

## **Umatilla County Public Health**

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Thanks to investments in Public Health Modernization, UCo Health has been given the opportunity to better needs of our growing community. We have been able to make many partial positions whole, which allows for much better planning and response to health issues for our community while reducing the potential for staff burnout. With adequate resources our community can be better prepared and educated about current and future health concerns. Right now we are focused on three areas.

- 1. Reducing our sexually transmitted disease rates through proactive outreach with community and healthcare partners and increasing access to testing.
- 2. Providing awareness and education around drinking water concerns.
- 3. Building resilience in our community to respond to the effects from natural and man-made emergency events (floods, wild fire smoke, heat events, pandemics).

All of this through a lens of health equity for all, because every resident of Umatilla County deserves the opportunity to be healthy.