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Dear Whitman County Residents,

Organizations, like human bodies, change and grow. Whitman County Public Health (WCPH) grew in 2022 to better meet our county’s health needs, while continuing crucial core public health work.

Like a human body, WCPH is:

- looking for opportunities to connect with others and improve community health.
- listening to the community with ears open so we hear your stories and values.
- joining with partners across the county to design community-led solutions for health needs.

Our changes in 2022 include:

- A new organizational structure. We now have three divisions: Personal and Family Health; Community Health; and Environmental Health. Our restructure clarifies what we do and why it is important.
- New ways of convening organizations and working together on solutions. We build bridges between businesses, nonprofits, governments, and health care systems. Our strategy is to find partners already doing a great job meeting health needs. Then we offer resources, support, and funding so they can better reach the community.
- New ways of making sure the community has access to information and resources. We are subject matter experts and offer accurate public health information. This year, we updated the Palouse Resource Guide so people know where to turn to meet their needs. We also grew into our role as data convener. We collect, analyze, translate, and share data. We published a Community Health Needs Assessment, and provided on-demand public health data for the community.
- A new look and feel for our resources, educational materials, social media, and website.

Will you join us in growing a healthier community?

Chris Skidmore  
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Supports individuals, children and families to thrive in our community.

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Whitman County Community Clinic
Women, Infants, Children (WIC)
Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN)
Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD)
Safe Kids

2022 Division Highlights

Safe Kids

- 310 bike helmets given to kids
- 20 car seats distributed
- 10 cribs given to families

WIC

- 400 women, infants, & children received nutrition education and nutritious food at no cost

Whitman County Community Clinic

- 1,000 immunizations given

We partnered with Sid’s Pharmacy in Fall 2022 to administer over 650 flu shots and over 475 COVID boosters at no cost to individuals.

These immunizations were given to people at: schools, long-term care facilities, nonprofits, city workers, police, & child care facilities
Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

WCPH began a new role in 2022 as the convener and manager for the CHNA, which is published every three to five years. WCPH worked together with partners to learn more about our community’s strengths and needs so we can work towards improving health in Whitman County. We gathered data for the 2022 CHNA through interviews, community listening sessions, community surveys, and public health datasets. The process identified priority needs in three areas: mental and behavioral health, standard of living & preventive care.

Community Data

WCPH is now a community health data hub. As a data hub, we connect people in the community to each other and to data. We provide public health data for Whitman County on request so community organizations have the data they need to improve our county’s health. The service is open to any nonprofit, government entity, or school at no cost to them. Part of our new role as a data hub includes publishing regular up-to-date documents that summarize the health of Whitman County. We are publishing our first Annual Health Summary early in 2023.

Palouse Resource Guide

As a connector and data convener, WCPH is excited to take on responsibility for the Palouse Resource Guide. The website, at palouseresources.org, grows a more connected community by helping people find resources to support their health. We redesigned and relaunched the site in 2022, improving functionality and updating and adding resources. The Palouse Resource Guide includes:

- 262 organizations
- 500 programs
**Environmental Health**

Supports communities to be healthier places to live, learn, work and play.

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**Programs**

- Hazards & Toxics
- Land Development
- Food Safety
- Drinking Water
- Water Recreation
- Onsite Septic

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**2022 Division Highlights**

We’re back in action after the pandemic! After a hiatus during 2021, we returned to inspections in 2022. We updated our systems for ease of use for community members. All requests for permits and other forms are digital and can be submitted online.

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**Sanitary Surveys**

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