



ON THE FRONT LINES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO WE ARE

The Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) is a forum for metropolitan health department leaders to exchange strategies and jointly address issues to promote and protect the health and safety of their residents.

Collectively, BCHC's 35 member jurisdictions directly impact more than 61 million people, or one in five Americans.

WHAT WE DO

Foster strong collaboration between urban health departments.

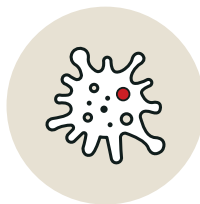
Provide leadership and expertise on complex, shared challenges.

Develop and share programs based on innovative, yet proven, models and best or promising practices.

Provide a unified voice on policy matters and advocate at the national level.

OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

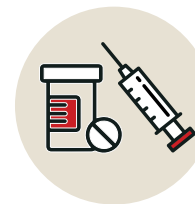
BCHC advocates for investment in public health infrastructure to enable it to build more equitable communities and sustainably address the most pressing public health needs. BCHC prioritizes supporting our public health system in the following areas:



COVID-19 and other infectious diseases



Emergency preparedness and response



Substance use disorder, incl. opioids



Tobacco and chronic disease



Violence prevention



Public health workforce & infrastructure



Racism, health equity & social determinants of health



City-level data modernization

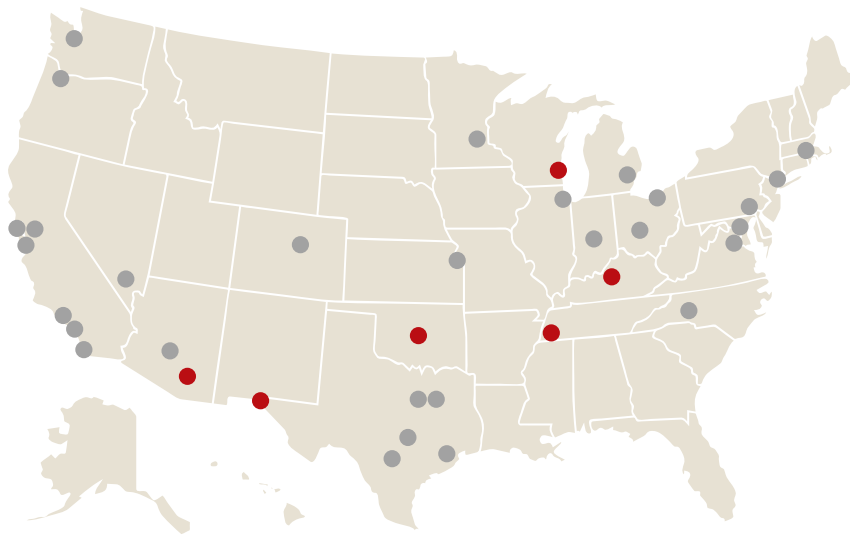
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35 MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

Cities highlighted in red joined in 2022.

Eligible members must have a minimum city population of 500,000, and the local health department must be locally controlled, not a state agency.

- Austin
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Charlotte (Mecklenburg Co)
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dallas (Co)
- Denver
- Detroit
- El Paso**
- Fort Worth (Tarrant Co)
- Houston
- Indianapolis (Marion Co)
- Kansas City
- Las Vegas (So NV Health Dist)
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles (Co)
- Louisville**
- Memphis (Shelby Co)**
- Milwaukee**
- Minneapolis
- New York City
- Oakland (Alameda Co)
- Oklahoma City (OKC-Co)**
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix (Maricopa Co)
- Portland (Multnomah Co)
- San Antonio
- San Diego (Co)
- San Francisco
- San Jose (Santa Clara Co)
- Seattle (Seattle-King Co)
- Tucson (Pima Co)**
- Washington, D.C.

WHY BIG CITIES

BCHC was founded in 2002 around the idea that there was something unique and different about big cities.

We still know that to be true today – due to their local nature, cities are ideally positioned to move more quickly and spur innovation. They impact the health of huge numbers of people. They raise their voices loudly and often to advocate for what is needed most to build safe, healthy, and equitable communities.



OUR LEADERSHIP



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