POLICY PRIORITIES
WE WILL LEAD

A strong, well-funded, well-staffed, resilient public health workforce is essential.

- Build and retain public health infrastructure through increased and more flexible public health funding (see separate Budget Priorities document)
- Preserve public health statutory responsibility for communicable disease control and other essential public health functions (i.e., uphold critical public health laws/regulations, and reverse damaging rollbacks of public health authority)
- Directly address gaps in health at both statewide and local community levels, emphasize root-cause prevention of those health gaps, and infuse health in all policies
- Recruit and retain public health workers in Wisconsin and create and improve protections for public health workers
- Support “best practice” public health policies, including, but not limited to immunization policies

For more information about WPHA-WALHDAB Policy Priorities or Budget Priorities, visit www.wpha.org/page/CurrentLegislative

WHO WE ARE

The Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) is the state’s largest professional membership organization for public health workers and includes those working in both governmental and nongovernmental sectors. The Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) is the professional organization representing leaders and workers in local governmental public health.

Public Health is what we do, collectively, to assure the conditions in which all people can be healthy. These conditions go far beyond access to quality healthcare or making individual healthy choices.

WPHA and WALHDAB understand that strong public policy in support of public health is essential to the health, wellbeing, and productivity of Wisconsin residents. But there is significant room for improvement. When Wisconsinites aren’t healthy, they’re not productive, their families and communities become less secure, and healthcare costs go up for everyone.

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