



KITSAP PUBLIC
HEALTH DISTRICT



PROGRAM GUIDE 2026

ABOUT KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH



OUR VISION

A safe and healthy Kitsap County for all

OUR MISSION

We prevent disease and protect and promote the health of all people in Kitsap County.

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The Kitsap Public Health District has protected the health of people in Kitsap County since 1947.

Every day, our team of more than 100 public health professionals works to prevent diseases and injuries, promote health and wellbeing, and create safe and supportive environments where everyone can thrive.

Our agency is overseen by the Kitsap Public Health Board, composed of local elected officials, tribal representatives, and community members.

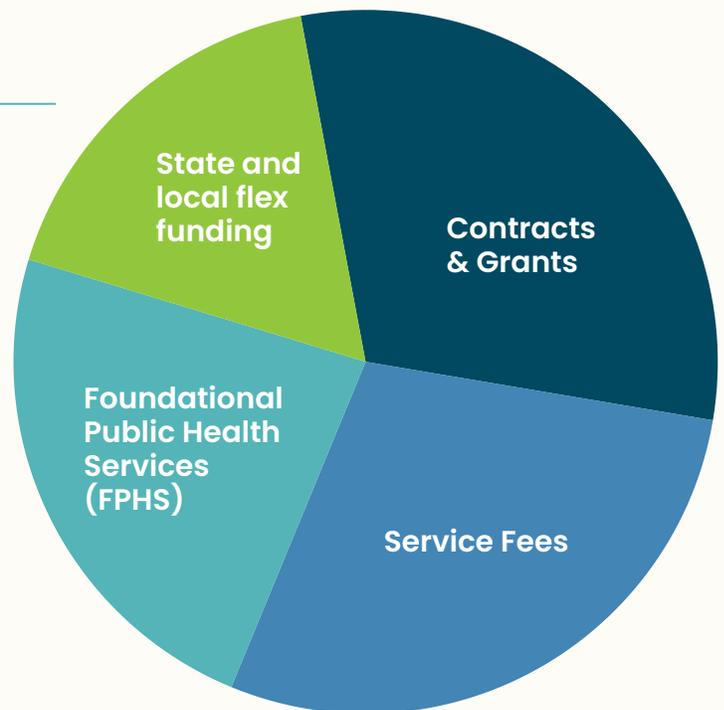
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HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Kitsap Public Health District receives a mix of local, state, and federal money to provide services that keep Kitsap County safe and healthy.

The Kitsap Public Health Board approves our budget each year. **For 2026, our total budget is \$17.8 million.**

You can view our budget and other financial information online at kitsappublichealth.org/about



Contracts & grants

Outside organizations award contracts and grants to Kitsap Public Health to carry out specific work.

Example: The State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction contracts with us to provide summer food service inspections.

Service fees

Kitsap Public Health charges fees to people and businesses to cover the costs of providing permits, licenses, and other services.

Example: Restaurants pay a yearly fee for their food service establishment permit.

State & local flex funding

Kitsap Public Health receives flexible funding from the Washington State Department of Health and contributions from Kitsap County and the cities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo. These funds can be used to support any public health activity.

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding

Foundational Public Health Services are core public health services needed to protect the health of all residents. Often, these services are not fully paid for by contracts, grants, fees and other traditional funding sources. Kitsap Public Health receives FPHS funding to ensure vital public health services are available in our county.

HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

Our agency is divided into four divisions: Community Health, Environmental Health, Public Health Infrastructure, and Administrative Services. Programs within each division carry out specific work.

Kitsap Public Health Board

The Kitsap Public Health Board is our governing body. The Board typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Bremerton. To learn more about viewing meetings and submitting public comment, go to kitsappublichealth.org/meetings

Health Officer

Administrator

Administrative Services

Accounting & Finance

Facilities & Custodial

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CUSTOMER SERVICE & PUBLIC INFORMATION

Our team provides essential services to the public in person, over the phone, and online.



360-728-2235

Our switchboard is staffed 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. An after-hours answering service is available.



Visit our office

Our front counter is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday at 345 6th Street, Suite 300, Bremerton.



KitsapPublicHealth.org

Many services are available on our website.



Language support

Interpretation available in Spanish and other languages.

Permits & records



Environmental health permits and records

- Drinking water wells
- Food establishments
- Food worker cards
- Septic systems
- Solid waste facilities
- Water recreation facilities
- And more

Online:

kitsappublichealth.org

kitsappublichealth.org/publicrecords



Vital records

- Birth certificates
- Death certificates

Online: kitsappublichealth.org/vitalrecords



Public records requests

Records available by request per the Washington Public Records Act.

Online: kitsappublichealth.org/publicrecords



Inquiries and concerns

- Ask a question or submit feedback
- Report a public health concern

Online: kitsappublichealth.org/concern

Public health updates & alerts



Get email & text updates

Sign up to receive public health updates and advisories at

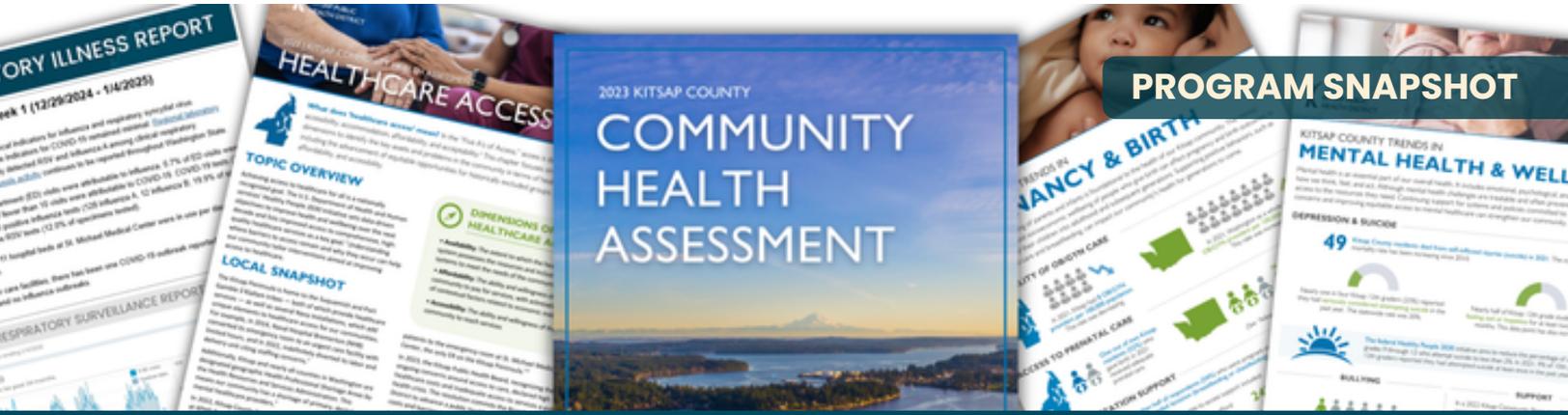
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Assessment & Epidemiology

Division: Public Health Infrastructure

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Assessment & Epidemiology Program provides information about our environment and the social, economic, mental, and physical health and wellbeing of Kitsap residents so that Health District programs, leadership, and community partners are equipped to identify issues, prioritize resources, and take action.

How we work

Our work includes:

- Providing data and analysis of local health trends for planning of equitable, evidence-based projects
- Producing community health assessments, health indicators, and detailed reports on topics of interest
- Identifying and highlighting health inequities and disparities
- Collaborating with community partners and Kitsap residents on the meaningful interpretation of data
- Evaluating the progress of Health District and community initiatives to improve health and wellbeing

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Division: Community Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health's Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention team focuses on supporting health across the human lifespan. Our program works in and with the community to promote healthy behaviors and reduce risks through collaboration and education.

How we work

Our work includes:

- **Injury Prevention** – We support creative solutions to help keep communities safe from all kinds of injuries. We work closely with community members and organizations to offer education, training, and resources.
- **Substance Use Prevention & Response** – We bring together partners to implement strategies that promote protective factors to reduce substance use.
- **Healthy Aging** – We work with local and state partners to support a healthy community for an aging population.
- **Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention** – We collaborate with community organizations by supporting and promoting youth activities to help reduce the risk of tobacco and cannabis use. We also highlight the negative health impacts of tobacco and cannabis and offer quitting resources.



Communicable Disease

Division: Community Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Communicable Disease (CD) Program tracks, investigates, and works to control the spread of infectious diseases. We keep residents healthy by monitoring and responding to new health risks. We work to inform the community and healthcare providers about disease prevention and evidence-based treatments.

How we work

Our team aims to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases that make people sick, with emphasis on:

- Vaccine-preventable diseases (such as measles and hepatitis B)
- Tuberculosis
- Hepatitis C
- Enteric illness, including potential foodborne and/or waterborne illness outbreaks
- Emerging diseases and disease outbreaks
- Certain healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial-resistant infections of public health significance

Drinking Water & Onsite Sewage

Division: Environmental Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Drinking Water & Onsite Sewage (DWOS) Program ensures drinking water wells and septic systems are properly installed, maintained, and protected to prevent pollution and reduce the risk of illness. These services are vital in a county where tens of thousands of households rely on wells and septic systems.

How we work

Our program fulfills several important regulatory functions, including:

- Inspecting septic systems and wells at the time of property sale
- Inspecting well sites and septic designs prior to installation
- Reviewing plans for drainfield repairs when septic systems are no longer functioning
- Inspecting large public water systems (Group A water systems) for compliance on behalf of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH)
- Regulating more than 790 small water systems (Group B water systems)
- Inspecting well construction and decommissioning on behalf of the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE)

Equity

Division: Public Health Infrastructure

What we do

All people in Kitsap County deserve the opportunity to live safe and healthy lives. Kitsap Public Health District's Equity Program collaborates with other agencies to work towards dismantling persistent health inequities so that everyone can achieve their optimal health. Our work is guided by Health Board Resolution 2021-01, Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis.

How we work

Our equity work includes:

- Leading efforts to develop, support, implement, and evaluate initiatives and indicators identified in Kitsap Public Health Board Resolution 2021-01, Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis
- Focusing on the root causes of health inequities (the underlying reasons that create the differences seen in health outcomes) to create a healthy and safe community for everyone
- Facilitating a Health Equity Collaborative to identify and implement shared solutions and collective actions, promote pro-equity policies, and amplify the voices of communities most affected by systemic inequities, including racism
- Building relationships, collecting stories, and amplifying needs of communities experiencing health inequities by attending events and participating in community initiatives
- Facilitating, participating in, and tracking Health District learning initiatives and activities to address systemic inequities



Food & Pools

Division: Environmental Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Food & Pools Program inspects and provides education and assistance to food establishments and water recreation facilities to reduce foodborne and waterborne illness.

How we work

Our work is focused on preventing and investigating foodborne and waterborne illness. Our work includes:

- Regulating, inspecting, and providing education to all permitted food establishments in Kitsap County, including restaurants, commercial kitchens, caterers, and food vendors at events
- Regulating, inspecting, and providing education to water recreation facilities, including public pools, hot tubs, wading pools, and spray pads
- Investigating reports of potential foodborne illness
- Investigating reports of waterborne illness, injuries, and deaths related to water recreation facilities

HIV Medical Case Management

Division: Community Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's HIV Medical Case Management Program helps people living with HIV/AIDS in Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, and North Mason counties to lead healthy lives and reduce the transmission of HIV to others. Our program connects clients with needed health and social services and provides opportunities for clients to learn and socialize together.

How we work

Our team supports the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV/AIDS and promotes healthy behaviors to prevent HIV transmission. Services offered include:

- Medical case management services
- Peer navigation and outreach services
- Short-term and long-term housing support
- Food assistance
- Medical transportation
- Insurance navigation

Immunizations

Division: Community Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Immunizations Program serves as a resource to the public and our healthcare community for vaccine access and science-based immunization guidance. We work with providers, local partners, and the Washington State Department of Health to increase immunization rates.

How we work

Our work includes:

- Collaborating with partners to offer immunization opportunities
- Assisting with immunization record updates and access
- Raise awareness of the benefits of immunization through community outreach and public information campaigns
- Facilitating the Vaccine for Children and Immunization Quality Improvement programs for the Olympic Region
- Providing our local immunization partners with technical information and logistic support

Parent Child Health

Division: Community Health

What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Parent Child Health Program offers support and education to people who are pregnant, parents of young children, and families to ensure all Kitsap children can thrive in safe, healthy, and nurturing environments.

How we work

Our work includes:

- Coordinating our regional Nurse-Family Partnership program, which pairs first-time mothers with a nurse to assist them from their first trimester of pregnancy through the first two years of their child's life
- Implementing the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program to help parents find the resources they need and working to ensure resources are available in our community
- Providing Childcare Nurse Consultant services to promote health and safety at childcare centers
- Supporting breastfeeding and chestfeeding through the Kitsap Supports Lactation campaign and other initiatives
- Leading the Mama Moves Kitsap postpartum group to encourage healthy activity, enhance mental health, and foster social connections for new parents
- Organizing care coordination to assist families in navigating home visiting and other services in Kitsap County, a resource to determine which service(s) would best fit their needs
- Innovating the healthcare space for local families with Black Infant Thrive, a program to improve health outcomes for Black mothers and infants in Kitsap
- Providing a Pregnancy and Parenting Support Line that connects parents to resources



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

Division: Public Health Infrastructure

What we do

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR) Program helps prepare our agency and community to respond to emergencies with public health impacts. We also collaborate with county, tribal, regional, and state partners on emergency response planning.

How we work

Our work focuses on ensuring our agency has the plans, systems, equipment, training, experience, and partnerships to help us fulfill our mission during an emergency or disaster. Activities include:

- Developing and practicing public health emergency response plans and procedures
- Convening and engaging emergency response partners (emergency management, first responders, healthcare agencies, and tribes) to foster collaboration during emergency response and recovery
- Providing information to communities on how they can protect their health and safety during emergencies
- Supporting the District in responding to public health emergencies, such as coordinating emergency resources like personal protective equipment (PPE)

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Division: Community Health

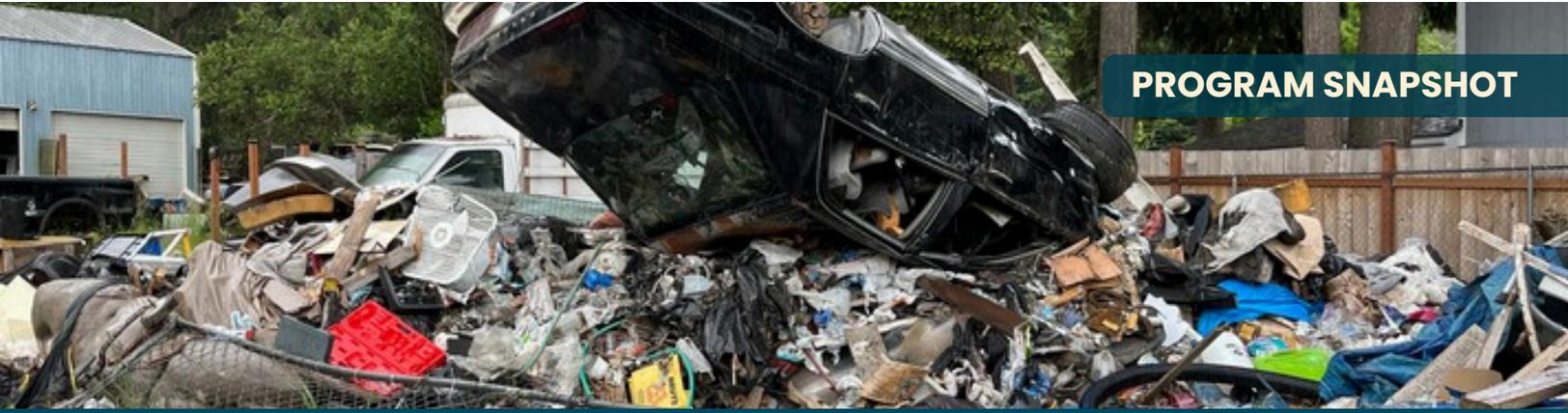
What we do

Kitsap Public Health District's Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Program protects the health of Kitsap residents and prevents the spread of STIs by supporting access to testing and treatment, partnering with healthcare providers, and providing education in our community.

How we work

Our team focuses on prevention of HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea. Our work includes:

- Investigating STI cases and connecting people (including sexual partners) to treatment, testing, and other resources
- Monitoring local STI case rates and creating strategies to address emerging trends
- Partnering with healthcare organizations providing testing and treatment for STIs
- Working with community partners to reduce barriers to care for populations at higher risk of exposure to STIs
- Partnering with Kitsap schools to provide STI education
- Providing free condoms to the community



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Solid & Hazardous Waste

Division: Environmental Health

What we do

The Solid & Hazardous Waste Program protects the health of Kitsap residents and promotes safe environments by preventing pollution from solid and hazardous waste. We respond to complaints from community members and work proactively with businesses and other organizations to ensure waste is handled, stored, and disposed of properly.

How we work

We provide a number of important regulatory, enforcement, and educational services, including:

- Overseeing the cleanup of unsanitary, unsafe solid waste accumulations through the enforcement of local solid waste regulations
- Inspecting solid waste facilities for compliance with regulations and permitting
- Providing free hands-on assistance to Small Quantity Generators (usually small businesses) who want to learn how to handle their hazardous waste safely and help prevent polluting their community
- Offering free safety inspections and guidance for K-12 schools and summer camps to help them meet state regulations



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Water Pollution Identification & Correction

Division: Environmental Health

What we do

As a Clean Water Kitsap partner, Kitsap Public Health District's Water Pollution Identification & Correction Program works to keep local waterbodies clean and safe for recreation by tracking and fixing pollution from septic systems, sewers, animal waste, and other sources. We monitor shellfish and water quality to prevent waterborne illness and provide community education.

How we work

Our work includes:

- Responding to reports of pollution caused by waste, primarily from septic systems, agriculture and pets
- Conducting shoreline monitoring to check for pollution in water flowing into Puget Sound
- Monitoring for bacteria in streams, lakes, and beaches, and alerting the public to health risks
- Monitoring for dangerous shellfish biotoxins, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Health
- Educating the public about health risks from sewage spills and posting sewage spill advisories
- Educating homeowners about septic systems and animal waste management