



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the week of)
April 1-6, 2024, as National Public Health)
Week in Marion County.)
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PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 3, 2024.

WHEREAS, communities around the nation observe the first full week of April as National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Public Health Week in 2024 is “Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health”; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to work toward creating a healthier community to assure that all have the opportunity to live fulfilling and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, the Early Childhood Nursing and WIC programs support families through education on pregnancy, parenting, nutrition, safety, and child development; and

WHEREAS, the Communicable Disease program and the Public Health Clinic safeguard against the spread of disease in the community and provide testing, immunizations, and education; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness ensures residents are prepared to prevent, respond, and recover from emergencies or incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Program enforces health and safety regulations and keeps our drinking water safe; and

WHEREAS, the Prevention Team engages and empowers communities to choose healthy behaviors, prevent chronic disease, and promote health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Health and Human Services continues to promote the health and well-being of county residents; now, therefore,

IT IS HERBY PROCLAIMED that the week of April 1-6, 2024, is National Public Health Week in Marion County.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 1-7, 2024

HHS' Public Health Division works collaboratively with our community to promote and protect the health of the public and to achieve health equity through prevention, education, and advocacy.



What is Public Health and why do we celebrate?

Public Health promotes and protects the health of people and their communities. It is an evidence-backed field that strives to give everyone a safe place to live, learn, work, and play (APHA, n.d.).

When we think of Public Health, this includes professionals such as:

- Community Health Workers
- Epidemiologists
- Health Educators
- Nurses
- Nutrition Specialists
- Occupational Health and Safety Professionals
- Physician Health Officer
- Restaurant Inspectors
- And many more!



NATIONAL **PUBLIC HEALTH** WEEK

The theme for this year's National Public Health Week is "Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health."

We believe Marion County becomes healthier, safer, and stronger when our residents actively support and stay connected with one another. By fostering connections and building relationships, we can protect our well-being and enhance the quality of our lives.



Our social media campaign for National Public Health Week will feature a variety of public health themes and videos, such as:

- Community Engagement
- Emergency Preparedness
- Future of Public Health
- Healthy Neighborhoods
- Mitigating the Spread of Disease

Community Engagement

The various communities, neighborhoods, and people make Marion County a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Our Health Promotion & Prevention Services team aims to engage and empower individuals and communities to choose healthy behaviors, work together, and shape our environment to prevent chronic disease and promote health and wellness for all residents. Health Promotion & Prevention Services programming includes Alcohol & Drug Prevention, Mental Health Promotion & Suicide Prevention, Problem Gambling Prevention, Resilience to Environmental Hazards, and Tobacco Prevention & Education.

Last fiscal year, the Promotion & Prevention Services team attended 224 community events and school presentations and reached approximately 184,662 people through radio, TV ads, billboards, etc.



Emergency Preparedness

Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness team works to ensure we are prepared to prevent, respond and recover from emergencies, incidents, and situations that may put the health of our community at risk.

We rely heavily on our community Push Partners, which are businesses and community-based organizations willing to partner with us during large-scale public health emergencies.

We are continually working to improve our capacity to respond to public health emergencies.



The Future of Public Health

Public Health Modernization is a framework for the delivery of public health services in Oregon. This framework outlines the skills, abilities, and services present in every public health department, and ensures that everyone has access to public health.

The goal of public health modernization is to strengthen our health system by focusing on the foundational programs and capabilities. These could include:

- Communicable Disease Protection
- Environmental Health
- Equitable Access to Health Services
- Health Promotion & Injury Prevention



Healthy Neighbors

Our Environmental Health team inspects and enforces health and safety regulations for food services, public and semi-public pools and spas, summer camps, and more! Following are some of the services provided by Environmental Health:

- Drinking Water Program
- Food Handler Training & Testing
- Food Licensing and Inspections
- Licensing & Inspection of Recreation Parks
- Public Pool Licensing & Inspection
- Rabies Investigations
- Restaurant Reports



Mitigating the Spread of Disease

The goal of our HIV Early Intervention and Outreach program, also known as EISO, is to end new HIV transmission in Marion County. We make sure that all people with HIV have access to health care.

An integral part of the EISO program is our Health Van. Launched in 2018, the van allows our team to visit communities and provide individuals with HIV and Syphilis testing.

The Health Van offers free educational and testing events throughout Marion County to reach as many residents as possible.

In 2023, the Health Van hosted 75 events.



Every day, our Public Health team works together to protect Marion County residents from disease, promote healthy choices, and respond in case of an emergency. We are honored to serve our community.

THANK YOU!

