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## Make Sure Your Voice is Heard: Share Your Feedback on the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals by February 28th

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It's not too late to have your input influence the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) (Core



Competencies). Mark your calendars to [share your feedback](#) by February 28, 2021 and help shape the future Core Competencies for the public health workforce.

The Core Competencies describe foundational or crosscutting knowledge and skills for professionals working in the field of public health. As the field changes, the Core Competencies are reviewed and revised to ensure these competencies continue to reflect the reality of public health and meet the needs of the public health workforce.

Over the past four months, the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council on Linkages) has been hearing thoughts on the Core Competencies from the public health and population health community that will help inform revision of that set of competencies.



Feedback from practitioners, educators, researchers, governing bodies, volunteers, students, and others is critical to guide revision of the Core Competencies. Hearing about the knowledge and skills needed for working in public health now and into the future, significant changes in the field of public health, current uses of the Core Competencies, barriers and challenges to using the Core Competencies, and resources that would make the Core Competencies easier to use will help determine what changes to make as the Core Competencies are revised this year.

Curious about what we're hearing so far? A number of considerations and concepts have bubbled up, including the need to:

- Ensure continued alignment with the [Essential Public Health Services](#) (EPHS), as the Core Competencies have long been

designed to capture knowledge and skills for delivering the EPHS and the EPHS were recently revised

- Ensure reflection of knowledge and skills needed to be effective in a [Public Health 3.0](#) environment
- Better connect the Core Competencies and the [Strategic Skills for the Governmental Public Health Workforce](#) (*Side note: We've taken initial steps in this direction by creating a [crosswalk of the Core Competencies and the Strategic Skills](#). This resource is now available online for anyone to use.*)
- Better incorporate social determinants of health, health equity, and social justice
- Better address administrative and management skills
- Incorporate environmental health concepts
- Consider the implications of COVID-19 for the public health workforce and the knowledge and skills needed by the workforce
- Provide additional guidance as to how the Core Competencies should be interpreted and used

Now it's your turn. Do any of those ideas resonate with you? What other feedback do you have? Share your thoughts in the Comments section below or by:

- Emailing [competencies@phf.org](mailto:competencies@phf.org)
- Submitting comments through the [online comment box](#)
- Joining a [virtual town hall meeting](#)
- Contacting the Public Health Foundation on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

Feedback is welcome through February 28, 2021. Share yours and help shape the future of the public health workforce.

Questions? Please visit the [Core Competencies revision process webpage](#) for additional details about the revision process or email me at [kamos@phf.org](mailto:kamos@phf.org).

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