

*Consistent with our mission to unite and strengthen the voice for public health in Iowa, Iowa Public Health Association supports:*

## **A well & sustainably funded public health system that prioritizes the Essential Services of Public Health**

- Effective public health services depend on sustained and flexible funding that can be used to respond to community needs.
- IPHA will continue to monitor the merger between IDPH and IDHS and encourage a focus on community health strategies that benefit ALL Iowans.

## **Cross-sector actions that address the root causes of health inequities**

- Our greatest health challenges and solutions are highly complex and extend beyond the healthcare system.
- Improving the health of Iowans requires collaboration across health, economic, education, criminal justice, transportation, and other sectors.

## **Iowa's strong tradition of immunization as part of a healthy lifestyle**

- IPHA supports increasing immunizations to protect individual and community health and opposes legislation that may decrease Iowa's immunization rates.
- Support the mission of the IPHA-sponsored Iowa Immunizes Coalition to reduce and ultimately eliminate the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases.

## **Efforts to address Iowa's mental health crisis**

- The public health workforce has been hit particularly hard by the mental health impact of COVID response and requires flexible funding to address staff needs.
- COVID Recovery Iowa is a critical resource for all Iowans and should continue to be funded.