

# VERSION 2.0 WORK IN PROGRESS: OVERVIEW

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The Public Health Accreditation Board is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the public by advancing and transforming the quality and performance of governmental public health agencies in the U.S. and abroad.



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In recognition of the changing nature of public health practice, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has begun its preparation for refreshing the accreditation standards and measures. This next version will be called Version 2.0 during the development stage but will inform both initial accreditation and the second round of reaccreditation. Changes in the standards and measures will be informed by a number of inputs, over a period of approximately eighteen months.

The purpose of Version 2.0 will be to:

- Advance the field of public health practice
- Address emerging issues (e.g., opioids)
- Reflect current evidence
- Improve measurements of health department performance
- Clarify requirements for accreditation

The work plan and approximate time frames are noted below.



As PHAB works on the various components of items under consideration for Version 2.0, we will post that information on this section of the website. While we want to be transparent in sharing the information that we are considering, we want to also emphasize that nothing is final until the final documents are approved. PHAB will be sharing information and seeking feedback at upcoming national, state and regional conferences as appropriate. PHAB expects the new standards and measures to go into effect in July 2020, so health departments working on initial accreditation under Version 1.5 and the current reaccreditation requirements should continue with that version until the new version is released.