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*Turning the Page – Looking to the Future to Build Resilient & Thriving
Communities in the Post Pandemic Era*

Division of Public and Behavioral Health





Agenda

Provide a statewide perspective on the landscape of public health in Nevada, including how DPBH is partnering with local jurisdictions and collaborating partners to address workforce and infrastructure challenges in a post pandemic era.



Overarching Vision for Public Health in Nevada

- ***Local, regionalized*** public health authorities
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- ***A robust public health pipeline*** to support the diverse public health workforce needs
- Using a ***health equity and diversity*** lens across public health programs and systems

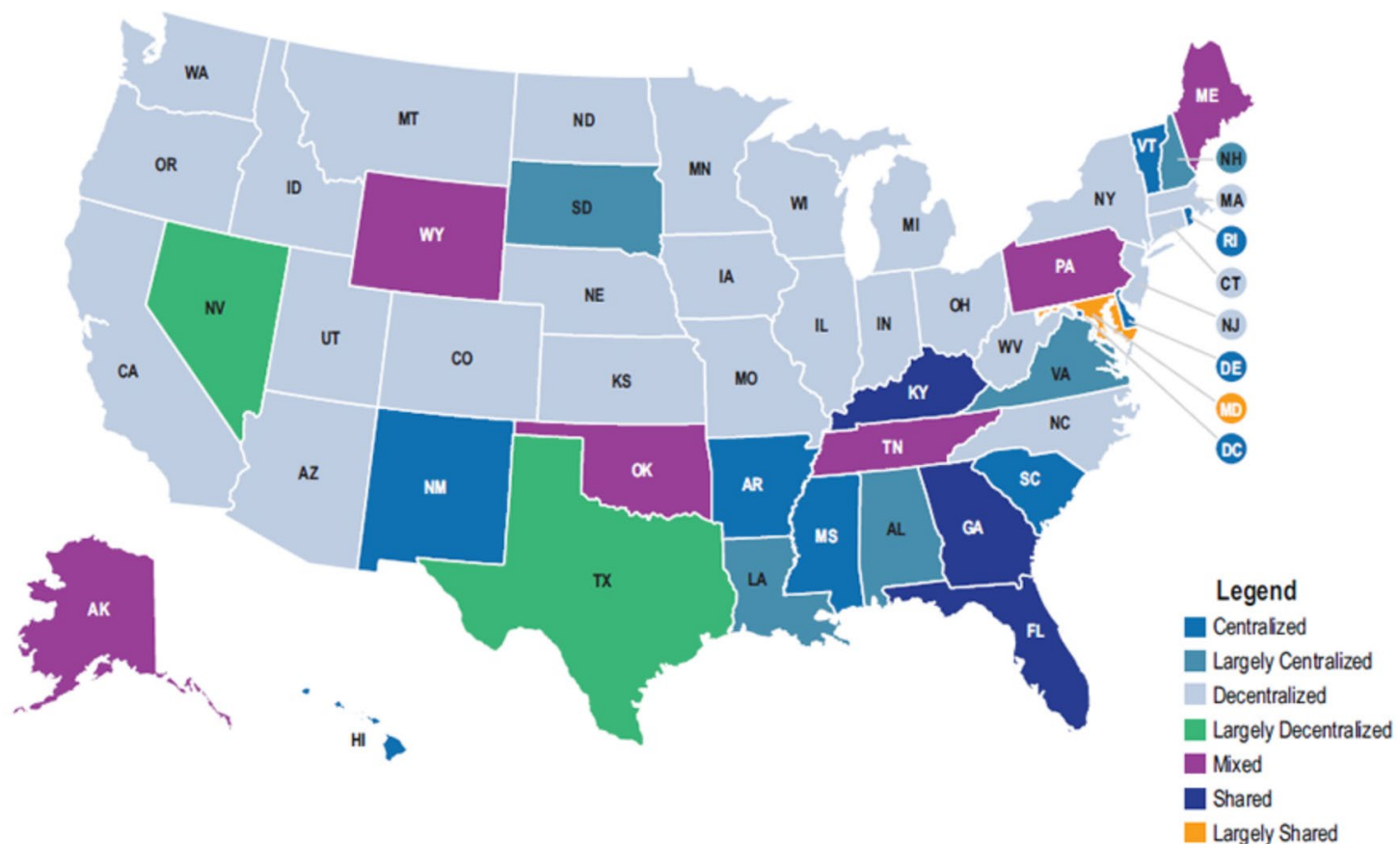
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Public Health Governance

State and Local Health Department Governance Classification Map



As of September 2020





Public Health in Nevada

- Many sections, but as it relates to governance:

- NRS 439: Public Health and Safety

- Health Districts and District Health Officers
- County Boards of Health and County Health Officers
- City Boards of Health and Health Officers
- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
 - Board of Nevada
 - Chief Medical Officer

- Assessments

- County may submit a proposal to have the county carry out the services of DPBH and the Chief Medical Officer.
- Governor approval and IFC approval.
- A county that receives approval pursuant to subsection 3 to carry out the services that would otherwise be provided by the Division or the Chief Medical Officer pursuant to this chapter and chapters 441A, 444, 446 and 583 of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant to those chapters shall carry out those services in the manner set forth in those chapters and regulations.

Public Health Funding





10 Essential Public Health Services

1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health





Accreditation

- Not a check box, but a process of transforming public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation.
- Includes public feedback on priorities, measurable improvements and tracking of progress, and continuous review of internal and external performance.
- Version 2022 reflects the changing landscape of public health practice by emphasizing health equity, streamlining processes and documentation, and reflecting updated preparedness requirements based on the pandemic.
- More on accreditation... [Home - Public Health Accreditation Board \(phaboard.org\)](https://phaboard.org)





Workforce

- Though finding and sustaining a workforce is a challenge in all settings, there are strategic efforts that can be implemented.
- Examples
 - Strong K-12 science programs; focus on public health
 - Academic health departments
 - Internships
 - Fellowships
 - Scholarships
 - Loan repayment
 - Pipeline for workforce already employed at an agency
 - Long term – equitable salaries, etc.



Equity and Diversity

- Includes both internally (our students and workforce) and externally focused efforts.
- External efforts need to include:
 - Programming focused on the population(s) with greatest risk for an adverse outcome.
 - Understanding of the factors that lead to risk and outcome and an understanding of intervention points.
 - Ongoing feedback and transparency related to programs and resources.
 - Direct feedback from, and involvement of, the populations affected.



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