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UPHA Gives Voice to Public Health Workers and the Community During Legislative Session

Salt Lake City, UT—Public health workers are an integral part of Utah’s healthcare network. In any given year, they interact directly and indirectly with approximately 100 percent of Utah’s community members through prevention and intervention. Over the last year, during the COVID-19 pandemic, public health workers’ interactions with the public have increased significantly, proving they are an invaluable and irreplaceable force in the health of our state.

“Our public health workers work tirelessly, day in and day out, providing boots-on-the-ground prevention and intervention healthcare services to the community, in the community,” said Carrie Butler, legislative advocate for Utah Public Health Association. “They’ve stepped up their efforts tremendously during the pandemic and we plan to give them, and the public they serve, a greater voice during this year’s legislative session.”

Strengthening Utah’s public health infrastructure is a Utah Public Health Association (UPHA) priority focus for 2021. Additional priorities include:

- Upholding critical public health laws and regulations
- Addressing racism as a public health crisis
- Increasing and protecting funding for vital public health agencies and programs
- Proposed consolidation of Utah Department of Human Services and Utah Department of Health—ensure efficiencies and improved health outcomes for Utahns

About: Utah Public Health Association has been protecting and improving public health, achieving health equity, and working toward healthier Utah communities for more than 100 years.

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