

**LC0097**

OHA recommends including the following items from LC0097 in three sequential reports as follows.

<p><b>November 15, 2022 preliminary report</b></p>	<p><b><u>Initial evaluation of the following study questions - Section 1(1):</u></b></p> <p>(a) Focus on the public health system, including federal, state and local resources and how funding was coordinated between the state, counties and local governments and community organizations;</p> <p>(b) Identify efficiencies and deficiencies in the public health system response, areas for improvement and needed investment;</p> <p>(c) Consider emergency management coordination with the public health system, including distribution of personal protective equipment, where vaccines and testing were provided and isolation and quarantine best practices and guidance;</p> <p>(d) Analyze the enforcement of public health requirements by the state, local governments and schools;</p> <p>(e) Examine the efficacy of enforcement of evidence-based practices at the county and local levels;</p> <p>(f) Examine outcomes related to public health modernization implementation, including the roles that public-private</p>	<p><b><u>Initial analysis and recommendations for - Section 1(3):</u></b></p> <p>(A) A broad review of the COVID-19 pandemic;</p> <p>(B) Identification of areas in the public health system COVID-19 response that need improvement;</p> <p>(C) Recommendations to improve the public health system COVID-19 response;</p> <p>(D) A summary of key lessons learned;</p> <p>(E) Recommendations for improving:</p> <p>(i) Public health system resiliency;</p> <p>(ii) Other deficiencies identified in the study.</p>
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	<p>partnerships played and any challenges posed by the current intersection of state and county public health systems;</p> <p>(g) Compare the health equity outcomes related to the COVID-19 pandemic response, including second-hand health disparities resulting from the increased strain on hospitals, health systems and resources;</p> <p>(h) Engage in a qualitative, in-depth analysis of utilization of resources, differing regulations and enforcement of evidence-based pandemic control practices across the state;</p> <p>(i) Assess messaging in general, including whether best practices in public health communication were used during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	
<p><b>April 1, 2023 mid-point report</b></p>	<p><b><u>Additional evaluation of all items listed above, plus the following study questions - Section 1(4):</u></b></p> <p>(4)(a) Identify any local epidemiological data and capacity issues, including those that affected the reporting of data to statewide data systems;</p> <p>(4)(b) Clarify the roles of hospitals, long-term care facilities and local public health programs in response coordination;</p> <p>(4)(c) Compare health and health system data, including COVID-19 positivity rates, rates of COVID-19 infection, hospital capacity and other core metrics, with the efficacy of statewide public health mandate enforcement;</p> <p>(4)(d) Investigate specific health care workforce challenges;</p>	<p><b><u>Additional analysis and recommendations of all items listed above, plus the following additions - Section 1(5):</u></b></p> <p>(A) An in-depth report of nongovernmental and community partner contributions to the COVID-19 response; and</p> <p>(B) Recommendations for improving specific public health workforce challenges:</p>

<b>September 1, 2023 final report</b>	<b>Final evaluation and synthesis of all study questions listed above</b>	<b>Final analysis of findings and recommendations</b>