



Lake County Public Health
Quality Care Close to Home

Modernization Priorities and Key Activities

Lake County Public Health is focused on improving equity, increasing the county's access to information about communicable diseases, and assessing and improving the community's ability to respond to environmental emergencies.

The primary Public Health office is in Lakeview. A second office is in Christmas Valley, 100 miles to the north. The office's sole employee retired in July. Lakeview employees have been driving to Christmas Valley at least once a month to offer OHP sign-ups and immunizations, but this will be harder to do in the winter when road conditions deteriorate. Our Health Equity Plan calls for establishing a plan for serving North Lake County by the end of January 2023. It also sets the goal of building community trust. The public lost faith in Public Health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we want to re-establish our office as a positive presence in the community.

We plan to provide information about communicable diseases on our Facebook page, in local newspapers, and on a local radio station. We also will update pamphlets we created about communicable diseases and where our offices are located and distribute those around Lake County. Lake County Resources Initiative (LCRI) will use the results from its community survey to determine the most pressing threats to Lake County due to climate change. Lake Health District's emergency preparedness coordinator will order emergency preparedness kits for organizations and locations throughout the county. The kits are essentially garbage cans stocked with ponchos, gloves, flashlights, food, and other supplies that will keep people safe for a few days during an emergency.