

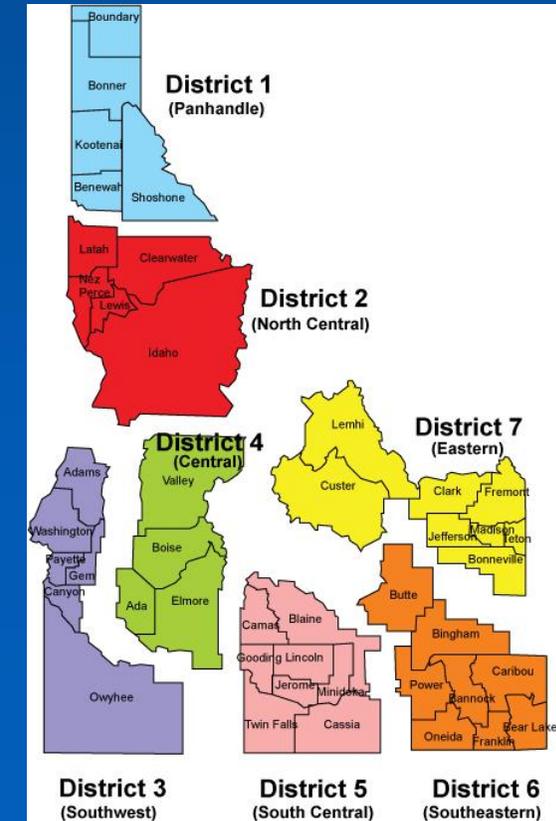
Ensuring the Health and Safety of Idahoans

The role and responsibilities with local public health and other government agencies

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Agenda

- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Other State-level Partner Agencies
- Counties



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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- DEQ's mission: To protect human health and the quality of Idaho's air, land, and water
- DEQ has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the public health districts
- Applicable Idaho Code & Rule:
 - §39-414 IC, §39-7401 IC, §67-6522 IC
 - IDAPA 58.01.06, IDAPA 58.01.08
- Through the MOU, PHDs:
 - Land development
 - Subsurface sewage permitting
 - Solid waste management
 - Public water systems
 - Harmful algal bloom communication/education



Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Idaho Public Health Districts



Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

- IDHW's mission: Dedicated to strengthening the health, safety, and independence of Idahoans
- IDHW/DPH has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the public health districts
- Applicable Idaho Code & Rule:
 - §39-605 IC, §39-1603 IC
 - IDAPA 16.02.10, IDAPA 16.02.11, IDAPA 16.03.22, IDAPA 16.06.03, IDAPA 16.06.12, IDAPA 16.02.14, IDAPA 16.02.19
- Through the MOU, PHDs:
 - Control the spread of communicable diseases
 - Conduct surveillance for early detection of diseases and threats of public health importance (syndromic, morbidity, mortality, vector/zoonotic-borne)
 - Inspections of licensed childcare centers
 - Inspections of licensed food establishments that serve the public
 - Inspections of public swimming pools
 - Public health education



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- Idaho Office of Drug Policy
 - Collaborate on substance use and overdose prevention efforts
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
 - Collaborate on zoonotic diseases of public health importance (e.g., chronic wasting disease)
- Idaho Department of Agriculture
 - Collaborate on zoonotic diseases of public health importance (e.g., avian influenza, tuberculosis, listeria, and other diseases that can be transmitted from agricultural animals to humans)
- Idaho Department of Corrections
 - Coordination of care related to diseases of public health concern for those in custody and leaving custody
- Idaho Office of Emergency Management
 - Coordinate on public health related emergency response efforts
- Idaho Military Division – 101st WMD CST
 - Coordinate on planning for and responding to manmade disasters
- Idaho Legislature/Legislative Services Office
 - Idaho Association of District Boards of Health and District Directors collaborate on health policy matters
- Idaho State Controllers Office
 - Manages finance, accounting, and payroll systems for PHDs
- Idaho Department of Administration
 - Provides insurance to the public health districts through Risk Management
- Office of Group Insurance
 - Manages our medical insurance coverage and related benefits
- Idaho State Treasury
 - Holds public health districts' bank accounts
- Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)
 - Manages public health districts' retirement benefits



Idaho's Counties

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- Landfills (§39-7406 IC)
 - Review and approve operational plans and ensure standards are met
 - Prepare and/or adopt technical guidance
 - Review and recommend approval of alternative operating, closure and post-closure requirements
 - Review and enforce all aspects of operation, closure and post closure
- Planning & Zoning (§67-6522 IC)
 - No governing board by local ordinance may enact provisions that abrogate the statutory authority of a public health district
 - Public health districts provide permitting, education and consultation for land use planning, land development, and community health and vitality

Idaho's Counties

- Sheriff's Office
 - Health of jail population, including coordination of care for diseases of public health concern (e.g., STDs, tuberculosis, viral respiratory illnesses)
 - Delivering/enforcing legal orders
 - Coordination/collaboration on matters of public health concern (e.g., behavioral health, substance use, and drug and human trafficking)
 - Coordination with compliance/code enforcement officers
 - Coordination with animal control
 - Collaboration with school resource officers
- County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
 - Coordination/collaboration on matters of public health concern (e.g., behavioral health)
 - Issuing legal orders (§39-414 and §39-415 IC)

Idaho's Counties

- Emergency Manager

- Pandemic planning, exercise, & response
- Natural disaster planning, exercise, & response
- Manmade disaster planning, exercise, & response
- PHDs provide data for informed decision making
- PHDs provide access to resources (CHEMPack & Strategic National Stockpile)
- Coordinate exercises (e.g., unified command) and share resources
- PHDs provide Empower Data (e.g., households using durable medical equipment)

- Coroner

- Information sharing
- Suicide prevention and postvention
- Overdose education and prevention
- Coordination on diseases of concern (e.g., variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD))

Idaho Counties

- **Boards of County Commissioners**
 - PHDs provide information and education for informed decision making on issues impacting the public's health
 - PHDs provide consultation on comprehensive plans
 - PHDs work with counties on policy and legislative matters
- **Other County Partners**
 - Mosquito abatement districts – coordinate on communication related to the surveillance and detection of vector-borne disease and the planning of mitigation strategies
 - Emergency Medical Services – coordinate on the planning for large-scale incidents impacting the public's health, assist with access to the SNS

Questions & Discussion

