



Letter of Support of West Coast Health Alliance Affirmation of Science-Based Vaccine Recommendations

On September 3, 2025, the western states of Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii launched the “West Coast Health Alliance” (WCHA) - a partnership of States’ Public Health professionals working to align evidence-based health policies, share data, and issue joint recommendations. The work of this alliance is informed by guidance from trusted, non-political, national medical organizations whose research and recommendations are grounded in safety, transparency, access and trust.

As the entity charged with assuring the implementation of health regulations in San Juan County, the San Juan County Board of Health (SJCBOH) recognizes and affirms the work and recommendations of the West Coast Health Alliance as relevant and valuable to the health of County residents. The San Juan County Board of Health acknowledges that while states and counties may independently implement different strategies based on unique laws, geographies, histories and peoples, Public Health policy should be based upon consistent, science-based recommendations.

In recognition of the preceding, the SJCBOH affirms the recent vaccine recommendations, published on 9/17/2025, 12/5/2025 and 1/6/2026, made by the WCHA. These recommendations, which respond to recent CDC changes to routine Respiratory and Child and Adolescent immunization recommendations that are not grounded in scientific evidence, are consistent with the intended health outcomes for San Juan County. The recommendations identify that vaccination represents the best proactive protection against preventable infections, widespread community transmission and strain on local medical services. This protection is especially important given San Juan County’s population demographics and its geographical separation from critical medical services.


The San Juan County Board of Health supports the continued emphasis on vaccine related work by the SJC Department of Health and Community Services as critical to the health of our community. We encourage the department to continue to implement policy and practices which align with WCHA guidance in promoting the health of the citizens of San Juan County.

Approved this 21st day of January 2026

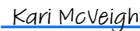
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