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 2023 Ohio Public Health Combined Conference. The event will be held Monday-Wednesday, April 24-26, 2023, 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, Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

You will be asked to provide the following information via the abstract submission process:
- Primary presenter information (name, credentials, highest degree earned, contact information, title, organization).
- Co-presenter information (same as primary presenter).
- Short bio of each presenter (three to five sentences).
- Submission title (100 character limit).
- Session description (short version: 1,000 character limit; long version: 10,000 character limit)
- Three learning objectives (300 character limit).
- How is this work improving public health? Tell us what impact your work is having. (750 character limit).
- How is your work advancing health equity? Please share specifically how the objectives and purpose of this work are advancing equity. (1000 character limit).
- Preferential length of session: 60 minutes or 90 minutes.

Questions can be emailed to [CommunityAlignmentSupport@odh.ohio.gov]()