

Clackamas County Public Health (CCPH) has been actively modernizing our public health system at the local and regional levels since the legislature codified local public health foundational programs and capabilities in 2015. Because of dedicated public health modernization funding we have increased our capacity to provide core public health services such as protecting communities from infectious diseases, planning for and responding to environmental health threats, and investing in our workforce and community partnerships. We are changing how we approach 21st-century public health issues by leading with race and working proactively with partners to address the health needs of the entire community.

We have three strategic priorities for public health modernization that align with our strategic plan:

- **Racial Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness-** This fiscal year we're completing a health equity assessment to identify our organizational gaps and building staff capacity to address the causes of health inequities and implement culturally responsive programs. We are prioritizing collaboration and partnerships with diverse communities to advance racial health equity and investing in epidemiologists through hiring and training to highlight disparities and focus efforts on closing racial health equity gaps
- **Communication and Community Outreach-** We partnered with our county Public and Government Affairs Department to hire a communications specialist dedicated full-time to supporting CCPH. This position leads work to increase visibility and awareness of our mission and services through comprehensive communication and outreach strategies that elevate the voices and lived experiences of the residents of Clackamas County and connect with them where they live, work, learn, worship, and play.
- **Accountability and Stewardship-** CCPH continues to plan for the full implementation of public health modernization by deepening public trust in CCPH through transparency and demonstrating continuous improvement. This is formalized through CCPH's investment in its performance management system and ongoing quality improvement initiatives. As an example, CCPH is currently working on an initiative to advance CCPH's role in convening and connecting people to a range of public health and human services available through the County.