

2023 POLICY PLATFORM



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The IPHA 2023 Policy Platform is informed by our 2023-2025 Strategic Plan and 2022 Membership Survey. It is intended to support and leverage policies across sectors that will improve the health of Iowans and address the root causes of health inequities.

1

Strengthen the Public Health Workforce

- Increased funding for state and local public health infrastructure
- Protect the workforce from harassment and threats of violence
- Incentives to diversify the public health workforce
- Public health training programs and loan forgiveness

2

Support Community Health Needs and Access to Care

- Culturally competent care
- Maternal and child health services
- Mental and behavioral health resources

3

Ensure Safe, Sustainable & Thriving Communities

- Healthcare access
- Housing
- Education
- Criminal Justice
- Economic Development
- Transportation

4

Protect Iowans from Preventable Diseases

- Uphold Iowa's vaccine laws
- Ensure robust data collection and analysis



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Conditions for Bill Support

The IPHA Policy Committee will assess to what extent bills meet the following conditions before recommending action by the Membership:

- Positive health equity impact
- Consistent with the principles and values of public health
- Protects the public's health
- Communities most impacted included in decision-making and implementation plans

Levels of Support



ACTIVELY SUPPORT

Dedicate lobbying and volunteer membership resources towards passage, including: allow our name to be used as a supporter of the bill, sign on to support letters, arrange for testimony, coordinate with other supporting groups, and send action alerts to members requesting legislator contacts.



SUPPORT

Review bill and amendments. Allow our name to be used as a supporter of the bill. No lobbying resources to be utilized.



MONITOR *(passive)*

Bill remains on IPHA Bill Monitor list. Monitored to see how it impacts public health practice. Report at end of session.



OPPOSE

Review bill and amendments. Allow our name to be used in opposition to the bill. No lobbying resources to be utilized.



ACTIVELY OPPOSE

Dedicate lobbying and volunteer membership resources towards defeating the bill, including: allow our name to be used in opposition of the bill, sign on to opposition letters, arrange for testimony, coordinate with other opposing groups, and send action alerts to members requesting legislator contacts.