



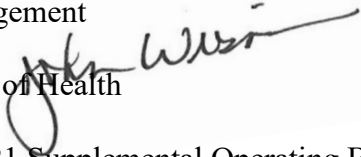
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**TO:** David Schumacher, Director  
Office of Financial Management

**FROM:** John Wiesman, Secretary of Health 

**SUBJECT:** Department of Health 2021 Supplemental Operating Budget Submittal

I respectfully submit our department's 2021 supplemental operating budget requests for Governor Inslee's consideration.

Our top supplemental budget recommendation focuses on our state's struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. We request the necessary funding for the last half of fiscal year 2021 to continue our state's COVID-19 testing and contact tracing activities. In conjunction with a similar budget request in our 2021-23 biennium submittal, this will ensure adequate funding for two years to detect and prevent COVID-19 infections throughout the state.

The remainder of our policy level supplemental requests include the use of additional local revenue to assist additional families in our Women, Infants, and Children nutrition program and a budget update to support the continued development of the Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) which will transform health professional and facility licensing and enforcement processes and data management.

I look forward to discussing these issues.

Attachment

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