



# Umatilla County Public Health

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **UCo Health assumes program responsibilities for onsite septic systems in Morrow County**

UCo Health and Morrow County Planning are proud to announce that as of May 3, 2019 all program responsibilities for onsite septic systems in Morrow County have transferred from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to UCo Health. This means that UCo Health is now responsible for conducting site evaluations, issuing construction permits, conducting pre-cover inspections, storage of historical records, and issuing authorization notices for most septic systems located in Morrow County. Additionally, UCo Health will also be responsible for all pumper truck inspections in Morrow County.

UCo Health has been providing these services for Umatilla County since November 1, 2016 and the transition to local oversight has proven to be beneficial for county residents. UCo Health has a long standing relationship with Morrow County and currently has additional partnerships with Morrow County Health Department administering the Food, Pool, and Lodging program, and providing programmatic support for the Nurse-Family Partnership program.

DEQ will retain authority for licensing contractors and pumpers, as well as permitting for systems with high strength waste and systems with flows over 2,500 gallons per day.

Applications for site evaluations, permits, etc. can be obtained at the following locations:

<b>Umatilla County Health Department</b> 2 locations	
200 SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Pendleton, OR 97801 (Monday – Friday)	435 E Newport St Hermiston, OR 97838 (Thursday & Friday only)
Morrow County Planning Department 205 Third St NE Irrigon, OR 97844 (Monday-Friday)	
Electronic forms are available on UCo Health’s website <a href="http://www.ucohealth.net">www.ucohealth.net</a> . Submissions and public record requests can be made to <a href="mailto:Health@umatillacounty.net">Health@umatillacounty.net</a>	

DEQ continues to be involved in an advisory capacity, and homeowners should continue to utilize contractors through the Septic Smart program <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/WQ/Pages/onsite/SepticSmartHome.aspx>.