

# Local Public Health Agencies in Washington State

Jurisdiction	Phone
ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.659.3315
ASOTIN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.758.3344
BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.943.2614
BREMERTON-KITSAP COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	360.337.5235
CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.886.6400
CLALLAM COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES .....	360.417.2274
COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.382.2181
COWLITZ COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	360.414.5599
GARFIELD COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.843.3412
GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.754.6060
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT .....	360.532.8665
ISLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	360.679.7350
JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES .....	360.385.9400
KITTITAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	509.962.7515
KLICKITAT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	509.773.4565
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH .....	360.740.1223
LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	509.725.1001
MASON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES .....	360.427.9670
NORTHEAST TRI COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.684.1301
OKANOGAN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.422.7140
PACIFIC COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT .....	360.875.9343
PUBLIC HEALTH --SEATTLE-KING COUNTY .....	206.296.4600
SAN JUAN COUNTY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES .....	360.378.4474
SKAGIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	360.336.9380
SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT .....	425.339.5210
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON HEALTH DISTRICT .....	360.397.8215
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.324.1500
TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT .....	253.798.6500
THURSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	360.786.5581
WAHKIAKUM COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES .....	360.795.6207
WALLA WALLA COUNTY-CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	509.527.3290
WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT .....	360.676.6720
WHITMAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	509.397.6280
YAKIMA HEALTH DISTRICT .....	509.575.4040



## Public Health Nursing Directors of Washington

### Scope of Public HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

- Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social and public health sciences (American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section 1996).
- Public health nursing is population-focused, community-oriented nursing practice.
- The goal of public health nursing is the prevention of disease and disability for all people through the creation of conditions in which people can be healthy.
- Public health nurses assess the needs and strengths of the population, design interventions to mobilize resources for action, and promote equal opportunity for health.
- Strong, effective organizational and political skills must complement their nursing and public health expertise.

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Scope & Standards of Public Health  
Nursing Practice  
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# Tenets of PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

1. Population-based assessment, policy development, and assurance processes are systematic and comprehensive.

2. All processes must include partnering with representatives of the people.

3. Primary prevention is given priority.

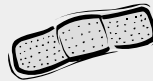
4. Intervention strategies are selected to create healthy environmental, social, and economic conditions in which people can thrive.

5. Public health nursing practice includes an obligation to actively reach out to all who might benefit from an intention or service.

6. The dominant concern and obligation is for the greater good of all of the people or the population as a whole.

7. Stewardship and allocation of available resources supports the maximum population health benefit gain.

8. The health of the people is most effectively promoted and protected through collaboration with members.



# Examples of Public Health NURSING ACTIVITIES

1. Evaluating health trends and risk factors of population groups and helping to determine priorities for targeted interventions.

2. Working with communities or specific population groups within the community to develop public policy and targeted health promotion and disease prevention activities.

3. In assessing and evaluating health care services to ensure that people are informed of available programs and services and assisted in the utilization of those services.

4. Providing essential input to interdisciplinary programs that monitor, anticipate, and respond to public health problems in population groups.

5. Providing health education, care management, and primary care to individuals and families who are members of vulnerable populations and high-risk groups.



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