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**WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SCREEN AWARD-WINNING VACCINE
SCIENTIST DOCUMENTARY AT PICKFORD FILM CENTER**

BELLINGHAM, WA— Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman is credited with saving over 8 million lives a year, yet few people even know the name of this public health hero. Whatcom County Health Department will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film *HILLEMAN: A Perilous Quest to Save the World's Children* at the Pickford Film Center on December 7, 2017 at 6:30pm.

The film tells the inspiring story of Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman, a man with a singular, unwavering focus: to eliminate the diseases of children. From his poverty-stricken youth on the plains of Montana, he came to help prevent pandemic flu, develop the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, and invent the first-ever vaccine against a human cancer. Now through exclusive interviews with Dr. Hilleman and his peers, rare archival footage, and 3-D animations, this film puts a human face to vaccine science, revealing the character that drove this bold, complex, and heroic man.

The screening will be preceded by a reception at the Pickford at 6:00pm and will be followed by a panel discussion session about the role of immunizations in protecting children in our community. Panelists include Whatcom County Health Officer, Dr. Greg Stern; retired immunization nurse Connie Kelley, RN; school nurse Lorali Gray, RN; and Katie Rose, a community member and parent. Admission to the film is \$10.75, \$7.50 for members and \$8.00 for students with ID. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://www.pickfordfilmcenter.org/programs/pickford/hilleman-a-perilous-quest-to-save-the-worlds-children/>.

The screening is co-sponsored by the Pickford and the Whatcom County Health Department's immunization program.

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