



Call for Abstracts

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Public Health Partnership, consisting of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, Ohio Association of Boards of Health, Ohio Environmental Health Association, Ohio Public Health Association, and the Ohio Society for Public Health Education, are seeking abstracts for the 2024 Ohio Public Health Combined Conference. The event will be held Monday-Wednesday, April 28 – April 30, 2025, at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center, OH.

Our ability to address complex public health challenges has been in the public spotlight more than ever before. The conference aims to create learning opportunities to advance public health, reinforce the tremendous value of the workforce, and express gratitude for the collective commitment of those who protect and serve our communities and population.

It is expected that sessions follow best practices and science, convey innovative approaches, engage participants, and advance skills. Sessions will range in time from 60 minutes (didactic, demonstration, ignite thinking) to a 90-minute skill-building (discover, discuss, practice) workshop style.

Priority will be given to presentations that focus on one of the topics of interest listed below. The list was generated from feedback received from past participants, members of the associations listed above, and ODH staff.

Topics of Interest:

Workforce Development & Training

- Recruiting and maintaining new public health professionals.
- Creating success for new employees.
- Continued learning for seasoned professionals.

Improving Outcomes

- Utilizing performance management strategies.
- Fostering innovation.
- Assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Equity & Engagement

- Building consensus.

- Vulnerable populations and cultural relevancy.
- Bridging sectors.
- Engaging the community, partners, and stakeholders.
- Improving accessibility.

Communities & Climate

- Planning and crisis preparedness.
- Air, water, food vulnerability, and ensuring safety.
- Public health's role in environmental changes.
- Helping every Ohioans live their life to its full potential.
- Housing stability and vitality in neighborhoods.

Informatics, Technology & Messaging

- Media and social media messaging.
- Technology, computer science, and applied information methods.
- Telehealth and access.

Emerging Trends & Needs

- Population needs across the life course.
- Behavioral health and substance use disorder.
- Prevention and “upstream.”
- Chronic disease.
- Economics and health.
- Pending legislation with public health impact.
- Communicable disease.

Submission Requirements:

Abstracts must be submitted through [SurveyMonkey](#). You will be able to edit your abstract until the deadline, Friday, Dec. 6, 2024.

You will be asked to provide the following information via the abstract submission process:

Presenter Information

- Primary presenter information.
 - Name.
 - Credentials.
 - Highest degree earned.
 - University of highest degree.
 - Licensure.
 - if CHES/MCHES selected, will need to submit licensure #.
 - Email.

- Title.
- Organization.
- Biography (no more than five sentences).
- Resume/CV.
- Co-presenter(s) information (*same information listed above*).

Session Information

- Session title (100-character limit).
- Preferential length of session - 60 minutes or 90 minutes.
- Session description (5,000-character limit) – provide an overview of the content that would be addressed as part of your session.
- Three learning objectives.
 - Information on how to craft strong objectives [HERE](#). Remember to begin statements with action verbs such as define, explain, organize, identify, etc.
 - *NOTE*: OPHCC reserves the right to revise objectives to ensure they meet the needs of CE providers.
- Three References – provide three literary references that will inform the content of your presentation.
- How is this work improving public health and advancing health equity? Tell us what impact your work is having (1000-character limit).

Questions can be emailed to CommunityAlignmentSupport@odh.ohio.gov