

## COVID and BARS Coding

TO: LHJ Leadership & Fiscal Staff  
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To LHJ Leadership & Fiscal Staff,

**2019 BARS Data** – Due date to DOH extended to 5/29/20. This is the same day that data is due to State Auditor's Office, by law. We have filed a formal request with SAO to extend their due date and they are considering it.

### Use these BARS revenue Codes for COVID specific funds

- 334.04.92 – State through DOH
- 334.04.20 – State through Commerce
- 333.93.35 – Federal Crisis Cooperative Agreement (if we get additional federal from other grants we'd use a different revenue code for that)

For questions on completing your BARS report please contact Violet Byrns at [violet.byrns@doh.wa.gov](mailto:violet.byrns@doh.wa.gov) or 360-236-3950.

### BARS expenditure codes for COVID specific activities

The new BARS expenditure codes reflect FPHS definitions. The FPHS definitions were written to accommodate emergency situations with planning and generic response functions under emergency preparedness and specific response activities in the respective FPHS program area (i.e. wildfire, drinking water, communicable disease, etc.). Much of the COVID response will likely fit best in **562.29 Disease Investigation – General CD** which included new and emerging disease. Examples of BARS Expenditure Codes most likely to fit most of your expenditures

**562.12 FPHS Emergency Preparedness and Response** - Develop emergency response plans for natural and human-caused public health hazards; train public health staff for emergency response roles and routinely exercise response plans. **Lead the Emergency Support Function 8** – Public Health & Medical and/or a public health response for the county, region, jurisdiction and state. **Activate and mobilize** public health personnel and response teams; request and deploy resources; coordinate with public sector, private sector and non-profit response partners and manage public health and medical emergencies utilizing the incident command system. **Communicate with diverse communities** across different media, with emphasis on populations that are disproportionately challenged during disasters, to promote resilience in advance of disasters and protect public health during and following disasters.

**562.17 FPHS Technology** – Develop, maintain and access electronic health information to support operations and analyze health data. Support, maintain and use communication technology.

**562.29 FPHS Disease Investigation – General CD** – Vaccine Preventable Diseases, Enteric conditions, Hepatitis A, STDs and any other communicable disease investigations not captured in other

codes such as “FPHS Syphilis, Gonorrhea and HIV,” “FPHS Other EPH Outbreak Investigations” and “FPHS Zoonotics” and new and emerging disease. Ensure disease surveillance, investigation and control for communicable disease and notifiable conditions in accordance with local, state and federal mandates and guidelines.

Develop and implement plans to identify and **respond to emerging infectious disease**. Coordinate communicable disease efforts with partners. Recognize instances of potential biological terrorism and conduct and coordinate appropriate investigations, laboratory testing, and management of exposed persons in collaboration with first responders and law enforcement agencies. Develop action plans for communicable disease and other notifiable conditions emergencies. Develop, maintain and coordinate to provide surge capacity to other public health agencies during emergency events or large outbreaks. Develop and maintain plans for the allocation of scarce resources and medical countermeasures in the event of an emergency or outbreak in collaboration with regional health care system.

**Isolation & Quarantine** – The proposals is that for both facilities and staffing, to code this under 562.29 FPHS Disease Investigation – General CD. Rational: The sole purpose of isolation and quarantine is to control the spread of communicable disease. If you have thoughts on this, please e-mail [Marie.Flake@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Marie.Flake@doh.wa.gov).

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