

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD & LIVING ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



SAFE FOOD AND HEALTHY PUBLIC SPACES

Our program inspects and provides education and assistance to food establishments, water recreation facilities, and camps to reduce foodborne and waterborne illness. We also respond to concerns of people smoking and vaping in public places and give guidance to residents with bed bug, mold, or other living environment issues.

“The redeeming grace of being a regulator comes through our daily interactions with the public, business owners, managers, and food workers. I learn so much from them and appreciate their hard work, sacrifices, and dedication to their customers. All of this makes me a better person and a better inspector.”

Paul Giuntoli, RS, Senior Environmental Health Specialist

WHAT WE DO

Our work is focused on preventing and investigating foodborne and waterborne illness, and promoting healthy shared spaces. Core activities include:

- Regulating and providing education to food establishments, public pools and camps.
- Investigating complaints of vaping and smoking in public places
- Providing guidance related to living environment complaints (e.g. bed bugs, mold)



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2022 HIGHLIGHTS FOOD & LIVING ENVIRONMENT

AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM NAME: Food & Living Environment

SUPERVISOR: Dayna Katula

2022 FTE STAFF: 9

LEGAL MANDATES GUIDING WORK:

- WAC 246-215 (Retail Food Code)
- WAC 246-217 (Food Worker Cards)
- WAC 246-262 (Rec Water Facilities)
- WAC 246-376 (Camps)
- Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2014-01 (Food Service Regulations)

GRANTS & SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2022:

- Retail Program Standards Grant through Association of Food & Drug Officials
- Foundational Public Health Services
- Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for summer food service program inspections

Thank you to our funders and community partners for their continued support!



Our food inspectors monitor more than 1,300 permanent food establishments as well as temporary vendors at festivals and other community events.

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2022, the Food & Living Environment Program supported the rollout of updates to local and state food service regulations.

At our team’s recommendation, the Kitsap Public Health Board passed an **updated Food Service Regulations ordinance** in September.

Additionally, we helped guide local establishments through new requirements of the **updated Washington State Retail Food Code**.



TO READ INSPECTION REPORTS FOR KITSAP COUNTY FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, GO TO:

kitsappublichealth.org/foodreports



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

We are excited to protect the health of our community and help local businesses through our inspection and education work — it’s what we do every day!

We will build on momentum created in 2022, a year that allowed us to regulate 1,395 permanent food establishment permits, 120 water recreation facility permits, and eight camp permits.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, we have been able to collaborate more directly with community members and we look forward to continuing to engage with industry partners through the Kitsap Food Advisory Council.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

4,030 food, pool/spa, and camp inspections completed.

88 foodborne illness reports and five potential foodborne illness outbreaks investigated.

110 new food establishments permitted.

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