

Are We Ready?

Pacific North West Border Health Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

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Listing of MOUs
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2006—A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)—Public Health Emergencies

Signatories: Washington State Department of Health Secretary, and the Province of British Columbia Minister of Health

Purpose: To formalize a collaborative approach to use of available public health and health service resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies between the parties

2009/2010—Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance MOU

Signatories: Canadian ministers (British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory) and US public health agency secretaries and directors (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)

Purpose: To engage in a collaborative approach to using available health service resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies

2009—Washington/British Columbia Memorandum to Share and Protect Health Information to Assure Prompt and Effective Identification of Infectious Disease and Other Public Health Threats

Signatories: Washington State Department of Health Secretary, and the Province of British Columbia Minister of Healthy Living and Sport

Purpose: To facilitate the sharing of health information, both individually identified and population related, between parties for the purpose of assuring prompt and effective identification of infectious disease and other agents hazardous to public health that could lead to public health concerns in the Pacific Northwest region

2004—Cooperative of State Public Health Laboratories MOU

Signatories: Directors of Public Health Laboratories for the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington

Purpose: To address surge capacity needs, including the levels and sharing of laboratory services, procedures, responsibilities, and reimbursement for laboratory testing, training, and identification of infectious diseases and/or suspected bioterrorism select agents

2010—WA/BC Sharing of Public Health Laboratory Services MOU

Signatories: Province of British Columbia Minister of Health Services and the Washington State Department of Health Secretary

Purpose: To facilitate mutual aid and cooperation during an outbreak of disease, foodborne contamination or suspected bio or chemical terrorism that spans borders, or requires the expertise or capacity of the other party's laboratories