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

CONTACT US

General inquiries  info@bigcitieshealth.org | bigcitieshealth.org

Media inquiries  Elizabeth Green, Communications Director
egreen@bigcitieshealth.org | (301) 685-5071
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

Chrissie Juliano, MPP
Executive Director

Mysheika Roberts, MD, MPH
Columbus Health Commissioner
BCHC Chair

Philip Huang, MD, MPH
Director and Health Authority,
Dallas County
BCHC Chair-Elect

Allison Arwady, MD, MPH
Chicago Health Commissioner
BCHC Vice Chair

FOLLOW US

@BigCitiesHealth
bigcitieshealth.org

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.