

Information from Our Partners

2024 Community Summit

May 7–9, 2024 | Wenatchee Convention Center- Wenatchee, WA | Virtual & In-Person

DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration is proud to announce the 2024 Community Summit. The Community Summit continues a long tradition of conferences that have focused on expanding access to supported employment, supported living, and assistive technology. Launched in 2013, the Community Summit was conceived to continue the work of transforming systems and building inclusive communities where people can live the life they want for themselves. Standing on the shoulders of the work that has gone before, the Community Summit looks forward to another decade of hosting these vital conversations.

For more information and to register, visit the Community Summit [website](#).

Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB): Teacher of the Visually Impaired Update

Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) is now a regular teacher endorsement.

With the [Professional Educator Standards Board adoption](#) of the NES (603) Blind/Low Vision assessment, effective January 30, 2024, Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) is a regular teacher endorsement and is no longer available as a specialty endorsement.

Teachers holding the TVI specialty endorsement and assigned to work with Blind or Low Vision (BLV) students will still be able to work in those roles both before and after this change, and these individuals do not need to take the newly adopted NES assessment.

More information about this change can be found in the [TVI regular endorsement FAQ](#). Questions can be sent to Michael Nguyen, Program Manager for Educator Credentialing at [Michael Nguyen](#).

Department of Health Releases Updated COVID-19 Guidance

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) announced [updated guidance](#) for what to do when someone is sick with COVID-19, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory viruses. While much of DOH's new guidance is similar to recent updates announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), DOH's new guidance offers additional recommendations on how to prevent spreading respiratory illnesses after someone becomes infected, as well as how to protect people with weakened immune systems and others at higher risk of severe illness.



See the complete press release [here](#).

For clarification about what the new guidance means, please see [K-12 School Talking Points](#).

School districts should check with their local health jurisdiction prior to making changes in COVID-19 policy. [L&I regulations](#) apply to school personnel.

Webinar: Learning Standards Review Project Update

April 18, 2024 | 3 pm | Virtual

The Learning Standards Review Project Team will be holding a Webinar on April 18, 2024. The focus of this webinar will be to give an update on the learning standards revision for Math, Science, and the English Language Arts and Literacy standards, as well as information about the next phase of learning standards review for Financial Education, World Languages, and Health and Physical Education.

To register, click [here](#).