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APHA and NACCHO Join NIH in Launching the All of Us Research Program

*—Enrollment set to open nationwide for
historic research effort to advance precision medicine—*

Washington, D.C., May 1, 2018 — On May 6, the National Institutes of Health will open national enrollment for the [All of Us Research Program](#) — a momentous effort to advance individualized prevention, treatment and care for people of all backgrounds — in collaboration with the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), among other community and healthcare provider partners around the country.

The overall aim is to enroll one million or more volunteers and oversample communities that have been underrepresented in research to make the program the largest, most diverse resource of its kind. People aged 18 and older, regardless of health status, will be able to enroll.

“The time is now to transform how we conduct research — with participants as partners — to shed new light on how to stay healthy and manage disease in more personalized ways,” said NIH Director Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD. “This is what we can accomplish through All of Us.”

Precision medicine is an emerging approach to disease treatment and prevention that considers differences in people’s lifestyles, environments, and biological makeup, including genes. By partnering with one million diverse people who share information about themselves over many years, the All of Us Research Program will enable research to more precisely prevent and treat a variety of health conditions.

“The public health community is excited to help launch this historic research program,” said APHA Executive Director Georges C. Benjamin, MD. “By expanding the evidence-base to include people from underrepresented populations, we can create much more effective health interventions that ensure equity in our efforts to prevent disease and reduce premature death.”

“Local health departments are the community health strategists for their communities,” said NACCHO Senior Advisor for Public Health Programs Oscar Alleyne, DrPH, MPH. “As

such, they are positioned to advance current roles to prevent death, disease, and disability; address emerging threats to health, security, and equity; and eliminate the social and structural injustices that result in health disparities. What we will learn from the All of Us Research Program has great potential to benefit what we and local health departments do to improve population and community health.”

On May 6, the All of Us Research Program will host [special events](#) in diverse communities around the country. People also may take part in social media activities using the #JoinAllofUs hashtag or tune in at <https://Launch.JoinAllofUs.org> to watch speakers from across the country talk about precision medicine and the power of volunteering for research.

To learn more about the program and how to join, visit <https://www.JoinAllofUs.org>.

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