



Who are we?

- Utah Public Health Association (UPHA) is the largest public health organization in Utah and an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA).
- Public health workers provide essential prevention, intervention, and treatment services for the community, in the community.
- Our members include health educators, epidemiologists, health care providers, researchers, community health workers, community organizations, biologists, program administrators, contact tracers, and many others.

What do we do?

- We are committed to recruiting, training, connecting, and maintaining a strong public health workforce in Utah.
- For more than a century, we have hosted a preeminent annual Public Health Conference for Utah, sponsored by public, private, and nonprofit partners.
- Host annual Advocacy Academy and webinars to equip public health workers with a basic understanding of policy making and practices that save lives and money while, simultaneously, furthering positive public health.
- Our board, committees, and members promote quality public health programming, advocate for sound public health policy, and collaborate with community partners to protect the health of the citizens and the environment.

How can we help you?

- Our research, expertise, and boots-on-the-ground prevention and intervention experience helps inform policies, procedures, and funding to, in turn:
 - improve health outcomes
 - reduce health disparities
 - better lives throughout Utah in rural, urban, and suburban communities
 - research and monitor risk of injury and disease
 - stop/prevent problems
- We are available to educate, advise, discuss, and participate in interviews.

UPHA

1917

Combat **Typhoid Fever Epidemic** in Salt Lake County

1927

First week of May dedicated to promoting and conducting **statewide public health activities**

Possibly the first "**Public Health Week**" in the nation

ONGOING

Reduce disparities and improve public health outcomes to make Utah a healthy and safe place for all people to live, work, and play

Identify and implement programs that mitigate health crises

Mental health studies to include maternal health, **postpartum depression**, and steps to **prevent deaths by suicide** after giving birth

#1 Priority: Better **public health infrastructure**

2021 Legislative Priorities

- Uphold critical public health laws and regulations
- Address racism as a public health crisis
- Increase and protect funding:
 - for vital public health agencies and programs
 - to strengthen Utah's public health infrastructure
- Proposed consolidation of Utah Department of Human Services and Utah Department of Health—ensure efficiencies and improved health outcomes for Utahns

1916

Establish Utah Public Health Association and hold first **annual May meeting**

Collaborate with **American Red Cross** and **National Tuberculosis Association** to fight the **TB Epidemic**

1918–1919

Containment, prevention, and inoculation support specific to the **Spanish Flu**

1964

Declared a **non-profit association**, recognized by the State of Utah, "for the purpose of aiding in the **promotion and protection of the health of the people, to extend and develop health services** for the people of the State of Utah, and to provide for **scientific advancement**"

2020

Essential workers in the fight against the **COVID-19 pandemic**

Gather and **report spread** of virus, conduct **contact tracing**, identify and implement **testing procedures**, advise on **quarantine** and **isolation best practices**

Targeted **outreach** and **services** to **vulnerable populations**

Design and implement **vaccine distribution**, reaching **thousands of Utahns** within a few weeks