The City of Richmond Health Initiatives Team works with agencies, departments, organizations, residents, and the community to implement actions identified in the Community Health and Wellness Element (CHWE) of the General Plan to promote systems and policy changes that support the development of a healthy Richmond. The team aims to build the City and community’s capacity to improve health outcomes and promote health equity.

Community Health and Wellness Element

The City of Richmond is one of the first cities in the country to include a comprehensive element dedicated to community health and wellness in its General Plan. The CHWE targets the social determinants of health which includes physical, environmental, economic, and other social causes of health inequities and poor health outcomes. The CHWE establishes a policy framework for developing conditions that will improve the health and emotional well-being of Richmond residents. The CHWE also strengthens the links between new trends in compact community design, sustainability, walkability, smart growth, and improvements in community health.
Richmond Health & Wellness

Implementing Actions

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans
- City of Richmond Health and Wellness Fair
- Form-Based Code
- Urban Agriculture Assessment
- Urban Greening Master Plan
- Livable Corridors
- Fix the Cycle
- Public Places Smoking Ban
- One Block at a Time
- Bike to work Day and Month
- Safe Routes to School Grant
- Grocery Gap Report
- Neighborhood Clean-Up Days
- Peres Elementary School Built Environment Improvements
- RotaCare Free Medical Clinic at Brighter Beginnings

Healthy Richmond

The City of Richmond is one of 14 communities in California selected by The California Endowment to participate in Building Healthy Communities, a state-wide initiative to accomplish ten health outcomes that address health care, prevention, violence, youth development, the community environment, and health gaps for men and boys of color. Healthy Richmond is a 10-year community-based project to implement the Building Healthy Communities initiative, helping make Richmond a safe, healthy, and equitable place to live, work, and go to school. The Healthy Richmond Hub will serve as the “central table” bringing together local stakeholders helping them to coordinate their Healthy Richmond activities. The Hub is guided by a volunteer Steering Committee made up by community partners.

Healthy Richmond website: healthyrichmond.net

Richmond Health Equity Partnership

The Richmond Health Equity Partnership (RHEP) continues the pilot implementation of the CHWE and aims to build key institutional partnerships between the City of Richmond, Contra Costa Health Services, and West Contra Costa Unified School District, and other partners including Pr. Jason Corburn, PhD from UC Berkeley to engage in cross-sector collaboration to advance health equity. The partnership will facilitate systems change and enable these entities to respond to and lead with community-based health equity initiatives. RHEP will advance health equity for children and families through the development of strategies to support Health in All Policies, Full-Service Community Schools, and Health Equity Data, Training and Report Card.

- Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach that encourages municipalities to take a more inclusive approach by making the improvement of population health a shared goal across all sectors of governance.
- Full-Service Community Schools are both a place and set of partnerships between the school and other community resources with an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement.
- Through the development of a Health Equity Report Card, RHEP will identify indicators to measure effects of CHWE implementation on health equity in Richmond and identify data needs and gaps.
- Health Equity Training will equip RHEP and residents to understand and act to change current health inequities in Richmond.

Framework for Health Equity Policy

Health in All Policies
Neighborhood Improvement Strategies
Data, Information, and Tracking
Community Engagement
Health and Health Equity Training

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