

The Department of Health (DOH) is reaching out to individuals and communities who have experienced health inequities or racism in the health care system. Advocacy groups and health care professional associations are also invited.

This is an effort to learn how people are harmed due to inequities in the health care system. We want to acknowledge its role in the health system. We want to create positive change in the health care system. Information we gather from listening sessions will be used in future rule workshops. Individuals, communities, and health care workers will work together to create rules for health equity continuing education. Health care professionals must complete trainings in health equity as required by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229.

DOH recognizes that sharing experiences about this subject may be difficult. We recognize and appreciate the emotional labor that will take place. We will make an intentional effort to create a safe space for participants and staff during this process. Sharing your experience is voluntary and it is up to you how you would like to share. If speaking in a group setting does not work for you, there is an option for written comments. No matter how you choose to take part, please know your willingness to engage in this process is greatly appreciated.

During these sessions, we will ask the following questions:

- What does health equity mean to you?
- What are your experiences with health inequities and how have they affected you?
- How can health care professionals improve so that they are providing fair healthcare?
- Is there anything else DOH needs to take into consideration?

To join us, use the link below. We will be holding listening sessions:

- Tuesday, February 1, 2022, from 5pm to 6pm via Microsoft Teams
- Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 10am to 11am via Microsoft Teams
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022, from 5pm to 6pm via Microsoft Teams
- Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 10am to 11am via Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams meeting  
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**Or call in (audio only)**

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Please write us if you are unable to attend but want to share your experience. Written comments about past and current experiences with health inequities can be submitted via email to [healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov](mailto:healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov). Please, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments.