



Proclamation

Snohomish County Board of Health

WHEREAS, the week of October 22-28, 2023, is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, and the theme is “Together, We Can Prevent Lead Exposure;” and

WHEREAS, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is a call to bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state, tribal, and local governments to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness to reduce childhood exposure to lead; and

WHEREAS, international and national health agencies recognize that lead is an extremely toxic metal that can have severe health impacts on adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that there is no safe level of exposure to lead; and

WHEREAS, even low levels of lead in a child’s blood is linked to adverse impacts and can cause permanent disabilities and other health problems such as learning disabilities, decreased IQs, behavioral problems, and decreased physical growth; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is a preventable public health problem; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health expresses gratitude and appreciation to Snohomish County Health Department staff, public health partners, and community members who are dedicated to reducing and eliminating exposures to lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Board of Health proclaims the week of October 22 to October 28, 2023, to be National Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Week in Snohomish County and encourages residents to observe this week by raising awareness about lead and reducing lead exposures.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2023.

Attest:

Megan Dunn, Chair

Dennis Worsham, Department Director