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2026

April 29–May 1 ■ Sunriver, OR



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Amenities

Registration

- Homestead Gallery

Plenary room

- Homestead Ballroom

Breakout rooms

- Heritage I
- Heritage II
- Landmark I
- Landmark II
- Fireside

Refreshment

- Breakfast and lunch buffets will be set up in the Homestead Gallery with dining in the Homestead Ballroom.

Lactation room

- Available by request — inquire at registration.



Sunriver Resort

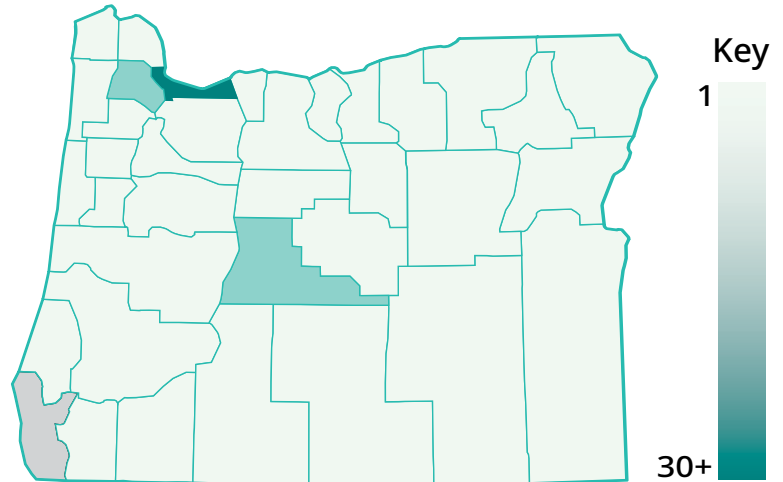
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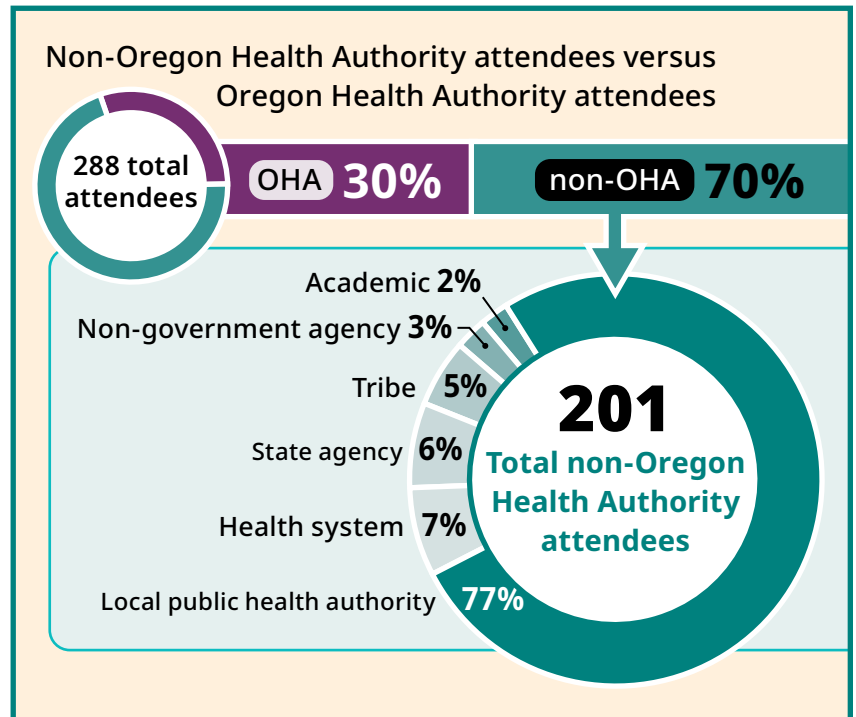
Oregon Epi 2026 who's here?

Oregon representation, by county of residence



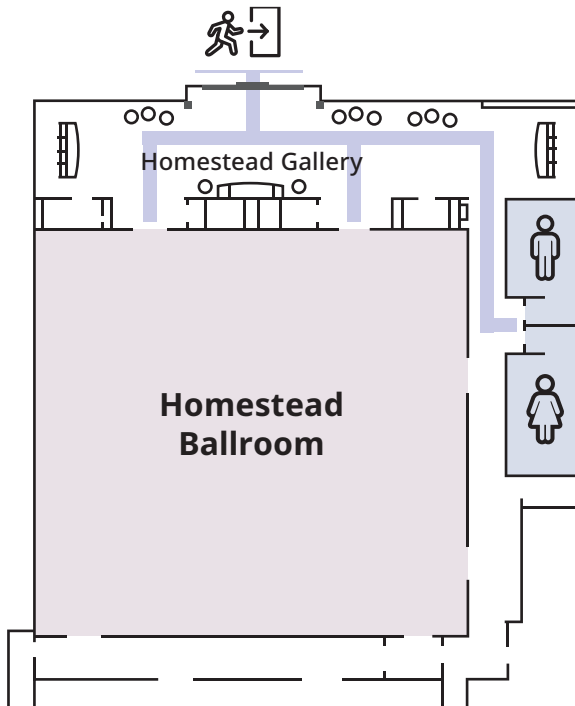
288 total attendees

Joined by our public health partners
as represented below.

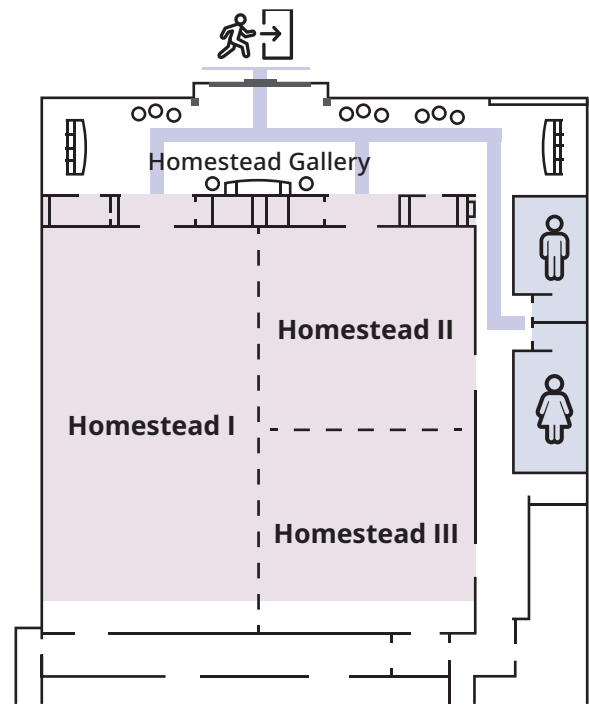


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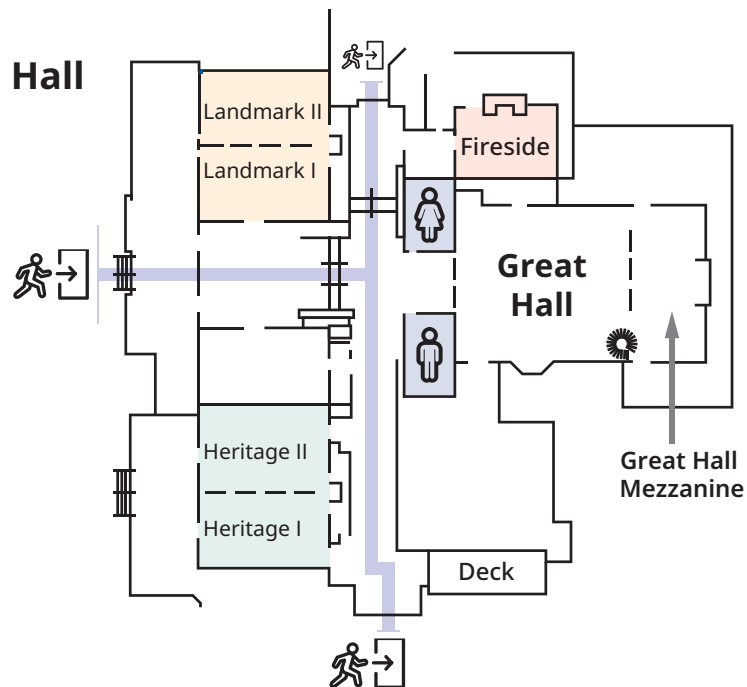
Homestead Ballroom



Homestead I, II, and III for pre-conference



Great Hall



Legend

- Heritage I and II
- Homestead Ballroom, I, II, and III
- Landmark I and II
- Fireside
- Restrooms
- Exit/Entrance

Wednesday, April 29

Time	Session	Location
7 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Registration (pre-conference attendees) and Breakfast	Homestead Gallery
8 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Pre-Conference sessions Code Auris: A Hospital-Based Containment Simulation Evelyn Donahoe, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark II
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Annual HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS) Meeting Alicia Knapp, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead I
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Health Officers' Caucus Pat Luedtke, Lane County	Homestead II
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Informatics 101 Cody McNeese, Oregon Health Authority Jenny Young, Oregon Health Authority Larissa Williams, Oregon Health Authority Sarah Jones, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead III
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) 101 Emily Wegener, Oregon Health Authority Gillis Garrott, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark I
8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	Orpheus Office Hours	Fireside
8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	CD 101 — The Basics of Communicable Disease Control Heather Hertzell, Oregon Health Authority Meagan McLafferty, Oregon Health Authority Sarah King, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I
8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	CD 303 — Outbreak Investigation Essentials June Bancroft, Oregon Health Authority Rosalie Trevejo, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage II
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Public Health is Carceral Health: Improving Health for Oregonians in and Returning From Carceral Settings Orion McCotter, Oregon Health Authority Frank Patka, Changing Patterns Nicole Pierce Jefferson County	Landmark II
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch (start times vary)	Homestead Gallery

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Wednesday, April 29 (continued)

Time	Session	Location
1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	Lab Test: A Public Health Emergency Simulation Game Macey Henning, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark II
2 p.m.–3 p.m.	Registration and break	Homestead Gallery
3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Plenary 1 Welcome Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead Ballroom
3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	Lighting the Way: Inspiring Public Health Action Through Communication and Behavior Change in a Time of Noise and Uncertainty Howard Chiou, Oregon Health Authority Jonathan Snowden, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead Ballroom

Thursday, April 30

Time	Session	Location
7 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Homestead Gallery
8 a.m.–8:45 a.m.	Plenary 2 Sense and Susceptibility: Understanding Antibiograms and Introducing Oregon’s Statewide Antibiogram Liz Breitenstein, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead Ballroom
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Communicable diseases	Breakout sessions (1) One by One: Eliminating Hepatitis C in Douglas County Laura Turpen, Douglas County Emily Porter, Douglas County Gabriela Escutia, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Communicable diseases	(2) Understanding the Burden of Viral Hepatitis-Associated Liver Cancer in Oregon Bailey Weissenfels, Oregon Health Authority Gabriela Escutia, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I

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Thursday, April 30 (continued)

Time	Session	Location
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Emerging events	(1) Novel Use of Volunteer Search and Rescue Teams for Public Health Christopher Van Tilburg, Hood River County	Heritage II
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Emerging events	(2) Adapting Environmental Health Capabilities: Monitoring the Health Impacts of Crowd Control Tactics and Tear Gas in Multnomah County Abe Moland, Multnomah County Brendon Haggerty, Multnomah County Sarah-Truclinh Tran, Multnomah County Kenn Sutto, Multnomah County	Heritage II
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. HIV, STIs, TB	Lessons Learned Conducting a Large-Scale Tuberculosis Contact Investigation in Washington County, Oregon (2025) Siobhán Burns, Washington County Wendy Taylor, Washington County Kathleen Reese, Washington County	Landmark I
9 a.m.–9:45 a.m. One Health	Breaking Silos: How Building Partnerships between Communicable Disease and Addiction Treatment Programs can Improve Community Health Outcomes Emily Synegal, Marion County	Landmark II
9:45 a.m.–10 a.m.	Break	
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Communicable diseases	(1) BioFire Testing in Central Oregon: Selected Communicable Disease Laboratory Trends (2015–2025) Adrienne Hoyt, Deschutes County Richard Fawcett, Deschutes County Kelly Coyle, Deschutes County	Heritage I
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Communicable diseases	(2) Vibriosis Trends in Deschutes County, Oregon (2015–2024) Adrienne Hoyt, Deschutes County Richard Fawcett, Deschutes County	Heritage I
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Communicable diseases	(3) Solving Outbreaks Through Ad Hoc Testing of High Risk Foods June Bancroft, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I

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Time	Session	Location
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Emerging events	(1) Getting a Leg Up on Legionella June Bancroft, Oregon Health Authority Katie Cox, Oregon Health Authority Emily Porter, Douglas County	Heritage II
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Emerging events	(2) Syndromic Surveillance for Planned Events and Rapid Preparedness Assessments Larissa Williams, Oregon Health Authority Meagan McLafferty, Oregon Health Authority Madeline LeVasseur, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage II
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Emerging events	(3) Aedes aegypti in The Beaver State: An Update on this Invasive Species in Jackson County, Oregon Andrew Partin, Jackson County John Mahan, Jackson County	Heritage II
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. HIV, STIs, TB	(1) Demographics and Risk Factors of Syphilis Cases Co-infected with Chronic Hepatitis C Infection in Oregon, 2019–2024 Gabriela Escutia, Oregon Health Authority Yuritzzy Gonzalez Pena, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark I
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. HIV, STIs, TB	(2) Linking Surveillance Data with Vital Records: Strengthening Congenital Syphilis Reviews Yuritzzy Gonzalez Pena, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark I
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. One Health	Gone With the Wind of Dust Emilio DeBess, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark II
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch	Homestead Ballroom
12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	Plenary 3 Prioritization in an Era of Scarcity Matthew Golden, University of Washington	Homestead Ballroom
2 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Communicable diseases	Silent Spread: A CPO Response Exercise Evelyn Donahoe, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I

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Time	Session	Location
2 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Emerging events	Building a Regional Overdose Surveillance and Alert System: Lessons from Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties Katie Marsi, Benton County Weston Cook, Lincoln County Forrest Sharp, Linn County	Heritage II
2 p.m.–2:45 p.m. HIV, STIs, TB	Scrofula for Thanksgiving Elizabeth Johnson, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Beth Ann Beamer, Jefferson County	Landmark I
2 p.m.–2:45 p.m. One Health	Investigating the Prevalence of Three Medically Important Pathogens in Ixodes Pacificus From Southern Oregon Andrew Partin, Jackson County Emilio DeBess, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark II
2:45 p.m.–3 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Communicable diseases	(1) Comparison of Case Interview Statuses for Selected Reportable Diseases Before & After the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Meccah Jarrah, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I
3:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Communicable diseases	(2) From Local to LabCorp: Evaluating the Impact of Outsourcing on Enteric Disease Surveillance in Oregon Kalanikiekie Sparks, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage I
3:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Emerging events	(1) I Wasn't Expecting Bats as Bunkmates! An Investigation Following a Mass Bat Exposure at a Local Overnight Youth Camp. Sierra Kerns-Funk, Clark County Haley King, Clark County	Heritage II
3:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Emerging events	(2) Dry Times, Heavy Impacts: Conceptualizing Drought and Mental Health for Public Health Practice Cordelia Main, Oregon Health Authority Nell Carpenter, Oregon Health Authority	Heritage II
3:15 p.m.–4 p.m. HIV, STIs, TB	When the Data Don't Make Sense: A Public Health Investigation into Unexpected Pyrazinamide Resistance in Tuberculosis Kiley Ariail, Oregon Health Authority Mackenzie Clary, Oregon Health Authority	Landmark I

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Time	Session	Location
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	Break	
4:15 p.m.–5 p.m.	Plenary 4 Vaccine that Conquered Polio: An American Public Health Triumph Story Juventila Liko, Oregon Health Authority Paul Cieslak, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead Ballroom
5 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	Closing Jonathan Snowden, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead Ballroom

Friday, May 1

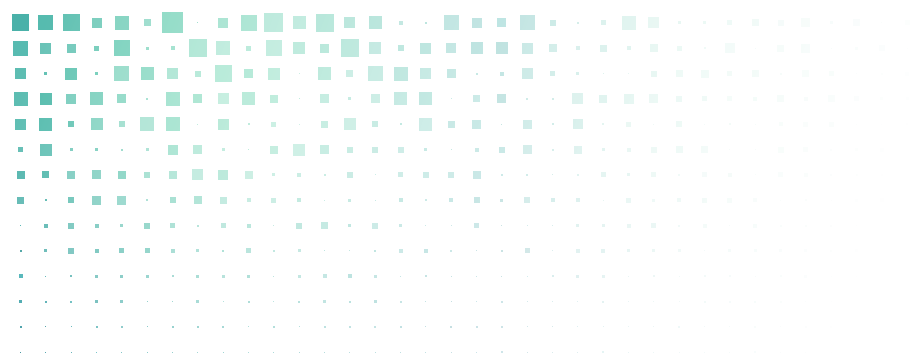
Time	Session	Location
7 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Homestead Ballroom
8 a.m.–8:45 a.m.	Workshops Norovirus Outbreaks: The Lab, The Epi, and The Infection Control Roza Tammer, Oregon Health Authority Laura Tsaknaridis, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead III
8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Bird is The Word Melissa Sutton, Oregon Health Authority Daphne Moffett, Oregon Health Authority Ryan Scholz, Oregon Department of Agriculture	Homestead I
8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Annual TB Case Management Training Heidi Behm, Oregon Health Authority Kiley Ariail, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead II
8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	What Bites Oregonians? Rosalie Trevejo, Oregon Health Authority Emilio DeBess, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead III

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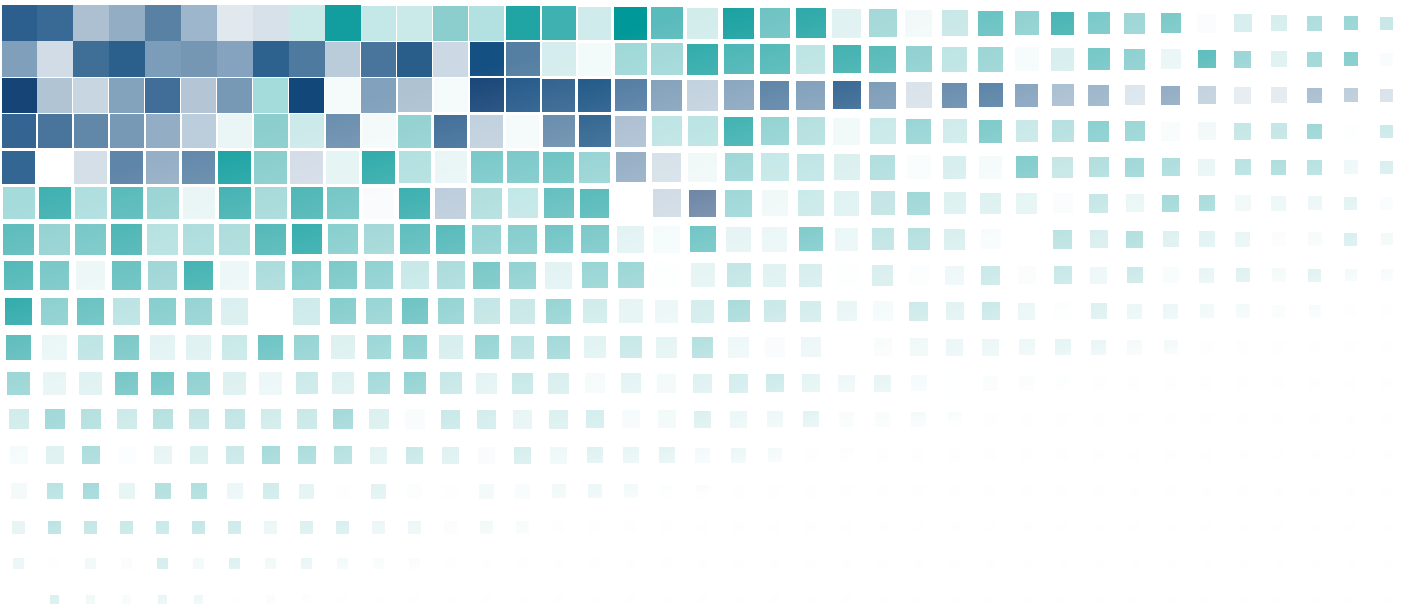
Time	Session	Location
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Case Closed: Wrapping Up Outbreak Investigations with Confidence Roza Tammer, Oregon Health Authority Tasha Martin, Oregon Health Authority Rosalie Trevejo, Oregon Health Authority	Homestead III
10 a.m.–12 noon	Box lunches to go	Great Hall Gallery

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