

# Communicable Disease SME Workgroup

- Communicable Disease Investigation
- Data and Planning
- Public Health Lab
- Promote Immunization

**Meetings held via MS Teams**  
10:30am – 11:30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month

The **FPHS Communicable Disease (CD) Subject Matter Expert (SME) Workgroup** exists as one of several workgroups tasked with providing subject-specific recommendations and consultation to the FPHS Steering Committee.

This group connects on areas of the public health system that relate to the prevention and control of communicable diseases (e.g., measles, hepatitis, syphilis, etc.) and other notifiable conditions. For example, **communicable disease investigations** uncover information about outbreaks to prevent them from spreading further. **Data** are collected and analyzed to inform the **planning** of policies and programs, and to ensure services are being provided to people and in places with the highest needs. The state's **Public Health Lab** provides diagnostic services for the assessment and surveillance of infectious, communicable, genetic, and chronic diseases, as well as environmental health concerns. The public health system also **promotes immunization** as a measure of protection against vaccine preventable diseases.

Participation is available to all professionals from any of the four aspects of the Washington State governmental public health system (State Dept. of Health, State Board of Health, Tribes, and Local Health Jurisdictions).

To assist in collaboration, the group uses [Box](#) as a secure and free tool to share files and collaborate on documents.

*Contact a co-lead or support staff for a meeting invitation or for more information.*

## Co-Leads:

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## References:

CD SME Workgroup Charter/Plan (pending)  
[How to use Box.com](#)  
[General FPHS Committee & Workgroup Charter](#)  
[Current FPHS Definitions](#)  
[WA DOH FPHS Website](#)