

CONFERENCE FAQs

What is the Public Health Law Conference?

Communities are at the heart of public health, and the 2027 Public Health Law Conference puts them at the center. This year's theme, *Community Power and Resilience*, honors the communities, health departments, and coalitions that have kept working to protect the health of their neighbors. They've done this while federal executive orders, funding cuts, and grant terminations disrupted programs, shrank the public health workforce, and restricted the language and data used to describe and address health disparities.

Taking place October 4 – 6 in Detroit, a city whose residents have long shown what organizing and neighborhood leadership can achieve, the conference brings together community-led organizations, advocates, public health leaders and practitioners, attorneys, policymakers, researchers, and health care providers from across the country.

Conference goals include:

- Sharing strategies to build and share power with communities.
- Defending hard-won gains in public health and health equity.
- Strengthening the legal and policy tools that keep communities healthy.

Who should attend?

The conference is ideal for:

- Community-led organizations and coalitions
- Advocates from public health and beyond
- Public health leaders and practitioners
- Attorneys and policymakers
- Researchers, academics, and students
- Health care providers

If you use law and policy to protect and improve health, or want to, this conference is for you.

Where can I find the schedule?

The full agenda is available on the [conference website]. We recommend bookmarking or downloading it in advance. A printed version will be available at registration and on the conference mobile app.

Where can I find more conference details (e.g., hotel info, session times, venue FAQs)?

Visit the official conference website: [2027 conference URL]

You'll find everything you need there, including:

- Hotel and travel information
- Session descriptions and times
- Speaker bios
- Venue details and accessibility information

What should I wear?

Business casual attire is recommended. Some evening receptions may be more formal, so check the agenda for any dress code notes. Comfortable shoes are encouraged, as the venue may require a fair amount of walking. Detroit in early October can be cool, so consider bringing a light jacket.

When should I arrive each day?

We recommend arriving at least 20–30 minutes early, especially on the first day, to allow time for check-in and navigating the venue.

Are meals provided?

Yes. The conference provides breakfast, lunch, and refreshments during breaks. The [Opening Celebration and Conference Reception] will include light food and beverages. Check the agenda for mealtimes and details.

Can I attend any session I want?

Yes. Unless otherwise noted, participants are welcome to attend any session. Some sessions may have limited seating, so we encourage arriving early for those of particular interest.

Will there be networking opportunities?

Absolutely. Connecting with colleagues is at the heart of this conference. You'll have opportunities to meet other attendees during meals, breaks, receptions, and dedicated networking sessions like conference roundtables.

What should I bring each day?

- Conference badge
- Agenda (printed or digital)
- Business cards
- Notebook or device for notes
- Refillable water bottle
- Portable phone charger

Will there be social media engagement?

Yes. Participants are encouraged to share their conference experience on platforms like LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Bluesky, and X.

Use the official hashtags:

- #PHLC2027
- #PublicHealthLawConference2027

Please be mindful of tone and avoid posting photos of others without their permission.

Who can I contact with questions during the event?

Conference staff will be available at the registration desk throughout the event. You can also visit the Network for Public Health Law table in the exhibit area for help or directions.