



**GRAY'S HARBOR COUNTY  
Public Health**








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**DIVISION OVERVIEW**


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**THE FOUNDATION OF THIS DIVISION**

									
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*We have a vision of Grays Harbor as a place where all people can be healthy throughout their lives.*



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Our goal is to increase the ability of people of all genders to achieve their optimal sexual and reproductive health. We support screening and preventive services, best practices for client-centered care, and community outreach. We help people achieve their desired number of children, including no children, and determine the timing and spacing of pregnancies.

### SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLINIC



- Offers all FDA approved methods of BC – provided all onsite at the clinic
- Offers sliding fee scale and accepts all State Medical Plans and insurances
- Will never deny due to inability to pay
- Offers FPO state program regardless of citizenship status
- Bi lingual (Spanish) staff on site – including our clinician
- STI testing – including rapid HIV testing with treatment



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Our goal is to provide immunizations to uninsured adults so that we can keep individuals, families, and the community healthy. Immunizations help protect loved ones from disease as well as help stop the spread to vulnerable populations.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

#### IMMUNIZATION SERVICES:

- In our SRHP, we provide HPV immunization to all 18 years and younger
- Through our Adult Vaccine Program (19 years+) we offer:
  - HPV
  - Influenza
  - Shingrix (50 years +)
  - Tdap



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Our goal is to work collaboratively with community partners, school districts, and funders to increase access to childhood immunizations for all

### CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS



#### We did this!

- 161 individuals accessed vaccines (often more than 1 type of vaccine)
  - 30 identified as uninsured
- 127 Childhood Immunizations
  - 36% Dtap/Tdap
  - 20% Varicella
  - 16% MMR, Polio
  - 6% Hep B
  - 3% HPV\*\*
  - 2% Hib
  - 1% PCV
- 94 COVID-19 Vaccines
  - 24 were first doses!
- 69 Pediatric Flu vaccines



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# VITAL RECORDS

Work with Funeral Homes to create burial transit permits and certify Death Certificates. Only authorized representatives and qualified applicants are allowed to request certified copies for many legal, administrative, financial, and governmental purposes. Vital health information on Death Certificates enables surveillance systems at the State to monitor health indicators and trends.

March 2023 statistics:

- Printing up Birth Certificates for requestors – 175 Certified Copies generated to qualified applicants
- Printing up Death Certificates for requestors – 12 Certified copies generated to qualified applicants
- Court requests for verifying Death – 12 Certified copies provided to the courts

Funeral Home requests – Includes approving Burial Transit permits and approving Death Certificates

- 80 Deaths were approved and Certified by our Deputy Registrars and Certified copies provided to 3 Local Funeral Homes



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# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND REPORTING NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS

Washington State Department of Health Notifiable Conditions Reporting LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS	
Notifiable to the Washington State Department of Health	
<b>IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE: (suspect or confirmed cases)</b> Notifiable to the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology: 1-877-539-4344	
Anthrax Botulism (foodborne, wound, infant) Cholera Diphtheria Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin Emerging condition with outbreak potential Influenza, novel strain Measles (measles) Paralytic shellfish poisoning Plague	Polymyositis Rabies, human SARS Smallpox Tularemia Viral hemorrhagic fever Yellow fever Outbreak, or suspected outbreak, of illness due to infectious agent or toxin
Notifiable within 2 days of case investigation completion or summary information required within 21 days of initial notification for the following:	
<b>Notifiable to the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology: 1-877-539-4344</b> Arboviral disease (Zika, West Nile virus disease, dengue, eastern and western equine encephalitis, etc.) Brucellosis Burkholderia mallei or pseudomallei Campylobacteriosis Cryptosporidiosis Enterohemorrhagic E. coli (see Shiga toxin-producing E. coli) Giardiasis Haemophilus influenzae invasive disease Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome Hepatitis A, acute Hepatitis B, acute Hepatitis C, acute Hepatitis D, acute Hepatitis E, acute Influenza-associated death (lab-confirmed) Legionellosis Leptospirosis Listeriosis Lyme disease Malaria Meningococcal disease Monkeypox Mumps Pertussis Prison disease, including Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Psittacosis	<b>Notifiable to Infectious Disease Assessment: 360-236-3464</b> Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (including AIDS in persons previously reported with HIV infection) Chancroid Chlamydia trachomatis Gonorrhea Granuloma inguinale Hepatitis B, chronic Hepatitis C, chronic Herpes simplex HIV infection Lymphogranuloma venereum Syphilis <b>Notifiable to TB Reporting Line 360-236-3397</b> Tuberculosis <b>Notifiable to Immunization Program CHLD Profile Fax: 360-236-3590</b> Hepatitis B, surface antigen-positive pregnant women Immunization reactions (severe, adverse) <b>If bioterrorism is suspected, case must be immediately reported.</b>
<b>Other rare diseases of public health significance, including but not limited to:</b> Anisakiasis Babesiosis Bartonellosis Carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CPCRE) Chagas disease Clostridiomycosis Cryptosporium parvum Ehrlichiosis Histiocytosis Heterophyiasis Shellfish poisoning (saxitoxin) Tickborne rickettsiosis (including Rocky Mountain spotted fever) Tick paralysis Typhus Unexplained critical illness or death	

Over 88 Reportable Conditions are mandated from laboratories and providers

We receive reports by phone, fax, secure emails, and thru the WA State SecureAccess System.

Grays Harbor County Public Health has a dedicated RN to review each case and complete case investigations and reports.



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In WA State, health care providers, health care facilities, laboratories, food service establishments, child day care facilities, and schools are legally required to notify public health authorities at their local health jurisdiction of suspected or confirmed cases of selected diseases or conditions. These are referred to as **notifiable conditions**.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND REPORTING NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS

### SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS:

Chlamydia is the #1 reported sexually transmitted infection in Grays Harbor County, WA State, and in the US.

Gonorrhea comes in at the 2<sup>nd</sup> most reported sexually transmitted infection in Grays Harbor County.

Grays Harbor County has been having a Syphilis outbreak among substance abuse using individuals. DOH helps investigate these high-risk cases so Public Health can provide treatment to diagnosed cases and their identified partners.

### HEPATITIS INFECTIONS:

Currently, Hepatitis C is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most reported condition in Grays Harbor County-- Covid-19 infections being #1 the last 3 years.

Hepatitis C is spread through blood to blood contact. Most Hepatitis C infections occur in people who inject drugs or have injected them in the past.

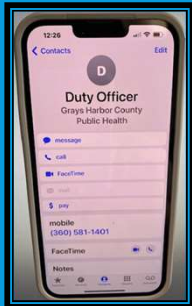
The good news: For a disease once thought incurable, treatment has come a long way. Now, a patient takes antiviral pills for 8 to 12 weeks (but can be as long as 16-24 weeks in certain situations) and the success rate is 99%.



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The purpose of the Duty Officer role is to provide capacity for the Department to respond 24 hour per day, 7 days per week to urgent situations in the community that may constitute a threat to public health.

## DUTY OFFICER ROLE



- We currently have 9 trained Duty Officers in a 6 month rotation. Each participant will be on duty for a 1 week intervals from 4:30 pm Friday until the following Friday at 8:00 am.
- The Duty Officer must be within 1 hour driving time to the Pearsall Building when scheduled, be in cell phone coverage range and have the capability to respond to calls or voicemails within 30 minutes.
- If Duty Officer receives notification of a potential emergency, they will notify PH Director who will then determine who else needs notified.
- Calls come in to: (360) 581-1401 to report an Immediately Notifiable Condition or Public Health emergency (*After business hours*).
- Hospitals, laboratories, health care providers, and DOH are the most common callers to the Duty Officer phone.
- All WA State LHJ's are required to have personnel that are dedicated to receive calls *after business hours*.



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### DUTY OFFICERS MOST COMMON CALLS



- Bats (possible rabies exposure)
- Animal bites (dogs, cats, raccoons, rabbits)
- Campylobacter, salmonella, E-coli
- Covid-19



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Although challenging, COVID-19 reminded public health the importance of tackling disease transmission from the onset, of utilizing community collaborations, and the importance of public health during emergent situations.

### COVID-19



Spotlight on Volunteers



Grays Harbor County has had a total of:

- 20,641 Total cases
- 1,050 Hospitalizations
- 257 Deaths
- *Information from [COVID-19 Data Dashboard | Washington State Department of Health](#) on their most recent update which was on 4/11/23*
- 307 Potential clusters investigated-this includes schools, businesses, and long term care facilities.
- COVID-19 Highlights:
  - Community Based Testing Sites
  - Isolation/Quarantine facility in partnership with QIN
  - Mass Vaccination Operation
  - MRC volunteers



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The goal of epidemiology is to use health data assessment and communicable disease surveillance to identify areas of improvement for the health of Grays Harbor County residents, and goals to target specific improvement strategies.

## EPI/ASSESSMENT

Epi: includes reaching out to facilities that experience potential outbreaks of communicable diseases. Most recently this has heavily included COVID-19 in multiple settings and flu-like illnesses that affect 10% or more of any school's total student body. This reach out includes information gathering about the facility and those affected, a mitigation plan to reduce transmission and help ensure the facility is equipped with PPE, testing supplies, DOH guidelines and requirements, and reporting requirements. Epi also assist as-needed in the investigation of single cases of reportable communicable diseases.

Assessment: includes assisting all divisions of GHCPH with gathering data needed to support public health projects. This has included county's COVID-19 After Action Report, School Based Health Center Project, WIC Customer Satisfaction, and working on assessments related to opioid use and diabetes prevention and education. Assessment is vital to the identification of health issues in the county and plans to improve them.



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Schools based health centers (SBHC) are student-focused health centers located in or adjacent to a school. They are an investment in the health and academic potential of children and adolescents. They provide access to health services that enable students to thrive.

## SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

- GHPH awarded a planning grant in 2022-2023 in partnership with QIN and North Beach School District
- Phased implementation projected for 2023-2025
- Sustainability projected 2025-foward



### THE NEED FOR SBHC-WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

#### Mental Health

In 2021, 37% of 10th graders in Grays Harbor County felt so sad or hopeless for two weeks or more that they stopped doing their usual activities.

#### Vapor Use

11% of 10th graders in Grays Harbor reported using vapor products in the past 30 days. 104,000 WA youth alive today will ultimately die prematurely from smoking.

#### Physical Wellness

In 2021, 22% of 10th graders in our county were obese. In 2021, 77% of 10th graders in our county did not meet the recommendations for 60 minutes of physical activity 7 days a week.

#### Bullying

38% of surveyed Grays Harbor Students report they were bullied at school in the past month.

#### Proximity to a PCP

Parents in North beach report having to travel 45 miles or more to attend their child's primary care appointments.

#### Impact on Working Families

32% of parents surveyed said they missed 4-8 days of work in one year to attend their child's healthcare appointments.



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The main goal for Public Health Response involves multidimensional efforts to reduce public's vulnerability to hazards; to diminish the impact of disasters; and to prepare for, respond to, and recover from those that occur.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE



### Responsibilities:

- To effectively respond to an emergency or disaster, public health has engaged in preparedness activities, such as:
  - Active shooter training
  - The Great Shake-out earthquake drill
  - Table top exercises
  - CPR training
  - Hazard vulnerability and risk assessments
- During the last year public health has developed plans, procedures, and guidelines to support emergency preparedness efforts.
  - Workforce Capacity Building plan 2022
  - MRC strategic planning 2023
  - ESF6 and ESF 8 plan updates in coordination with the Department of Emergency Management.
- Participated in the after action review of an actual emergency, Grays Harbor and Rehab fire incident. The after action review identified areas that required revision, enhancement, and/or training, and take appropriate follow-up action through corrective action planning.



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