* Chlamydia is an important health issue; it causes infertility and life-threatening pregnancies and increases the risk of HIV transmission.

* Pierce County has a significantly higher Chlamydia rate at 5.2 cases per 1,000 population compared to the state rate of 3.5. Pierce County African American residents have a higher rate (14.9) compared to white residents (2.9).

* A foundational service of Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is to track, investigate and prevent future cases of communicable disease in order to control outbreaks and keep our residents healthy.

Legislative districts are adjusted to 2010 census tract boundaries. The blue outlines indicate the actual boundary for each district. If the center of a census tract was within the district, then the entire census tract was included within the district for analysis purposes. Only the Chlamydia cases with known census tract and reported in the period 2010-2013 were accounted for.

Sources: