

2025 POLICY PRIORITIES

Below are the **Indiana Public Health Association's (IPHA)** policy priorities for the 2025 Indiana General Assembly. IPHA aims to support the achievement of health equity and well-being *for all people, in all communities* across Indiana.



PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Support increased or maintained public health funding
Support strengthened public health infrastructure



PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY

Support and maintain the authority of local public health agencies to act on public health matters



DISEASE PREVENTION

Support immunization across the lifespan for community health
Support disease surveillance and reporting



TOBACCO TAX INCREASE & RELATED ISSUES

Support increased cigarette tax by \$2 with taxing parity among tobacco products
Support increased or maintained funding for state tobacco control



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH & SCHOOL NURSING

Support and protect access to school-based health services
Support increased funding for school nursing and school-based health services



BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

Support increased or maintained funding for behavioral and mental health services



MEDICAID COVERAGE & ACCESS

Support Medicaid expansion and access to person-centered care
Support evidence-based medical, dental, and mental health services



WOMEN'S HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Support increased access to reproductive health services
Support person-centered care and evidence-based medical care

CONDITIONS FOR BILL SUPPORT

IPHA leadership will assess to what extent bills meet the following conditions before recommending action by members and partners:

- Protects and promotes public health
- Positive health equity impact
- Alignment with IPHA's mission

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

LEAD



- Dedicate organizational resources and staff time toward advocacy efforts
- Track bills and amendments
- Coordinate advocacy with other supporting groups
- Arrange for testimony
- Sign onto support letters
- Send action alerts

SUPPORT



- Monitor bills and amendments
- Share information prepared by leading advocacy groups
- Participate in advocacy planning as capacity allows
- Allow IPHA name to be listed as supporter on a bill