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Board to hold hearing on HIV counseling and testing

Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Hotel SeaTac, 17338 International Boulevard, Seattle

At its November 4 meeting, the state Board of Health will hold a public hearing on a proposed rule relating to HIV counseling, testing, and partner notification services. The proposed changes make the rule language more consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2006 revised recommendations for HIV testing and with 2008 recommendations for partner services. Public testimony will be taken.

The Board will also consider opening rule making for food service rules and will hearing a briefing on on-site sewage rules. Other items on the agenda include an update on the newborn screening program; a briefing on public health voluntary accreditation; and possible adoption of a proposed strategic plan for the 2009-11 biennium.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 1:15 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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