



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 1, 2026

Department: Health & Human Services

Title: Proclamation for National Public Health Week

Management Update/Work Session Date: 3/10/2026 Audio/Visual aids [checkbox]

Time Required: 10 Contact: Samantha Andress Phone: x4903

Requested Action: Adopt proclamation declaring April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week.

Issue, Description & Background: Marion County Public Health is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health of residents across the county. Our division provides a wide range of programs and services, including Communicable Disease, Environmental Health, Health Promotion and Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, and Clinical Preventive Services. In recognition of National Public Health Week 2026, we will feature the theme Building a Healthier Tomorrow, reflecting our commitment to prevention, partnership, and forward-focused public health efforts. This theme highlights the collective work of our public health workforce and our ongoing efforts to support the health and well-being of all who live, work, and gather in Marion County.

Financial Impacts: N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: N/A

List of attachments: Presentation, Proclamation

Presenter: Kailey Knospe, Katie Rude

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National Public Health Week

April 6-12, 2026

Building a Healthier Tomorrow



Marion County
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Health & Human Services

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

What is Public Health?

- An evidence-based field that strives to give everyone a safe place to live, learn, work & play (APHA, n.d.).
- Public health promotes and protects the health of people and their communities.
- Made up of professionals from many fields, all working together to support the health of our community.





NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

This year's theme for National Public Health Week is “**Building a Healthier Tomorrow**”

At Marion County, improving community health is an ongoing, collective effort shaped by data, driven by prevention, and strengthened through collaboration across programs.

Public Health Clinic and Communicable Disease

• Services:

- Case management and treatment of TB
- HIV and STI testing and treatment
- Education and outreach
- Investigation of infectious diseases and outbreaks

• OHP Navigators:

- **50 clients** completed an OHP application
- **60 clients** were connected to a primary care provider



WIC & ECN

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- Nutrition education
- Breastfeeding support
- Access to healthy foods
- Promotes healthy growth and development

Early Childhood Nursing (ECN)

- Home visiting services
- Developmental screenings
- Parent education and resource connection
- Guidance navigating the health system



Health Promotion & Prevention

Program Areas:

- Opioid Prevention
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention
- Mental Health Promotion
- Tobacco Prevention & Education
- Problem Gambling
- Environmental Resiliency

Highlight: Mental Health Promotion

It's Real program with middle and high school students

Sources of Strength with middle school students



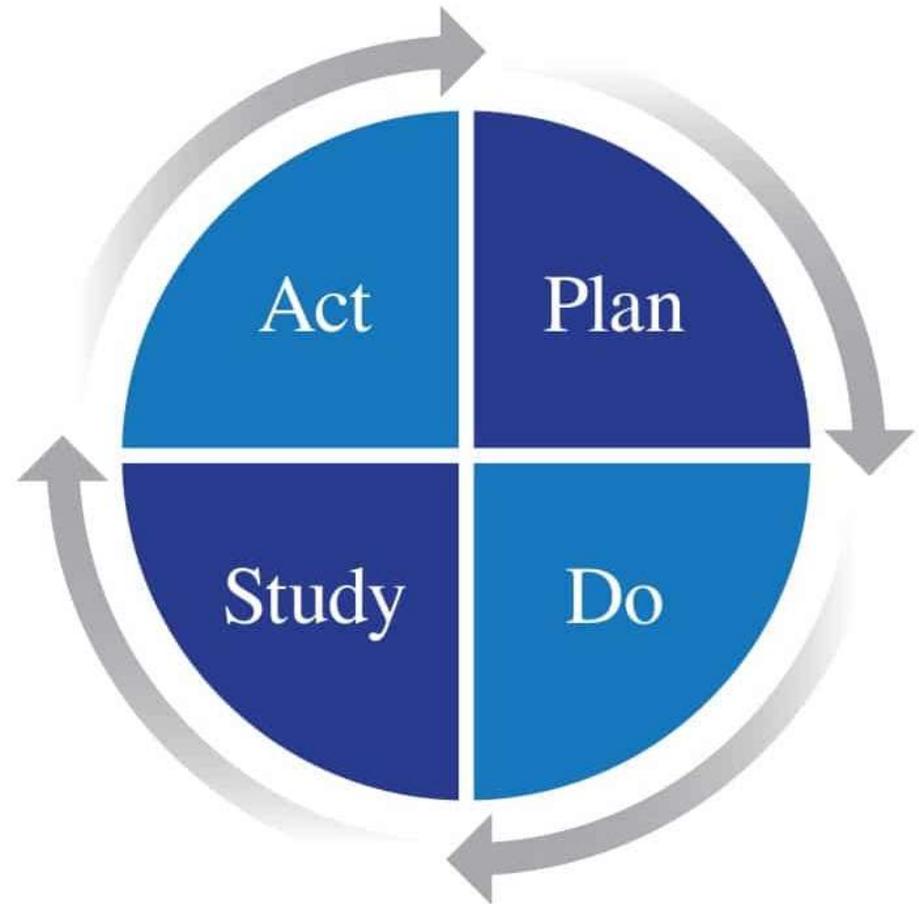


Environmental Health

- Protecting our community by ensuring food, water, and recreational environments are safe
- In 2025, the team conducted more than 5,000 inspections, including:
 - 1,799 restaurants
 - 586 mobile units
 - 70 pools & 60 spas
 - 284 schools
 - 78 childcare facilities
 - 105 water system alert follow-ups

Quality Improvement

- Public Health uses Performance Management to monitor progress toward goals and identify areas for improvement
- We participate in Quality Improvement projects where we use the Plan-Do-Study-Act model
- We identify the root cause of an issue and make changes to improve our processes and customer service
- Recent projects include simplifying the check-in process at the Front Desk and reducing wait times for WIC appointments.





Every day, our Public Health team works to protect Marion County residents from disease, promote healthy choices, and respond to emergencies.

We are proud to serve our community and happy to share our work with you!

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the week of April 6th – 12th, 2026, as National Public Health Week in Marion County.

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, April 1st, to proclaim April 6th – 12th, as National Public Health Week in Marion County.

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

WHEREAS, Marion County's theme for National Public Health Week in 2026 is "Building a Healthier Tomorrow"; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to building a healthier community, where all residents have the opportunity to live fulfilling and meaningful lives; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is hereby proclaimed that the week of April 6th – 12th, 2026, is National Public Health Week in Marion County.



DATED at Salem, Oregon this 1st day of April 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson _____

Commissioner _____

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