





***Uniting and strengthening the voice for public health in Iowa.***

IPHA advocates for evidence-based and equity-driven policies that support the health and well-being of Iowans, contribute to thriving communities, and strengthen Iowa's workforce and economy.

# 2024 Policy Priorities

**IOWANS DESERVE:**

 <p><b>Access to care</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local, affordable, quality, and culturally competent care</li> <li>Reimbursement rates that encourage providers to accept Medicaid patients</li> <li>Evidence-based health education, prevention services, and medical care</li> </ul>
 <p><b>A strong, adaptive, and responsive public health system</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable public health funding that reflects population health priorities</li> <li>Tax incentives to encourage recruitment and retention of the public health workforce</li> <li>Public health STEM opportunities for Iowa's students</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Safe, healthy, and thriving communities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-driven strategies to improve community health and reduce harmful outcomes</li> <li>Local resources to support the needs of children, families, and Iowa's aging populations</li> <li>Public health coalitions prepared to respond to unique community needs, disasters, and emergencies</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Protection against preventable diseases and injuries</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies that support Iowa's immunization goals for community health</li> <li>Locally supported disease identification, tracking, and case management</li> <li>Robust data collection and analysis to support efficiencies and address needs</li> </ul>

# 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

 <p><b>Actively Support</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>Review bill and amendments. Allow our name to be used as a supporter of the bill. No lobbying resources to be utilized.</p>
 <p><b>Monitor (passive)</b></p>	<p>Bill remains on IPHA Bill Monitor list. Monitored to see how it impacts public health practice. Report at end of session.</p>
 <p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Review bill and amendments. Allow our name to be used in opposition to the bill. No lobbying resources to be utilized.</p>
 <p><b>Actively Oppose</b></p>	<p>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.</p>