

California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Healthy People in Healthy and Equitable Communities

The mission of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) is to strengthen the ability of California Physician Health Officers to serve as public health leaders and experts, shape public health practice and structure, and protect and promote the health and well-being of all people and communities in California. CCLHO is committed to ensuring that local Health Officers and the jurisdictions in which they serve have the information, resources, support and authority necessary to fulfill their unique and vital functions to ensure the protection of the public's health and safety through the following core functions.

- Investigation and control of communicable diseases, both epidemic and endemic, including new diseases and re-emerging diseases.
- Monitor and assess the health of the population through surveillance, epidemiology, and laboratory capacity to facilitate planning and conduct activities that improve the health of the community, prevent outbreaks, and reduce morbidity and premature deaths.
- Prepare for, respond to, mitigate the consequences of, and recover from, medical and/or health emergencies and disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, fires, communicable disease outbreaks and potential bioterrorist activities.
- Protect and promote healthy environments; ensure food safety, air and water quality; manage hazardous materials, mosquito and vector control, and medical and non-medical waste.
- Promote healthful behavior, including good nutrition practices and physical activity, to reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer, as well as prevent injuries such as motor vehicle crashes, falls and poisonings/overdoses.



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Who are California's Local Health Officers?

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) is an organization of 61 legally appointed city and county physician Health Officers, as established in 1947 by statute (California Health and Safety Code Sections 100290, 100295, 100925 and 100950), who advise the Department of Health Services (now Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health.

The membership of CCLHO includes all appointed physician Health Officers in California, one from each of the 58 counties and three cities of Berkeley, Long Beach, and Pasadena. CCLHO provides a state/local forum for the discussion of significant health issues in order to develop recommendations

for health policy, including legislative and regulatory review. The full membership of CCLHO meets semiannually, and its Board of Directors meets monthly. Its various program committees consider technical and policy issues in communicable disease control and prevention; chronic disease and injury prevention; environmental health; emergency preparedness and response; and health information and data.

A local health officer directory is included on the backside of this publication. The next CCLHO Semiannual Meeting will be held in Bakersfield, California, May 3-5, 2017, at the Bakersfield Marriot at the Convention Center.

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