



# Preliminary Cost-Benefit Analysis Public Health Emergencies

## Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328, the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby analyzes the costs and benefits of amending and permanently adopting rules regarding public health emergencies.

## Costs

No costs are anticipated. The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify eligibility for benefits and relief of benefit charging in certain situations related to a public health emergency when the public health emergency begins or ends during the middle of a benefit week. The proposal will not create new or different requirements for claimants or employers.

## Benefits

The proposed rulemaking will provide clarity for claimants and employers who are impacted by a public health emergency that begins or ends in the middle of the week.

## Conclusion

The proposed rulemaking provides clarity regarding public health emergencies that begin or end during the middle of a benefit week without imposing costs.