



**Indiana**  
**Department**  
**of**  
**Health**

**GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC  
HEALTH COMMISSION:  
LISTENING TOUR**

## OUR MISSION:

To promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers.

## OUR VISION:

Every Hoosier reaches optimal health regardless of where they live, learn, work, or play.



# Ten Great Achievements in Public Health

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**Control of  
Infectious Diseases**



**Family  
Planning**



**Healthier Mothers  
and Babies**



**Motor Vehicle  
Safety**



**Tobacco as a  
Health Hazard**



**Declines in deaths from  
heart disease and stroke**



**Fluoridation of  
Drinking Water**



**Immunizations**



**Safer and  
Healthier Foods**



**Workplace  
Safety**



# U.S. News and World Report 2021 Best States Ranking, Indiana ranks 32<sup>nd</sup>

## Achievements

- Affordability #6
- Opportunity #7
- Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade #9
- Growth of the economy #19
- Public safety #25

## Opportunities

- Health care access #23
- Health care quality #27
- Air quality #38
- **Public health #40**
- Pollution #48

# Governor's Public Health Commission

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- Executive Order 21-21 established a 15-member commission to study public health, hear testimony, and make recommendations. Dr. Judy Monroe and Sen. Luke Kenley are Co-Chairs, and Congresswoman Susan Brooks serves as Citizen Advisor.
- Our mandate is to generate a report by late next summer that:
  1. Analyzes Indiana's current public health system, including strengths and weaknesses;
  2. Makes recommendations to improve the delivery of public health services, address funding challenges, promote health equity, and ensure the sustainability of our local health departments;
  3. Analyzes the performance of state and LHDs during the 2019 Coronavirus Pandemic and make recommendations to ensure Indiana is well positioned for future emergencies; and
  4. Proposes draft bill language for future legislation to address these recommendations for 2023 session.

# Workstreams

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- Emergency preparedness
- Governance, structure, and services
- Funding and financing
- Data and information integration
- Healthcare and public health workforce
- Childhood and adolescent health integration

# Purpose of Today's Hearing

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Gather input on citizen experience with public health to help inform the work of the Governor's Public Health Commission

# Hearing Guidelines

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- Provide your sign-in sheet to one of the IDOH staff
- All testimony is limited to **3 minutes** and must be on the topics of the Commission
- Additional testimony can be offered in writing and given to IDOH staff
- The hearing officer will notify the speaker when time is up and provide a 30-second notice