

“ Research!America salutes all those who work in public health, devoting their talents and expertise to improving the quality of life of Americans. Public Health Thank You Day is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the people who help save lives during natural disasters, protect us from disease threats and boost the health and prosperity of communities across the country.

Mary Woolley

President and CEO, Research!America

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ASM thanks those who put themselves at risk around the globe to prevent and fight the spread of emerging infectious diseases like Zika and Ebola. Working on the ground with key public sector actors like CDC and AfricaCDC (among others) philanthropic and industry partners our members are committed to on-going efforts to strengthen the infrastructure and global workforce to ensure a healthy lives and security.

Stefano Bertuzzi, PhD, MPH

CEO, American Society for Microbiology

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Public health is often invisible to communities until a crisis becomes apparent-as when violence shatters communities, contaminated drinking water causes disease, policies place individual interests over public good, and communities ignore the social determinants of health, illness, and access to basic health care. The science of public health enables providers to more effectively utilize advances in medical care by acknowledging that a community zip code is as important to health status as the genetic code of a person who resides there. The alignment of public health science and medical science may be the most important contemporary factor globally to assure the health of the public! Illuminating the value of public health and public health providers to the health status of every global citizen is the most important message we can offer for Public Health Thank You Day!

Ann Cary, PhD, MPH, RN, FNAP, FAAN

Dean and Professor, University of Missouri Kansas City,
School of Nursing and Health Studies

Chair of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

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“ Public health workers – from the CDC, to the Commissioned Corps, to those who perform vitally important work at state and local public health agencies – are the honorable foot soldiers in America’s campaign to protect and improve health. Think about just this past year, when they have helped the nation grapple with the effects of devastating hurricanes; flu and measles outbreaks; the opioid epidemic; gun violence, and so much more. These people need real staying power, and our support, to fight the battles ahead as we as a nation also confront longstanding chronic disease challenges such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and mental illness. Health care providers save individual lives; public health workers help to save the lives of millions. Thank you for all you do!

Susan Dentzer

President & Chief Executive Officer,
Network for Excellence in Health Innovation

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I am grateful for the efforts made by the Public Health community – improved access to clean water and healthy housing, continual progress in the battles against infectious and communicable diseases, ongoing efforts to diminish the impact of smoking, obesity, and sedentary lifestyles. Frightening to contemplate what life would be like without the daily impact made by our Public Health professionals.

Susan Fitzpatrick, PhD

President, James S. McDonnell Foundation

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Public health researchers help turn scientific discoveries into health education, prevention, and treatment programs to benefit all Americans. They enhance our ability to prevent and treat heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders, and we give thanks for their life-saving efforts on #PHTYD—and every day!

Gary Gibbons, MD

Director, National Heart, Lung and
Blood Institute, NIH

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“ We are fortunate to live in a time when—thanks to scientific advances that have produced lifesaving vaccines and treatments—we can actually begin to imagine a disease-free world. We are especially grateful to our grantees and collaborators who are training the next generation of global health leaders to solve the world’s most pressing problems and improve the health of people everywhere. Thank you for all you do!

Roger I. Glass, MD, PhD

Director, Fogarty International Center, NIH

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To deliver on its mission of improving public health through research, the NIH/NIMH supports the career development of young scientists through a variety of hands-on traineeships and grant programs. Raising a scientist, like raising a child, takes time, attention to developmental stage, caring mentorship, and money.

Joshua Gordon, MD, PhD

Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH

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“ Public health professionals across the nation and globe lead the way in preventing disease and injury, fostering community health and conducting vital research. Thank you today and every day for your commitment, dedication, and hard work.

Larry Hausner, MBA
President, ConStratFormer

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The quintessential role Public Health Professionals play in ensuring the health and well-being of Americans and individuals throughout the world is gratefully acknowledged on this special day. Thank you, Public Health Professionals, for your dedication to such a noble cause.

Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD
President, Shepherd University

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The strength of our public health system lies squarely in its workforce. Nurses, who are the largest subset of that workforce, are dedicated and meaningfully impact practice. Whether they are providing care, conducting research, participating in outreach or in education, or developing and implementing policy nurses play a crucial role in advancing individual and population health. It is a privilege to thank these men and women, and everyone working to meet community health needs, for their many contributions to our nation and world.

Martha Hill, RN, PhD

Dean Emerita, The Johns Hopkins
University School of Nursing

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As director of AHRQ, I join today in saluting public health professionals here in the U.S. and across the world. AHRQ is committed to working with public health professionals and helping to meet their needs in an increasingly digital health care landscape. Public health professionals are a critical part of the continuum of care, from prevention to palliative care, and their efforts are essential to improving the quality, safety, and value of the services patients receive.

Gopal Khanna, MBA

Director, Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality

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From identifying and preparing for public health challenges, to tackling every epidemic and illness that threatens Americans, old and young, our frontline public health workers perform critical, often behind-the-scenes work that keeps us all safe and healthy. The American Medical Association is proud to salute the talented men and women of our public health workforce on Public Health Thank You Day for their tireless efforts and for protecting us from threats, large and small.

James Madara, MD

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, American Medical Association

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The public health community deserves our gratitude and support for working to bring about a healthier world, not just for some of us, but for all of us. These committed and effective professionals don't seek the spotlight, but day in and day out, they earn it. Whether your contributions to public health take place in the lab, in a healthcare setting, or in the community, thank you for what you believe and what you do.

The Honorable Kweisi Mfume

U.S. Representative, 1987—1996

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Everyone throughout our country should appreciate the central role our outstanding people in public health play in this country. They work and advocate for a quality health system which is inclusive and recognizes that healthcare is a complicated phenomenon in which multiple factors must be considered, researched and understood.

Let us tell all of our leaders in public health how we value them. They are an outstanding part of our country.

Herbert Pardes, MD

Executive Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

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Public health professionals work hard every day to prevent and reduce the impact of both infectious and chronic diseases, respond to natural disasters, and address widespread community health threats like the opioid epidemic. Today, on Public Health Thank You Day, we recognize their efforts to keep us all safe and healthy.

Harold L. Paz, MD, MS

Executive Vice President and Chief
Medical Officer, Aetna Inc.

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It is my privilege to recognize public health professionals for their efforts to improve minority health and address health disparities, and recognize how health outcomes differ by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status. Through research and deployment of public health strategies that are also implemented in clinical settings, these professionals are empowering us all to promote health equity and reduce health disparities. Know that we appreciate these commitments and applaud the profoundly important impact.

Eliseo Pérez-Stable, MD

Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH

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Whether the goal is to reduce health disparities, empower individuals to overcome addiction, minimize the threat pandemics pose or meet one of the many other health challenges we face as a global community, public health professionals work non-stop to bring about a better and healthier world. To all those in the public health field, we appreciate and support your efforts!

Guillermo (Willy) Prado, PhD

Dean, Graduate School

Miller Professor of Public Health Sciences

Director, Division of Prevention Science and
Community Health; University of Miami

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“ On this Public Health Thank You Day, we celebrate public health professionals and recognize the essential work they do every day. Their vision, leadership and dedication to a healthy nation benefits us all in profoundly important ways. Thank you!

The Honorable John Edward Porter

U.S. Representative, 1980—2001

Research!America Chair Emeritus

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Every day, public health professionals like you dedicate their lives to protect Americans from health threats of all kinds, whether it's an emerging infectious disease, a chronic condition, or a natural disaster. Your commitment exemplifies the best of public service, and your efforts help us to 'see the possible' when it comes to overcoming public health challenges. Thank you for all of your work to improve U.S. health and quality of life!

Robert Redfield, MD

Director, Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention

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In myriad ways, public health professionals are breaking down the barriers to better health. Their work at the community level – in the US and abroad – to combat threats as they emerge is fundamental to creating a healthier future for us all. I am pleased to participate in this day of recognition, a marker for the enduring gratitude and support the public health workforce so richly deserves.

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA

John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean of Medicine Chair,
University of Maryland

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A heartfelt thank you to the public health workforce for all you do every day and in every community across the country! Thank you for your dedication, your expertise, and your resilience for the hard work of creating a healthier future together and for all!

Lisa Simpson, MB, BCh, MPH, FAAP
President and Chief Executive Officer,
AcademyHealth

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“ We salute all of the public health providers and researchers nationwide for their dedication to developing innovative solutions to our nation’s most pressing health problems, including the opioid overdose crisis. Working together, we can translate cutting-edge scientific research to advance prevention and treatment of diseases and improve the health of all Americans.

Nora D. Volkow, MD

Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH

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