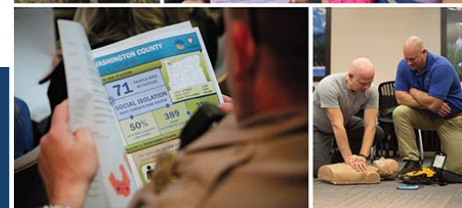


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# Public Health Modernization Update



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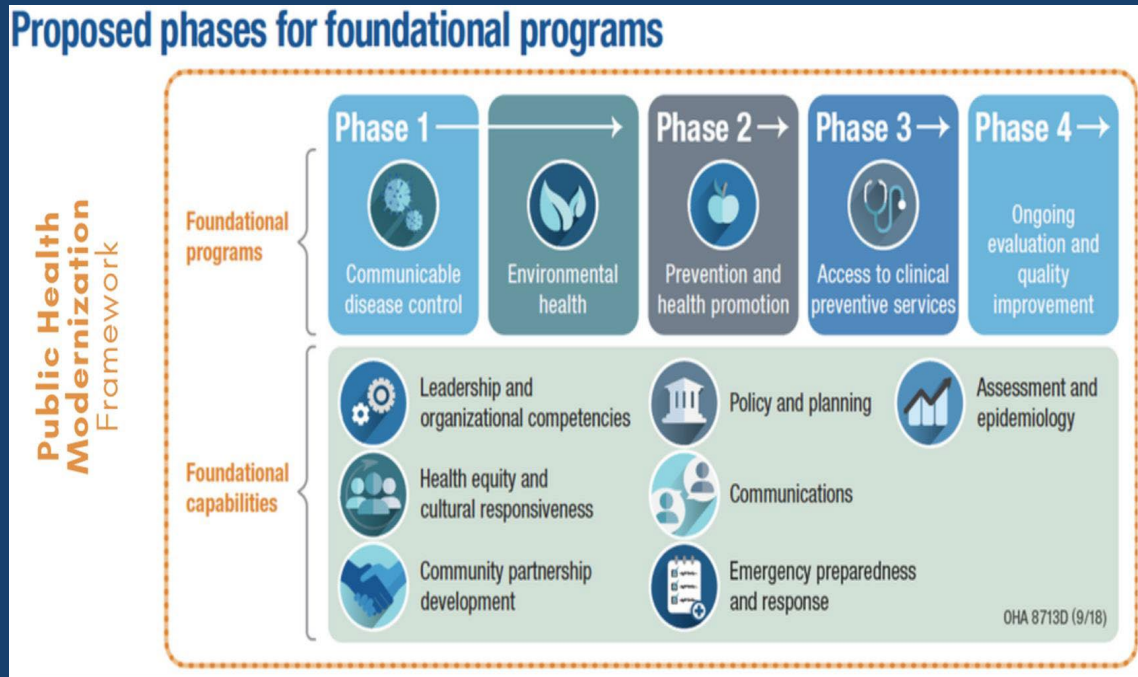


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# Today's Update

- Review Deliverables for 2023-2025
- Review drafted strategies for Foundational Capabilities
- Provide Context and Framing for October Conversation

# Modernization Framework



# 23-25 Budget and Deliverables

- During the legislative session, HB 5525 was passed which included an additional \$30 million for Public Health Modernization, and SB 5506 added an additional \$20 million bringing the investment this biennium to \$50 million
  - Public health modernization dollars are split between local public health authorities, tribal governments, community-based organizations and OHA
  - \$17 million will be allocated to local public health this biennium
- Washington County will have four deliverables due to OHA in 2025
  - Health Equity Action Plan
  - Climate Adaptation Plan
  - All Hazards Preparedness Plan
  - Modernization Implementation Plan

# Background

- WCPH is required to develop a work plan and budget for submission to OHA outlining how we are meeting the requirements set by OHA
- Work plan will focus on four overall goals and five of the foundational capabilities
- For each foundational capability we are required to select at least one strategy provided by OHA

# 2023-2025 Workplan

- Through this workplan, we are telling the story of Washington County's work to modernize our PH system
  - Highlighting priority work and cohesive plan as a Division
  - Ensure that priority focus areas for all programs/branches are reflected
  - Acts a throughline for the Division – division-wide coordination
- We are working to modernize our PH system, not just our PH Division
  - County as the Local Public Health Authority
  - One Washington County Approach

# Strategies and Example Priorities

Foundational Capability	23-25 Strategies
Leadership and Organizational Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate work toward local modernization plans, which may include development of business models for public health infrastructure or alignment of priorities across strategic plans, CHIPs, and other local plans.</li><li>• Implement workforce retention initiatives.</li><li>• Establish workforce development strategies that promote the skills and experience needed to perform public health duties and to carry out public health's mission.</li></ul>
<b>Example Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workforce Development Plan</li><li>• Professional development to support key division priorities (e.g climate, preparedness)</li></ul>	

Foundational Capability	23-25 Strategies
Assessment and Epidemiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make communicable disease data easily accessible to health care providers and community members. (NEW)</li> <li>• Assess environmental health risks using available public health data and/or integrate into community health assessments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Example Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data sharing, data accessibility, and public-facing reports and processes</li> <li>• Climate data</li> </ul>	



Foundational Capability	23-25 Strategies
<p>Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete an assessment of the LPHA’s capacity to apply a health equity lens to programs and services and to provide culturally responsive programs and services within the last five years.</li> <li>• Complete and implement an action plan that addresses key findings from health equity assessment.</li> <li>• Develop and/or enhance partnerships with Regional Health Equity Coalitions, federally recognized tribes, community-based organizations, and other entities in order to develop meaningful relationships with populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of communicable disease and poor health outcomes.</li> <li>• Work directly with communities to co-create policies, programs, and strategies. Ensure that health interventions are culturally responsive.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Example Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Health Equity Action Plan (internal and external engagement processes)</li> </ul>	

Foundational Capability	23-25 Priorities
Community Partnership Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-create disease prevention and control plans with community-based organizations, including all-hazards emergency preparedness plans so that communities are prepared, receive timely and culturally and linguistically responsive information about how to stay safe during an emergency.</li> <li>• Engage stakeholders and community members to plan, exercise and implement emergency preparedness plans with a focus on populations most impacted by inequities. (NEW)</li> <li>• Sustain and expand partnerships with community agencies to reach, communicate with and empower marginalized populations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Example Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement to support plan development</li> <li>• Expand and support key partnerships (LTCF, early childhood education, lactation equity, preparedness)</li> </ul>	

Foundational Capability	23-25 Strategies
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement culturally responsive communications systems</li> <li>• Ensure communications with the general public and/or at-risk populations about communicable disease risks, including outbreak investigations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Example Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of Communications Coordinator</li> <li>• Culturally-responsive outreach and communications strategies to reach non-English speaking communities</li> </ul>	

# October Meeting

- High level review of proposed work plan
  - Get feedback and support from the PHAC for the overall direction
- Discuss modernization budget priorities for this biennium