

Michigan Association for Local Public Health

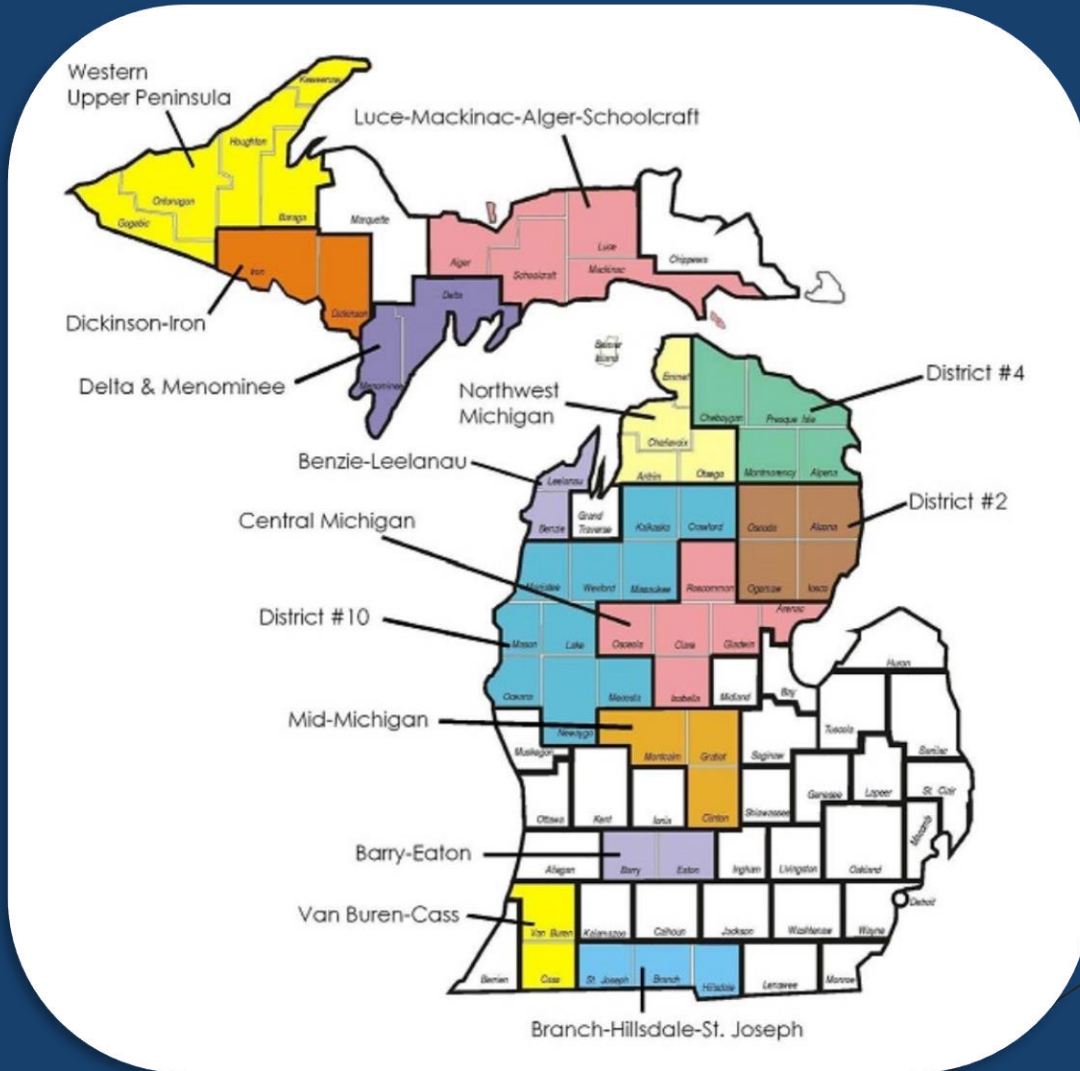
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What is MALPH?

- 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**
- **Environmental Health (MALEHA)**
- **Health Education and Promotion**
- **Management Information Systems**
- **Nurse Administrator's Forum (NAF)**
- **Public Health Physician's Forum (MAPPP)**
- **Emergency Preparedness Coordinators**
- **Public Information Officers**

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, lead, 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 2019/20

- Essential Local Public Health Services
- FY 2020 State's Budget
- Immunizations
- Vapor Intrusion
- PFAS/PFOA
- Hepatitis A Outbreak
- Lead
- Public Health Advisory Council
- Affordable Care Act (repeal)
- Healthy Michigan Plan
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
- Children's Health Insurance Program (MiChild)
- Pre-K Dental screening
- Statewide Sanitary Code
- Revenue Sharing
- Tobacco

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 (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, PIN



Thank You!