



Proclamation

Snohomish County Board of Health

WHEREAS, March 24 is World Tuberculosis Day and the theme is “Yes! We can end TB”; and

WHEREAS, World Tuberculosis Day commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced he had discovered the bacterium that causes tuberculosis (TB); and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis primarily affects the lungs but it can affect any part of the body; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is primarily spread when someone with TB disease in their lungs spreads the bacteria into the air by coughing, speaking, or singing, and the tuberculosis bacteria are breathed in by other people nearby; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend testing persons at increased risk for TB infection as part of routine health care; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 people in Washington are infected with tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, the number and rate of active tuberculosis cases in Snohomish County per 100,000 population has been increasing since 2018; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five active cases were identified in Snohomish in 2023; and

WHEREAS, black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) community members are disproportionately impacted by tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, TB disease is treatable and curable with antibiotics; and



WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health expresses gratitude and appreciation to Snohomish County Health Department staff and healthcare partners who are dedicated to preventing the spread of TB in Snohomish County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish County Board of Health proclaims March 24, 2024, to be World Tuberculosis Day in Snohomish County and encourages residents to observe this day by learning more about tuberculosis, knowing the signs and symptoms, and how to treat this disease.

World Tuberculosis Day March 24, 2024

ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2024.

*Megan Dunn
Chair, Board of Health*

Attest:

*Dennis Worsham
Director, Health Department*