



Minnesota Society for Public Health Education

Board Update March 2020

MN SOPHE Board meetings are held on a monthly basis. All members are welcomed to join in the videoconference calls. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2020. Contact Suzanna Driessen, President for more information, at driessen@umn.edu

How can health educators help?

COVID 19 is on everyone's agenda including local, state and national organizations. Let's stay informed and distribute health communications through reputable sites providing up-to-date information including:

[The Johns Hopkins Tracker on the Coronavirus Outbreak](#) provides a near real time dashboard

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Minnesota Department of Health](#) – provides many health communication tools in various formats and languages
[National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases](#)

Here's one image available under "Materials and Resources" from [MN Dept of Health](#).

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Take the same precautions you would to avoid colds and flu.



Wash your hands.



Stay home when sick.



Cover your cough.

For more information, visit health.mn.gov
HOTLINE: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903





What's the Latest Scoop from MN SOPHE?

● **Calling All Students!**

Your MN SOPHE student representative, Madeline Anderson-Sarno, is recruiting interested students to form a committee to be involved with chapter activities. Networking, annual summit planning, professional development and communication by students-for students are some of the initial tasks for the group. Representation from any MN college health education program welcomed.. Connect with Madeline at: madeline.anderson-sarno@mnsu.edu

Minnesota Responds is a partnership that integrates and engages local, regional, and statewide volunteer programs to strengthen public health and health care, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response and recovery capabilities. Local volunteer coordinators mobilize health and "non-health" volunteers to respond to emergencies and/or improve health capacity within the community. Here are just a few examples of activities that Minnesota Responds volunteers participate in and support:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Trainings and Exercises
- Emergency Sheltering
- First Aid During Large Public Gatherings
- Planning, Logistical, and Administrative Support
- Behavioral Health Support
- Health Screenings
- Vaccination Clinics
- Outreach to Underserved Community Members
- Community Event Support
- Health Education and Promotion

Application materials are available online at: www.mnresponds.org

Work in Progress

Additional Board activities in-progress that are building a stronger MN SOPHE chapter include the following:

Draft application for professional health educator of the year award

- webinars on relevant health education topics to include CHES credits
- Establishing a MN SOPHE student intern position
- Attendance of Board members to national conferences and meetings (some are virtual at this time) including National SOPHE conference and advocacy conference, monthly national advocacy and delegate phone meetings.
- Promotion of MN SOPHE and how membership works for you!