

Working in Partnership to Close the Racial Life Expectancy Gap

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# Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Serve 2.7 million residents of the City of Chicago

**Vision:** A city of thriving communities where all residents are able to live healthy lives

**Mission:** To promote and improve health by engaging residents, communities and partners in establishing and implementing policies and services that prioritize residents and communities with the greatest need



**Nutrition Services/WIC** 

Oral Health & Vision Services

**STI Services** 

Nursing and Support Services

**Planning** 

**Environmental Permitting and Inspections** 

Chronic Disease Prevention

**Emergency Preparedness** 

**Violence Prevention** 

# WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH DO?

Immunization/Vaccines

**Breast Health** 

Policy & Legislative Affairs

**HIV Services** 

**Tobacco Control** 

**Food Protection** 

**Innovation & Informatics** 

LGBTQI+ Health

**Public Information** 

**Lead Poisoning Prevention** 

**Substance Use** 

Mental Health

Epidemiology & Research

**Mosquito Control** 

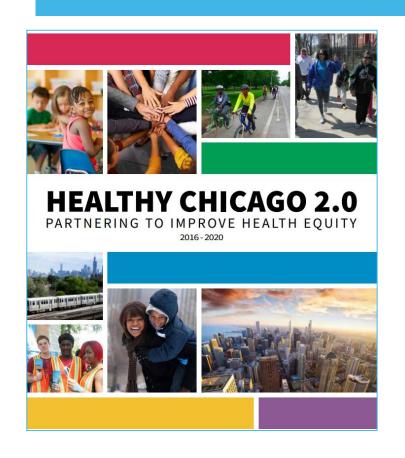
**Tuberculosis** 



**Hepatitis** 

Communicable Disease/Outbreak Control

# Healthy Chicago 2.0 to Healthy Chicago 2025





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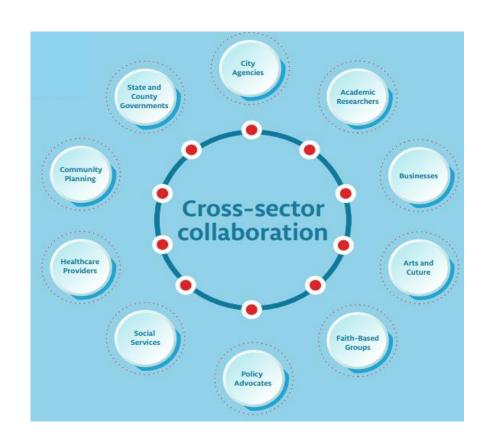


## **HEALTHY CHICAGO 2025**

is a plan for the local public health system –
including community groups, government agencies,
businesses, faith-based organizations, researchers,
community development professionals, health and
social service providers, and others – to eliminate
the racial life expectancy gap and help all
Chicagoans enjoy longer, safer, healthier lives.

# Partnership for Healthy Chicago

A 40+ member coalition representing Chicago's public health system that advances health and racial equity through coordinated action and planning.



















Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

























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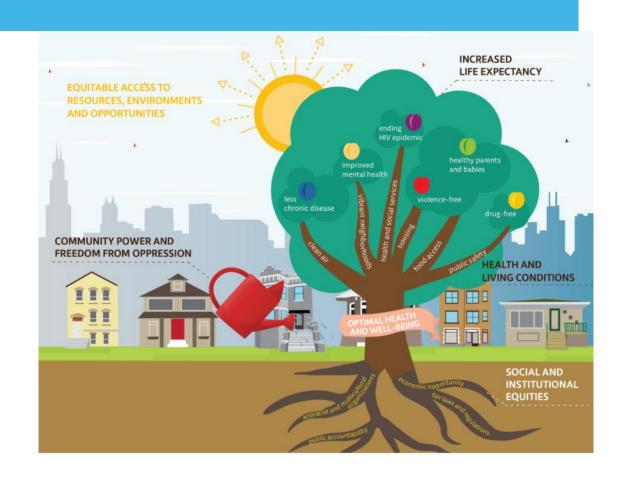






# Healthy Chicago 2025 Vision

A city where all people and all communities have power, are free from oppression and strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments and opportunities that promote optimal health and well-being.





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Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

# Community Health Assessment



4,000 surveys and 42 focus groups to collect community themes and strengths



local public health system

capacity and forces of change

HEALTHY CHICAGO 2025

DATA COMPENDIUM

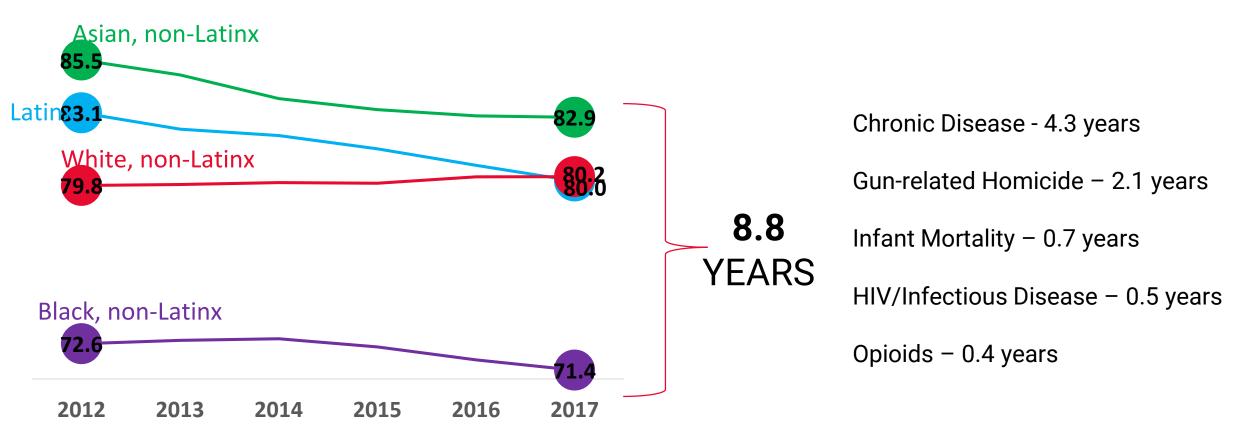
Compiled thousands of indicators to better understand health, access to resources and community conditions





# Racial Life Expectancy Gap

LIFE EXPECTANCY **DECREASING** FOR ALL RACE-ETHNICITIES EXCEPT WHITE, NON-LATINX





## **Community Meetings**

















Community wants to actively engage as part of the public health system







# Four Themes Emerged From Assessment

Social and Institutional Inequities



 Transform policies & processes to foster antiracist, multicultural systems

Strengthen community capacity & youth leadership

Living Conditions

Improve systems of care for populations most affected by inequities

Further health & vibrancy of neighborhoods



## Healthy Chicago 2025 Guiding Principles

#### **Anti-racist**

We actively challenge and redress racist systems through our process and strategies.

### **Asset-based**

We highlight community strengths and culture as we tell our stories.

### **Equity Focused**

We consider who benefits and who is burdened by our proposed solutions.

### **Trauma Informed**

We recognize that trauma affects all individuals, communities, organizations and systems and we support resilience and healing.

## **Capital Building**

We promote community wealth, affordability and belonging.

### **Community-led**

We make sure that community members, including youth, have power in decision-making



## **Priority Area Workgroups**

- Workgroups led by CDPH staff and community co-chair
- > 600 people volunteered for workgroups from different sectors & types of organizations, broad public health system representation
- Held 1-3 meeting for each group to develop strategies/plan for change

## Workgroups

- 1. Anti-racist, multicultural Systems
- 2. Community Capacity and Youth Leadership
- 3. Access to health and human services
- 4. Behavioral Health
- 5. Maternal, Infant, Child & Adolescent Health
- 6. Housing
- 7. Food Access
- 8. Community Safety
- 9. Environment
- 10. Neighborhood Development



## **Healthy Chicago 2025 Framework**

A city where all people and all communities are empowered, free from oppression and...

## Public Health System Organizations:

- Transform policies and processes to foster antiracist, multicultural systems
- Strengthen community capacity and youth leadership

### **Plan for Change**

- 1. Assess current practices, develop organizational goals, and participate in learning activities to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion
- 2. Adopt community engagement standards and processes.
- 3. Strengthen community leadership in public heath coalitions

### **Equity Measures**

- 1. Increase diversity of workforce/ leadership
- 2. Increase local investments
- 3. Increase community engagement capacity

### **Population experiencing inequities**

Black and Latinx Chicagoans

#### **Ideal State**

Within one generation, all Chicagoans have voice and power in the public health system



## **Healthy Chicago 2025 Framework**

strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments and opportunities that ...

### **Health and Human Services:**

Improve systems of care for populations most affected by inequities

### **Plan for Change**

- 1. Establish & promote comprehensive resource information and referral system.
- 2. Support community alignment boards to identify and address access and service gaps.
- 3. Advocate to increase comprehensive and culturally appropriate healthcare for all
  - eligibility barriers, reimbursement rates, and coverage for root causes.

### **Equity Measures**

- 1. Increase access to comprehensive and culturally appropriate healthcare
  - behavioral health, HIV, maternal/ infant health, and chronic disease) and social services

**Population experiencing inequities**Black and Latinx Chicagoans

#### **Ideal State**

Within one generation, all Chicagoans benefit from a full range of health and human services



## **Healthy Chicago 2025 Framework**

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Further the health and vibrancy of neighborhoods

**Public Safety**: Advance a reform agenda that includes increased police accountability and reductions in negative engagement between community and policing systems.

#### **Neighborhood Development:**

Train City personnel and support community partners to conduct Health and Race Equity Impact Assessments (HREIA) and walkability assessments.

Housing: Apply health criteria to housing resource allocations, including the City's Qualified Allocation Plan, Low-Income Housing Trust Fund, and TIF.

Food Access: Use public health data to strengthen food policy, plans, and practices to increase equitable access to healthy food, strengthen the food safety net, and support local food producers and businesses

**Environment:** Enhance policies related to zoning, environmental regulation, enforcement, and community participation



## Measuring Progress

#### INDICATOR 1: LIFE EXPECTANCY

Increase life expectancy for Black Chicagoans and reverse declines in Latinx and Asian populations

#### INDICATOR 2: OVERALL HEALTH STATUS

Improve overall health status for Black and Latinx Chicagoans



#### INDICATOR 3: ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Increase economic well-being for Black and Latinx Chicagoans

#### INDICATOR 4: MENTAL WELL-BEING

Increase access to behavioral health treatment for all Chicagoans, with a focus on Black, Latinx and Asian populations



## Next Step: Implementation

Build implementation/oversight body aligned with Guiding Principles

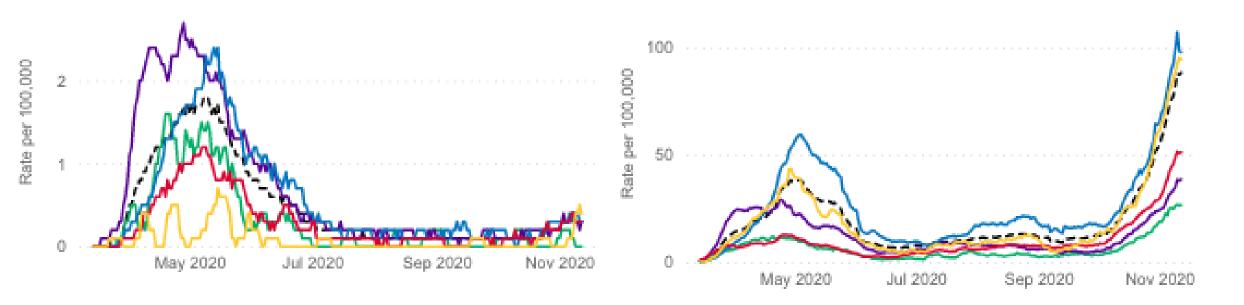
- Strengthen the Partnership for Healthy Chicago
- Engage the City's Racial Equity Rapid Response Team
- Involve Mayor's Office for Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Opportunities for people with lived experience
- Hyper-local community organizations



# **COVID 19: Racial Inequities**



## Chicago COVID-19 Cases





## Call for Social Justice





Rev. Otis Moss III
Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ
May 31, 2020



# Community Voice/Decision Making









# How to Move Healthy Chicago 2025 Forward



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Developers

Adopt the Elevated Chicago Community
Engagement Principles and Recommendations

Build community wealth through project development

Align capital or grant-making with Healthy Chicago goals and strategies

Engage community members in choosing projects to fund

Researchers

Advance research on solutions to health and racial inequities

Engage the community to guide and apply your work

Allocate resources based on neighborhood need

Pass laws and regulations that promote health and racial equity

Set up open and transparent decision-making processes



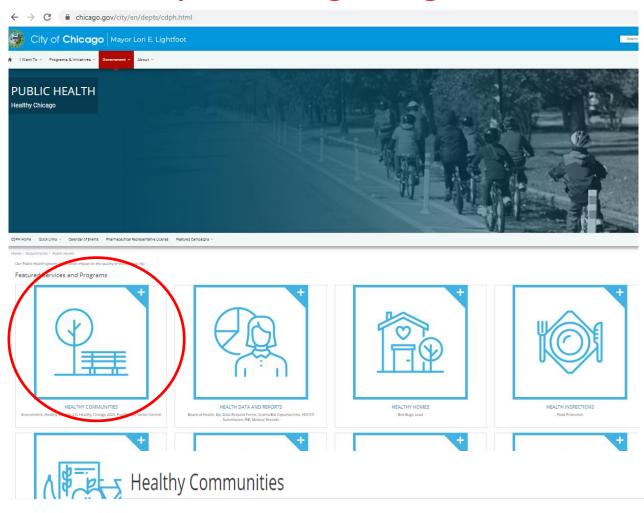
**Funders** 



Create employment pipelines and investment strategies that benefit Black and Latinx people and communities

Review your business practices to advance diversity, equity and inclusion

## Cityofchicago.org/Health



CDPH is committed to ensuring a healthy and safe environment by reducing environmental hazards that have a negative impact on the health of our City and residents.

- Environmental Permitting and Inspection: We are committed to ensuring businesses operate in a safe manner that protects our residents who work and live in the city.
- Healthy Chicago 2.0: Serves as the start for a new movement dedicated to improving health equity and making Chicago a connected, vibrant and healthy city for all residents.
- Healthy Chicago 2025: A plan or all Chicago that addresses structural and institutional inequities and living conditions to improve health and well-being.
- Playstreets Chicago: A permit program allows residents to establish short-term traffic restrictions on their streets to use as pop-up recreation spaces.
- Vector Control: We monitor and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus and Zika.





## **Questions?**

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To sign up for COVID updates:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/VwvbSW5/coronavirus

