
Public Health Modernization Update

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A Modern Public Health System



Provides basic health protections to everyone

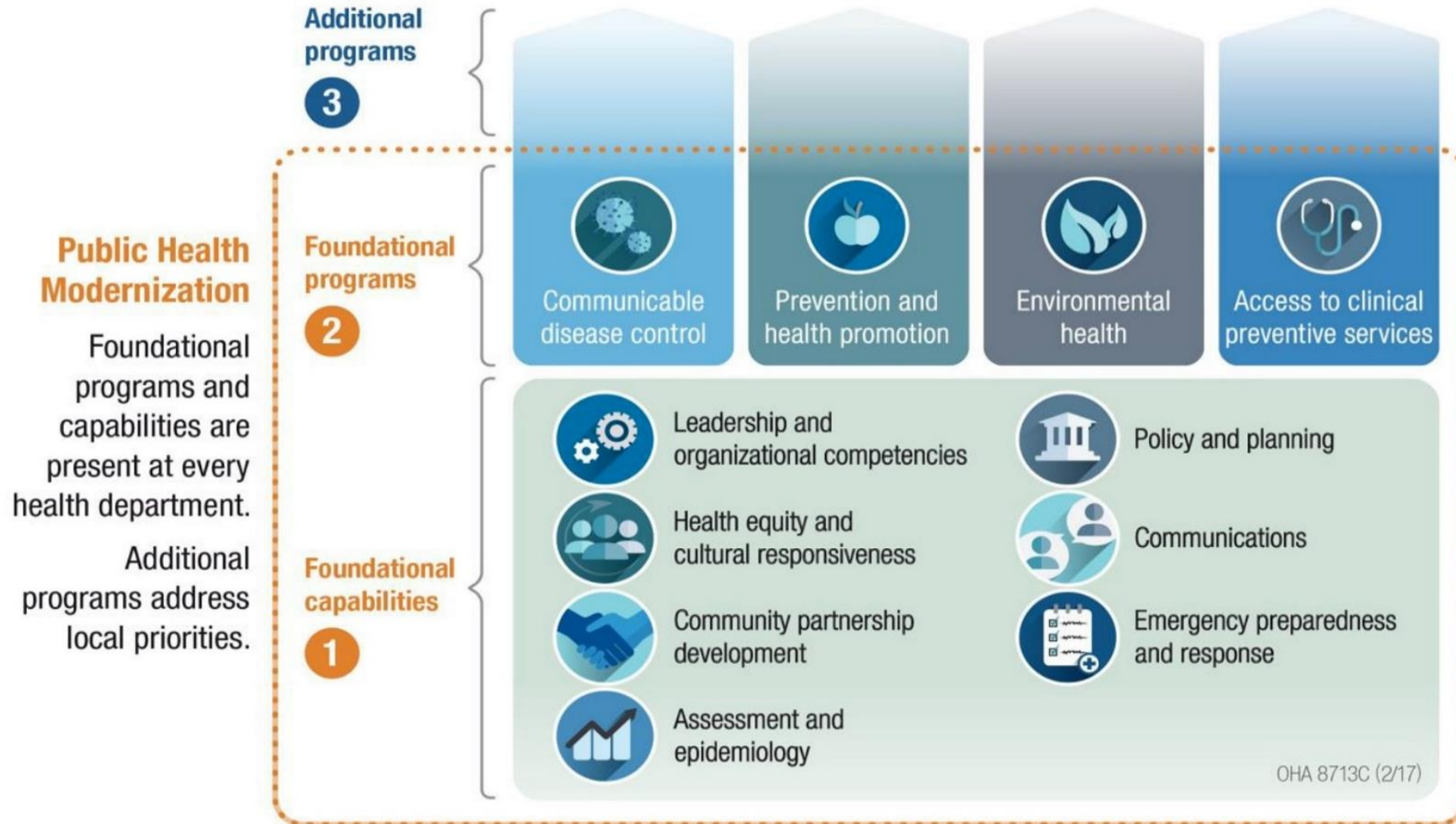


Proactively addresses complex health issues



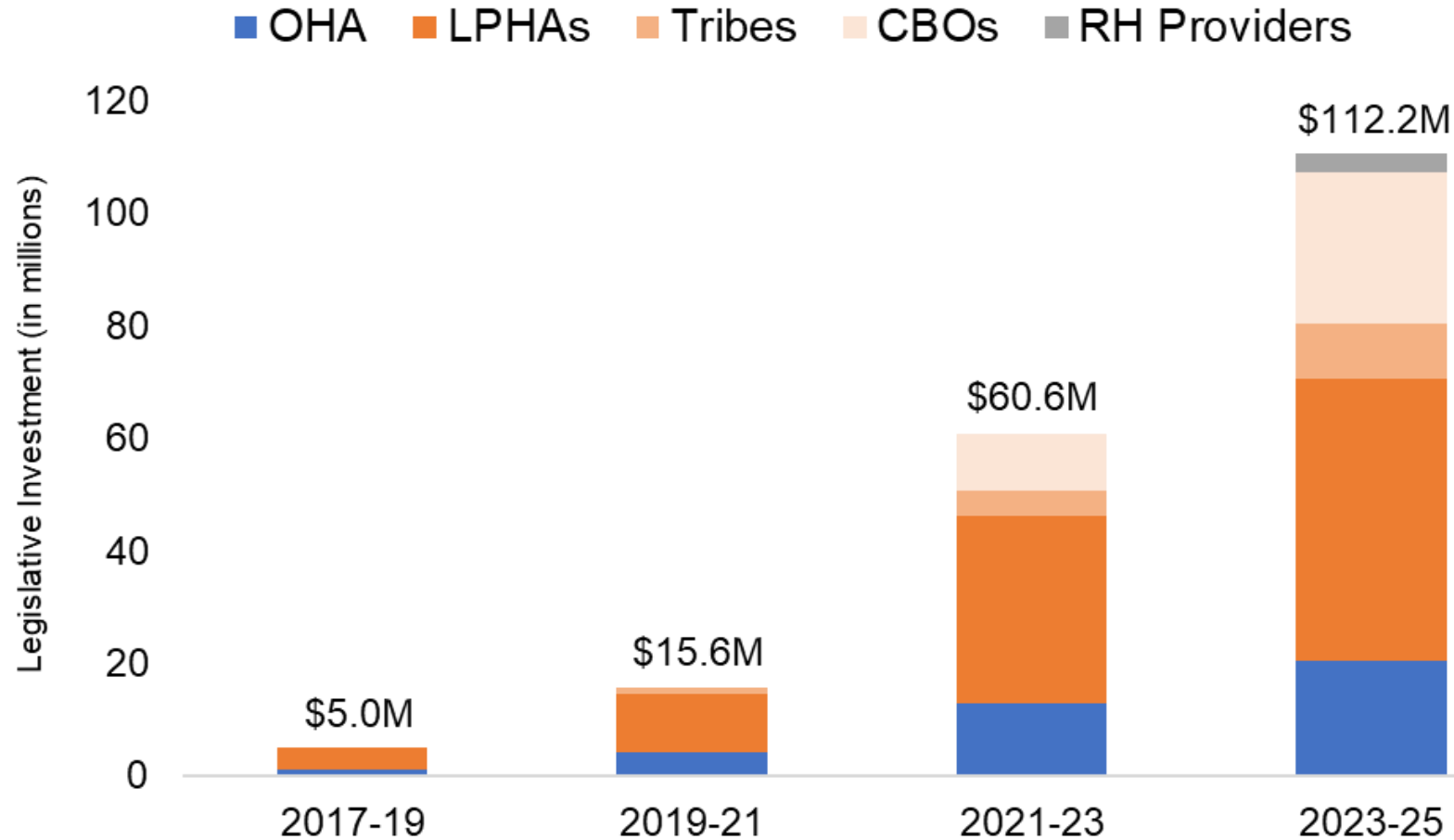
Has the workforce needed to respond to public health emergencies

Modernized framework for governmental public health services



Legislative investments in public health modernization, 2017-2025 (in millions)

Funding by partner type



Public Health Modernization Funds Reach Communities across Oregon

33

Local public health authorities

8

Federally-recognized Tribes and
1 Urban Indian Program

132

Community-based organizations

298

Local positions supported with public
health modernization funding

Oregon public health shows improvements through accountability metrics

2023-25 accountability metrics for public health modernization funding

Sexually transmitted infections

- Rate of congenital syphilis
- Rate of any stage syphilis among people who can become pregnant
- Rate of primary and secondary syphilis

Vaccine preventable diseases

- Two-year old vaccination rate
- Adult influenza vaccination rate

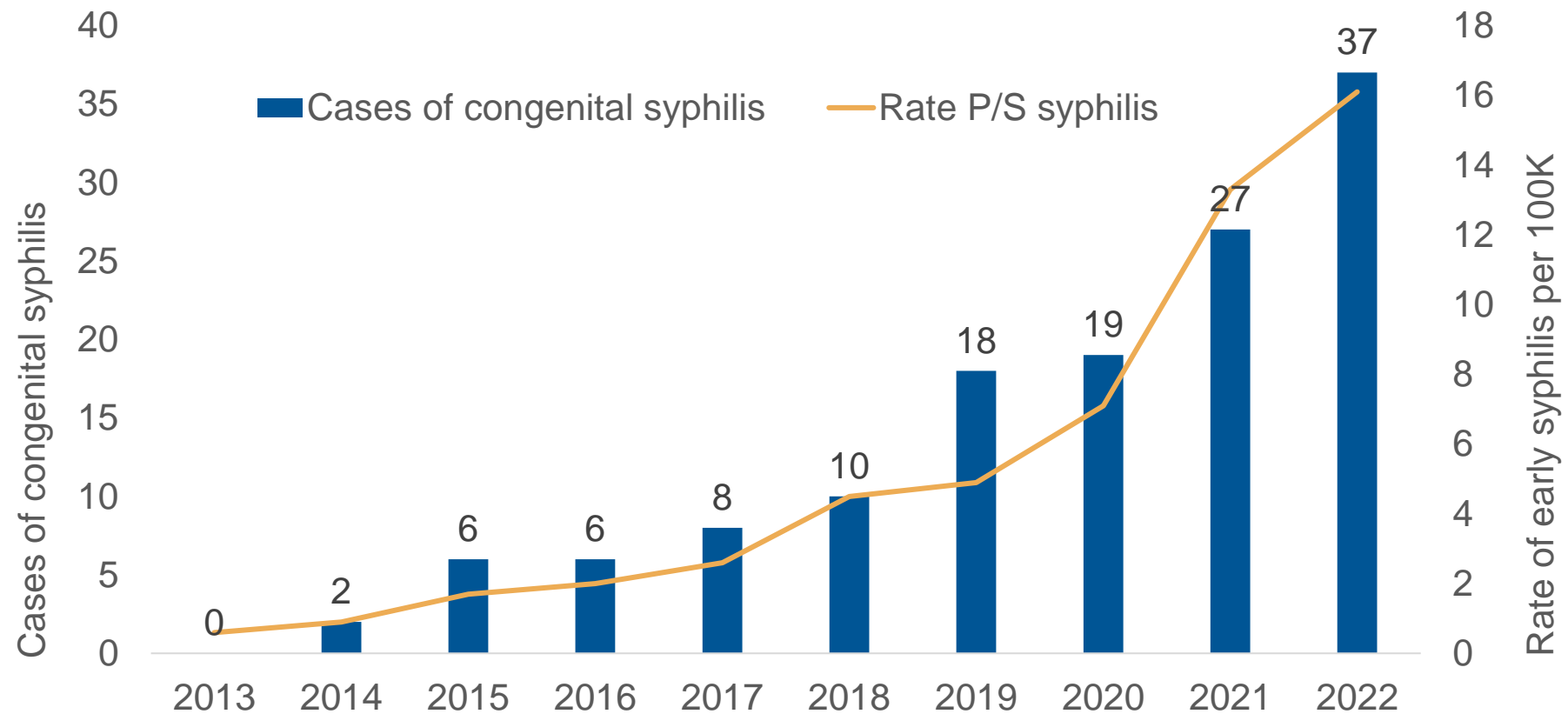
Extreme heat and wildfire smoke

- Emergency department and urgent care visits due to heat
- Hospitalizations due to heat
- Heat deaths
- Respiratory (non-infectious) ED and urgent care visits

Note: a portion of funding to LPHAs is based on improved performance for the metrics listed above.

Cases of congenital syphilis and rate of primary and secondary syphilis among people assigned female at birth, Oregon, 2013 - 2022

Early syphilis diagnoses more than tripled among people assigned female at birth between 2019-2022



Local Efforts to Address Increasing Syphilis Rates



Partnering with LPHA to provide motivational interviewing **training for regional community health workers** to support outreach on syphilis screening and treatment

In Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties,
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)

Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis rates are high

We can help you prevent STIs
Call us

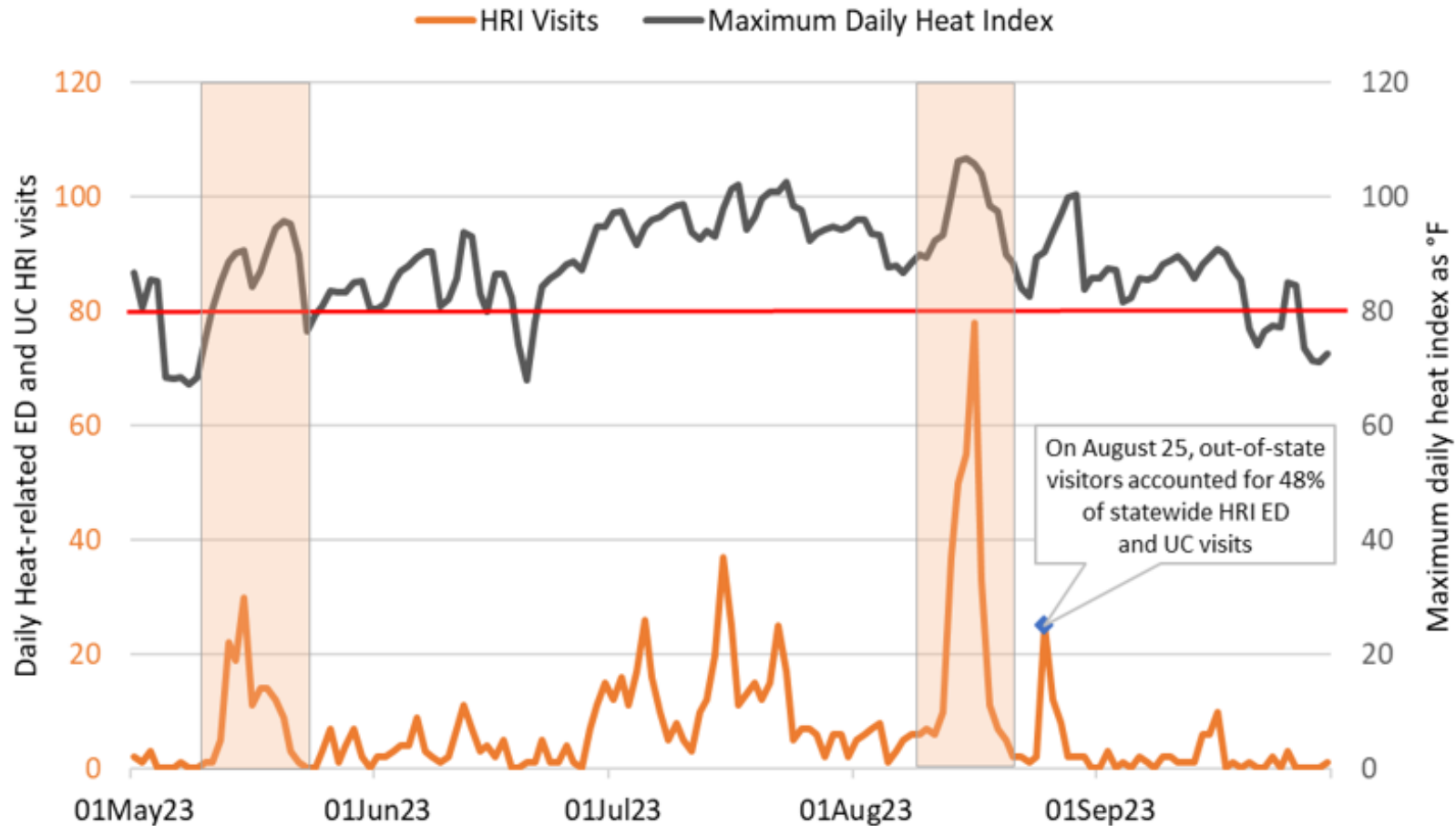
Low-cost testing and treatment are available

Hood River County Health Department 541-386-1115
North Central Public Health District 541-506-2600

Regionwide **STI awareness campaign** through social media and postcards to healthcare providers on syphilis prevention, testing and treatment

Heat-Related Illness Emergency Department and Urgent Care Visits in Oregon, May-September 2023

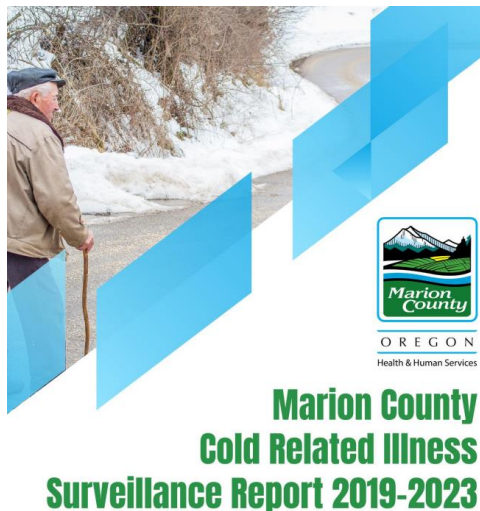
In August 2023, a heat wave of 5 consecutive days >100 degrees caused spike in heat-related illness and results in 253 visits



Local Efforts to Support Climate Resilience



Portland Metro 2023 Heat Watch project **assessed the distribution of urban heat** in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, resulting in a new tool to see how heat affects communities differently.



Marion County Public Health **created and shared three new surveillance reports** on heat, cold, and air quality-related illnesses to better understand the burden in communities.

Local Efforts to Support Climate Resilience, Continued



United Way of the Columbia-Willamette hosts gratitude event for **Disaster Resilience Learning Network**.



Disaster Resilience Learning Network members invited to learning exchange on **indigenous led cultural burn exploration** at Tryon Creek.

Coquille Indian Tribe's Climate Work



Climate Resilience Task Force identified seven goal areas for Tribe to **adapt to and mitigate effects of climate change.**

Tribal Public Health staff working on **natural hazard mitigation plan.**

Upcoming Deliverables



Monitor and report on public health modernization **accountability metrics**



Complete updated modernization **capacity and cost assessment** to understand progress



Conduct **evaluation** of modernization investment with focus on accountability metrics



Work with **Public Health Advisory Board** on Equity Framework and Workforce Report

Thank you

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