



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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# Topics

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- End of COVID-19 national emergency declarations
- Statewide Pandemic After Action Review Task Force
- Proposed revisions to federal race/ethnicity data standards – comment letters
- Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC)
- Office of Equity announcement for Community Advisory Board
- Member updates
- Event recap and discussion: Aligning toward Justice, Co-Governance, and Well-being



# End of COVID-19 national emergency declarations

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- The federal public health emergency (PHE) declarations are [set to end](#) on **May 11, 2023**.
- U.S. Health and Human Services [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap](#)
  - What will/will not be affected
  - Access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatments; out-of-pocket expenses; telehealth flexibilities; reporting of COVID-19 lab results and immunization data; etc.
- WA State Department of Health – [Feb. 22 briefing](#) to the Community Collaborative



# Statewide Pandemic After Action Review (AAR) Task Force

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- [Task Force website](#)
- Created through the state's 2021-2023 operating budget
  - Led by the WA State Military Department; Secretary of Health or designee serves as co-chair
  - "...conduct a comprehensive after-action review of the statewide pandemic response and recovery."
  - "The task force should consider issues relating to equity, disparities, and discrimination in each topic it studies and for which it makes recommendations."
- Develop lessons learned and make recommendations around 8 areas (specified in law).
- In addition to regular task force meetings, held 4 equity gatherings to collect additional input.
- Final report with recommendations due to Governor and legislature by June 30, 2023.



# Federal race/ethnicity data standards

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- Current minimum standards: [1997 OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15](#)
- Initial proposals for updating standards: [Notice and request for public comment](#)
- **Some [public comment letters](#) submitted to the federal workgroup**
  - Health Disparities Council
  - State Board of Health
  - Health Benefit Exchange
  - Governor
  - Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC)





# Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC)

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- [EOGOAC website](#)
- Recommends policies and strategies to OSPI, the Professional Educator Standards Board, and the State Board of Education to close opportunity gaps
- Opportunities for information sharing and partnership



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