



2021 Skagit County Public Health Workplan

Equity

Engage in a process of mutual learning to identify and address important cross-cultural community health issues and their social determinants. Hire promotores and learn from their expertise to develop the community leadership necessary to eliminate health disparities. Partner closely with Latinx community service providers on outreach and education.

Communications

Create and implement a communications plan and public health branding to increase public understanding of, and support for, public health issues in Skagit County.

Our Vision: A thriving, collaborative, and cohesive community where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full health potential.

Our Mission: Skagit is a leader in convening partners to prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect the health of our community.

1 COVID-19 RESPONSE	2 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	4 HOUSING & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Ensure the public has ready access to vaccination in locations throughout the entire community or in their homes when needed ⇒ Ensure low-barrier testing is accessible to the community ⇒ Provide case investigation and contact tracing for all identified Skagit County residents ⇒ Support individuals with resources necessary to quarantine and isolate in their homes or at another safe location ⇒ Provide information and support to schools and businesses to allow them to safely operate ⇒ Expand outreach to underserved populations, and broaden English and Spanish communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Create a dedicated Emergency Preparedness division ⇒ Engage in comprehensive COVID-19 after-action evaluation and reporting ⇒ Expand Public Health emergency preparedness community planning, outreach, and education ⇒ Recruit a Community Health Worker to expand outreach ⇒ Develop a Skagit County Medical Reserve Corps ⇒ Develop a Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Employee Training Plan, incorporating staff and community strengths ⇒ Collaborate with DEM to identify roles, responsibilities, and partnership opportunities ⇒ Create a storage plan for PHEPR equipment and supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Permit new on-site septic systems and assure maintenance and repair of existing OSS systems ⇒ Develop and implement drinking water quality & quantity review and permitting process for drinking water permits within Health ⇒ Investigate and resolve reports of garbage accumulation or illegal dumping ⇒ Assure food safety by performing plan review, permitting, inspection and follow up on all retail food establishments throughout county ⇒ Begin SCC 12.48 update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Create an affordable housing pipeline and develop an allocation plan for new affordable housing funding ⇒ Ensure services are in place for supportive housing and shelter projects ⇒ Partner with cities to build and fund a 24/7 low-barrier shelter ⇒ Expand services and support to school districts ⇒ Improve and ensure access to behavioral health care in the jail and continuity of care at release ⇒ Expand Medication Assisted Treatment to East County ⇒ Augment behavioral health and law enforcement co-responder models
5 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	6 ASSESSMENT & PLANNING	7 CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH	8 SENIOR SERVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Investigate state notifiable conditions ⇒ Provide Direct Observed Therapy to active TB cases and their infected contacts ⇒ Provide case treatment for STDs when not provided by health care providers ⇒ Improve vaccination rates ⇒ Expand mobile clinics to high-risk communities, integrating needle exchange program ⇒ Maintain and further develop community partnerships and outreach established during COVID pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Complete a community health assessment (CHA) that identifies the County's most pressing population health issues and COVID-19 recovery needs, including barriers to health and wellness for Latinos and other underserved communities in the County ⇒ Develop and deploy a COVID 19 recovery plan based on needs identified through the CHA ⇒ Increase access for young individuals experiencing developmental disabilities to the services and resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Collaborate with community partners to build our Help Me Grow Skagit System ⇒ Provide Nurse Family Partnership to eligible families to improve healthy brain development and school readiness in children ⇒ Connect low-income families with dentists, focusing on prevention and avoiding tooth decay, and educate parents about how to take good care of their children's teeth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Rebuild and grow participation at the senior centers upon Phase 4 reopening ⇒ Increase programs, messaging and education that focus on senior wellbeing and connectivity ⇒ Support and expand volunteer base ⇒ Develop and expand outreach services to address loneliness and well being