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Board holds hearing on eye treatment for newborns

Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 8:30 – 3 p.m., The Inn at Port Hadlock, 310 Hadlock Bay Rd, Port Hadlock, WA 98339

At its July 8 meeting, the state Board of Health will hold a public hearing on a proposal to modify the rule relating to how health care providers attending or assisting in births treat newborns' eyes to prevent eye infections that can cause blindness. The board will also discuss a petition for rule making on the handling of animal manure in populous areas and hear updates on the regulation of group B drinking water systems and the school environmental health and safety rule.

Other items on the agenda include a presentation on the science of maternal and child health by Jefferson County Public Health, board-to-board conversation between the Jefferson County and state boards of health, and a preliminary discussion on strategic planning.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 10:40 a.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site \(www.sboh.wa.gov\)](http://www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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