WHAT IS THE BIG CITIES HEALTH COALITION?

The Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) is a forum for the leaders of America’s largest metropolitan health departments to exchange strategies and jointly address issues to promote and protect the health and safety of the more than 62 million people—or one in five Americans—they serve.

VISION

Healthy, more equitable communities through big city innovation and leadership.

MISSION

Advancing equity and health for present and future generations.

WHAT DOES THE COALITION DO?

Coalition members are on the front lines of public health in urban America, working each day to make it easier for people to get and stay healthy, and to be safe in their communities. These cities address a wide range of challenges everyday, including substance misuse, violence, and chronic and infectious disease. Health departments focus on prevention and lay the groundwork for healthy choices that keep people from getting sick or injured in the first place. They prepare for disasters, respond when public health emergencies occur, and lend support throughout the recovery process.
SPECIFICALLY, THE COALITION:

- Fosters strong collaboration between urban health departments;
- Provides for shared leadership and expertise on complex and often emerging public health challenges;
- Develops and shares best and promising practices; and
- Provides a unified voice on policy matters and takes advantage of advocacy opportunities primarily at the national level.

WHO IS PART OF THE COALITION?

Lead Health Officials from 30 big city health departments are members of BCHC

- Austin, TX
- Baltimore, MD
- Boston, MA
- Charlotte (Mecklenburg County), NC
- Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH
- Columbus, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Denver, CO
- Detroit, MI
- Fort Worth (Tarrant County), TX
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis (Marion County), IN
- Las Vegas (Clark County), NV
- Long Beach, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Kansas City, MO
- Miami (Miami-Dade County), FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- New York, NY
- Oakland (Alameda County), CA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix (Maricopa County), AZ
- Portland (Multnomah County), OR
- San Antonio, TX
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- San Jose (Santa Clara County), CA
- Seattle-King County, WA
- Washington, DC

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