

# HEALTH UPDATE



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## **REGION IV PUBLIC HEALTH**

Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum  
counties and Cowlitz Tribe

**To: Physicians and other health care providers**

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in your organization.**

Questions regarding this information may be directed to the following Region IV  
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Skamania County Community Health, 509.427.3850

Cowlitz County Health & Human Services, 360.414.5599

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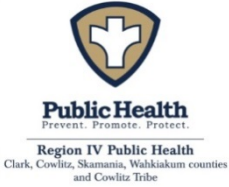
**Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or  
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**Introducing our new regional Deputy  
Health Officer, Dr. Steven Krager**



We are delighted to announce that we have successfully recruited our new regional Deputy Health Officer, Dr. Steven Krager. Dr. Krager joined our region on September 16, and will help provide health officer services in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties, particularly around communicable disease issues and TB evaluation and case management, and environmental health exposures.

Dr. Krager came to us with experience as a local health officer in Columbia County, Oregon. He received his Medical Degree from Creighton University and a Master’s Degree in Public Health/Epidemiology from the University of Colorado. He became board certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine after completing a Preventive Medicine residency at the University of Colorado. Recently, he served as the Medical Director/Primary Care physician at Columbia Health Services in Oregon.

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