



# Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-0937

**Motion:** 26-164

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:**

Data Sharing Agreement with Washington State Department of Health for access to RESP-NET datasets

**Scope:**

Snohomish County, through the Health Department, is seeking to enter into a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health.

Under the terms of the agreement, Snohomish County will utilize Washington Immunization Information System (WA-IIS) data on RESP-NET. The database will serve as the primary method for identifying vaccination status for surveillance of COVID-19-, influenza- and RSV-related hospitalizations.

RESP-Net data is used to provide timely age-specific rates of cases among children and adults, describe clinical characteristics, outcomes of patients, hospitalization rates and burden estimates, and assess risk factors for COVID-19, influenza- and RSV associated complications among hospitalized persons.

The data is restricted and confidential. Section II (B) of the contract provides links to Washington State data security policies. Appendices to the contract describe data management practices:

- Appendix A – User Disclosure of Confidential Information
- Appendix B – Data Security Requirements
- Appendix C – Certification of Data Disposition
- Appendix D – DOH Small Numbers Guidelines
- Appendix E – Tribal Sovereignty Data Principles
- Appendix F – Background Information on EIP and RESP-NET

**Duration:**

Upon execution through January 31, 2029.

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Current Year
- Multi-Year
- N/A

No exchange of funds.

**Authority Granted:**

Motion 26-164 authorizes the Executive to sign the data sharing agreement for confidential information or limited dataset(s) between State of Washington Department of Health and Snohomish County.

**Background:**

Coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) is a network of state health departments and their collaborators in local health departments, public health laboratories, and clinical laboratories; infection control professionals; healthcare providers; and academic

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institutions. The Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network (RESP-NET) is a key component of the EIP.

On April 2, 2025, Council passed Ordinance 25-012<sup>1</sup>, approving a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to RESP-NET data.

**Requested Action:** Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> [2025-0661 - Ordinance 25-012](#)