



# Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2025-0661  
**Ordinance:** 25-012

**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 – Ordinance received legal review.
- No
- N/A – Form agreements do not receive legal review.

**Subject:**

Data Sharing Agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network Datasets

**Scope:**

The Health Department is seeking to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Health access to Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network Datasets.

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 institutions that is coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. EIP aims to provide a national resource for infectious disease surveillance and response, identify measures to prevent and control emerging infectious diseases, and strengthen national public health infrastructure.

The Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network (RESP-NET) is a key component of the EIP. RESP-NET comprises three platforms that conduct population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed hospitalizations associated with COVID-19, Influenza, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) among children and adults. RESP-NET is a unique surveillance system because of the ability to conduct surveillance on multiple pathogens within relatively similar catchment areas.

RESP-NET aggregate data will be used for reporting purposes such as making comparisons, predicting health condition trends, other statistical analyses, and assists with providing quality public health services.

These data sets include confidential data. Appendix A authorizes proper uses of confidential data and describes penalties for unauthorized uses and disclosure. Appendix B shows Data Security Requirements.

**Duration:**

Execution through January 31, 2029

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Current Year
- Multi-Year
- N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

**Authority Granted:**

Ordinance 25-012 authorizes the Executive to sign a data sharing agreement and any subsequent amendments.

**Background:**

Washington State Department of Health is one of the RESP-NET grant recipients from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2028. Seven Local Health Jurisdictions (Benton-

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Franklin, Clark, King, Snohomish, Spokane, Tacoma-Pierce, and Yakima) and one Health Board (Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board) are subrecipients of the RESP-NET grant. These seven LHJs are also referred to as RESP-NET catchment areas that are representative of two geographic areas of Washington state, Western Washington or Puget Sound and Eastern Washington or east of the Cascade Mountain Range. There are 51 health facilities providing services for 5.7 million people that represent 73% of Washington state's population in the catchment areas. The population in the catchment areas includes tribal populations and cross-border populations near Portland, Oregon, and the Vancouver, Washington, metro area.

**Requested Action:** Move to the GLS agenda to set time and date for a Public Hearing.