

Policies to Advance Health Equity

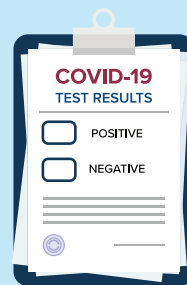
Not everyone has a fair opportunity for good health.
Pro-equity policies address root causes of health inequities and strengthen community resilience.

These 10 pro-equity policy areas are community-informed and evidence-based:

Behavioral and physical healthcare access.



COVID-19 specific care.



Economic stability.



Housing affordability and accessibility.



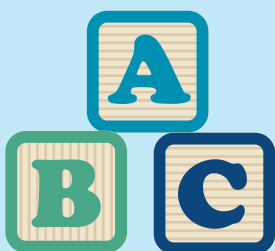
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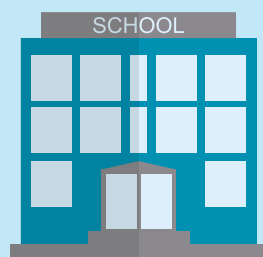
Health community planning and built environment.



Early childhood development.



Education access.



Food affordability and accessibility.



Social connectedness.



Learn more about:
Evidence-based and local policy strategies.
COVID-19 and health equity.

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Example strategies for local governments and agency partners:

Behavioral and physical healthcare access.

- Invest in a robust network of healthcare navigators.
- Co-locate healthcare services in community settings.
- Coordinate multiple systems to support healthcare priorities.
- Hire more Black, Indigenous, and People of Color providers.

COVID-19 specific care.

- Strengthen existing healthcare systems and vaccine access.
- Support flexible workplace strategies.
- Strengthen the social capital of communities experiencing inequities.

Economic stability.

- Provide employment flexibility.
- Offer job training programs.
- Increase local minimum wage.
- Provide cash assistance.

Housing affordability and accessibility.

- Implement rental policy and subsidies.
- Support land trusts and inclusionary zoning laws.
- Establish housing first policies.

Youth behavioral health.

- Partner with school districts to establish school-based health centers.
- Support the implementation of parent interventions.

Healthy community planning and built environment.

- Establish more green spaces.
- Provide accessible food and transportation options.
- Set fast food density regulation policies.

Early childhood development.

- Establish accessible, full-day early childhood education centers.
- Support the quality of care for early childhood and childcare programs.
- Provide full-day kindergarten.

Education access.

- Implement high school completion programs.
- End zero tolerance policies in schools.
- Teach ethnic studies in schools.
- Invest in youth diversion programs.

Food affordability and accessibility:

- Set incentive policies for SNAP beneficiaries.
- Require corner and convenience stores to stock more fruits and vegetables.
- Invest in spaces for communities to practice community or sustainable farming.

Social connectedness.

- Promote social prescriptions.
- Provide more community gardens.

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