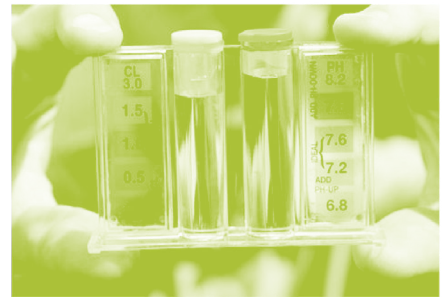


Public Health Modernization: Creating A Healthier Oregon

Public health modernization means everyone in Oregon can expect public protections critical to their health and the health of future generations.



The need for an updated public health system

Our public health system is critical to keeping people in Oregon healthy and safe. However, our system must be modernized in order to meet today's challenges and ensure that everyone in Oregon has essential public health services such as:

- access to health services;
- preventing the spread of infectious diseases,
- clean air;
- safe food and water; and
- communities that support healthy living.

Public health must be able to engage in work helping to prevent diseases and deaths *and* respond to emerging threats and outbreaks at the same time.

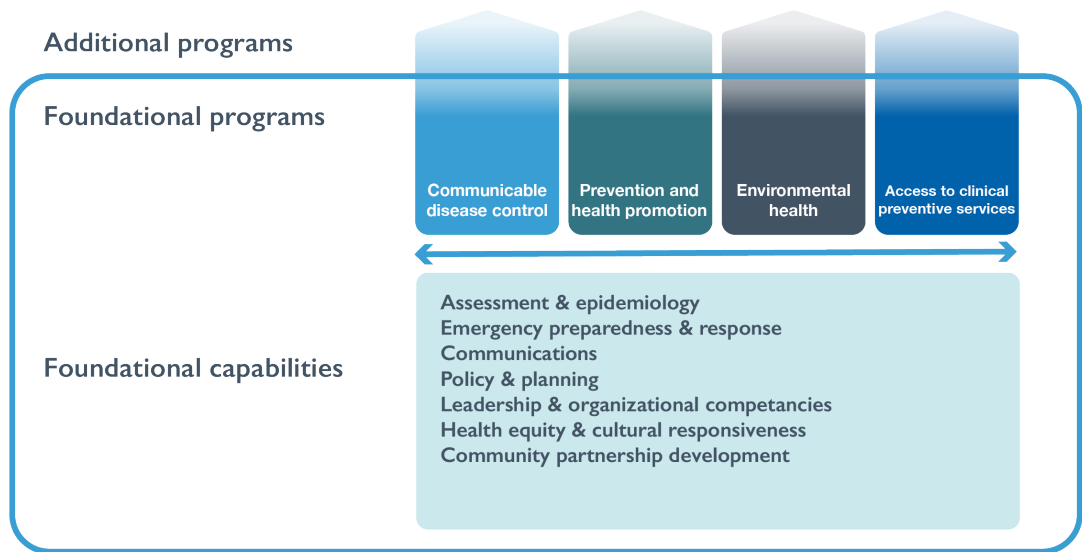
Public health is the backbone of the health system—possessing the skills and expertise that support communities and other partners to improve the conditions in which we live and work, leading to better health outcomes for all in Oregon.

Health within reach

Our new model for public health, public health Modernization, ensures everyone in Oregon has basic public health protections and prevention, regardless of where they live.

Public health modernization will effectively address the health needs of all our communities by building on partnerships in order to equip every community with the same basic skills and programs to protect everyone in Oregon from diseases, keep our air and water clean, promote well-being, and assure that everyone has access to quality health care.

Public health modernization provides the capacity for our public health system to be a strong, flexible, and more efficient partner.



Source: HB 2348 Task Force Report: Modernizing Oregon’s Public Health System, 2014

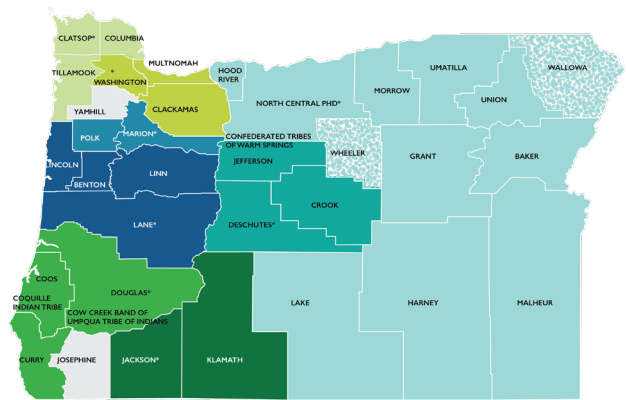
Oregon’s new public health system model

In 2015, the Oregon State Legislature established public health modernization as the new model for public health. This model includes basic services and programs that no community should be without. A system-wide assessment determined that the following public health programs are limited or minimal in over a third of Oregon communities:

- Capacity to investigate and respond to disease outbreaks.
- Ability to identify and prevent environmental health hazards, including air toxics and lead.
- Promote health equity through partnerships and engagement with communities that experience an excess burden of disease and death.
- Access to local, timely and accurate population health data that helps drive community-based decision-making and resource allocation.

Moving Forward:

In 2017, despite pressing budgetary restrictions, the Oregon State Legislature allocated funding to begin modernizing our communicable disease prevention structure. Most local health departments have developed regional projects to implement this important work. The map below depicts the funded partnerships.



Not included in partnership but will receive support from the partnership



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