APHA's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Expo kicks off in less than two weeks! Share your excitement on Twitter and spread the word about this great opportunity to learn from the experts and join your peers at the public health event of the year.

**Take Time to Prepare**

1. **Check out our list of Frequently Asked Questions**: We go into detail about presenting, Continuing Education, the Virtual Expo, and the overall meeting.

2. **Install the latest version of the Zoom app on your computer, phone or tablet**: All live sessions and events will be streamed through Zoom. You must be logged in to the Virtual Meeting Platform to access the Zoom sessions.

3. **Build your schedule**: Log in to the Virtual Meeting platform with your registration ID and email. Bookmark this link for easy access. Explore the platform. Search for sessions and events by day, program or theme. Use filters to narrow your search.

4. **Access the full Virtual Expo**: Sign in to the Virtual Expo with your registration ID to explore the Expo and search for exhibitors by company name, category or topic. View exhibitor profiles, add exclusive events to your schedule, watch their videos, collect giveaways, send messages, book appointments to meet with staff, and more.

5. **Grow your circle**: Plan to participate in the live networking and engagement opportunities including business meetings and social hours.

6. **Mark your calendar for Oct. 19**: Check out pre-released content (poster and roundtable presentations, wellness activities and short films from the film festival) and attend Navigate and Network and a Social Media Lab session to learn ways to get the most out of our meeting.

Log in to the Virtual Meeting Platform
**Speaker Announcement**

Closing General Session:

**Moving Away from Hate & Violence: A Way Forward**

Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 2:30 - 4 p.m. (MT)

People and entities that promote the hate of other people, races or cultures have become more open and brazen in recent years in America. In addition, the enormous political polarization of our nation has become a major barrier to addressing this problem. This session will explore the state of hate groups in our nation and the root causes of this intense or passionate dislike of others. The session also will explore how we move forward to a better, more cohesive society.

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**Moderator:** Georges C. Benjamin (APHA)

**Panelists:** Patrice Harris (American Medical Association); Aqeela Sherrills (The Newark Community Street Team); and Margaret Huang (Southern Poverty Law Center)

**Presenter Resources**

We're sharing tools to help your meeting presentation shine. Check out these [resources and reminders](#) for oral, poster and roundtable sessions and special guidance for moderators and co-hosts. [Download the Speaker's Toolkit](#) for additional helpful checklists and guidelines.
3 Tips for Presenters:

1. Sign in to your session 20 minutes early to prepare and meet the moderator.
2. Get acquainted with Zoom! Practice sharing your screen, using the mute/unmute button, sending a message in the chat and more.
3. Promote your session in advance. Tweet about your presentation and include #APHA2020 so those following the hashtag will see it.

Message Your Peers in the Virtual Meeting Platform

We’re physically distant, but know how important it is to be social. We’re hosting plenty of events like speed networking and Geeks Meet and are including chats and live Q&As in most sessions. We’ve just added the Attendee List which includes a messaging feature for you to connect with your peers. Search for attendees by their last name and shoot them a message. Use this tool to exchange information after networking events.

Help Us Help Them

Attendees have donated $16,618 to The Robby Poblete Foundation; that’s $6,600 more than our original goal! Hear from Pati Navalta Poblete, founder and executive director of The Robby Poblete Foundation, about how your contributions are directly helping San Francisco residents.

Learn more about the Help Us Help Them campaign. If you haven’t already donated, you still have time. Log back in to donate. You truly make a difference, and we are extremely grateful!

Get Moving: Join the Million Minutes Challenge

Sign up to participate in the Million Minutes Challenge. This challenge started on Oct. 1 and will end on Oct. 28. The Walker Tracker app tracks steps and minutes of activity. You can track your daily and favorite activities and convert minutes of activity into steps. Space is limited to the first 1,000 attendees.

Prizes will be awarded to winners with the most steps/minutes of activity, greatest growth, foodie photographers and goal-getters. More details about these challenges will be sent through the app.

To sign up:

- Download the Walker Tracker app on the App Store or Play Store.
- Click Create an Account.
- Enter the program URL: apha2020.walkertracker.com.
- Complete the registration form.
• Click *Take Me to the App*.

**To Connect a Device:**

• Click *Connect a Device* in the top right.
• Click *Manage Devices*.
• Select a device and allow permissions.

### More Engaging Events

![Racism Summit](image1)

We've increased the capacity for this important event and are accepting registrations again. Join APHA, The California Endowment and their partners on **Saturday, Oct. 24**, for a half-day conversation about racism as a public health crisis.

![Sunset Tweetup](image2)

Get ready to talk about working in the awesome field of public health. Save the date for APHA's third annual Sunset Tweetup on **Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 5-6:30 p.m. (MT)**. Wear sunset colors and use sunset Zoom backgrounds and GIFs.

![Student-School Connection](image3)

Calling all students! Attend the APHA 2020 Student-School Connection to meet with exhibiting schools and programs of public health. This event takes place over multiple days, allowing attendees to visit as many schools and programs as possible.

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### Career Coaching

Student and Early-Career Professional members, here’s your opportunity to be advised and counseled by expert career coach and career advisors for **FREE**! Sign up now, before all the slots are gone.

### Absentee Voting

The Annual Meeting takes place just a week before the presidential election. Check out [healthyvoting.org](http://healthyvoting.org) for info on how to vote safely in your area. If you plan to vote by mail, the postal service may be stretched thin, so request a ballot now and submit it as soon as possible.

With APHA 2020 right around the corner, there's a lot to plan for. Use this time to customize your overall experience so you can get the most out of the meeting. See you online!
The Association recognizes the hard work of public health professionals everywhere, especially during this incredibly trying and painful time for our nation. We encourage you to share APHA's most up-to-date COVID-19 resources and information in English or Spanish, read our statement on racism and use our racism and health info as you join in the chorus for justice. We're pleased to offer our Advancing Racial Equity and COVID-19 Conversations webinar series.
Opt Out of APHA Annual Meeting emails.

Unsubscribe from all future APHA emails. Please Note: This will remove you from all APHA communications, including important updates, membership information and newsletters.