

Minnesota Public Health Corps

Addressing gaps to improve community health



Minnesota Public Health Corps (MNPHC) serves a dual purpose –

- 1) to increase immediate capacity within the public health field to deliver equitable service, and**
- 2) to create a diverse pipeline of future public health employees.**

Workforce extension and expansion

With a priority on serving socially vulnerable populations, 150 members will deliver critical services around community engagement and community health needs assessment. They'll provide increased capacity for sustained COVID-19 response and recovery at more than 60 partner locations throughout the state.

Pipeline toward a sustainable workforce

Public Health Corps will benefit from a partnership with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health which will provide expert training and individualized career planning for AmeriCorps members. We'll also partner with community organizations as a strategy to achieving health equity by recruiting a corps with a shared life experience in the communities they serve.

Service with Public Health Corps will create pathways to post-secondary education in public health. After service, 90 AmeriCorps members will pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

The acute lack of capacity in public health related to COVID is indicative of a larger capacity gap within the public health sector. In the last 10 years, state and local health departments have lost 15% of their essential staff (PHNCI, 2021).

ServeMinnesota requests \$1M in the current year and \$750,000 in each of the next two years to increase the AmeriCorps member living allowance to the equivalent of \$15/hour, making service an equitable opportunity for more individuals.

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