

# Public Health & Local Government Collaboration Survey

Understanding Collaborative Efforts to Improve Community Health

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# Purpose of the Study



The purpose of this study is to access the frequency, nature, reasons, barriers and attitudes related to collaboration between public health departments and local governments.



Understanding these factors will help identify opportunities to improve collaboration, align plans, and address community health needs more effectively.

# Value and Impact



## For Public Health Departments

Insights into common collaboration practices and how to strengthen partnerships with local governments.



## For Local Governments

Better understanding of how public health departments can support and inform local policies.



## For Communities

Improved health outcomes

# Survey Structure

## Format

- Online questionnaire collector tool.

## Audience:

- Public health department staff and local government staff.

## Sections:

- **Frequency of Interactions:** Types and frequency of interactions.
- **Motivators and Barriers:** Factors that help or hinder collaboration.
- **Perceptions:** Attitudes about the value and effectiveness of these collaborations.
- **Estimated Time to Complete:** Less than 15 minutes.

## Survey: Collaboration Between Public Health Departments and Local Governments

This survey aims to understand the frequency and nature of collaboration between public health departments and local governments. Your responses will help identify key factors that influence such collaborations and improve alignment of plans, policies, and programs with demonstrated health needs. If you are in the public health field, you will respond to how you interact with local government. If you are in local government you will respond with how you interact with public health.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

# Key Research Questions

- How often do public health departments and local governments collaborate?
- Why type of collaboration happens most often?
- What types of collaboration occur (e.g., information sharing, joint program planning)?
- What factors encourage collaboration between public health and local government entities?
- What challenges do each sector face when trying to work together?
- How do both sectors perceive the impact of collaboration on health outcomes?

# Data Analysis



## Quantitatively Analysis

Descriptive statistics will be used for closed ended questions. Cross-tabs will analyze relationships between demographic variables and collaboration practices. Data will be utilized with SPSS.



## Qualitative Analysis

Open ended responses will be coded using Nvivo any analyzed to identify common themes and insights.

# Limitations

## **Self Reporting Bias**

- Responses may reflect personal perceptions rather than objective measures of collaboration

## **Response Rate**

- A low response rate could affect the ability to generalize findings. Efforts will be made to maximize participation.

# Reporting

- Findings will be included in manuscripts submitted to peer review journals and professional magazines
- Findings will inform best practices for collaborative efforts.
- Participants can receive a summary report with insights on collaboration trends.

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