

**Department:** Health Department      **Program Contact:** Jessica Guernsey  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

As a core component of the local public health authority (LPHA) and public health system, the communicable disease (CD) programming protects community health by responding to reportable communicable diseases with prompt disease investigation and limits the spread of these diseases through disease control interventions, which adheres to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidelines. Responding to COVID-19 has become and will continue to be a critical aspect of LPHA and CD activities. Providing epidemiology, case investigation, and contract tracing within a culturally and linguistically appropriate framework is a public health strategy that can help contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Program Summary**

Public Health continues to implement COVID-19 epidemiology, contact tracing, and case investigation of positive cases and close contacts in line with OHA's LPHA guidelines. The goal is to slow community disease transmission, particularly for BIPOC communities and other vulnerable and priority populations. Epidemiologists, community health nurses, disease investigation specialists, and community health workers (CHWs) comprise the investigation and response teams, which are the backbone of surveillance, case investigation, and contract tracing. This infrastructure sits within the Public Health's Office of the Director and CD program, as well culturally specific community-based organizations (CBO).

Staff reflect the demographics of the county, providing culturally and linguistically responsive capacity to continue to meet State, OHA, and Multnomah County criteria; respond to outbreaks; and implement strategies focused on BIPOC communities and other vulnerable and priority populations. For positive tests, Public Health investigators and contact tracers work to identify an individual's close contacts, work sites, living quarters, and health care settings and provide health and isolation/quarantine information. Public Health staff refer individuals to culturally specific CHWs, who provide supports for isolation, basic needs, and referrals. For identified outbreaks in congregate residential settings, the program coordinates testing, PPE, infection control inspections, and quarantine/isolation planning with the facility and state partners.

The County utilizes the Regional COVID-19 Dashboard to analyze racial disparities for COVID-19 response. The Dashboard includes COVID-19 cases, cumulative tests, and percentage of positive tests by race/ethnicity, as well as other important factors such as age, sex, housing status, and coexisting conditions. These data enable the County to focus COVID-19 response on communities most impacted by the pandemic, as evidenced by the COVID-19 BIPOC Plan. Public Health contracts with 17 culturally specific CBOs and convenes a number of culturally specific groups to engage populations most disparately impacted and ensure that community members influence the design of COVID-19 response.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	# of COVID-19 cases interviewed	N/A	N/A	25,000	15,000
Outcome	% of staff with a language or culturally specific KSA	N/A	N/A	50%	50%
Output	# of outbreaks managed	N/A	N/A	1,000	500

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

FY22 Output measures are lower than FY21 estimates to reflect a decrease in the need for case investigation, contact tracing, and outbreak response as the community becomes vaccinated.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$9,820,898	\$0	\$4,042,841
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,033,916	\$0	\$752,448
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$500,507	\$0	\$118,191
Internal Services	\$0	\$308,859	\$0	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,664,180</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,913,480</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$12,664,180</b>		<b>\$4,913,480</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$12,664,180	\$0	\$4,913,480
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,664,180</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,913,480</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$ 4,913,480 - ARPA Federal Multco

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 40199A Public Health - Contact Tracing

The FY 2022 budget has a reduction in FTE over the course of the year to reflect anticipated decrease in need for case investigation and contact tracing as the community is vaccinated.

This program offer supports the Public Health Emergency Response priority. The Public Health Division continues to implement COVID-19 epidemiology, contact tracing, and case investigation of positive cases and close contacts in line with OHA's LPHA guidelines. The goal is to slow community disease transmission, particularly for BIPOC communities and other vulnerable and priority populations.