



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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**Agency:** State Board of Health

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) 01/01/2023 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** This filing delays the effective date of revisions to chapter 246-101 WAC, Notifiable Conditions, due to technical challenges that prevent rule implementation from being completed by the original effective date of January 1, 2022.

The purpose of the chapter is to provide critical information to public health authorities to aid them in protecting and improving public health through prevention and control of infectious and noninfectious conditions as required under law. Public health authorities use the information gathered under this chapter to take appropriate action, including, but not limited to: treating ill people; providing preventive therapies for individuals who came into contact with infectious agents; investigating and halting outbreaks; removing harmful health exposures from the environment; assessing broader health-related patterns, including historical trends, geographic clustering, and risk factors; and redirecting program activities and developing policies based on broader health-related patterns. The chapter establishes notification requirements and standards for conditions that pose a threat to public health consistent with this purpose and the authorizing statutes it is adopted under.

Extending the rule revision's effective date allows sufficient time for the Washington State Department of Health to update its internal processes and data systems to come into compliance with the rule, as well as work with regulated entities to support their compliance.

Action taken by the State Board of Health on November 10, 2021 extends the effective date of the revised rules to January 1, 2023.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New: N/A
- Repealed: N/A
- Amended: N/A
- Suspended: N/A

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-11-040 on 05/12/2021 (date).  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**Date Adopted:** 11/10/2021

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**Signature:**



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