

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 25-516

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, Snohomish County, acting through its Health Department, previously entered into a Data Sharing Agreement for access to the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) platform through the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Rapid Health Information Network (RHINO) program and wish to extend the term; and

WHEREAS, DOH supports local health jurisdictions in their disease and injury surveillance and control activities by providing timely access to data so that they may perform their duties of public health disease monitoring and control; and

WHEREAS, the RHINO program gathers, maintains, and disseminates Washington's syndromic surveillance data and is the only source of outpatient data and one of two for emergency department data; and

WHEREAS, ESSENCE contains syndromic surveillance data from Washington and other participating states, and includes analytical tools with which authorized users may interact with the data; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Health Department, and the Washington State Department of Health have executed numerous data sharing agreements, and this data sharing agreement does not represent a new program;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby authorizes the Executive to sign Amendment No. 1 to the data sharing agreement for confidential information or limited dataset(s) between Washington State Department of Health and Snohomish County.

PASSED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy Clerk of the Council