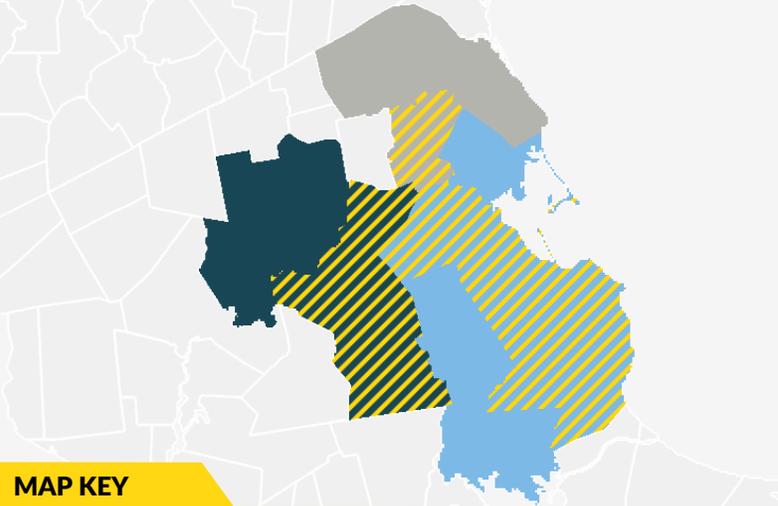


## REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

# KEEPING MASSACHUSETTS HEALTHY & SAFE

The PHE grant program (funded through line-item 4512-2022) helps cities and towns hire staff and obtain resources to serve entire regions, not just individual communities. This approach provides access to specialized staffing and resources and allows for more equitable and effective responses to public health crises.



### MAP KEY

- 12th Plymouth District:** Halifax, Kingston, Middleborough, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton
- Southern Plymouth County Public Health Excellence (PHE) Collaborative**
- Halifax Public Health Excellence Group**
- Marshfield Public Health Excellence (PHE) Grant Collaboration**

## HALIFAX PUBLIC HEALTH EXCELLENCE GROUP

Received PHE funding in:  
**2022**  
Participating Municipalities  
**6**

Population Served  
**97.9 K**  
\*2020 population, census data



### With PHE grant funding, the Group was able to:

- Develop a robust shared inspectional model that is highly collaborative and flexible, ensuring equitable service delivery and enabling all HPHEG towns to meet or exceed statutory reporting requirements.
- Implement quarterly local public health initiatives such as maternal and child health promotion and zoonotic disease prevention.
- Create data-driven initiatives to address the needs of Environmental Justice populations and meaningfully engage with community partners to affect structural change and improve health outcomes.
- Feel empowered to pursue local public health partnerships to improve lives.

## MARSHFIELD PHE GRANT COLLABORATION



Founded in  
**2022**  
Participating Municipalities  
**5**

Population Served  
**88.2 K**  
\*2020 population, census data

### With PHE grant funding, the Collaboration was able to:

- Scale up shared service inspectional services across all five participating municipalities, strengthening tobacco control and ensuring inspectional compliance.
- Expand health education and outreach through a Shared Public Health Nurse and a Shared Social Worker.
- Build internal capacity and increase collaboration across all five municipalities, priming the collaboration for greater future success through increased services and a reduction in health disparities across Collaboration.

## SOUTHERN PLYMOUTH COUNTY PHE COLLABORATIVE



Founded in  
**2021**  
Participating Municipalities  
**4**

Population Served  
**128.9 K**  
\*2020 population, census data

### With PHE grant funding, the Collaborative was able to:

- Improve local public health surveillance, collaboration, and service delivery by hiring a shared Epidemiologist and shared Social Worker.
- Pilot a Community Advisory Board (CAB) in Plymouth which has been successful in engaging with and amplifying the voices of community members who have historically been left out of the decision-making or policy-making. Based on its success, the Collaborative will expand its CAB to include Wareham.
- Hire two shared part-time Public Health Nurses, which has created increased opportunities for community outreach and engagement and new partnerships like Big Y to conduct vaccination clinics in areas of high need, such as Algonquin Heights.

# IT'S TIME FOR MASSACHUSETTS TO CREATE A 21ST-CENTURY LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM THAT CAN MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY – AND TOMORROW.

SAPHE 2.0 builds on a body of work undertaken by the executive branch, the legislature, municipal leaders, public health officials, and fiscal policy experts. This bill implements the unanimous recommendations of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health, as well as a key recommendation of the Joint Committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management's report. SAPHE 2.0 also serves as the roadmap for the legislature's \$200M ARPA investment in local and regional public health and provides the framework to realize an equitable and efficient local public health system that ensures strong public health protections for all residents, regardless of race, income, or zip code.

## MASSACHUSETTS IS IN THE MIDST OF TRANSFORMING OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. PASSING SAPHE 2.0 IS THE NEXT STEP!

- ✓ 2019: Report and Recommendations of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health: Blueprint for Public Health Excellence
- ✓ 2020: State Action for Public Health Excellence Act (SAPHE 1.0) enacted
- ✓ 2020: Legislature creates the first ever local public health line-item in the state budget
- ✓ 2021: State invests \$200M in ARPA dollars to support local public health infrastructure
- Next up: Pass SAPHE 2.0!

“ While some cities and towns have well-funded, professionally-staffed local public health departments, some local boards of health are staffed solely by volunteers, and others have only a single part time staff member. **This is always dangerous for public health, and during the pandemic the consequences were severe.**  
-Joint Committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management ”