

The Evolution of Governmental Public Health in Nebraska

Foundational Infrastructure Development

Building Capacity

Infrastructure Renewal

1800s - 1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

Nebraska Dept. of Health established (1918)

Nebraska Public Health Association established (1950)

16 local health departments cover 22 of Nebraska's 93 counties

Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement dollars enhance public health infrastructure (1998)

Turning Point initiative and planning

UNMC/UNO MPH program established (2001)

LHDs build epidemiology and surveillance capacity

LB692 passes, creating comprehensive local public health infrastructure

- All counties covered by a local health dept.
- Base state funding
- Assure provision of 10 Essential Public Health Services

Health departments working to meet national standards for public health (accreditation through the national Public Health Accreditation Board)

NALHD established

Establish regular convenings of the governmental public health system (2021)

State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) priorities named:

- Infrastructure
- Health Disparities

On-going public health infrastructure planning



Local Health Department Coverage in Nebraska (2000)

Current Local Health Department Coverage in Nebraska

