



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2024-0349
Ordinance: 24-020

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 the Washington State Department of Health for access to Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Data

Scope: The Health Department is entering into an agreement (Exhibit A) with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to quickly access information related to cases of multi-drug resistant carbapenemase producing organisms and Candida auris. Accessing the Collective Medical Technologies network will allow the Health Department to share information and conduct case investigations across public health jurisdiction lines. The data is confidential and security requirements are shown in Appendix B.

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

Duration: Execution through June 30, 2025

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Future-Year ☒ N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Ordinance 24-020 approves and authorizes the County Executive, or designee, to execute a data sharing agreement for confidential information or limited dataset(s) between State of Washington Department of Health and Snohomish County in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

Background: 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 and these returned negative results.

Candida auris was first reported in Washington in 2023 and since January 2024 has been detected in patients in several healthcare facilities and counties. 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.

Requested Action: Move to the GLS on April 3, 2024, to set time and date for Public Hearing.