

**Department:** Health Department      **Program Contact:** Jae Douglas  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:** 40008, 40010A  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Health Inspections and Education is a fee-supported program that helps protect the public from disease and injury by investigating food and waterborne disease; educating about food safety practices; and performing inspections of licensed facilities. In 2020, the program became the first in the nation to license and inspect food cart pods. Participation in the Food and Drug Administration’s Program Standards aligns Multnomah County with national standards. The inspection program received an outstanding rating in the 2018 Oregon Health Authority triennial review.

**Program Summary**

Health Inspections and Education is a legally mandated program that protects the health and safety of the entire community by providing education, assuring safe food and water, controlling disease, improving safety in the work place, and reducing unintentional injuries as well as supporting other public health activities by incorporating prevention activities into the inspection process. The citizenry understands and expects the following program functions.

**Inspected Facilities:** The Health Inspections program has responsibility for assuring health and safety in 4,815 facilities including restaurants, mobile restaurants, hotel/motels, RV parks, organizational camps, warehouses, commissaries, vending machines, and jails. Most facilities receive two inspections per year. **Swimming Pools and Spas:** The program inspects and licenses 527 pools/spas to ensure pools are safe from hazards and disease. Field and classroom technical training is provided to approximately 60 pool operators each year. **Schools, Child and Adult Foster Care Facilities:** The program inspects 858 schools, childcare centers, and other service providers to ensure they handle food properly, are clean, and are free of health and safety hazards. **Small Drinking Water Systems:** There are 41 small water systems that are inspected every 3 to 5 years (dependent on the type of system) to ensure they are properly maintained and meet EPA water quality standards. There are also 12 additional systems that are monitored; the program responds to alerts as needed.

**Foodborne Illness Outbreaks:** Registered Environmental Health Specialists investigate local foodborne illness complaints in collaboration with the Communicable Disease Program and are key participants in emergency response. Multnomah County Environmental Health conducted 8 foodborne illness investigations and 9 vibrio investigations in restaurants in the previous calendar year.

**Food Handler Training and Certification:** Multi-lingual training about safe food preparation in 7 languages is provided online and in person to food workers at all literacy levels to support health equity and entry into the workforce.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of licenses issued	7,374	7,445	7,149	7,958
Outcome	Number of Priority & Priority Foundation violations	14,184	13,738	13,234	13,100
Output	Number of facility inspections	14,377	14,331	14,346	15,591
Output	Number of Food Worker Cards issued	11,356	11,214	11,233	11,568

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

1) New food cart pod licensing included in FY21 Offer. Licenses issued excludes facilities inspected but not licensed (ie. schools, day cares, etc.). 2) Priority and Priority Foundation Violations are items noted during inspections that can directly affect the health of the consumer, leading to elevated food safety risk and requiring immediate correction. 3) Facilities inspected on-site (e.g. restaurants, mobile units, etc.). 4) Reflects number of people who completed certification in the given year. The certificate is a 3-year certificate and makes food workers employable in the food industrv.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Legal mandates are 2009 FDA Food Code, 2012 OR Food Sanitation Rules; ORS Chapt. 30.890 (gleaning); ORS Chapt. 624; ORS Chapt. 448; MCC 21.612 (license fees); MCC Chapt. 5; MCC Chapt. 21 (Civil Penalty Ordinance); OR Dept. of Education Division 51 (Schools); OARS 581-051-0305; OARS Chapt. 333 (Licensed Programs); ORS 183 (Civil Penalty), ORS 164 (Food); ORS 700 (EHS License); ORS 414 (Childcare). OARS 333-018 Communicable Disease and Reporting 333-019 Communicable Disease Control.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$4,488,503	\$86,098	\$4,531,404	\$24,349
Contractual Services	\$268,844	\$15,000	\$423,410	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$151,445	\$1,638	\$194,979	\$1,196
Internal Services	\$788,010	\$9,979	\$736,329	\$2,849
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$5,696,802</b>	<b>\$112,715</b>	<b>\$5,886,122</b>	<b>\$28,394</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$5,809,517</b>		<b>\$5,914,516</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	36.75	0.76	36.41	0.19

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$5,696,802	\$0	\$5,886,122	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$112,715	\$0	\$28,394
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,696,802</b>	<b>\$112,715</b>	<b>\$5,886,122</b>	<b>\$28,394</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$2,849 in indirect revenues.

Multnomah County Environmental Health receives \$28,394 of support each year from the State of Oregon-Drinking Water Section. This level of support continues to stay consistent. Money received from the state is used to pay for staff who work in the drinking water program performing sanitary surveys and responding to alerts.

\$ 5,886,122 - Health inspection and education licenses general fund fees

\$ 28,394 - State Safe Drinking Water fund

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2020: 40007-20 Health Inspections and Education

In 2019, the Board of County Commissioners passed an ordinance amending Chapter 21 to add new regulatory authority over food cart pods. In 2020, Health Inspections and Education began enforcement of the new licensing requirements.