

Observed Meeting: Kittitas County Board of Health Date: 3/19/26
 LWV Observer: Bonnie Johnston Time: 10:00-11:42

	Yes	No	Comments
Members			
All members present?		X	
Members attentive & involved?	X		
Members courteous to each other and public?	X		
Any members recuse themselves?	X		
Agenda			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	X		
Agenda followed?	X		
Agenda amended?		X	
Non-agenda items discussed?		X	
Was time given to public input?	X		

Action:

The Administrative Director, Health Officer and various leads reported. Most significant was the report on containment of the one case of measles reported to Kittitas County. Efforts of many staff members working numerous hours on one case generated a cost of \$30,000. Measles is a highly infectious disease which can be prevented and potentially eliminated by high vaccination rates in the public. Because of the containment efforts, the team was nominated by KVH for an award given by the WA State Hosp Assoc. Message to the public will be to “know your vax status”. Health Officer Report outlined 3 areas of concern: A) Measles spread is ongoing and may be further enhanced by the FIFA world cup event in Seattle this summer. The US is already on track to join Mexico and Canada in losing their “elimination status” for the disease. B) Air Quality and wildfire smoke will likely be challenging this summer due to low snow pack and early wildfire starts already in progress. C) The number of unpermitted food vendors is rising and will continue posing a potential for increases in foodborne illness.

Environmental lead reported that department staff are putting PFAS on their radar for study and education. Currently not a target.

The 1/10 of 1% tax (for mental health and chemical dependency) has had the sunset clause eliminated so they are able to budget level funding without a large fund balance or tax implementation deadline.

Minutes and Agenda: More information about the Kittitas County Board of Health meetings can be found [here](#).