



Call for Abstracts

2027 Utah Public Health Conference
March 23-24, 2027
Due: December 4, 2026

The Utah Public Health Association is announcing the Call for Abstracts for the 2027 Utah Public Health Conference to be held March 23-24, 2027 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City, Utah. Abstracts for oral presentation breakout sessions are due **December 4, 2026 by 11:59 PM MST**. Abstracts for poster presentations are due **January 5, 2027 by 11:59 PM MST**. Accepted abstracts and posters will be notified by February 6, 2027.

We are seeking innovative proposals that relate to the theme **“Connect. Innovate. Advance.”** We welcome abstracts on any topic relevant to public health practice, research, and policy, particularly in Utah. Topics of particular interest include:

- Community health and community health workers
- Health data, epidemiology, and evaluation
- Health policy and advocacy
- Behavioral health and substance use
- Environmental Health and One Health
- Rural and frontier health
- Clinical and community partnerships
- Leadership and workforce development
- Public health nursing
- Prevention science
- Public health communications

Workshop, oral presentations, panel sessions, and lightning round abstractsv are due **December 4, 2026, 11:59 PM MST**.

	Workshop	Oral presentation	Panel presentation	Lightning round
Length of presentation	60 minutes	30 minutes OR 60 minutes*	60 minutes*	10 minutes
Number of presenters	1-3 presenters	1-3 presenters	2-5 panelists and 1 moderator	1 presenter
Description	Workshops are interactive sessions where participants practice a skill, work through a problem, or produce something they can take back to their work. Most of the time should be spent on activity and discussion rather than presentation.	Presentations should include a synopsis of your work. Multi-presenter sessions should include 2-3 presentations around a common theme. All presentations should include time for Q&A.	Sessions should include 2-5 panelists engaged around a common theme or topic. The moderator should come prepared with questions. The panel should include time for Q&A.	The UPHA conference planning committee will group 5 presentations into one 60-minute breakout session.

*** A note on 60-minute sessions:** Very few 60-minute slots are available. Priority will go to workshops, oral presentations with multiple presenters, and panel sessions. If you request 60 minutes and a slot isn't available, we may offer you a 30-minute slot instead and will confirm with you before finalizing the schedule.

Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools

UPHA recognizes that AI tools are increasingly common in professional writing. You may use AI tools to help draft, edit, or refine your abstract. Regardless of the tools used, the submitting authors are fully responsible for the accuracy of all content, including any data, citations, findings, or claims. AI tools cannot be listed as authors or presenters. Abstracts containing fabricated data, invented citations, or descriptions of work that was not actually conducted will not be accepted.

In the same spirit of transparency, UPHA has used AI tools to help analyze past review data and refine the abstract scoring rubric, and may use them to help compile and summarize scores. Every abstract is read and scored by members of the UPHA Abstract Review Committee, and all selection decisions are made by the committee through discussion. No abstract will be scored, accepted, or declined by an AI tool.

Required Information

The following information is required on submission:

- ☐ Contact information (name, email, organization, job title, CHES/MCHES #, etc.)
- ☐ Short biographical sketch for all presenters (Limit 350 characters)
- ☐ Title of presentation
- ☐ Presentation format preference (workshop, oral presentation, panel session, lightning round)
- ☐ Abstract (300 words or less)
- ☐ Plain-language description of your presentation for attendees browsing the conference app (limit 350 characters)
- ☐ Primary topic area and (optional) secondary topic area
- ☐ 3 SMART learning objectives. Learn more about SMART objectives here:
https://www.cdc.gov/training-development/php/about/design-training-learning-objectives.html#cdc_generative_section_5-smart
- ☐ 1 NCHEC Area of Responsibility sub-competency for each SMART learning objective. Learn more here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XeqfsVbYoJPT8OegDFqQbuechrZRAvrOhwEXXIM6ilk/edit>
- ☐ Date(s) you are available to present
- ☐ Preferred presentation length
- ☐ Any product affiliation and conflict of interest
- ☐ Special AV needs, if any required
- ☐ A statement of accuracy on the information provided in the application

You can review an outline of the scoring rubric used by the abstract review committee [here](#).

Please note:

- All presenters who will be attending must register and pay for the conference. A reduced presenter registration rate will be available.
- You do not need to be a member of UPHA to present.
- You must submit one application per abstract.
- If you are submitting an abstract for multiple presenters, have one person submit the application and serve as the main point of contact. You will be asked to include the names and contact information for all presenters.
- Updated conference information will be available at upha.org.
- Reach out to the UPHA conference planning unit (conference@upha.org) with any questions.
- Watch for a “Submitting an Abstract 101” webinar coming soon.

*UPHA will work to create an inclusive and accessible environment for all members and participants. If additional support is needed to fully participate in this event, please contact Mary Kathryn Curcio Stoddard at least 30 days before the event at maryk@upha.org or (407) 406-4954 to further discuss these needs.

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Poster Session Submissions

Poster sessions are intended to provide a visual presentation of program or research findings by displaying graphs, photos, diagrams, and descriptive text. **New this year:** Poster presenters will participate in a facilitated poster spotlight session rather than a traditional display-only format. Each presenter will have two minutes to present their poster to a seated audience. Following the presentations, presenters will stand with their printed posters for a dedicated viewing and discussion period where attendees can ask questions about the work that interests them. This format is designed to guarantee every presenter an audience and to create more opportunity for substantive conversation about your work. Full formatting and display specifications will be sent with acceptance notifications.

Poster presentation abstracts are due **January 5, 2027, 11:59pm (MST)**.

The following information is required:

- ☐ Contact information (name, email, organization, job title, CHES/MCHES #, etc.)
- ☐ Short biographical sketch (350 characters or less)
- ☐ Title of poster
- ☐ Abstract (300 words or less)
- ☐ Preferred presentation date (Day 1 or 2 - you will present your poster on one day only)
- ☐ Any product affiliation and conflict of interest
- ☐ A statement of accuracy on the information provided in the application

Please note:

- Posters may list as many co-authors as you'd like on the poster itself, but only one person will present in the poster spotlight session and register at the reduced presenter rate. Co-authors are welcome to attend and stand with the poster during the viewing period to answer questions, but should register at the standard attendee rate.
- You do not need to be a member of UPHA to present.
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