

Division: Public Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Communicable diseases are illnesses caused by germs that spread from person to person. Communicable Disease Services (CDS) works to reduce the harm caused by communicable diseases in Multnomah County by stopping or slowing their spread. This communicable disease control is a key public health service that no one else can do. Oregon law requires that certain diseases get reported to public health officials. CDS gets these reports and follows state rules to respond.

CDS collects and studies data on diseases, investigates outbreaks, and uses specific actions to control the diseases. CDS shares important data with state and national health partners to track disease threats. This contributes to a global disease surveillance system. CDS is the only group in Multnomah County that can provide this information.

The Communicable Disease team investigates reported diseases. The team figures out what caused the illness and finds people and places that might have been exposed. They recommend actions to stop the disease from spreading. Actions can include isolation or quarantine, better infection control, health education, and behavior changes. The team responds to disease outbreaks in places like restaurants, nursing homes, schools/daycares, and shelters.

The Tuberculosis (TB) Case Management team checks on possible TB infections in the community. They make sure people diagnosed with TB disease stick to their treatment plans. Following state rules, they test people who have been near TB clients and offer treatment for Latent TB Infection (LTBI) if needed. The team also checks refugees arriving in the area for TB. The state and federal governments require this testing.

Equity Statement

We analyze data regularly to see if certain communities are hit harder by diseases. If data show inequities, we work with the community to figure out why and come up with plans to help.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$2,423,893	\$1,933,009	\$1,702,455	\$1,669,444
Contractual Services	\$47,627	\$208,534	\$46,821	\$199,815
Materials & Supplies	\$52,176	\$86,493	\$9,518	\$75,692
Internal Services	\$331,851	\$1,340,809	\$154,684	\$836,180
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,855,547	\$3,568,845	\$1,913,478	\$2,781,131
Total Expenses:	\$6,424,392		\$4,694,609	
Program FTE	13.73	11.99	8.27	8.75
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,288,222	\$0	\$2,507,531
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$255,623	\$0	\$265,305
Service Charges	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$8,295
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,568,845	\$0	\$2,781,131

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of disease reports investigated	3,425	2,700	2,700
Number of outbreaks identified	193	72	100