

# MARIJUANA AND PUBLIC HEALTH TAKE TIME TO MAKE THE



#### **RIGHT DECISIONS!**

New Jersey is considering the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes. Before implementing this legislation, public health professionals strongly advocate that policy makers and governmental officials move with caution and be armed with the most current research and data available.

### BRING PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE TABLE

#### Does current proposed legislation address the following?

- Childhood poisonings from ingesting edibles
- Prevention of marijuana use in schools
- Increase mental health and social services for schools & communities
- Increased car fatalities due to additional impaired drivers
- Need for additional drug treatment programs
- Marketing tactics used to target underage users and pregnant women
- Recreational use & employment (Commercial Driver License)
- NJ Smoke Free Air Act -- only addresses tobacco/nicotine

#### Current systems are not prepared to handle recreational marijuana



### PUBLIC HEALTH IS A RESOURCE

WE HAVE A LONG EXPERI<mark>ENCE IN DEALING WIT</mark>H TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS' COLLABORATIVE EFFORT (PHACE)

NJ Association Of County & City Health Officials - NJ Environmental Health Association - NJ Public Health Association

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## PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS' COLLABORATIVE EFFORT PHACE

#### Mission

To provide a forum wherein all public health disciplines are equally represented, via the leadership of the recognized New Jersey public health associations, to foster a single voice and face for the advancement of public health in New Jersey.

#### **Goals & Objectives**

Maintain public health collaborations

Advocate for improving public health in New Jersey

Promote public health careers, workforce development, and volunteerism

Promote excellence in the practice of public health

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