



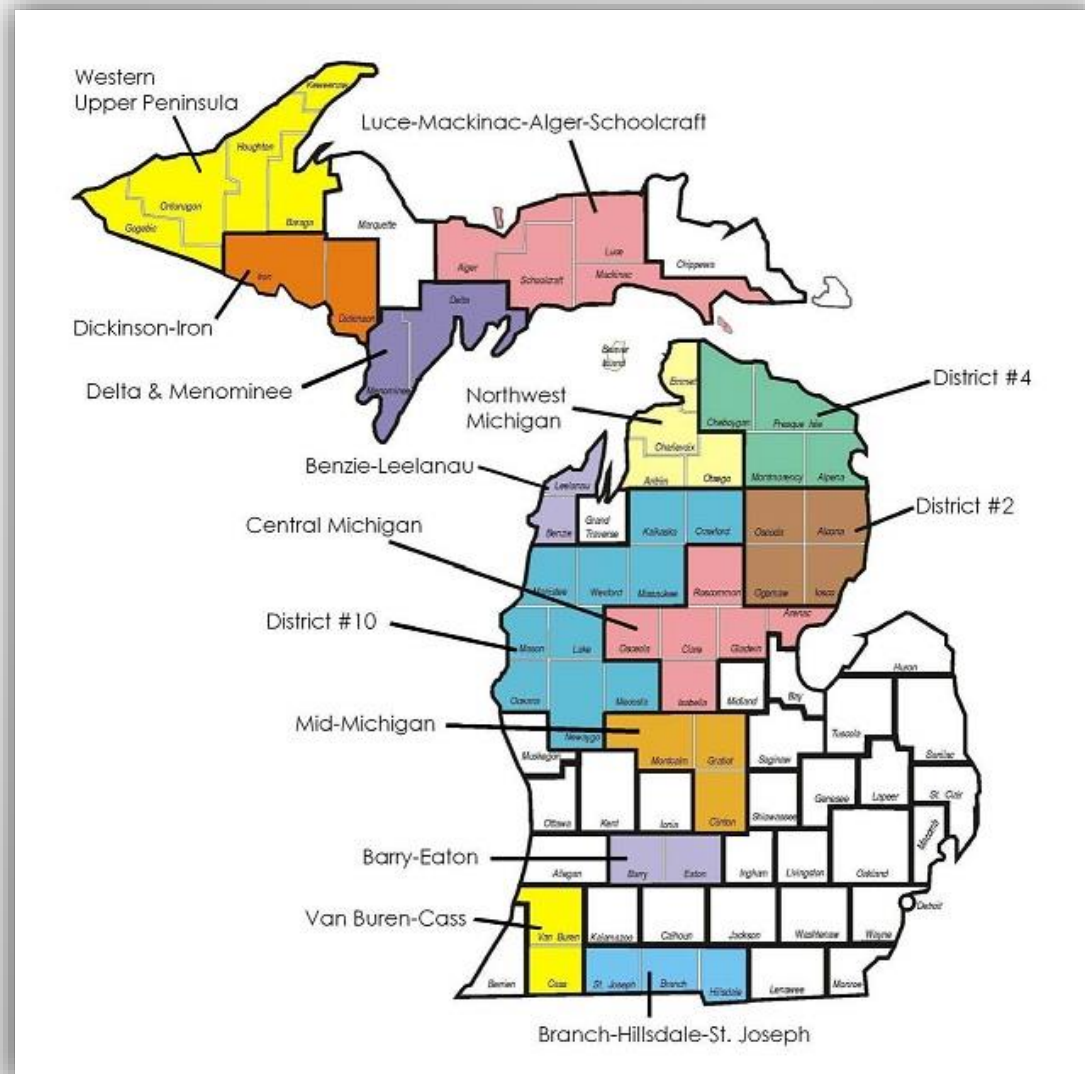
# Michigan Association for Local Public Health

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# What is MALPH?

- A professional association with full time executive director and staff
- The legislative and policy advocate for Michigan's local public health departments and all things public health
- The recognized liaison between Michigan's local health departments, the legislature, administration, MDHHS, MDEQ, MDARD, and other state departments and like-minded organizations (coalitions)
- A policy incubator for public health initiatives.
- The MALPH Board of Directors is comprised of all health officers who pay membership dues to financially support the association. Members and their staff also have the opportunity to be a member of a forum (community of practice) within MALPH's governance structure.

# Michigan Local Health Departments



# Primary Source of Funding

- Membership Dues
- State Grant/Project dollars
- Local Grant/Project dollars
- Michigan Health Endowment Fund
- Michigan Premier Public Health Conference
- Miscellaneous Grants

# Forums

**Administrator's Forum:** *Local public health administrative/finance professionals who provide guidance to MALPH regarding fiscal, planning, legislative, and policy issues while offering professional development opportunities to its membership.*

**Environmental Health (MALEHA):** *Environmental health administrators work closely with several state departments and provide essential front line services that impact public health in multiple environmental health program areas.*

**Health Education and Promotion:** *An advisory committee of MALPH, specifically focused on strengthening the field of health education and promotion in local health departments. Target membership includes professionals from the fields of health education, health promotion, nutrition, behavior health, nursing, health planning, communication, community health, public relations, social justice, substance abuse, and/or health policy.*

**Management Information Systems:** *A collaboration of local MIS professionals who meet to discuss trends and innovations in data management, discuss problems, and share common insights. The Forum provides guidance to MALPH and MDHHS on Information Technology issues. It seeks to enhance the professional development of its members.*

**Nurse Administrator's Forum:** *The purpose of the Nurse Administrators Forum is to enhance the health of Michigan citizens, based on our knowledge of Public Health Nursing practice, by providing effective leadership, collaboration, legislative outreach and professional mentoring for Public Health Nurse Administrators.*

**Public Health Physician's Forum:** *The physician forum (MAPPP) is composed of public health professionals – Medical directors, MDs, DOs, Veterinarians, and residency students with a primary focus in public health.*

# MALPH's Mission

*To strengthen Michigan's system of local public health departments and local governing boards.*



# MALPH's Legislative Agenda

*Encourage investment in Essential Local Public Health Services funding which encompass:*

- Drinking water safety
- Food safety
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting
- Groundwater safety and on-site sewage monitoring/control
- Immunization capacity
- Sexually transmitted disease control
- Hearing and vision services

*Implement a comprehensive Community Health Assessment program, anchored in the State Health Improvement Plan*

# MALPH's Legislative Agenda

*Support initiatives that prevent chronic and acute public health responses including:*

- Reducing infant mortality
- Reducing obesity
- Reducing chronic disease incidence and consequences
- Access to health screenings for early identification and intervention
- Actions to foster clean water, safe food, and sanitary housing
- Mitigating/abating environmental hazards (PFCs, VI, PCBs, PFAS, etc.)
- Promotion of electronic capacity which foster systematic efficiencies

*Support revenue sharing stewardship initiatives that ensure public funds are responsibly expended on tangible outcomes for the benefit of our communities, our environment, and our residents.*



# Legislative Watch 2018/19

- Essential Local Public Health Services (increase of \$4.2M)
- FY 2019 State's Budget
- Immunizations
- Vapor Intrusion
- PFAS/PFOA
- Lead
- Public Health Advisory Council
- Affordable Care Act (repeal)
- Healthy Michigan Plan
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
- Children's Health Insurance Program (MiChild)
- Vision screening (SB 411)
- Dental screening (HB 5241)
- Dogs on restaurant patios (SB 122)

# Policy Analysis - Reactive

- Essential Local Public Health Services
- Review all proposed legislation for impact
- It has been introduced, now what?
- Put it up against MALPH's legislative platform, e.g. food safety, environment, revenue sharing. Ask forums for their input.
- Investigate: seek the intention of the legislation/sponsor – call legislator's office/staff. (single sponsor, minority party, leadership, or where is the Governor on this issue?)
- Is it policy or politics?
- What is the position of our state partners?
- Take a position: actively support or oppose, oppose/support, neutral, or monitor. Testify.
- Seek amendments in favor of our platform
- Mobilize members/partners: MAC, MPCA, MSMS, MOA

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