Capital Way, Olympia

At its November 12 meeting in Olympia, the state Board of Health will hear briefings on the status of three of its rules: water recreation facilities, shellfish, and group B water systems.

Revisions to the rules governing swimming pools, spas, and other water recreation facilities are needed to reflect a new federal law. Changes to the shellfish rule are needed to update the *Vibrio* control plan, a set of measures intended to reduce human illnesses from eating raw and undercooked shellfish. Changes under consideration increase enforcement, improve follow up with dealers who sell shellfish implicated in illnesses, and strengthen education efforts. Revisions to the 12- year-old rule on group B water systems are needed to make administration of the rules more efficient and to focus the rule on the most important public health concerns.

Other agenda items include a review of ongoing activities on the school environmental health and safety rule, a briefing from Washington Health Foundation on its policy initiatives, a panel presentation on misuse and abuse of pain medication, and a discussion of possible updates to the board's strategic plan.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 10:20 a.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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