



**Indiana**  
**Department**  
**of**  
**Health**

# Governor's Public Health Commission

Data and Information Integration:  
Proposed Recommendations

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# Overall Goals

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- Ensure coordination of data across health and human services entities at the state level.
- Maintain privacy protections and appropriate consents for use of data.
- Promote integration of public health data for clinical use by providers to optimize health outcomes.
- Provide tools to assist local public health officials to make data-informed decisions.
- Modernize public health systems and processes to increase efficiency and enhance service delivery to Hoosiers.

# Draft Recommendations

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1. Establish a State Public Health Data System Advisory Committee.
2. Formalize and strengthen the state's relationship with a Health Information Exchange (HIE) partner to promote improved clinical outcomes and outbreak management.
3. Enhance data analytics tools and resources for local public health.
4. Maintain state-lead digital transformation efforts to modernize public health systems and paper-based processes.

# Promote HHS data coordination

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## Draft Recommendation 1.

### Establish a State Public Health Data System Advisory Committee.

Possible action items:

- A. Develop data governance across entities with appropriate privacy protections and security provisions.
- B. Develop a strategic plan for public health data initiatives.

# Enhance Health Information Exchange Resources

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## Draft Recommendation 2.

Formalize and strengthen the state's relationship with a Health Information Exchange (HIE) partner to promote improved clinical outcomes and outbreak management.

Possible action items:

- A. Codify relationship and leverage funding opportunities (federal and non-profit) to enhance services and promote sustainability.
- B. Increase number of providers connected to HIE partner.
- C. Establish dedicated public health focus with HIE partner.

# Mature public health systems and analytics

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## Draft Recommendation 3.

Enhance data analytics tools and resources for local public health.

Possible action items:

- A. Establish district-level data services to support Local Health Departments and cross-county analysis.
- B. Establish baseline technology, security, and resource requirements for local health departments with financial and logistical support for LHDs to achieve compliance.
- C. Promote digitization of inspection and permit records to improve access to key public health data.

# Support Digital Transformation in Public Health

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## Draft Recommendation 4.

Maintain state-lead digital transformation efforts to modernize public health systems and paper-based processes.

Possible action items:

- A. Dedicate funding to sustain IDOH Office of Data and Analytics.
- B. Establish funding to continue digital transformation efforts to support implementation and ongoing operations of GPHC recommendations.