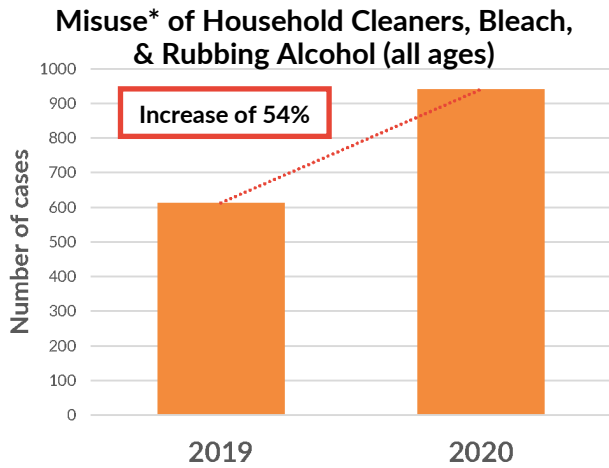




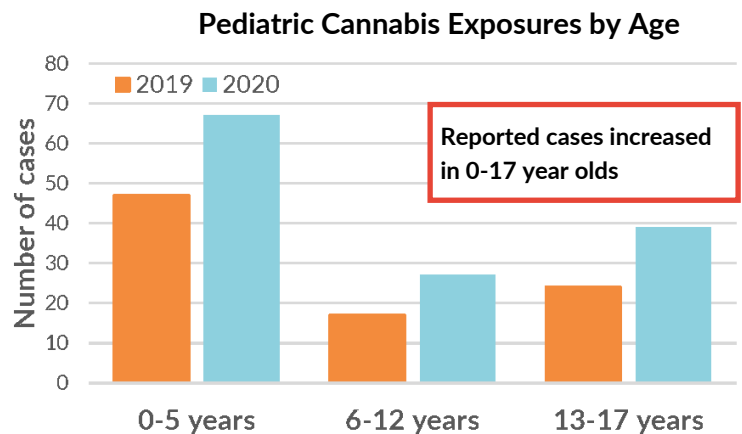
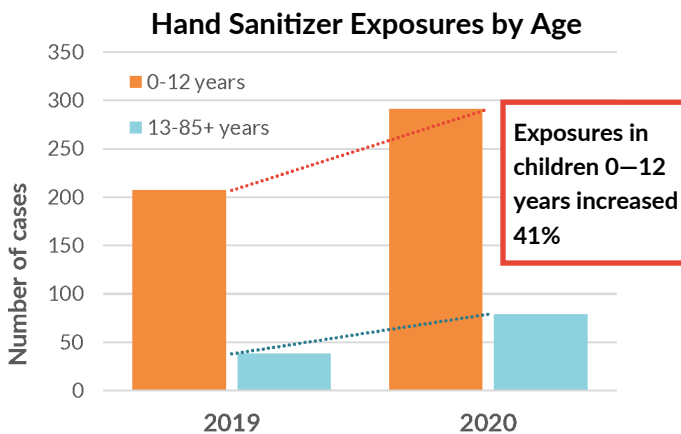
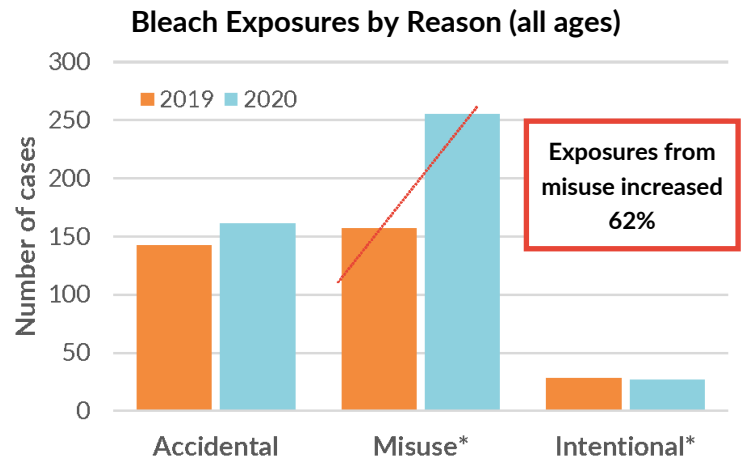
Exposure Trends During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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The following data compares poison exposures reported to the Washington Poison Center during the first 161 days of 2020 (January 1–June 9) to the first 161 days of 2019 (January 1–June 10).

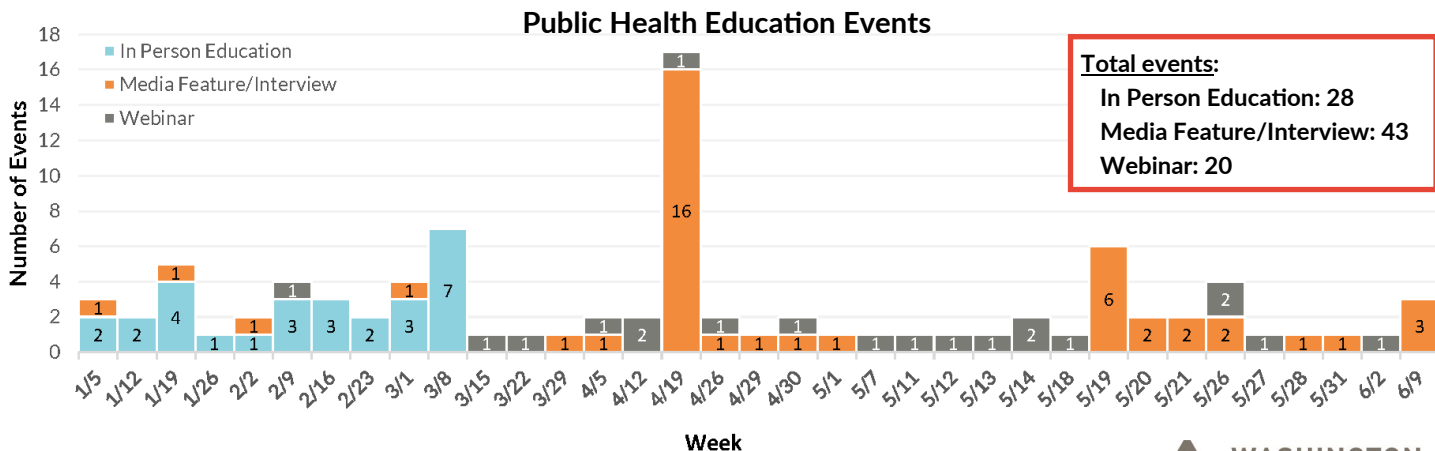


**Misuse* is defined as inappropriate use; *Intentional* is defined as suicidal intent or abuse ("wanting to get high")



Suspected suicide cases in 13-17 year olds (with all substances) increased 4% from 2019 to 2020. For all ages, suspected suicide cases increased 2%.

Since Washington's Stay at Home order, 95.6 % of all cases where the poison center was called first were managed at home by WAPC specialists. Keeping patients out of the emergency department saved \$11,762,619 patient dollars.



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