



STATE OF WASHINGTON

May 4, 2026

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Informative – Healthy Youth Survey 2025 Results and Changes to Healthy Youth Survey Revision Process

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), and the [HCA Tribal Consultation & Communication Policy](#), we are informing Tribal Leaders and their representatives of the upcoming release of the 2025 Washington State Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) results and changes to the 2027 HYS revision process.

The [HYS](#) focuses on health risk and protective factors and offers rich information about how youth are doing in their own voices. We are grateful for your support and partnership in encouraging schools that serve Native youth to participate in the HYS. Three State-Tribal Education Compact Schools (STECS) participated in the 2025 HYS.

The 2025 HYS Tribal results will be presented at the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH) Monthly Tribal Meeting on **June 10, 2026**. [Zoom meeting ID # 893 2344 4594](#)

Due to our state's budget shortfall, with many of our federal and state funds being reduced or eliminated, the HYS Planning Committee will not be requesting revision proposals to add, modify, or remove questions for the 2027 HYS. We remain committed to supporting Tribal participation in the HYS and the use of HYS results and hope to receive question proposals again in the future.

If you would like to know more about the HYS or ways to access the data, please contact Megan Suter, HYS Principal Investigator, by telephone at 877-HYS-7111 or via email at healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov.

For any other questions, please contact Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Department of Health Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR) by telephone at 360-819-7626 or via email at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

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