New Jersey Joins Northeast Public Health Collaborative



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On September 18, 2025, the office of Governor Phil Murphy announced that New Jersey has joined several other northeastern states and a major northeast city to form the Northeast Public Health Collaborative, a public health coalition aimed at providing public health advice on a regional level, including advice that may differ from guidance provided by the federal government. In addition to New Jersey, the coalition members include Connecticut, Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York City. The formation of the collaborative coincides with the Trump administration's overhaul of federal health agencies under the guidance of U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

The primary goal of the collaborative is to ensure trust in public health, respond to health threats, advance community health, and strengthen confidence in vaccines and science-based medicine. By joining the coalition, the members will allow their public health agencies to share expertise and resources related to public health. The formation of the coalition is at least partially in response to recent changes to guidance at the federal level regarding the administration of certain vaccines, which the coalition members argue are contrary to established scientific research.

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