

Whitman County Public Health

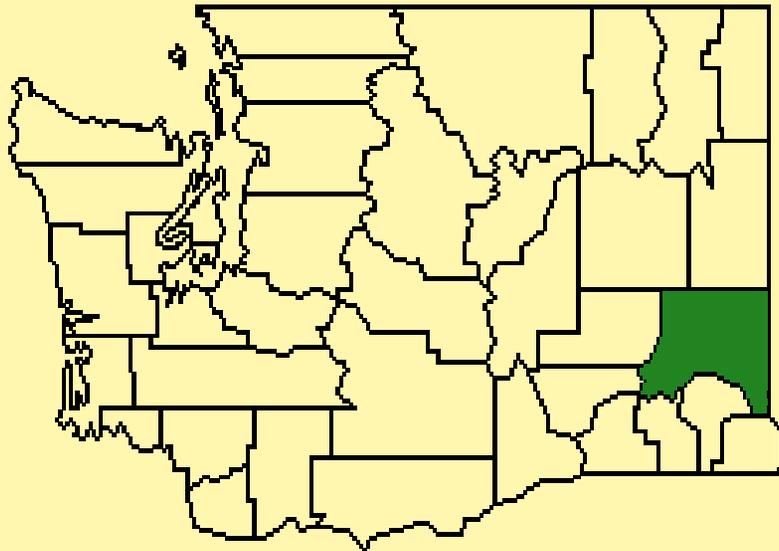
Community Health Status Report (2007)



Mission Statement

Whitman County Public Health: Always Working for a Safer and Healthier Whitman County

Whitman County Washington

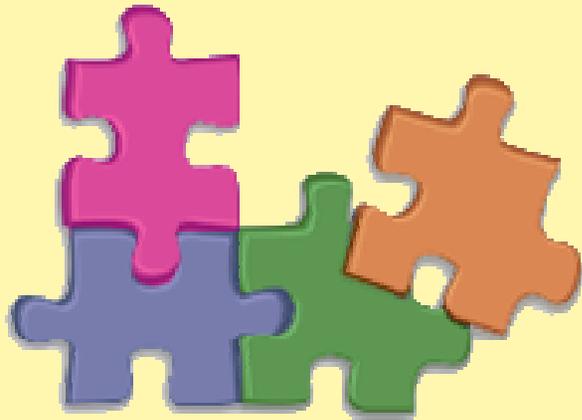


- 10th largest of Washington's 39 counties
- 2,151 square miles
- 40,740 population size
(2000 Census Data)
- Approximately 90% of County residents live within the 16 incorporated communities
- 9 small unincorporated communities
- Deep soils, rolling hills, and moderate temperatures allow for dry land farming (wheat, peas, barley, and lentils)
- Home of Washington State University
- **GO COUGS!**





Administration



The total administration cost of Public Health is \$201,065.65.

Local fund support to Public Health is \$10,666.07 and at Environmental Health is \$37,683.14.

- Public Health
- Environmental Health
 - 8 Public Health Nurses
 - 1 Community Health Worker
 - 1 Dietitian/Tobacco Coordinator
 - 3 Environmental Health Staff
 - 1 Vital Record Registrar
 - 4 Program support staff
 - 3 Fiscal Staff
 - 1 Medical Health Officer
 - 1 Health Administrator



Maternal and Child Health

The program is designed to improve pregnancy outcomes, early brain development, and early childhood health, allowing children to enter school physically and emotionally healthy. Current research demonstrates this model as very effective and has promoted healthy living as adults.

Program Costs

Maternal and Child Health- \$ 124,692
(\$7,394.00 local support funds)

WIC -\$ 139,913.00
(\$38,232.00 in local support funds)

WIC generated \$422,057.00 in food voucher to the local economy. This represents a **\$9 to \$1** investment for local support funds.



2007 Statistics

- Infants <1 year: 374,
- Children 1 to 18 years 3,300,
- Pregnant women: 275,
- Children with special health care needs: 12
- Other: 136



Immunizations

- With the availability of several combination vaccines, there has been an overall decrease in number of doses given by the Health Department.
- It is estimated that Whitman County Public Health provides 10-15% of children's vaccines.
- This data is consistent with all health departments in the State of Washington .



2007 Statistics

- 406 children's vaccines
- 248 adult vaccines
- 1,500 doses of seasonal flu vaccines



Tobacco



The tobacco program is supported entirely by state and federal funds in the amount of \$45,059.00 for 2007.

- The tobacco program objectives are educate and change habits related to second-hand smoke, youth use of tobacco, and reduce the overall acceptance of tobacco usage.
- The Tobacco Coalitions has been very active with strategic planning by incorporating community and youth input into the program.
- Initiative-901 implementation has presented limited issues with compliance.





School Health

- Currently contract with 13 Whitman County School Districts and ESD #101
- The school health program is our primary method of ensuring a public health professional in all the rural communities.
- The School Health Program cost is \$168,438.00 with \$36,963.00 in local funding.



Communicable Disease



Communicable disease investigations partners both public health and environmental health staff.

2007 Statistics

- 177 communicable disease reports
- 134 Chlamydia
- 8 Gonorrhea
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Tb
- 4 Pertussis
- 1 Hepatitis
- 18 Latent Tb
- 1 Syphilis
- 3 Campylobacteriosis
- 4 Salmonellosis
- 3 Giardiasis
- 1 Vibriosis (non cholera)





Food Protection Program

- The food protection program strives to assure that food prepared for service to the public is safe.
- There are 250 licensed facilities.
- Each temporary event and farmers' markets are permitted as well.
- The program requires \$71,142.00 in funding. This revenue comes from permit and inspection fees.
- Focus on continuing education for staff and operators; ServSafe, mailings, and education workshops for facility owners.



Onsite Sewage



2007 Statistics

- Approximately 45 new onsite sewage systems installed
- Additional systems repaired or brought up to current codes

- This program assures the protection of ground, surface, and drinking water through proper treatment and disposal of residential sewage not serviced by city facilities.
- Assists with the development and designs of new systems.
- Provides technical and regulatory assistance on current systems needing repair or maintenance to meet current Department of Health standards.



Water Systems



- The Environmental Health Staff provide technical assistance to public water system and private well owners to assure their water supplies remain safe and potable.
- The program is maintained through the use of local funds at a cost of \$6,871.00 .



Living Environment

- The living environment program focuses on services to ensure physical safety and social welling being.
- The program addresses swimming pools, school facilities, and Greek Life living houses on Washington State University.
- Provides education on radon, asbestos, and chemical hazards.
- The program cost \$ 10,994.00 revenue comes from permit fees and \$ 0 in general fund support.





Vectors

- Rabies

- * Severity of the illness and mortality rate requires immediate response once a reported animal bites and exposures that include scratches or saliva transmission
- * Investigated 29 animal bites in 2007

- West Nile Virus Surveillance

- * 2003
- * 2 new species identified in region
- * Traps, educational materials, and presentations



Solid Waste

- The Solid Waste Program is grant funded by the Department of Ecology at 75%, with a 25% match by Whitman County



Emergency Preparedness

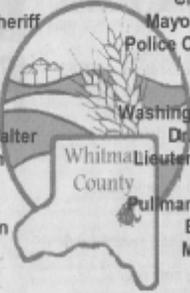
Whitman County Public Health would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their effort and support during the recent Washington State Annual Bioterrorism Exercise.

City of Pullman Fire Department Operations Chief Nike Heston Training Officer George Brown	Whitman County Emergency Management Mark Janowski
Whitman County Sheriff Brett Myers	City of Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson Police Chief Ted Weatherly Jerry Cork
City of Colfax Fire Chief Ralph Walter Carl Thompson	Washington State University Dr. Bruce Wright Lieutenant Steve Hansen
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Whitman Hospital Dorcy Cheard	Clark County Public Health Richard Konrad
Whitman County Board of County Commissioners	Washington State Highway Patrol
Washington State Department of Emergency Management	Washington State Department of Health

Their commitment to their professions and their communities deserves recognition.

Thank You.

Dr. Timothy Moody Health Officer	Fran Martin Administrator	Michael Baker Programs Manager
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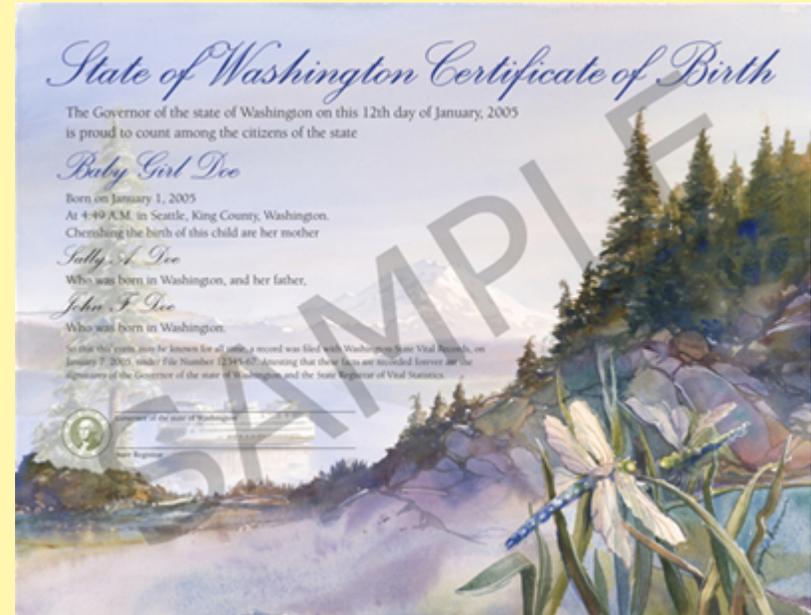


- WCPH works with local, regional, and state partners to be prepared in the event of catastrophic event, both natural and man-made.
- Traditionally, first responders were thought to be fire, law enforcement, EMS, and hospitals. Recent events have show the critical response now includes public health.
- WCPH has established a 24/7 emergency contact system using WHITCOM.
- WCPH has led and participated with our partners in several exercises, including the statewide WASABE 2007.



Vital Statistics

- The Vital Statistics Program provides certified Birth and Death.
- Provides genealogical research assistance.
- Laser- Fische archiving has backed up death records to 1956.
- The program cost is \$48,883.00 with local funds of \$28,360.00.



2007 Statistics

- * 249 Birth Certificates
- * 197 Death Certificates





Partnerships

- Our partners help with many areas of our work and share the burden of capacity in a rural county.
- Some of our partners include:
 - * Local, State and Federal Partnerships
 - * Public Health System
 - * Local hospitals
 - * Laboratories
 - * Health care providers
 - * EMS
 - * Mental health
 - * Dental health
 - * Department of Social and Health Services
 - * DDD
 - * Family Resource Center
 - * School districts
 - * Law enforcement



Future Directions

Think Strategically!



- * Assessment of Environmental and Public Health
- * Performance measures and outcomes
- * Program evaluation and implementation
- * Implement new technologies



Questions

- Questions or Comments





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