



## Emergency Rule has been Filed for Medical Test Sites Licensed by the Department of Health

Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule filing: The Department of Health (department) has renewed an emergency rule that applies to all Medical Test Sites licensed by the department.

Medical Test Site emergency rule WSR2205013medicaltestsites5thCR103E\_hsqafinal-20220204.pdf

Background: This emergency rule amends WAC 246-338-026 mandating reporting of test results intended to detect SARS-CoV-2 or diagnose a possible case of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in alignment with the federal changes published in 85 FR 54820. WAC 246-338-020 is also amended to add language referencing the new subsection in WAC 246-338-026. These changes will allow the new reporting, inspection, and fining processes in compliance with the new federal requirements which will ensure the current Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) exempt status is not threatened and will respond to the current public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scope and content of the emergency rule: This emergency rule updates Washington rule to align with updated federal requirements published in 85 FR 54820, which include new reporting and inspection requirements and fines for nonreporting.

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