



Care for the Common Good

Investment in Public Health Is Critical to Our Nation's Safety and Economic Health

A healthy economy requires **healthy citizens.**



- ♥ To control the COVID-19 pandemic, we must develop, produce and deploy a safe and effective vaccine. **Success depends on if Americans are vaccinated.**
- ♥ In the face of a pandemic, efforts to address mental health and substance use disorders **must be accelerated.**
- ♥ **Smoking and vaping worsen** the health of all communities (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic).



- ✚ As regional economies reopen, **public health guidance must be prioritized.**
- ✚ **Public health infrastructure must be prepared** for mass deployment of a COVID-19 vaccine equitably across all populations.
- ✚ The issue of **implicit bias must be addressed** in the health care delivery system.

! **All leaders, including those elected, are important role models** and should follow recommended public health measures.



! **Racism is a public health crisis.**

! Due to COVID-19, the rate of **drug overdoses** is once again **on the rise.**

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/07/15/up-shot/drug-overdose-deaths.html>

👁️ Our Public Health system should be **adequately funded** to beat COVID-19 and prepare for other threats.

👁️ **Investment in public health** is critical to improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations.

👁️ **Health disparities** amount to \$93B in excess medical costs and \$42B in economic losses from premature deaths.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation. "Disparities in Health and Health Care: Five Key Questions and Answers." March 2020.

