The Metro Denver Partnership for Health (MDPH) is a partnership among public health, health systems, and Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) serving more than 3 million people who live in the Denver metro area.

Why We Work Together
Health does not recognize county borders. We cannot achieve our mission of improving population health regionally without strong, multi-sector partnerships. MDPH also works alongside regional leaders in human services, health alliances, behavioral health, community-based service organizations (CBOs), environment, philanthropy, government, and education.

How We Achieve Impact
The MDPH Regional Collaborative Committee provides a platform for shared leadership, capacity building, and networking opportunities across all sectors within MDPH. The MDPH Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) Steering Committee includes executive leaders from each public health agency who work together on shared public health priorities.

These two committees guide MDPH’s strategic direction, identify gaps and emerging opportunities for current and new topic-specific workgroups, and ensure MDPH is proactively improving health and addressing inequities in metro Denver. The Colorado Health Institute provides facilitation, strategic services, and administrative support for MDPH.

Our 2022 Priority Areas

- **Health Equity**
  Achieve health equity and environmental justice and embed equity at all levels, including leadership

- **Immunizations**
  Address inequitable outcomes of COVID-19 by promoting vaccination through community-based ambassador organizations

- **Behavioral Health**
  Reduce stigma associated with mental health among Latinx and African American adults

- **Social Health Information Exchange**
  Help address unmet social needs more effectively and efficiently by connecting health care, human services, and CBOs to coordinate care

- **Climate Change**
  Increase awareness of the impact of climate change on health through capacity building, policy development, and communications and outreach

- **Healthy Eating Active Living**
  Address health inequities and unhealthy childhood weight experienced by children and communities of color through the Healthy Beverage Partnership

- **Early Childhood**
  Support maternal and child health initiatives, including prevention programming and collaboration with other regional efforts

- **COVID-19**
  Respond to COVID-19 emerging issues as needed (may be through specific workgroups or initiatives)
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**Goals**

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- Improved partnership and collaboration among sectors
- Increased alignment in our public health, assessment, and population-level implementation plans, resulting in increased efficiency and consistency in engaging with our communities
- Reduced burden on community members and MDPH stakeholders by providing a single venue for public engagement
- Pooled resources and improved funding reach
- Better awareness and capacity to address health equity needs leading to decreased health disparities
- Increased trust, respect, and commitment among partners in all roles
- Improved and accessible data at a regional level
- **Improved health outcomes**

**Getting Involved: Current Partners and Goals**

**Current Partners**

**LPHAs:**
- Boulder County Public Health
- Broomfield County Public Health and Environment
- Denver Department of Public Health & Environment
- Jefferson County Public Health
- Public Health Institute at Denver Health
- Tri-County Health Department

**RAEs:**
- Colorado Access and Colorado Community Health Alliance

**Health Systems:**
- Centura Health
- Children’s Hospital Colorado
- Denver Health, HealthONE
- Kaiser Permanente
- National Jewish Health
- SCL Health
- UCHealth

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If you are interested in learning more or joining MDPH, please reach out to Nicole Weber at webern@coloradohealthinsitute.org

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