



# Committee of the Whole

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## Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-1917

**Motion:** 25-287

### 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-Collective Medical Technologies Portal

### Scope:

The Health Department is seeking to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to the Collective Medical Technologies (CMT) Portal. The Department of Health CMT portal identifies carbapenemase producing organism (CPO) cases and Candida auris (C. auris) cases.

The purpose of this data sharing agreement is to provide Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) investigator access to the CMT portal managed by the DOH Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Team which is part of the Antibiotic Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infections Program in the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology.

By quickly sharing information about CPO and C. auris cases, the County Health Department can limit transmission of these highly resistant organisms and thereby protect public health. Granting County Health Department investigator rights to see these cases will allow for more effective case investigations through the healthcare continuum and across public health jurisdiction lines.

Under notifiable conditions rule WAC 246-101<sup>1</sup>, Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) are required to perform investigations of communicable disease and may receive assistance from Department of Health.

The contract requires that security practices and safeguards meet Washington State Office of Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech) security standards. These standards are linked in Section II B of the contract.

### Duration:

Effective date through June 30, 2028.

### Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

### Authority Granted:

Motion 25-287 authorizes the Executive to sign the data sharing agreement for confidential information or limited datasets between State of Washington Department of Health and Snohomish County.

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<sup>1</sup> [Chapter 246-101 WAC:](#)

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**Background:** Candida auris was first reported in Washington in 2023 and has been detected in patients in several healthcare facilities and counties since January 2024. As has occurred in many US states, Candida auris may spread among highly vulnerable patients in high acuity long term care facilities (for example, sites caring for patients needing long term ventilator support). Facilities can prevent transmission by strengthening infection prevention programs and auditing practices.

On January 31, 2024, the Snohomish County Health Department [reported](#) that patients who tested positive for Candida auris in King County had been treated at healthcare facilities within Snohomish County. Multiple rounds of screenings were completed at impacted facilities in Snohomish County, and these returned negative results.

A [dashboard](#) showing trends in multi-drug resistant organism data is available on the DOH website.

On April 24, 2024, Council approved a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to information related to cases of multi-drug resistant carbapenemase producing organisms and Candida auris via Ordinance 24-020<sup>2</sup>. This agreement expires on June 30, 2025.

**Requested Action:** Consider taking action on Motion 25-287.

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<sup>2</sup> [2024-0349 - Ordinance 24-020](#)