


**Public Health, This is Your Shot!**

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**Question for the Viewers**

How would you rate your understanding of the factors influencing local public health decision-making?

- A. High level
- B. Moderate level
- C. Low level
- D. Other (please type in chat)

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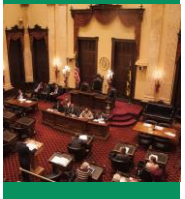
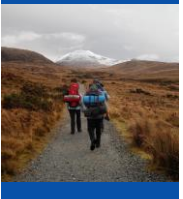
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<p><b>Governance Profile: Washington State</b></p> 	<p><b>Political Waters</b></p> 	<p><b>Into the Unknown</b></p> 
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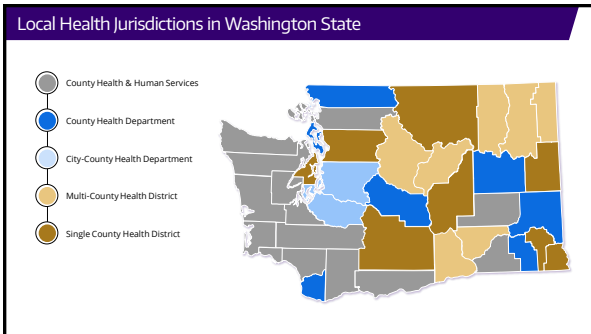
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- Laws (RCW) passed by the Washington State Legislature
- Rules (WAC) by state agencies (i.e. WA State Board of Health, DOH)
- Federal block grant focus and needs
- Local needs and priorities (CHA/CHIP)
- Categorical funding via competitive grants

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### Working with Local Officials

**Administrators and Health Officers**

- Provide oversight to staff
- Implement programs and services
- Conduct reporting requirements
- Issue health orders on PH emergencies and hazards
- Enforce state laws

**Local Boards of Health**

- Appoint local health officer
- Establish local fees
- Set department budget
- Promote health and safety
- Participate in health improvement planning

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### Working at the County Level

**General County Operations**

- Emergency operations
- Elected official as Board of County Commissioners and Local Boards of Health
- Other county functions
  - **Examples:** Isolation and quarantine; PPE procurement

**General Local Boards of Health and Local Health Jurisdictions**

- Support local state of emergency
- Approve response budgets
  - Direct resources to specific tasks
- Approve and support local restrictions
  - **Example:** Ordinances on transient accommodations
- Provide public information

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### Specific LHJ COVID-19 Response Efforts

- ✓ Case Investigations and contact tracing
- ✓ Testing coordination, logistics
- ✓ Vaccine distribution and coordination
- ✓ Care coordination

**Challenges and Considerations**

- Balancing roles in local decision-making
- Communication and transparency

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**Navigating Department Work**

What influences and steers local public health decisions?



**Science and Process**

- Local data
- Evidence-based and promising practices
- Research institutions



**Social Politics**

- Local contexts and culture
- Political majority priorities
- Economics
- Historical structures

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**Collaborating with Your Community Crew**

What influences and steers local public health decisions?



**Enhancing Capacity**

- Hiring staff from the community
- Looking at diverse skillsets
- Mentoring and succession planning



**Leveraging System Partners**

- Sharing decision-making
- Access to core services and programs



**Forging Community Connections**

- Strengthening community resiliency and supports
- Participatory, community driven work

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**Question for the Viewers**

Do you agree with the following statement?  
*"In my agency, we are well-prepared for upcoming pandemic challenges, like the vaccination rollout."*

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I'm not sure

**NOTE:** If you answered **"Yes"**, please share your strategies or resources in the chat box.

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**Upcoming Pandemic Challenges**

 <b>Funding</b>	 <b>Vaccination</b>	 <b>Second Pandemic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing support for critical emergency functions</li><li>• Coordinating and maximizing federal and state support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administration and distribution</li><li>• Promotion and education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diseases of despair</li><li>• Community resiliency and recovery</li></ul>

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### Pandemic and Long-Term Priorities

#### Foundational Public Health Services

- Stability and capacity
- Modernization
- Stable and secure funding

#### Public Health Issues Facing Communities

- Determinants of health
- Local contexts and nuances
- Community-driven initiatives

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### Washington State's 2021 Legislative Session



#### Upcoming Policies:

- Emergency powers
  - **Example:** SB 5114
- Public health governance
  - **Examples:** SB 5173, HB1152
- Public health funding
  - **Examples:** SB 5149, HB 1201

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### Strategies for Addressing Local and State Policies

- ✓ **Holding clear principles**
  - Consistent application of principles to proposals
- ✓ **Building and maintaining relationships**
  - Community partners
  - Policymakers
  - Agency partners
- ✓ **Participating actively in shaping policy**



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A Chat with Jaime Bodden



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Resources

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Health Department Governance  
<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/sites/governance/index.html>

**Health Affairs**

No Longer Invisible: The Critical Role of Health Departments in Responding to COVID-19  
(Article by Erika Martin and Jessica Kronstadt)  
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20200408.106373/full/>

**National Association of Local Boards of Health**

Governance Resources  
<https://www.nalboh.org/page/GovernanceResources>

**Trust for America's Health**

The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System:  
Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2020 (Report)  
<https://www.tfah.org/report-details/publichealthfunding2020/>

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