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Dear Local Partner,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Local Public Health (LPH) entities across the Commonwealth are steadfast in their commitment to strive for equitable access of the [foundational public health services](#) for every person in Massachusetts. Governor Maura Healey recently signed the Economic Development Bill into law, which included revised Statewide Accelerated Public Health for Every Community (SAPHE) legislation. This legislation reaffirms the importance and role of local public health systems in the state.

DPH is launching the Foundational Public Health Services Shared Services Review, a five-month initiative running from January to May 2025. This review will gather critical information about the existing local public health services and costs statewide to enhance data-driven decision-making and resource optimization.

We encourage your awareness and support of this initiative, as your local health staff engage in this important process. Their efforts will help shape a stronger, more equitable public health system for all Massachusetts residents. Participating in this process will better equip your municipality with the information – and, over time, capacity – needed to leverage resources and provide comprehensive, high quality public health services to your residents.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,
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