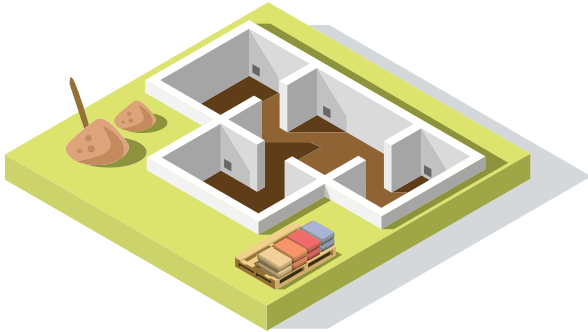


# What is public health data modernization and how will it work in Washington state?

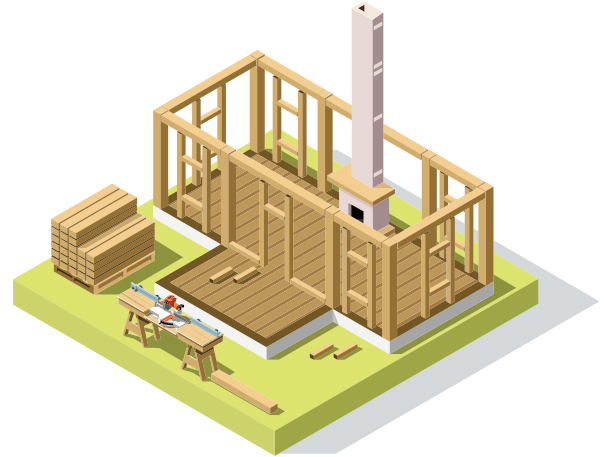
Public health decisions depend on widespread and rapid access to data, making data foundational to public health. The goal of the Data Modernization Initiative is to move from siloed public health data systems to a connected, resilient, adaptable, and sustainable "response ready" data ecosystem to serve public health needs across Washington.

*This is why data modernization is critically important:*



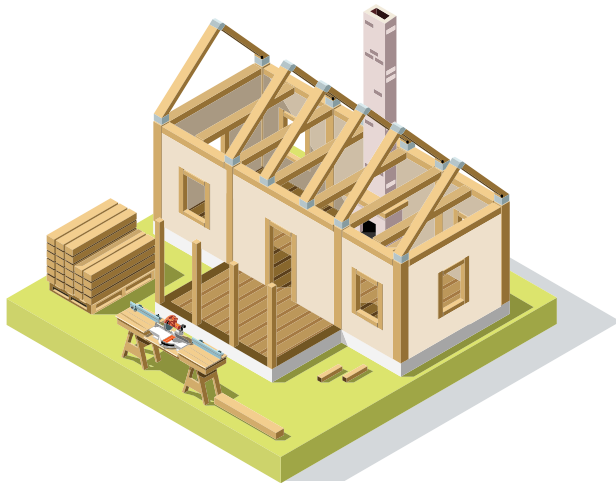
**Building a state-wide, streamlined governmental public health system is a lot like building a house.**

Foundational Public Health Services create the bedrock of the house that will become Washington state's public health surveillance system.



**Overhauling the individual systems is like upgrading the electrical wiring and plumbing that every house needs to be comfortable. It's not the flashy, visible part of the process, but it is necessary.**

In coordination with partners, a plan is created to get the electrical and plumbing done right the first time. Flexible and sustainable funding, including Foundational Public Health Services, supports the bedrock of the data ecosystem (our house).



**With your help, we can make our house connected, resilient, adaptable, and sustainable for the future.**

As we develop DMI projects that become features of our house, DOH needs your input regarding priorities, gaps, and opportunities.



**Our structure is solidly built and better ready to support the health and wellbeing of everyone in Washington state.**

The Data Modernization Initiative is a cross-agency project managed by the Center for Data and System Modernization. For an overview of the plan and progress, visit [doh.wa.gov/dmi](https://doh.wa.gov/dmi) or contact us at [DataModFeedback@doh.wa.gov](mailto:DataModFeedback@doh.wa.gov).

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email [civil.rights@doh.wa.gov](mailto:civil.rights@doh.wa.gov)



DOH 822-041 March 2023