

Project Public Health Ready

Helping Local Health Departments Prepare for the Next Public Health Emergency



About Project Public Health Ready

Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) is a criteria-based training and recognition program the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created to help local health departments (LHDs) develop core public health and emergency preparedness competencies.

This intensive 18-month process provides LHDs the structure to build training and preparedness capacities using a continuous quality improvement model.

Program Objectives

The PPHR program aims to help local emergency preparedness agencies fully integrate into the response community and prepare for any public health emergency.

The PPHR program offers LHDs an opportunity to:

- Build partnerships with local, state and federal leaders, community response partners and other stakeholders
- Facilitate collaboration and team building across the entire health department.

At the end of the program, LHDs will have a written comprehensive all-hazards response plan that aligns with the highest national and federal standards.

Those who successfully complete the program are PPHR recognized for five years.

PPHR Criteria

The PPHR application has three goals. To meet the PPHR criteria, applicants must present evidence of the five measures below.



Goal 1: All-Hazards Preparedness Planning

Measure #1: All-Hazards Response Plan



Goal 2: Workforce Capacity Development

Measure #2: Training Needs Assessment

Measure #3: Workforce Development Plan



Goal 3: Quality Improvement

Measure #4: Exercise or Response

Measure #5: Exercise Planning

The PPHR criteria is updated regularly to align with federal guidelines and national initiatives, including:

- CDC Public Health Preparedness Capabilities
- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standards and Measures
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- CDC Response Readiness Framework

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Top Benefits of Participating in PPHR

Build Capacity

- Drive plan updates and allow department staff to become more familiar with emergency preparedness plans.
- Strengthen working relationships and improve integration within the preparedness community by working with response partners to develop and enhance plans and processes.

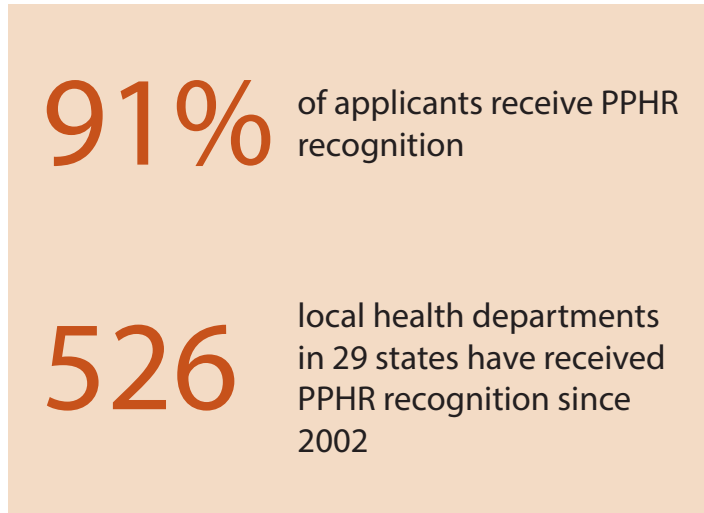


Continuous Quality Improvement

- Drive internal continuous quality improvement and build a culture of collaboration among LHD staff.

Recognition

- Grants LHDs credibility and visibility through national recognition endorsed by the CDC and NACCHO.
- Prepares LHDs for other recognition programs (i.e. Public Health Accreditation Board, CDC's Operational Readiness Review).
- Local health departments that have successfully achieved Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) recognition (or re-recognition) status will qualify for exemption from the planning elements of the ORR process.



New application cycle materials are available in September of every year.

Learn more about the application timeline and program criteria by visiting www.naccho.org/PPHR, or by contacting the team at pphr@naccho.org.



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