



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## MICHIGAN'S PREMIER PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

# MPPHC 2026

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Preconference: Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Port Huron, MI • Blue Water Convention Center

### **CONFERENCE THEME**

### **TOGETHER FOR HEALTH: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES IN AN ERA OF CHANGE**



Public health professionals are operating in an era of change; the purpose of this conference is to bring together the field across Michigan to share cutting-edge knowledge and strategies on environmental health, community engagement, infectious disease control, workforce development, health for all, and anything else that contributes to the health and safety of Michigan communities.

Please take this opportunity to share your evidence of best practices in the field of public health and all its partners, demonstrating the potential for collaboration and innovation in the future of the health of Michigan residents. Each year, we recognize the contributions of public health in Michigan communities, celebrate – especially in America250 – public health's achievements, and disseminate innovations in working with our community partners to improve the health of our state's citizens into the future.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
MARCH 27, 2026**

## AVAILABLE PRESENTATION FORMATS

### Concurrent Oral Presentation

A 60-minute session including time for questions and answers. In the interest of time, these presentations must limit their number of speakers to no more than three (3). A microphone(s), laptop, and projector will be provided for slide decks.

### Facilitated Discussion

A 60-minute session including time for questions and answers. These proposals must identify the discussion facilitator or moderator and the names of individuals on the panel.

### Poster Presentation

A poster display including an abstract, charts/graphs, and other illustrative information, to prompt in-depth discussion of a topic. Posters will be on display throughout the conference; there will also be designated poster sessions on the agenda.

### Lightning Talks Session

A session of multiple 5-minute presentations of the key findings and other highlights of a single project or paper. Following the Ignite model, each presenter has a maximum of 20 slides, auto-advancing every 15 seconds, to present within the five minutes. There are six lightning talk slots available.

***Note: No additional co-presenters may be added after a proposal is accepted.***

The abstract review team will evaluate proposals that address at least one of this year's conference outcomes (see page 3).

**Incomplete proposals will not be considered.**

The conference committee is interested in proposals for all of the above formats. Based on the evaluation of proposals by the committee, some presenters may be asked to be part of a panel to allow for multiple presentations on a similar theme.

The MPPHC Planning Committee will review all submissions; presenters will be notified regarding the status of their submission no later than **May 30, 2026**.

If you have additional questions, please contact MPPHC administration, Jodie Shaver at [jshaver@malph.org](mailto:jshaver@malph.org).

## CONFERENCE OUTCOME

Every learner will examine key milestones, movements, and lessons from the history of public health to identify the knowledge, skills, and collaborative strategies needed to build stronger and healthier communities today.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- (1)** Relate Michigan's public health history to contemporary public health practice and science;
- (2)** Explore strategies to support Michigan's public health workforce in a rapidly changing landscape;
- (3)** Examine best practices for engaging partners in building healthier communities;
- (4)** Describe approaches to effectively communicate with stakeholders to strengthen public health initiatives;
- (5)** Identify factors and characteristics of Michigan's diverse communities that can be used to inform effective public health interventions.

*The Michigan Premier Public Health Conference prides itself on bringing together professionals from a diverse array of fields of topic and life experiences.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 27**

Proposal submission deadline

**May 30**

Presenters notified of submission status

**July 6**

Conference registration opens

**September 30**

Deadline to submit slide decks and other materials

**October 7 - 9**

Preconference and conference dates

Students are encouraged to submit abstracts in collaboration with supervising faculty. Student submissions are required to have faculty approval prior to submission.

## SUBMISSION FAQS

### When will I know if my proposal has been accepted?

All presenters will be notified of the status of their submission on or around May 30, 2026.

### If my proposal is accepted, what is expected of me?

- After acceptance, lead presenter will receive a confirmation email; follow those instructions.
- **Each presenter** must submit a conflict-of-interest form, register for the conference, and reserve lodging if needed.
- Submit slide decks (and/or other materials) one week prior to conference.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

1. Identify lead presenter.
2. Determine which conference day and presentation format best fits your presentation.
3. Identify which conference objective(s) your presentation addresses.
4. Compile other presentation information:
  - o **Proposed presentation title:** This will be used for conference brochure.
  - o **Presenters:** Only three presenters total, including the lead, will be accepted. In addition to name and email, please provide the current title, affiliated organization, and highest degree earned for all presenters. Please note that no additional co-presenters may be added after the proposal is accepted. All presenters will be listed in conference brochure.
  - o **Presentation abstract:** Limit to 250 words or less. For graphs, charts, or additional materials, please attach using the file upload option in the form.
  - o **Presentation objectives:** Include two measurable objectives.
  - o **Brief presentation description:** Limit to 75 words. This will be used for conference brochure.
  - o **Audience interaction level:** Identify how your presentation will ensure interaction with the audience.
  - o **Knowledge, competence, and/or performance:** Describe how your presentation will enhance the knowledge, competency, and/or performance of the target audience.

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

*the MPPHC 2026 Call for Proposals is open from February 9th — March 27th*

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL  
ONLINE USING THIS  
APPLICATION FORM:

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