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13 Independent Local Health Districts



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Public health agencies are like your organizations.





Effective operations lead to desired outcomes

Good data is essential for effective operations

Public health surveillance is our data source.

Data are:

- Systematic
- Ongoing
- Analyzed
- Interpreted

Data are used for:

- Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation

5 Core Pillars of Public Health Data Gathering







Electronic Case Reporting



Notifiable Diseases



Electronic Laboratory Reporting



Vital Records

Data systems at Salt Lake County HD

- WIC (USDA)
- Electronic medical record
- Billing system
- State immunization registry
- Environmental health inspection, permitting, complaint system
- Community-based surveys
- Spreadsheets, Smartsheet, Google Docs, REDCap
- Connect to other locals, state, national
- Administrative data systems (contracts & procurement, HR, etc...)

Individual Public Health Services

WIC

Nurse home visiting

Tuberculosis

STD/HIV

Immunization

Vital records

Population Public Health Services

- Infectious disease prevention, identification, control
- Non-infectious disease prevention
- Community-level health assessments
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Environmental health regulation
- Public communication & education
- Policy

School attendance + COVID positive = Prevented spread

ELR led to improved surveillance



CDC says Hep C outbreak in Utah has 16 cases, half of 7,200 still not tested

by Heidi Hatch

April 4th 2016, 6:52 PM MDT

Public Health Reports







Enhancing Surveillance Protocols for Acute Hepatitis C Virus Infection, Utah, 2014-2019

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eCR proven to decrease provider burden and increase data timeliness and completeness

Piloting Electronic Case Reporting for Improved Surveillance of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Utah



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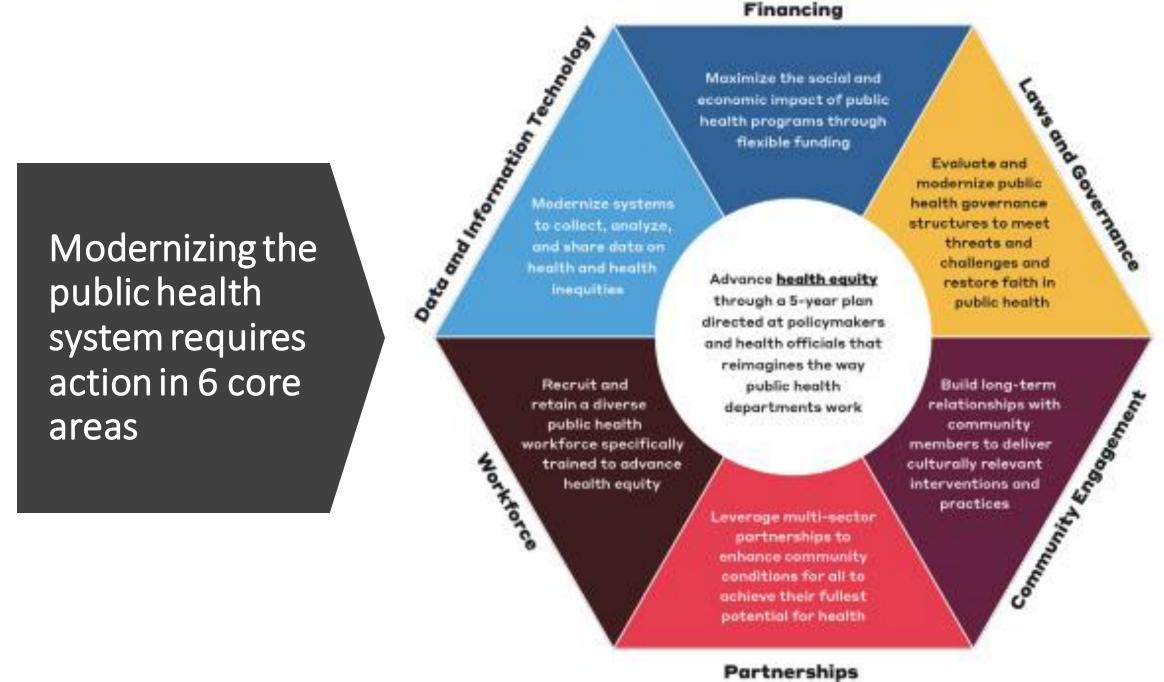
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Vital Records + FHIR

Improved data quality and timeliness



We still have room for improvement



Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System. Bipartisan Policy Center. December 2021.

Leverage multi-sector
partnerships to
enhance community
conditions for all to
achieve their fullest
potential for health

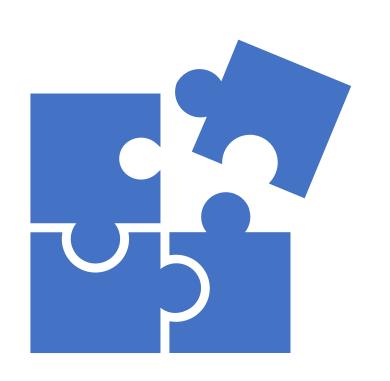
Partnerships

Modernize system to collect, analyze and share data on health and health inequities

You are part of the solution. You are part of the public health system.

Flexible systems built for public health needs

- Individual and population health
- Interoperability
- Share data securely
- Clean data
- Link data
- Deidentify data
- AND do it quickly, accurately, reliably



Together, let's advance public health.

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