

# OR - Epi 2026 Agenda (Program Coming Soon)

			Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7
Wednesday, 04/29										
Breakfast	7:00	8:30	90	Room Name	Room Name	Room Name	Room Name	Room Name	Room Name	Room Name
									<div>Code Auris: A Hospital-Based Containment Simulation (90 minutes)</div> <div>Public Health is Carceral Health: Improving health for Oregonians in and returning from Carceral Settings. This is a Lab Test: A Public Health Emergency Simulation Game (90 minutes)</div>	Informatics 101
Pre-Conferences	8:00	2:30		CD 101	CD 303	Annual HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS) Meeting	Health Officers' Meeting	PHEP 101		
				Course is designed for new communicable disease investigators in Oregon. Covers the basics of communicable diseases, reporting requirements for notifiable diseases in Oregon, the use of the Oregon Investigative Guidelines for disease prevention and control, and services provided by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL)	Course focuses on the steps in an outbreak investigation, disease surveillance, descriptive epidemiology, study design and analytic epidemiology, interviewing and questionnaire development, and taking action in an outbreak.	HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS) is Oregon's new status neutral HIV/STI prevention and care model. It expands and integrates services to prevent new infections, ensures rapid linkage to treatment and care, and improves community health. 33 Oregon counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians receive funding to deliver HSSS and related services. This meeting is for LPHA and tribal contractors delivering HSSS. Updates, training, technical assistance, and peer to peer support will be provided and a tabletop exercise to identify system gaps, opportunities, and strengths related to HIV cluster detection and outbreak response will be included.	The Health Officer Caucus retreat is the once yearly face-to-face meeting between Oregon's local Public Health Officers. For 2026, the retreat will include training on congenital syphilis, opioid crisis response, and select agents. It will also include visioning on mutual aid, HO cross coverage, and nurse standing orders.	PHEP 101: Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) 101 provides an overview of the PHEPR program. Topics covered includes equitable practices in emergency management, development of work plans, multi-year integrated preparedness plans for training and exercises, exercise development, and much more!		By the end of this workshop, newly minted informaticians will understand how essential data systems, tools (like data standards, messaging frameworks, and exchange protocols), and resources used for the collection, storage, and management of surveillance data in Oregon enable public health professionals to leverage surveillance data for informed decision-making.
Lunch- times vary	11:30	1:00	90							
Registration	2:00	3:00								
Intro, Priorities	3:00	3:15	15	Homestead Ballroom: Welcome - Naomi Biggs-Adeline						
Plenary	3:15	4:30	75	Homestead Ballroom: Plenary #1 - Lighting the Way: Inspiring public health action through communication and behavior change in a time of noise and uncertainty Howard Chiou and Jonathan Snowden						
			Time	Communicable Diseases Heritage 1	STDs, TB, HIV Landmark 1	One Health Landmark 2	Emerging Events Heritage 2			
Thursday, 04/30										
Breakfast	7:00	8:30	90							
Plenary	8:00	8:45	45	Homestead Ballroom: Plenary #2 One Health: #41 Sense and Susceptibility: Understanding antibiograms and introducing Oregon's statewide antibiogram						
Break	8:45	9:00	15							
				#21 One by One: Eliminating Hepatitis C in Douglas County  #8 Understanding the Burden of Viral Hepatitis-Associated Liver Cancer in Oregon	#26 Lessons Learned Conducting a Large-Scale Tuberculosis Contact Investigation in Washington County, Oregon (2025)	#11 Breaking Silos: How Building Partnerships between Communicable Disease and Addiction Treatment Programs can Improve Community Health Outcomes	#1 Novel use of volunteer search and rescue teams for public health (20 minutes)  #37 Adapting Environmental Health Capabilities: Monitoring the Health Impacts of Crowd Control Tactics and Tear Gas in Multnomah County (20 minutes)			
Breakout 1	9:00	9:45	45							
Break	9:45	10:00	15							

				<div>#30. BioFire Testing in Central Oregon: Selected Communicable Disease Laboratory Trends (2015-2025)</div> <div>#2. Solving outbreaks through ad hoc testing of high risk foods</div> <div>#25. Vibriosis Trends in Deschutes County Oregon (2015-2024)</div>	<div>#16 Demographics and Risk Factors of Syphilis Cases Co-infected with Chronic Hepatitis C Infection in Oregon, 2019-2024 (45 minutes)</div> <div>#7 Linking Surveillance Data with Vital Records: Strengthening Congenital Syphilis Reviews (45 minutes)</div>	<div>#22 Gone with the Wind of Dust</div>	<div>#39 Syndromic Surveillance for Planned Events and Rapid Preparedness Assessments (30 minutes)</div> <div>#15 Aedes aegypti in The Beaver State: An update on this invasive species in Jackson County, Oregon (30 minutes)</div> <div>#33 Getting a leg up on Legionella (30 minutes)</div>
Breakout 2	10:00	11:30	90		Homestead Ballroom		
Lunch	11:30	1:00	90				
Plenary	12:15	1:45	90	Homestead Ballroom: Plenary #3 - Prioritization in an Era of Scarcity with Dr. Matthew Golden			
Break	1:45	2:00	15				
				<div>#20 Silent Spread: A CPO Response Exercise</div>	<div>#4 Scrofula for Thanksgiving</div>	<div>#29 Investigating the prevalence of three medically important pathogens in Ixodes pacificus from southern Oregon</div>	<div>#13 From Signals to Action: Building a Multi-County Wastewater Surveillance System for Opioids, Nicotine, and Emerging Drugs (20 minutes)</div> <div>#17 Building a Regional Overdose Surveillance and Alert System: Lessons from Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties (20 minutes)</div>
Breakout 3	2:00	2:45	45				
Break with Snacks	2:45	3:15	30				
				<div>#36. Comparison of Case Interview Statuses for Selected Reportable Diseases Before &amp; After the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</div> <div>#9. From Local to LabCorp: Evaluating the Impact of Outsourcing on Enteric Disease Surveillance in Oregon</div>	<div>#5 When the Data Don't Make Sense: A Public Health Investigation into Unexpected Pyrazinamide Resistance in Tuberculosis</div>	<div># 32 Diarrheal Illness Early Warning System and Surveillance Dashboard – Marion County, Oregon</div>	<div>#19 I wasn't expecting bats as bunkmates! An investigation following a mass bat exposure at a local overnight youth camp. (25 minutes)</div> <div>#35 Dry Times, Heavy Impacts: Conceptualizing Drought and Mental Health for Public Health Practice</div>
Breakout 4	3:15	4:00	45				
Break	4:00	4:15	15				
Plenary	4:15	5:00	45	Homestead Ballroom: Plenary #4 CD: #12-Vaccine that conquered polio: an American public health triumph story			
	5:00	5:15	15	Closing: Jonathan Snowden			
			Time				
Friday, 05/01				Workshops			
Breakfast	7:00	8:30	90	Homestead Ballroom			
				Bird is the Word	Annual TB Case Management Training	What bites Oregonians? (45 min) Case closed: Wrapping up outbreak investigations with confidence (90 min) Norovirus outbreaks: The lab, the epi, and the infection control (45 min)	
	8:00	11:30		Learn about what a commercial outbreak of bird flu looks like on the ground! In a tabletop exercise, attendees will get to work together to find out where the Oregon Department of Agriculture, local and state public health, surge support and the role of health officers all meet. There will be a hands-on demonstration of the personal protective equipment (PPE) that ODA and farmworkers use during bird flu outbreaks as well as an opportunity to practice conjunctival specimen collection!	This training reviews the basics of diagnosing and treating TB disease. It also reviews entering TB cases into Orpheus and Electronic Lab Reports (ELRs). It is perfect for LPHA staff who are new to working with people who have TB disease. As requirements and our work environments shift over time, those who have worked with TB disease for many years may also benefit.	<div>#23 This tabletop exercise focuses on assessing Oregon's response to animal bites with potential rabies exposure. Participants, including public health officials, medical providers, and animal control, will practice case assessment, post-exposure prophylaxis management, and interagency coordination. The goal is to identify gaps, strengthen communication, and enhance public health strategies to prevent rabies transmission.</div> <div>#10 This presentation will provide an overview of the Oregon Health Authority's (Oregon Health Authority ) Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Outbreaks database, including how the data are used and the life cycle of outbreak record submission and review. It will cover best practices for documentation of outbreaks and explain how</div>	