



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Snohomish Health District – COVID Isolation and Quarantine Facility Interlocal Agreement  
**DATE:** July 26, 2021

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Enclosed is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Snohomish Health District for your review and signature.

### ■ **Background and Purpose**

This Agreement is in response to a request from Snohomish Health District to utilize Whatcom County's COVID Isolation and Quarantine Facility, as their facility closed on 06/30/2021 due to their inability to renegotiate a lease for their facility. This Agreement outlines mutually agreeable terms that include the daily bed rate and responsibilities for Snohomish Health District's residents, including maximum stay length and transportation to and from the Facility. While the census at our facility has been lower in the last two months, there continues to be a demand for this facility. This Agreement will allow us to recoup some of the cost for the facility while maintaining availability to serve those in need through the summer season.

### ■ **Funding Amount and Source**

Snohomish County will reimburse Whatcom County for their residents temporarily housed at the COVID Isolation and Quarantine Facility at a rate of \$200 per person, per day, which is inclusive of the total cost of the room and wrap-around services at the Facility. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Erika Lautenbach, Director at 360-778-6005 ([ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions or concerns, regarding this request.

