

Lane County Public Health Description of Modernization Priorities and Key Activities

Plans for modernization implementation in Lane County have been shaped by two lessons learned since early 2020. One, there is no public health without justice. Disease outbreaks and environmental crises have both illuminated and exacerbated existing health inequities that stem from generations of oppression and denied opportunity. Eliminating health inequities is our most urgent priority. Key activities include partnering with local communities to bring culturally-responsive preventive health services to people where they live and to plan for future emergencies.

Two, we cannot accomplish our vision – optimal health for all people of Lane County – without a healthy, diverse, and skilled workforce. Key activities include implementing workforce wellness strategies, providing staff training to advance racial equity and supporting workforce retention through professional development.

Previous investments in modernization meant that Lane County was better positioned to respond to COVID-19 with new capacity in infectious disease epidemiology, communication, and community outreach. We are building on those first investments as well as deepening the relationships we have developed in the community to meet community needs.