

# ME Public Health Association Advocacy

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# Outline

- MPHA Overview
- Issue-Based Member Sections
- Advocacy Work
- Resources FMI

# Maine Public Health Association

- Public health advocacy, education & professional development
- 500+ members, 30+ organizations
- Member benefits: Issue-based member sections, conference discount, mentoring program, weekly advocacy updates during session, members-only issue briefings & trainings, free job postings
- Visit [www.mainepublichealth.org/membership](http://www.mainepublichealth.org/membership)
- Contact [Heather.Drake@mainepublichealth.org](mailto:Heather.Drake@mainepublichealth.org) to learn more about membership

# Issue-Based Member Sections

- Obesity
  - Obesity is a chronic disease: Fact sheet & policymaker town hall (4/16)
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs
  - Substance use during COVID-19 fact sheet
- PH In Underserved Communities
  - Mental health impacts of COVID-19 on New Mainers (4/9)
- PH Infrastructure
  - Overview of Maine's public health system – ARCGIS story map
- Climate Change
  - Policymaker town hall about the Climate Action Plan (3/4)

# 2021 Policy Priorities

- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Public Health Funding, Workforce/Infrastructure/Data
- Equity
- Environmental Health/Climate Change

# Legislation/Advocacy – Past & Upcoming

- Serve on Maine Climate Council's Public Health Working Group & Equity Subcommittee
- Advocacy partners: Environmental Priorities Coalition, Flavors Hook Kids, Maine Lung Cancer Coalition, Maine Obesity Advisory Council, many others
- Submitted 40+ pieces of testimony so far this session
- Example Advocacy Issues (i.e., list is not exhaustive):
  - Tobacco
  - Equity: Racial impact statements, health care data
  - Environmental Health/PFAS/Climate change
  - Obesity
  - Voting reform
  - Housing – youth homelessness, affordability
  - Service fellowships

# Other Resources

- MPHA
  - Webinar Recordings on our YouTube station:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcf2iG7W5qIA2lhysC-sBag>
  - Webinars on New England Public Health Training Center's website:  
<https://www.nephtc.org>
  - Fact Sheets: <https://mainepublichealth.org/advocacy/>
- Maine Climate Council:  
<https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/climate-council>
- Flavors Hook Kids Maine
  - Website: <https://flavorhookkidsmaine.org/>
  - YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_uhgfWD7eE1PhezBrGbfmA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_uhgfWD7eE1PhezBrGbfmA)
  - To join/learn more, contact [info@flavorhookkidsmaine.org](mailto:info@flavorhookkidsmaine.org)

Thank you!

Other questions/comments?

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