

Plymouth-Norfolk 5



Brockton, Abington, Avon, Stoughton, Whitman

Building Stronger Public Health Together

Through Public Health Excellence (PHE) funds, Plymouth-Norfolk 5 officially launched a regional effort to enhance public health across all five municipalities. With that foundation in place, the Plymouth-Norfolk 5 has already taken its first steps toward understanding community needs and building relationships with the legislators who shape public health policy and programs.

Understanding Community Needs

Improving community health starts with understanding what residents actually need. Plymouth-Norfolk 5 completed a Community Health Needs Assessment, **gathering data and direct input from residents across all five municipalities to identify the region's most pressing health challenges**, and used those findings to build a Community Health Improvement Plan, a **shared roadmap guiding the partnership's work moving forward**.



Making the Invisible Visible

Public health work often happens behind the scenes, which makes it easy for legislators to overlook just how much it shapes everyday life in their districts. **Elected officials need our eyes and ears, and the relationships built today shape the policy decisions of tomorrow.** The partnership hosted a legislative breakfast, giving health department staff from across all five municipalities the chance to **educate their legislators on what public health really is and why it matters**, while connecting directly to create the kind of dialogue that leads to real impact on public health.

“Post COVID-19 pandemic, tackling health inequity must be central to our collaborative efforts in addressing the social determinants of health.

Through the Shared Services, Plymouth-Norfolk 5 has overcome significant hurdles, enabling the jurisdiction to strengthen its public health infrastructure. That represents a significant step forward, bringing these municipalities closer to fulfilling the objectives of SAPHE 2.0 that the Healey-Driscoll Administration has signed into law!”

Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

