

FPHS Shared Services Review for Local Public Health

Review Period: January – May 2025 (5 months)

What is the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Framework?

The FPHS Framework is a national framework that Massachusetts adopted to define a minimum set of public health services that must be available in every municipality. Local boards of health and health departments are not responsible for providing all services directly, but are responsible for ensuring that all FPHS services are available within their communities.

What is the FPHS Shared Services Review?

The FPHS Shared Service Review is a structured data collection and planning process based on the FPHS Framework.

The FPHS Review includes two tools that will be completed online, with results discussed during Shared Service Arrangement meetings in May 2025. The FPHS Shared Services Review will support public health entities across the Commonwealth in their commitment to strive for equitable access to the foundational public health services for every person in Massachusetts.

Why is this review happening?

The FPHS Review will help the Department of Public Health and local public health to improve public health by:

- Understanding current local public health services and resources.
- Identifying opportunities to share resources and improve service delivery.
- Supporting data-driven decisions to address gaps and improve health equity.

Short-Term Benefits:

- Understand current resources and capacity.
- Plan for enhanced resource sharing.
- Tailor services to meet community needs.

Long-Term Benefits:

- Enable data-driven decisions.
- Reduce health disparities and promote equity.
- Optimize resource use.

Part 1: Cost Tool

Who: Completed by each Local Public Health Entity

What: Understand local public health spending on FPHS-related services

Why: Identify funding sources and spending patterns to guide resource allocation

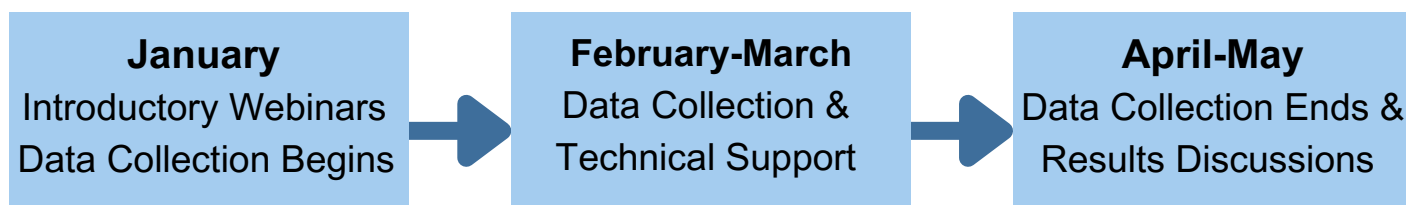
Part 2: Service Delivery Tool

Who: Completed by each Shared Services Arrangement and Local Public Health Entity

What: Maps how services are delivered and identifies local needs

Why: Highlight strengths and areas of opportunity for enhanced collaboration

Timeline Highlights



Each Shared Service Arrangement will be supported by a designated collaborative team for ongoing technical support.

The Department of Public Health will use the data collected from the review process to measure current spending by local public health on FPHS — and to estimate the cost for local public health to fully deliver these services across the Commonwealth. The results will support strategic planning and help build local public health capacity to deliver FPHS across the state, leading, over time, to a healthier more equitable Massachusetts.



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