

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: AFH #2021-014 ALTSA: ALF #2021-012 ALTSA: ESF #2021-012 ALTSA: NH #2021-019 CHAPTER 246-101 WAC, NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS PROPOSED RULES AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Dear Providers and Administrators:

The Washington State Board of Health, in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Health, has filed a <u>CR-102, Proposed Rule, for chapter 246-101 WAC</u>, <u>Notifiable Conditions</u>. This chapter outlines requirements for information that health care providers, health care facilities, laboratories, and other entities must report to public health officials to protect the public's health by tracking communicable diseases and other conditions. Under chapter 246-101 WAC, Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Enhanced Services Facilities, and Nursing Homes are included in the definition of health care facility and so these rules apply to your facilities and homes.

The CR-102 announces to the public that proposed rules are available for comments and provides information to participate in the public comments process.

You may provide comments on the proposed rules in the following ways:

- Submit written comments through February 26, 2021 using one of the following options:
 - 1. The Department of Health online rules comment web page
 - 2. The State Board of Health Notifiable Conditions Rule email: notifiableconditions@sboh.wa.gov
 - 3. The U.S. Mail:
 - Washington State Board of Health PO Box 47990 Olympia, WA 98504-7990
- Attend an online rules hearing open to the public on March 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Access the rules hearing online using the GoToWebinar application:
 Registration URL:
 - https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2317880874509776139
 - 2. Access the rules hearing using your phone to dial-in and listen only:
 - Call-in: +1 (631) 992-3221, Access Code: 137-802-389

Important Information for the Rules Hearing:

• The Board will hold the rules hearing online during its March 10 virtual public meeting.

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- In order to give verbal testimony during the rules hearing, you will need to access the meeting using your computer, laptop, or device. Your computer, laptop, or device must have speakers, microphone and a camera in order to give verbal testimony.
- If you select to use only your phone, the GoToWebinar will automatically enter you into the meeting in 'listen-only' mode. The application cannot unmute individual callers who select to use only their phone to access the meeting.

Please visit the <u>Notifiable Conditions rule-making web page</u> or email <u>Kaitlyn Donahoe</u> at the State Board of Health for more information.

Sincerely,

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