

Public Health Modernization

An Equity-Centered Public Health System for a Modern, Changing World

Public health modernization refers to the foundation of an equity-centered public health system. It reflects Oregon's commitment to support strong, vibrant communities.

Public health modernization can solve health inequities.

COVID-19 magnified gaps in the system. It showed public health threats do not impact Oregonians equally. Communities of color, tribal communities, disability communities, and other underserved communities experienced worse effects during the pandemic. One solution is to bring Oregon's health system into the future to help everyone achieve their best health.



This important change involves everyone.

Partnership is important. Communities across the state are partnering on a public health system that works for everyone. Oregon's public health system includes:

- State, local, and tribal public health authorities
- Community-based organizations
- Regional health equity coalitions
- Health care providers
- Faith-based institutions
- Schools
- Environmental agencies
- Partners from different sectors

These groups work together. Governmental public health agencies bring people together, advance policy changes and ensure Oregon is prepared for public health threats. Community partners help strengthen, champion, serve and give a voice to communities across Oregon.

Public health modernization is strengthening Oregon's public health system.

Public health is:

- Growing partnerships with communities
- Ensuring the public health workforce is trained, responsive and valued
- Supporting community-led, equity-focused data collection and sharing
- Increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity
- Engaging in, and increasing awareness about, prevention initiatives
- Minimizing the impact of public health threats
- Increasing access to preventative health services, including comprehensive reproductive health services