Controlling the spread of diseases of public health significance is a function of Lane County Public Health (LCPH). The Communicable Disease (CD) staff is mandated to investigate cases, identify those at risk, implement preventative measures (vaccination, education, isolation) to decrease the spread of diseases reportable by statute. The CD program is the mandated recipient and manager of communicable disease reports from all health care facilities, laboratories, and medical providers within the county. The program staff assures appropriate treatment of cases of reportable sexually transmitted diseases and prioritizes investigation of contacts. STD and HIV prevention includes counseling and testing and referral for populations at increased risk. Public Health provides TB case investigation management to prevent and reduce transmission in the community. Population focused activities to improve community immunization rates and reduce the burden of STD infections remain program priorities.

Outbreaks of communicable diseases require a robust public health response and 24/7/365 availability. LCPH will continue to receive and investigate communicable disease reports and fulfill responsibilities to prevent transmission. Responsibilities include education and direction to cases, contacts and private health care providers to assure appropriate treatment, immunization, and prophylaxis. The CD program staff will evaluate and reorganize population focused program efforts to optimize county wide immunity for vaccine preventable diseases, including coordination of delegate agencies and mandated annual immunization review. The CD program staff will work with community partners to reduce the incidence of STD, including access to clinic services, contact follow-up, appropriate treatment of cases, prompt reporting and referrals.

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**State/Federal Mandate**

ORS 431.416 Local Public Health Authority; ORS 433 Disease and Condition Control; OAR 333-018-0000; 333-019-0000; 333-014-0050; Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Human Services for Local Public Health Authority. HB 2185 specifies newly defined public health authority related to emergency public health events. Losing local public health authority places the County at significant risk, if the state charges the County to provide required services.

**Leverage Details**

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

- $0 back to the Discretionary General Fund
- $0 into other non Discretionary County Funds
- $0 directly to community members