



Indiana Public Health Association

Indiana Affiliate to the American Public Health Association



- APHA Affiliates are independently established and have their own infrastructure, policies, processes and procedures.
- Champion the same goals as APHA to promote, protect and advocate for the public's health.
- Professional home for public health workforce and students in Indiana.

Strategic Plan



- Goals

- Develop a robust, diverse, and engaged membership network.
- Achieve financial stability and sustainability.
- Strengthen the organizational effectiveness of IPHA.
- Strengthen IPHA's statewide presence and influence.

Priority Issues



- COVID-19
- Upstream Public Health
- Public Health Infrastructure & Funding Support of LHDs
- Public Health Policy and Advocacy



Advocacy in Action

2021 Opposition to Senate Enrolled Act 5



- Prevents a local health department from implementing orders more restrictive than those issued by the Indiana Governor, unless such orders are approved by a county executive, or a combination of approval by a city legislative body or mayor
- Crafted as a direct response to actions taken by local health departments during the COVID-19 pandemic

2021 Opposition to Senate Enrolled Act 5



- During the 2021 General Assembly session, IPHA led statewide partners in opposition to this dangerous legislation undermining local public health authorities
- Convened partners and garnered support via press conferences, calls to action, and virtual outreach
- SEA 5 was vetoed by Governor Holcomb (read his veto letter [here](#))
 - “...it is prudent to avoid any unnecessary disruption or wholesale changes to our existing local public health authorities.”
- Legislature overrode veto

2022 Legislative Session Debrief



- **HB 1001** – ending SNAP benefit emergency allotments
 - **HB 1140** – expands postpartum Medicaid coverage up to 12 months
 - **SB 382** – decreases tax on e-cigarette products
 - **HB 1041** – would prohibit transgender girls from playing girls school sports, vetoed by Gov. Holcomb
 - **HB 1245** – limits regulation around sewer and septic systems
- *All policies touch the health of our communities!*

Governor's Public Health Commission



- The [Governor's Public Health Commission](#) was convened by executive order to:
 - Analyze Indiana's current public health system
 - Identify opportunities and strategies for improvement
- Monthly meetings have covered topics such as public health funding, workforce, infrastructure, data, adolescent/childhood health, & emergency preparedness
- IPHA's Administrator, Kim Irwin, was appointed to serve on the GPHC

Advocacy Resources



- [APHA Speak for Health](#)
 - [State Fact Sheets](#)
 - [Sample Questions for Public Forums](#)
 - [Write an Op-Ed](#)
- [Find your legislator](#)
- [Register to vote](#)



Get Involved!

Membership



- Membership Fee Structure
 - Individual Membership
 - Regular - \$60
 - **Student Membership - \$25**
 - ***First Year - Free***
 - Retiree Membership - \$25
 - Organizational Membership - \$400
- Join us [here!](#)

Committees



- [Policy & Advocacy](#)
 - Third Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.
- [Health Equity Action Team \(HEAT\)](#)
 - Fourth Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m.