

Program Element #01: State Support for Public Health (SSPH)

OHA Program Responsible for Program Element:

Public Health Division/Office of the State Public Health Director

1. Description.

Funds provided under this Agreement for this Program Element may only be used in accordance with, and subject to, the requirements and limitations set forth below, to operate a Communicable Disease control program in LPHA's service area that includes the following components: (a) epidemiological investigations that report, monitor and control Communicable Disease, (b) diagnostic and consultative Communicable Disease services, (c) early detection, education, and prevention activities to reduce the morbidity and mortality of reportable Communicable Diseases, (d) appropriate immunizations for human and animal target populations to control and reduce the incidence of Communicable Diseases, and (e) collection and analysis of Communicable Disease and other health hazard data for program planning and management.

Communicable Diseases affect the health of individuals and communities throughout Oregon. Inequities exist for populations that are at greatest risk, while emerging Communicable Diseases pose new threats to everyone. The vision of the foundational Communicable Disease Control program is to ensure that everyone in Oregon is protected from Communicable Disease threats through Communicable Disease and Outbreak reporting, investigation, and application of public health control measures such as isolation, post-exposure prophylaxis, education, or other measures as warranted by investigative findings. The work in this Program Element is also in furtherance of the Oregon Health Authority's strategic goal of eliminating health inequities by 2030.

This Program Element, and all changes to this Program Element are effective the first day of the month noted in the Issue Date section of Exhibit C Financial Assistance Award unless otherwise noted in Comments and Footnotes of Exhibit C of the Financial Assistance Award.

2. Definitions Specific to State Support for Public Health

- a. **Case:** A person who has been diagnosed by a health care provider, as defined in OAR 333-017-0000, as having a particular disease, infection, or condition as described in OAR 333-018-0015 and 333-018-0900, or whose illness meets defining criteria published in the OHA's Investigative Guidelines.
- b. **Communicable Disease:** A disease or condition, the infectious agent of which may be transmitted to and cause illness in a human being.
- c. **Outbreak:** A significant or notable increase in the number of Cases of a disease or other condition of public health importance (ORS 431A.005).
- d. **Reportable Disease:** Any of the diseases or conditions specified in OAR 333-018-0015 and OAR 333-018-0900.

3. Alignment with Modernization Foundational Programs and Foundational Capabilities.

The activities and services that the LPHA has agreed to deliver under this Program Element align with Foundational Programs and Foundational Capabilities and the public health accountability metrics (if applicable), as follows (see Public Health Modernization Manual at https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/TASKFORCE/Documents/public_health_modernization_manual.pdf):

a. **Foundational Programs and Capabilities** (As specified in Public Health Modernization Manual)

Program Components	Foundational Program					Foundational Capabilities						
	CD Control	Prevention and health promotion	Environmental health	Population Health Direct	Access to clinical preventive	Leadership and organizational competencies	Health equity and cultural responsiveness	Community Partnership Development	Assessment and Epidemiology	Policy & Planning	Communications	Emergency Preparedness and Response
<i>Asterisk (*) = Primary foundational program that aligns with each component</i> <i>X = Other applicable foundational programs</i>						<i>X = Foundational capabilities that align with each component</i>						
Epidemiological investigations that report, monitor and control Communicable Disease (CD).	*						X		X			X
Diagnostic and consultative CD services.	*								X			
Early detection, education, and prevention activities.	*						X	X	X		X	
Appropriate immunizations for human and animal target populations to reduce the incidence of CD.	*				X		X					
Collection and analysis of CD and other health hazard data for program	*						X		X	X		X

Program Components	Foundational Program					Foundational Capabilities						
planning and management.												

b. The work in this Program Element helps Oregon’s governmental public health system achieve the following Public Health Accountability Metrics, Health Outcome Indicators:

- Rate of congenital syphilis
- Rate of any stage syphilis among people who can become pregnant
- Rate of primary and secondary syphilis
- Two-year old vaccination rates
- Adult influenza vaccination rates for ages 65+

c. The work in this Program Element helps Oregon’s governmental public health system achieve the following Public Health Accountability Metrics, LPHA Process Measures:

- Priority Area: Reduce the spread of syphilis and prevent congenital syphilis
 - Percent of congenital cases of syphilis averted
 - Percent of cases interviewed
 - Percent completion of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Core variables
 - Percent of cases treated with appropriate regimen within 14 days
- Priority Area: Protect people from preventable diseases by increasing vaccination rates
 - Demonstrated use of data to identify population(s) of focus
 - Demonstrated actions to improve access to influenza vaccination for residents of long-term care facilities
 - Demonstrated actions with health care providers or pharmacists to improve access to vaccination
 - Increase in the percent of health care providers participating in the Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP)
 - Demonstrated outreach and educational activities conducted with community partners

4. Procedural and Operational Requirements.

By accepting and using the Financial Assistance awarded under this Agreement and for this Program Element, LPHA agrees to conduct the following activities in accordance with the indicated procedural and operational requirements:

- a. LPHA must operate its Communicable Disease program in accordance with the Requirements and Standards for the Control of Communicable Disease set forth in ORS Chapters 431, 432, 433 and 437 and OAR Chapter 333, Divisions 12, 17, 18, 19 and 24, as such statutes and rules may be amended from time to time.
- b. LPHA must use all reasonable means to investigate in a timely manner all reports of Reportable Diseases, infections, or conditions. To identify possible sources of infection and to carry out appropriate control measures, the LPHA Administrator shall investigate each report following procedures outlined in OHA's Guidelines or other procedures approved by OHA. OHA may provide assistance in these investigations, in accordance with OAR 333-019-0000. Investigative guidelines are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/ReportingCommunicableDisease/ReportingGuidelines/Pages/index.aspx>
 - (1) If OHA has entered into an agreement with a Federally Recognized Tribe in Oregon or the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center for the purposes of receiving reports of reportable diseases and investigating cases of reportable diseases, as allowed under Senate Bill 841 (2025), LPHA must coordinate with the Tribe if the Tribe's service area includes the geographic area within the LPHA's jurisdiction, and with the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center if working on behalf of a Tribe. OHA will notify LPHA of the Tribes that have these agreements, and will provide technical assistance to LPHA and Tribes to support coordination.
- c. As part of its Communicable Disease control program, LPHA must, within its service area, investigate the Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases, institute appropriate Communicable Disease control measures, and submit required information in a timely manner regarding the Outbreak to OHA in Orpheus as prescribed in OHA CD Investigative Guidelines available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/ReportingCommunicableDisease/ReportingGuidelines/Pages/index.aspx>
- d. LPHA must establish and maintain a single telephone number whereby physicians, hospitals, other health care providers, OHA and the public can report Communicable Diseases and Outbreaks to LPHA 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. LPHA may employ an answering service or 911 system, but the ten-digit number must be available to callers from outside the local emergency dispatch area, and LPHA must respond to and investigate reported Communicable Diseases and Outbreaks.
- e. LPHA must attend Communicable Disease 101 and Communicable Disease 303 training.
- f. LPHA must attend monthly Orpheus user group meetings or monthly Orpheus training webinars.

- g. This Section 4.g. is only applicable to LPHA if LPHA is selected to receive one-time funding from OHA to support surge capacity in counties who have transferred LPHA authority to OHA. This funding is limited to the Referral Partner for Communicable Disease Testing and Treatment activities outlined below:

LPHA must:

- (1) Provide communicable disease testing and follow up treatment, if needed, for individuals identified by OHA as having a reportable disease or having been exposed through an OHA case investigation.
- (2) Use Oregon State Public Health Laboratory for communicable disease testing.
- (3) Support OHA, to the extent it is able, in responding to congregate care reportable disease outbreaks requiring on-site testing and/or treatment.
- (4) Participate in planning meetings and exercises with OHA, to the extent it is able, to maintain sufficient, responsive processes in partnership with OHA communicable disease team.
- (5) Perform third-party billing for communicable disease testing and treatment work assigned by OHA whenever individual has insurance payer accepted by grantee

5. General Expense Reporting.

- a. LPHA must complete an "Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Expenditure Report" located at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/providerpartnerresources/localhealthdepartmentresources/pages/index.aspx>. A separate report must be filed for each applicable Program Element and any sub-elements These reports must be submitted to OHA each quarter on the following schedule:

Fiscal Quarter	Due Date
First: July 1 – September 30	October 30
Second: October 1 – December 31	January 30
Third: January 1 – March 31	April 30
Fourth: April 1 – June 30	August 20

6. Reporting Requirements.

Not applicable.

7. Performance Measures.

Not applicable.