



#HealthierMO

Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

Weigh in on Missouri's Public Health System Challenges

Next week the #HealthierMO initiative will meet with more than 100 key public health stakeholders from across Missouri at an important convening session to gather input on how the initiative should move forward. Participants will review models from other states involved in public health transformation efforts. They will discuss the best process and structure for forming an Advisory Council and an Executive Committee to lead the initiative forward. They will brainstorm methods for communicating the case for change to other stakeholders. They will deliberate questions like:

- What challenges must we solve to improve our public health system?
- What is the best approach for transformation?
- What will make the transformation initiative powerful and sustainable?

In advance of the convening session, the #HealthierMO initiative has received feedback on some of these questions from its email subscribers and social media followers. They identify some of the issues that need to be addressed and the biggest challenges to public health as funding, access to care, data, communication, and strong leadership.

Share your thoughts on Missouri's [top public health challenges](#), identify [priority issues the initiative must address](#), and describe what you think a [perfect public health system](#) should look like.



"There is no doubt that Missouri has the capability to be a leader in developing and implementing a public health system that is effective in preventing disease, promoting health and protecting the well-being of all Missourians," says #HealthierMO initiative steering committee member Dalen Duitsman. "Please join us in transforming the public health system in Missouri. It will take all of us to effect permanent and lasting change that will help ensure all Missourians can be healthy."

To learn more about the #HealthierMO initiative to transform the future of public health in Missouri and find out how you can get involved, visit HealthierMO.org or Facebook [@HealthierMO](https://www.facebook.com/HealthierMO).

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