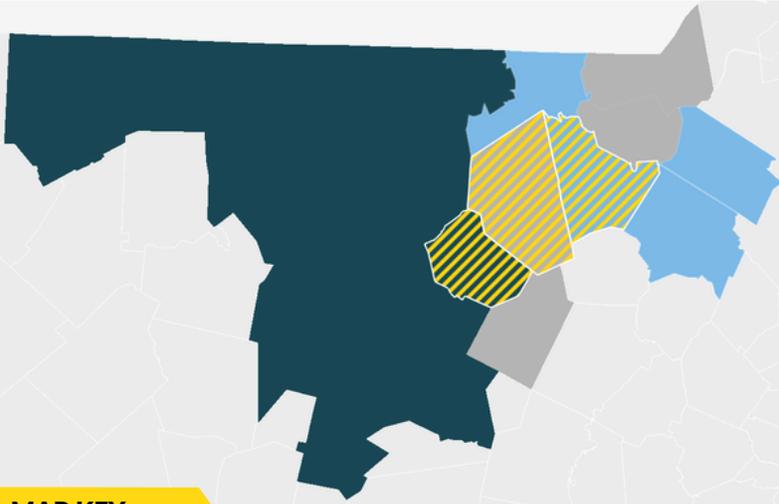


REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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

	2nd Middlesex District: Chelmsford, Littleton, Westford		Northeast Public Health Alliance
	Nashoba Associated Boards of Health		Northwest Public Health Coalition

NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH

Received PHE funding in:

2020

Participating Municipalities

16

Population Served

119.2 K

*2020 population, census data



With PHE grant funding, the Coalition was able to:



Partner with the Leominster Community Health Center (CHC) to launch a mobile harm reduction program to distribute Narcan and safe consumption supplies, as well as connect patients to wrap-around services.



Collaborate with Making Opportunity Count to support case management at the local EA shelter to identify vaccination gaps, connect residents to primary care, CHC services, and safety net services.



Launch a mental health first aid training program to cultivate peer leaders and address service gaps after recent hospital closures.



Establish a community resources hub, build communications plans for emergency preparedness, code red systems, and routine communications resources.

NORTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH COALITION



Founded in

2021

Participating Municipalities

4

Population Served

196.8 K

*2020 population, census data

With PHE grant funding, the Coalition was able to:



Hire two Regional Staff positions to strengthen regional inspection as well community health and wellness.



Lead community programming for Mental Health First Aid as well as Narcan training across the region.



Conduct regional inspections in addition to advancing health education across the region.



Develop a regional guide to connect residents with support and resources to address substance use disorder, mental health, and other health concerns.

NORTHEAST PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE



Founded in

2021

Participating Municipalities

4

Population Served

122.2 K

*2020 population, census data

With PHE grant funding, the Alliance was able to:



Expand Alliance staffing in order to meet Public Health Performance standards.



Support Food Protection & Housing with ServSafe Instructor certification.



Conduct Disease Control & Surveillance and public health service delivery such as blood pressure clinics, CPR programming, routine vaccine clinics, and resources for individuals with hoarding behavior.



Lead the buildout of social services, including resource guide development, hoarding case management, and expanding Narcan access.

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 ”