



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-1438
Ordinance: 24-063

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: Foodborne Illness Notification System Agreement with Washington State Department of Health

Scope: The Washington State Department of Health [Foodborne Illness Notification System](#) allows restaurants and members of the public to report suspected incidents of foodborne disease within the State of Washington. The Snohomish County Health Department is seeking to enter into an agreement to access this data.

Snohomish County will access data the system to:

- Conduct public health surveillance to prevent and control illness, including contacting individuals and firms as part of an investigation process;
- Forward or share complete details of specific complaints to other regulatory partners for purposes of public health; and
- Conduct statistical analysis and create visualizations of the same data.

Under the agreement, Snohomish County is required to comply with Washington State Office of Chief Information Officer Security Standard 141.10 Securing Information Technology Assets¹. RCW 39.34.240² requires a data sharing agreement between agencies sharing confidential data.

Duration: From the effective date until 5 years later.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Future-Year N/A

No exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Authorizes the County Executive, or designee, to execute the data sharing agreement for the Foodborne Illness Notification System between the Washington State Department of Health and Snohomish County.

Background: On September 20, 2023, Council passed Ordinance 23-081³, approving an agreement with Washington State Department of Health for Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System Data Sharing.

¹ [Securing IT Assets \(wa.gov\)](#)

² [RCW 39.34.240: Data requests—When written agreement required. \(wa.gov\)](#)

³ [2023-0927 - Ordinance 23-081 \(legistar.com\)](#)

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On October 25, 2023, Council passed Ordinance 23-091⁴, approving an agreement with Washington State Department of Health for the sharing of opioid overdose data, confidential information or limited datasets.

On April 24, 2024, Council passed Ordinance 24-020⁵ approving a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Data.

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

⁴ [2023-1034 - Amended Ordinance 23-091 \(legistar.com\)](#)

⁵ [2024-0349 - Ordinance 24-020 \(legistar.com\)](#)