

# 2019 LEGAL EPIDEMIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

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**WELCOME**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

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# SESSION 1

## Working for Health at the City Level

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# WHAT IS CITYHEALTH?

- **An initiative** of the de Beaumont Foundation and Kaiser Permanente that aims **to help cities thrive** through policies that improve people's day-to-day lives.
- **A package of nine policy recommendations** with significant potential to boost health, well-being, and quality of life by addressing the key social determinants.



# What We Do: Accountability & Action

- **Assess** how the 40 largest US cities stack up by the number and quality of their policies.
- Award gold, silver, bronze, or no medal overall and in each of our policy areas.
- **Support cities** who want to take action on implementing these policies

## **Pragmatic, Achievable, Aspirational:**

- ✓ The **evidence base** of policies that address the **key determinants of health**
- ✓ Must be under the **cities' jurisdictional authority** and precedent
- ✓ Analysis by a policy advisory committee





# CITY HEALTH'S NINE POLICIES



Affordable Housing



Alcohol Sales Control



Complete Streets



Earned Sick Leave



Food Safety/Restaurant  
Inspection Rating



Healthy Food Procurement



High-Quality Universal Pre-K



Smoke Free Indoor Air



Tobacco 21

A background image showing a city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings, partially obscured by lush green trees in the foreground. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

# CITYHEALTH'S PROCESS



# SCORING CITIES' POLICIES

## THREE CORE STEPS:

- 1** Collect and code all relevant laws, statutes, executive orders and regulations in each of the 40 cities.
- 2** Work with leading national issue experts to set scoring criteria; sort policies into gold, silver, bronze and no-medal categories.
- 3** Provide city leaders with an opportunity to vet their assessments for accuracy.

# HOW OVERALL MEDALS ARE AWARDED



**City received 5 or more gold medals across each of the 9 policies**



**City received 5 or more gold or silver medals across each of the 9 policies**
























**City received 4 or more gold, silver, or bronze medals across each of the 9 policies**

A photograph of the Pittsburgh skyline at night, featuring the illuminated towers of the Gateway Bridge over the Allegheny River. The bridge's lights reflect on the water, and city buildings are visible in the background under a dark blue sky.

# 2018 KEY FINDINGS




# OVERALL MEDAL SCORES

 Boston, MA	 Kansas City, MO	 Albuquerque, NM
 Chicago, IL	 Long Beach, CA	 Atlanta, GA
 Los Angeles, CA	 Philadelphia, PA	 Baltimore, MD
 New York, NY	 Sacramento, CA	 Austin, TX
 San Jose, CA	 San Antonio, TX	 Charlotte, NC
	 San Diego, CA	 Denver, CO
	 San Francisco, CA	 Fresno, CA
	 Seattle, WA	 Houston, TX
	 Washington, DC	 Louisville, KY
		 Milwaukee, WI
		 Portland, OR

# CITIES THAT MOVED UP IN 2018

## 10 CITIES WITH IMPROVED OVERALL MEDAL STATUS *from 2017 to 2018*

- 
- Albuquerque
  - Austin
  - Kansas City
  - Long Beach
  - Louisville
  - Milwaukee
  - Portland
  - San Antonio
  - San Jose
  - Seattle



# POLICY MEDALS

In just one year,  
cities earned 24  
new policy  
medals.



**24 NEW  
MEDALS  
IN 1 YEAR**







# The Future: Getting All to Gold

- **Expanding to 75 cities**
- **Updating and enhancing policy package**
- **Creating an “Opt In” program for smaller cities** Technical
- **Technical Assistance, issue campaigns & learning networks**



# Supporting Local Health Department Efforts in Law and Policy

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# Who is NACCHO?

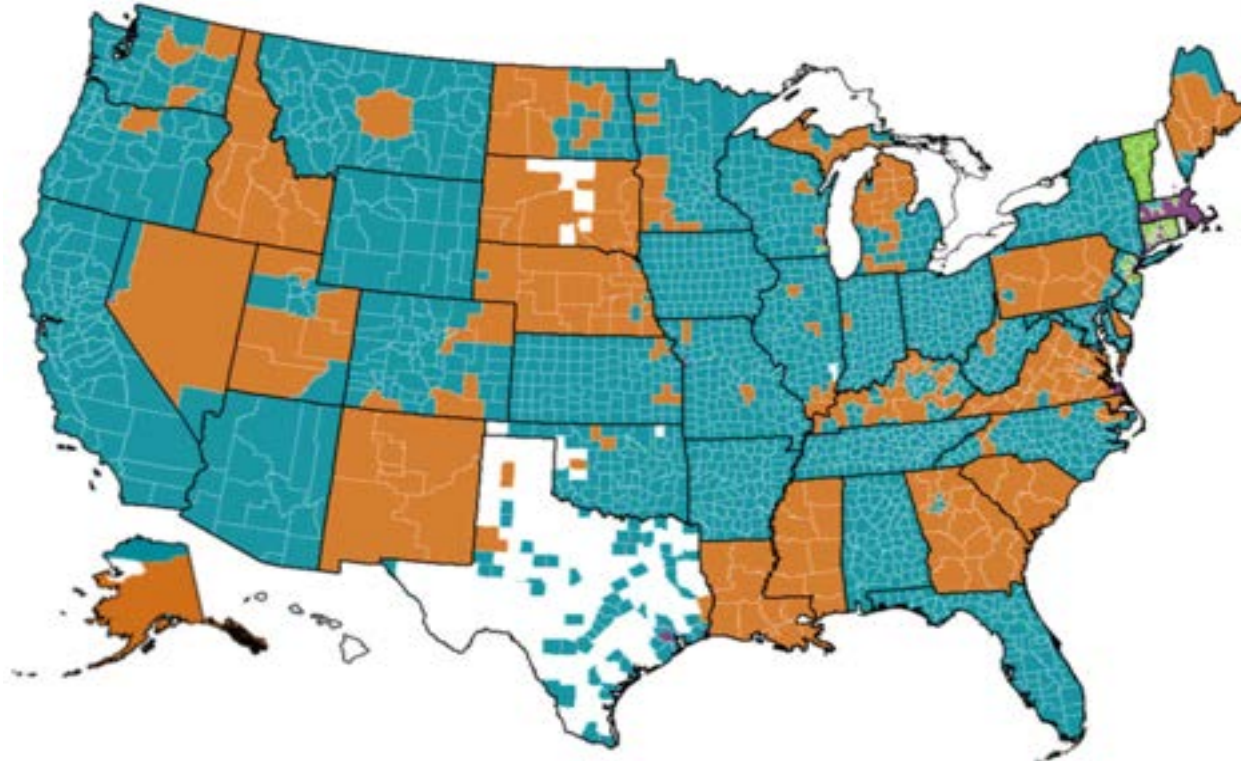


# Mission

NACCHO is comprised of nearly **3,000** local health departments across the United States.

Our mission is to serve as a **leader**, **partner**, **catalyst**, and **voice** with local health departments.

# Geographic Jurisdictions Served by Local Health Departments (LHDs)

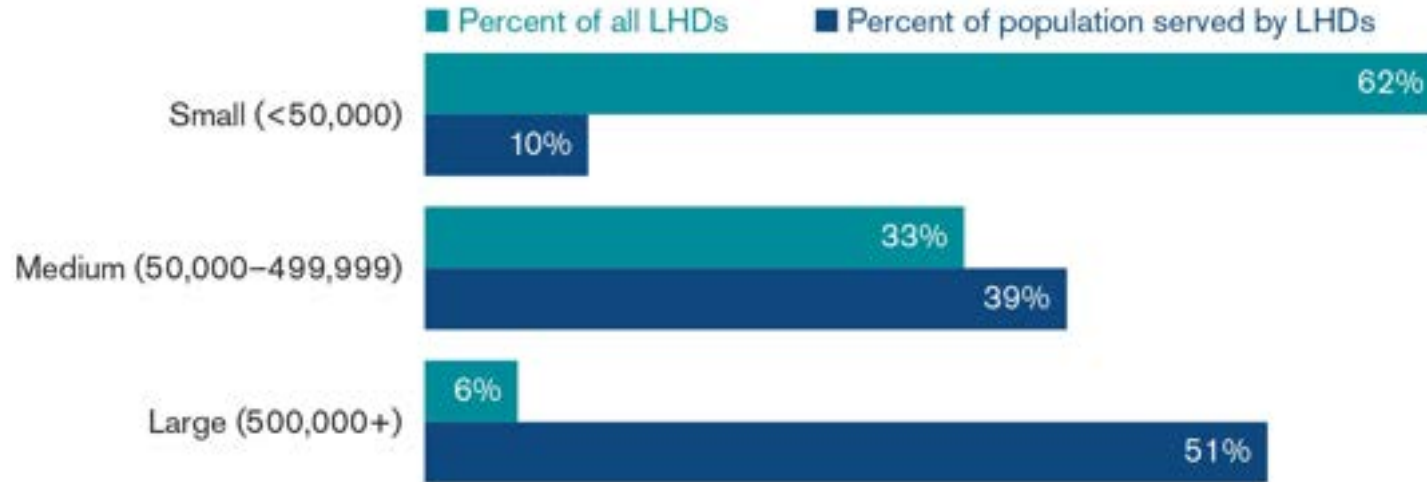


Source: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2016 National Profile of Local Health Departments

■ City or town ■ County ■ Multi-city ■ Multi-county

# LHD Landscape

## Percent of U.S. population served by LHDs



N=2,533

Source: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2016 National Profile of Local Health Departments

# Essential Public Health Services



# Current LHD Capacity in Law and Policy

Traditional  
Public Health  
Legal Practice

Legal  
Epidemiology



# Common Challenges Facing LHDs

Creating/Accessing Local Legal Databases

Navigating Resource Limitations

Building Local Momentum

Plotting Next Steps in Law and Policy Adoption Process

# NACCHO's Roles in Supporting LHD Efforts

Distributor of  
Resources and  
Ideas

Model  
Practices

Programmatic  
Tool  
Development

Convener

National  
Conferences

Local  
Partnerships

Advocate

Policy  
Statements

Newsletters

Trainer

Workshops

Webinars



**Thank You!**

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# NLC

## WHO WE ARE

**The National League of Cities (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people across the country.**





***Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority.***







***Preemption  
violates the spirit  
of Home Rule and  
local self-  
governance.***








***Preemption  
undermines faith in  
local democracy.***





***Preemption limits  
policy  
experimentation and  
innovation.***





- PSP AIM: Use legal epidemiology methods to create a longitudinal dataset analyzing and tracking preemption laws in 11 domains across the country.
- NLC AIM: Use legal data to shape state and national discussions/increase national awareness of state preemption and support efforts to thwart state preemptive activity by providing coordinated and timely info and data on the impact of preemption on health and health equity.

Preemption Question Development Table

Order	Variable Name	Question	Possible Answers	Internal Notes**	Question Type
1 (P)	IZ_Mandatory	Does the law preempt mandatory inclusionary zoning?	Yes No		Binary – Mutually Exclusive
2 (C)	IZ_Exist	Does preemption apply to existing developments?	Yes No		Binary – Mutually Exclusive
3 (C)	IZ_New	Does preemption apply to new developments?	Yes No		Binary – Mutually Exclusive
4 (C)	IZ_Type	What types of residential units are preempted?	Rental Owner-occupied Types of residential units not specified		Categorical – Select All that Apply
5 (C)	IZ_Exceptions	What kinds of exceptions are in the law?	Density Bonus Incentives Voluntary Programs None	Define incentives	Categorical – Select All that Apply

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