



## UPDATE for the Community



### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe we're going backwards in the immunization department. But that's exactly what's happening. The recent measles outbreak in Clark County and across the country is evidence that our data is right: children are not always getting their well-child visits which is an important opportunity to ensure they are receiving the immunizations they need to avoid preventable illnesses.

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#### Upcoming All-Alliance Event

We welcome [Christopher F. Koller](#), president of the Millbank Memorial Fund, as a special guest to our March 11 All-Alliance meeting. He will share his perspective on how employers and individuals can make health care more affordable.

All-Alliance meetings are one of the many benefits of membership in the Washington Health Alliance. If you would like to join the Alliance and attend our All-Alliance meeting from 2-4 p.m. on March 11. please see [Joining the Alliance](#) below.

[Alliance Member Hospitals Recognized for Exceptional Work](#)

### LEARN MORE

#### Join Us

Are you interested in learning more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership.](#)

#### Choosing Wisely

Choosing Wisely is a campaign designed to provide easy-to-understand guides for getting better, safer, more effective care. It is a partnership between the Alliance, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the Washington State Medical Association and others. [Learn more.](#)

#### Visit the Community Checkup website

The Community Checkup website helps consumers make informed choices by giving them access to a robust and accessible supply of data and resources. [Learn more.](#)

#### Follow the Alliance on Facebook

We invite you to follow the Alliance on [Facebook](#).

#### Follow the Alliance on Twitter

We invite you to follow the Alliance on Twitter [@WAHealthCheckup](#).

#### Follow the Alliance on LinkedIn

We invite you to follow the Alliance on our [LinkedIn](#) company page.



Congratulations to Washington Health Alliance founding partner Virginia Mason Medical Center, named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals in the Country in 2019 and for other Alliance members

named in the top 100.

Virginia Mason Medical Center was recognized by Healthgrades for being in the “top 1% of hospitals in the nation for consistently providing overall clinical excellence across a broad spectrum of conditions and procedures year over year.” We are also pleased to report other Alliance members were recognized as being in America’s 100 Best Hospitals for “exhibiting clinical excellence year over year”:

- EvergreenHealth Medical Center – Kirkland
- Swedish Medical Center – Edmonds Campus
- Swedish Medical Center – First Hill Campus
- Swedish Medical Center – Ballard Campus
- Valley Medical Center

### **Joining the Alliance**

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance, we have an online tool to help you learn about the value of Alliance membership [Learn more at our Join Us website](#).

***The Washington Health Alliance brings together those who give, get and pay for health care to create a high-quality, affordable system for the people of Washington state.***