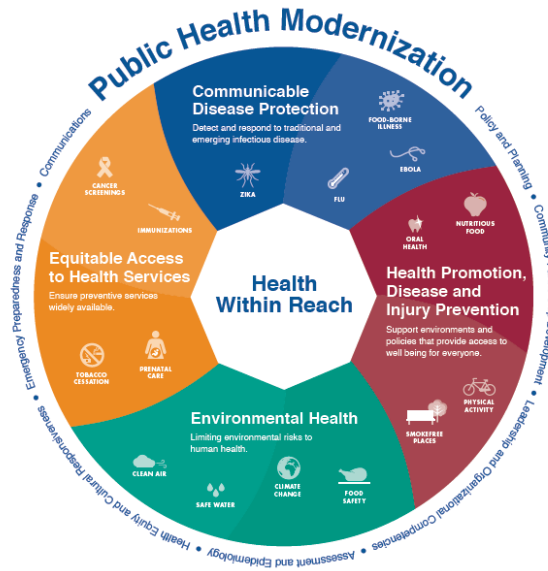


# Statewide Public Health Modernization Plan



In 2016, the Oregon Health Authority, the Public Health Advisory Board and local public health authorities used findings from the public health modernization assessment to develop the [statewide public health modernization plan](#). This plan includes the long-term roadmap for modernizing Oregon's public health system as well as the work plan for the next two years.

The public health modernization assessment found that in more than one third of Oregon communities, foundational public health programs are minimal or limited. The public health system in these areas may not be adequately able to respond to an emerging communicable disease or environmental health threat, or run programs to reduce the impact of chronic diseases. A modern public health system ensures every person in Oregon has access to these essential public health protections.



## Roadmap for Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System

The roadmap is built upon three priorities that will be implemented over the next three to five biennia. State and local public health authorities are building upon existing opportunities to modernize the public health system.

**Priority 1:** Improve capacity to provide foundational public health programs for every person in Oregon.

- Align state, local and tribal public health programs to gain efficiencies and ensure every person in Oregon is protected by a modern public health system;
- Measure health disparities and improve equity;
- Improve the quality of public health service delivery by creating incentives for cross-jurisdictional collaborations; and
- Strengthen the impact of public health programs by leveraging available funding.

**Priority 2:** Coordinate public health with early learning, CCOs, hospitals, and other health partners and stakeholders for collective impact on health.

- Ensure comprehensive strategies to address health threats by establishing new and innovative collaborations with health care partners;
- Promote evidence-based interventions to prevent disease; and

- Incentivize shared responsibility by adopting common metrics with the health care and early learning.

**Priority 3:** Demonstrate progress toward improved health outcomes through accountability metrics and evaluation.

- Establish public health accountability metrics;
- Use the local public health funding formula to award performance-based payments to local public health authorities; and
- Evaluate the effectiveness of new service delivery models.

A modern public health system is nimble, resilient and able to adapt to needs as they arise. It requires that we hold ourselves accountable and demonstrate that a modern public health system can achieve improved health for every person in Oregon.

For more information, visit [healthoregon.org/modernization](https://healthoregon.org/modernization).