

# Roadmap for modernizing Oregon's public health system



This set of essential priorities and strategies is Oregon's roadmap to modernizing its public health system and meeting the requirements established in ORS 431.131–431.148. When fully implemented in three to five biennia, Oregon will have a modern public health system that will protect and improve the health of every person in Oregon.

**Vision:** Public health modernization means every person in Oregon receives essential public health preventive services critical to their health. Essential services include protection from communicable disease and environmental risks, health promotion, prevention of chronic diseases and injury, and responding to new threats to health.

**Goal:** By 2023 all people in Oregon will be protected by an efficient and effective state and local public health system that provides essential public health programs to all.

## Priority 1

Improve the public health system's capacity to provide foundational public health programs for every person in Oregon

- **Strategy 1:** Develop and implement a plan to phase in core public health functions, as described in the *Public Health Modernization Manual*, over the next three to five biennia. This roadmap serves as the initial plan.
- **Strategy 2:** Increase and use available funding to support implementation.
- **Strategy 3:** Apply a health equity and cultural responsiveness lens through all phases of implementation.
- **Strategy 4:** Work with Oregon's federally recognized tribes to align tribal, state and local public health programs.
- **Strategy 5:** Create incentives for cross-jurisdictional collaborations (county-county/state-county) through the local public health funding formula and/or planning grants.
- **Strategy 6:** Establish a process to award state matching funds for county investments in foundational programs and capabilities through the local public health funding formula.
- **Strategy 7:** Ensure all LPHAs submit a comprehensive modernization plan by 2023.

## Priority 2

Align and coordinate public health and early learning, CCOs, hospitals, and other health partners and stakeholders for collective impact on health improvements

- **Strategy 8:** Establish new and innovative collaborative service delivery models with health care partners; scale and spread promising and best practices and effective models throughout the state.
- **Strategy 9:** Provide public health expertise and serve as the convener to support and promote evidenced-based prevention interventions across the health care and early learning sectors.
- **Strategy 10:** Align public health priorities with relevant statewide health priorities outlined in Oregon's [Action Plan for Health](#).
- **Strategy 11:** Adopt shared metrics and incentives with the early learning and health care delivery systems for collective impact.

## Priority 3

Demonstrate progress toward improved health outcomes through accountability metrics and ongoing evaluation

- **Strategy 12:** Establish accountability metrics and incentives for population health outcomes.
- **Strategy 13:** Use the local public health funding formula to award performance-based payments to LPHAs that achieve benchmarks or improvement targets for accountability metrics.
- **Strategy 14:** Evaluate and report on the effectiveness and population health impact of new and existing service delivery models.

The following sections describe the major bodies of work undertaken by state and local public health authorities to implement these modernization roadmap strategies.