

# Mobilizing nontraditional public health partners to mitigate the effects of coronavirus infection and to reduce the risk of emerging disease



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# The Current Crisis

Partnerships are a cornerstone of modern public health practice, yet...

- During the Covid-19 Pandemic, many traditional partnerships broke down
- The Advanced Materials Community has long been an integral part of Public Health, but is often overlooked as a core partner



# Advanced Material – Definition

## ISO TC 229 JWG1 SG working definition

- “Any material engineered, processed or synthesized, to provide enhancement in functionality or presents novel properties compared to conventional materials for a given application in a specific industry”



# Advanced Materials + Public Health



Adapted from: G.N. The Potential for Nanotechnology to Improve Community Resilience through Better Building Materials, Sensors, and Medical Applications. *Nano Res Appl* 2015, 1.



# Public Health Partnerships



1. Convening and facilitating multi-sector partnerships and coalitions that include sectors that influence health
2. Fostering and building genuine, strengths-based relationships with a diverse group of partners that reflect the community and the population
3. Authentically engaging with community members and organizations to develop public health solutions
4. Learning from, and supporting, existing community partnerships and contributing public health expertise

The 10 Essential Public Health Services. Available online: <https://phnci.org/uploads/resource-files/EPHS-English.pdf> (accessed on 3 January 2021).



# Advanced Material Pandemic & Future Preparedness Task Force (AMPT)



An international Public-Benefit initiative focused on using Advanced Material to help solve some of humanity's most pressing challenges.



# Moving Forward

- Improve dialogue between Public Health and Advanced Materials Communities
- Identify current and future challenges and where AM can fill gaps
- Promote better use of technology to improve Public Health delivery and resilience





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