

# The Idaho Public Health Association (IPHA) needs your help.

As the oldest, continuously functioning nonprofit organization dedicated to public health, IPHA fights for the health and safety of every Idaho citizen through advocacy, education and research.

From vaccination awareness and disaster preparedness, to health promotion and prevention of chronic disease, IPHA is your public health guardian.

IPHA cannot do this important work alone. Your support for public health has never been more important. Critical public health issues in Idaho currently addressed by IPHA programs and outreach include:

- Lack of health insurance and/or underinsurance
- Health care reform
- Barriers to access of health care services such as distance
- The epidemic of chronic diseases such as diabetes and obesity
- The aging workforce and shortage of health care professionals in our state
- Threats of bioterrorism
- Infectious disease concerns such as pandemic flu and West Nile virus.



IPHA addresses these issues by:

- Linking key people and resources
- Providing legislative testimony
- Producing science-based research and policy reports
- Providing non-partisan weekly legislative updates and action alerts
- Creating public awareness of public health issues through events such Idaho Public Health Day and the Get Ready campaign
- Keeping members and stakeholders informed by providing a website updates and monthly e-newsletters
- Sponsoring an annual public health conference in collaboration with other health associations
- Funding student scholarships
- Writing grants to study important public health issues
- Conducting public health research.

The IPHA Board of Directors and membership includes public health, medical and legal professionals, students and other concerned Idahoans who are dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of our citizens.

IPHA is a reliable source of public health information, a trusted voice in the health care arena, an educational resource to our public health workforce, and a proven convener of partners that work together to promote healthy communities.

**Without public health, there can be no individual health.** Every Idahoan has a reason and a responsibility to stay informed and participate in the public health debate.

Your tax-deductible donation to IPHA is tangible evidence of your commitment to public health and will help ensure a healthy Idaho for generations to come.



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*“Idaho’s rural and rugged frontier geography necessitates that health care community partners collaborate to maximize our widely dispersed and often scarce resources. Recently, the Idaho Nurses Association has enjoyed enhanced professional collaboration through co-sponsoring our annual conference with the Idaho Public Health Association. This collaboration has allowed cross-fertilization of disciplines and illustrated that nursing IS public health.”*

Jeri L. Bigbee, PhD, RN  
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*“The IPHA Legislative Update helps us stay in touch with key public health issues being discussed in the Legislature and alerts us to opportunities for educating law makers on key public health issues.”*

Don Kemper, CEO Healthwise



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## Healthy People Build Strong Communities Campaign



## Idaho Public Health Association Case For Support

