

KPHD Updates:

- **Upcoming children's vaccine clinics:** Wednesday, February 18th. **Appointments are required.** Book an appointment online [here](#). We offer most childhood and school-required vaccines.* For more information, call 360-728-2007 or email immunizations@kitsappublichealth.org.
- **Opioid treatment hotline now available in Kitsap:** Kitsap County residents can now access [same-day telehealth appointments](#) for opioid use disorder treatment through the Washington Buprenorphine Hotline (206-289-0287). The program, which started as a partnership between Public Health - Seattle & King County and the University of Washington, is now open statewide to everyone ages 13 and older.
- **New food inspection signs help Kitsap stay healthy:** Starting in July 2025, KPHD began [requiring](#) all permitted food service establishments in Kitsap County (such as restaurants, grocery stores, and food trucks) to **post new food inspection signs** that display their scores from recent food inspections. The signs use emojis and simple text to communicate the establishment's overall food safety rating. Categories are:
 - Best: No violations observed (100% average score) in the last two years of inspections
 - Great: A few violations observed in the last two years of inspections
 - Okay: A number of violations observed in the last two years of inspections
 - Needs to improve: Establishment is on probation in the last two years of inspections

Funding Opportunities:

- Ben & Jerry's National Grassroots Organizing Program offers unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 to constituent-led grassroots organizations with budgets under \$350,000. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 18.](#)
- Dept. of Commerce is requesting proposals to expand post-conviction legal services that help people overcome barriers to jobs, housing and education. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 4.](#)
- Dept. of Commerce's Community Reinvestment Program is seeking proposals from community organizations, businesses and tribes to provide support services for people returning to communities after incarceration. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 13 at 11:59 p.m.](#)
- Impact 100 Seattle funds community-led change in the Puget Sound by awarding unrestricted grants to small nonprofits that address root causes of inequity. [Register to attend](#) an info session Feb. 3 at 12:00 p.m. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 20.](#)
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center has opened the 2026 Community Grants Program, offering funding to community-based organizations advancing cancer prevention,

education, and health equity. The grants support community-led efforts to reduce cancer disparities across Washington. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 27 at 12:00 p.m.](#)

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Urban Institute’s “[Local Data for Equitable Communities](#)” program offers up to \$50,000 in funding to 30 community-based organizations to leverage data to address urgent local challenges. These projects will address pressing local needs from housing to environmental pollution, breaking down barriers that stand in the way of good health. Proposals are due March 3, 2026.

Feedback Opportunities:

- Register today for the [Say it Out Loud](#) conference: The Say it Out Loud conference is built for peers, providers, advocates, partners, and community members who believe in creating systems of care where everyone is valued, heard, and supported. This year’s theme is unapologetically us! Bold voices, brave futures! The theme reflects Washington State’s commitment to centering 2SLGBTQIA+ voices, celebrating lived experience, and strengthening behavioral health supports across Washington State.
- **Upcoming Legislative Days:**
 - **Feb. 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The Washington Youth Alliance Action Fund is hosting a Youth Advocacy Day to focus on issues related to gun violence prevention, mental health support, and civic engagement. [Register here.](#)
 - **Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Faith Action Network is hosting an Interfaith Advocacy Day to explore issues on their 2026 legislative agenda. [Register here.](#)
 - **Feb. 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Washington State Public Health Association will be hosting their annual Public Health Legislative Education Day. [Register here.](#)
- The Washington Statewide Independent Living Council seeks speakers for their upcoming panel discussion aimed to amplify the voices and experiences from the cross-disability community. If you are interested, please reach out to courtney.williams@dshs.wa.gov.

Webinars/Trainings:

- **County Health Rankings & Roadmaps’** latest webinar, “Immigration policy and health: Building understanding and solidarity,” as well as a resource guide, can be found on [CHR&R’s website](#).
- **Feb. 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Washington Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster are looking for community members to join their hosting a Long-Term Recovery Group training; this training will share information on disaster preparedness and recovery. [Register here.](#)

- **Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network** has several upcoming webinars including “Know Your Rights” and “Rapid Response Training.” More information can be found on [their website](#).

Other/Community Resources

- **“Code Red” declared as dangerously low blood supply affects hospitals and emergency centers:** Two of the three regional blood banks serving Washington state are facing a severe blood shortage due to the lingering effects from heavy rains and floods in December, combined with a slowdown in donations. The shortage is especially bad for Type O blood. Donation appointments can be scheduled at your convenience and take about an hour. Learn more details, including eligibility requirements, by visiting Northwest Blood Coalition members’ websites:
 - [Vitalant](#)
 - [Bloodworks Northwest](#)
 - [American Red Cross](#)
- **Pinwheels for Prevention:** Each April, National Child Abuse Prevention month helps raise awareness and promotion of ways we can all help to strengthen families in our communities. One of the ways DCYF does this is through Pinwheels for Prevention. Pinwheels for Prevention is a reminder that it is not enough to just respond to child abuse and neglect- we must build and support strong families. **Similar to last year, DCYF is partnering with Department of Enterprise Services to facilitate pinwheel orders.** You will be able to order directly from the DCYF portion of the [MyPrint website](#). Simply scroll down to **Prevent Child Abuse Pinwheel**, or enter pinwheel in the search bar.
- Mental Health America’s 2025 [Supporting Young Minds](#) materials offers resources and tools designed to help young people through feelings of despair, build resilience, and equip adult allies to encourage advocacy and leadership, and create spaces where young people feel seen, heard, and valued.
- The [Washington Thriving Strategic Plan](#) provides a long-term framework to build a cohesive behavioral health system that works from prenatal to age 25, aligns with lived experience, centers equitable access, and strengthens our state’s entire ecosystem of supports.
- DOH has added nearly [50 new translated resources](#) on illnesses and diseases related to animals including bird flu and Lyme disease. Translations are in Spanish, Marshallese, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, and more.

Helpful List Servs:

HEC members may find it useful to subscribe to the following newsletters for regular updates and resources from other Washington organizations.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Inatai Foundation](#)
- [Kitsap Community Foundation News for Non-profits](#)
- [Kitsap County](#)
- [Kitsap Public Health District](#)
- [WA State Office of Equity newsletter](#)

Upcoming Events:

- To see an updated list of community events related to equity, please visit our [Equity Events Calendar](#). To add events to the calendar, please email equity@kitsappublichealth.org.