Current State & Key Discussion Question

- Significant interest in public health “modernization” and “transformation” in light of COVID
- Multiple efforts at the state and national level to “rebuild” public health
- STHO engagement is limited due to COVID response
- New funding specific to COVID may or may not be used to build capacity but is generating significant interest in broad capacity building
- *Build Back Better* legislation had a significant investment in public health infrastructure (5 years, $7 billion; other provisions)
- $3 billion for workforce development expected soon (5 years)
- New Public Health Infrastructure Fund Authorized and Appropriated (FY2022, $200m)
National Academies Report

- Transforming public health funding
- Affirming the mandate for public health
- Promoting structural alignment across the public health sector
- Investing in leadership and workforce development
- Modernizing data and IT capabilities
- Supporting partnerships and community engagement
The future of the public's health

Reimagining the health ecosystem: Programs, policies, and systems for strengthening public health

Source: Deloitte analysis.
The following are the most commonly cited priority areas for change or improvements needed to build the public health system of the future:

1. DATA INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS
2. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION
3. FUNDING
4. PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND LAW
5. MULTISECTOR SYSTEM PARTNERSHIPS
6. HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPACITY TO ADVANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
7. BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST IN PUBLIC HEALTH
• **Advances in health equity continue to be made** because public health departments partner with various sectors (e.g., housing, food, transportation), stakeholders (e.g., businesses, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs), health care), and community members, and also engage in Tribal consultation, toward the shared goal of providing a fair and just opportunity for all to achieve good health and well-being.

• **Sufficient, predictable, and flexible public health funding supports the public health system** to sustain healthy communities. States, territories, and localities act quickly to protect the public from expected and unexpected health issues. This means that all public health departments have the necessary resources to support nationally agreed-upon core programs and cross-cutting skills and to meet national public health practice standards.

• **A robust, modern, interoperable, and secure public health information system delivers real-time, accurate, and actionable data** to help public health officials detect new or growing threats, identify groups that may be at risk, and respond quickly with tailored policy, practice, and program interventions. Public health departments also translate and share data with policymakers and other stakeholders in a timely manner.

• **Modernized laws, policies, and statutes** protect and promote the public’s health in a manner that reflects ongoing threats and challenges, enables public health officials to make decisions without political influence, and ensures public health responsibilities remain intact and protected.

• **A highly skilled, trained, and diverse public health workforce** provides evidence-informed programs and services that address community health needs, encourage healthy behaviors, and act swiftly to respond to emerging threats. Staff feel valued and incentives exist to pursue long careers in governmental public health.
3 Topics in all 4 Reports

**Data Infrastructure/Systems**
- Modern, interoperable, secure, real-time, accurate, actionable
- Shared data across sectors in real time
- Modernizing data and IT capabilities

**Workforce Development, Recruitment, and Retention**
- A resilient, robust, and multidisciplinary public health workforce
- A highly skilled, trained, and diverse public health workforce
- Investing in leadership and workforce development

**Funding**
- Sufficient, predictable, and flexible public health funding
- Funding incentives aligned with prevention, health promotion, and wellness
- Transforming public health funding
Top Topics in 3 reports

Modernized laws, policies, statutes
- Public health policy and law
- Affirming the mandate for public health

Multisector partnerships
- Ecosystem partners working toward a unified goal
- Supporting partnerships and community engagements
Other topics included

- Advances in health equity
  A future centered around equity
- Building Public Trust in Public Health
- Ecosystem partners working toward a common goal
- Promoting alignment across the public health sector
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* = ASTHO 2022-2024 Strategic Priority Area
• What must a governmental public health agency do and at what level?

• What should a governmental public health agency do and at what level?

• What resources are needed to do this?

• How much will that cost and who is going to pay for that?

• What legislative actions will advance the above?
• Are you/your Committee discussing “transformation” or “modernization” with your state health agency?

• What would be the most helpful in these discussions?

• How can national groups help to support state transformation and modernization efforts?