Communication and Information Technology

Communication is extremely important in every aspect of our lives. It is especially important to public health when it is necessary to be able to effectively receive and disseminate information.

The Communication and Information Technology standards were designed to:

- Clarify the guidelines for basic technology needs to work effectively in today’s environment for both routine and urgent communications.
- Define a communication system for both routine and urgent communications.
- Set in place an infrastructure system that serves as a resource multiplier, to help get the job done.

What are the benefits and outcomes for Iowans?

- An up-to-date infrastructure for both information technology and communications for routine and urgent communication.
- Improved communication with all populations.

How will the state public health system change?

- Public health will have to work with other departments in sharing new technology, for example a GIS system.
- There is an opportunity for state public health to work together with state and local departments that can help multiple agencies in media response and promotion.
- State public health may need additional funding to continue upgrading their infrastructure, especially with the need for increased electronic storage.
- State public health will maintain a public health data warehouse, to improve data collection, retrieval, and retention.
- State will assist with media relations, public information for all populations, and education.

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