

Outbreak! 2020

Outbreak! is an interactive, challenging and fun summer program designed to introduce high school students to the history and importance of public health. This year the program was moved online with an exciting interactive format. Students learned about a wide range of public health topics, careers, and collaborated on teams guided by peer mentors. Students engaged in live Q&A sessions, breakout discussion rooms, and had the chance to network with professionals in the field.

The week ended with a final project, a public health blog post submission from each student to be used in future museum outreach and educational initiatives. 44 students joined this informative, educational and unique program, now in its eighth year. You can read some of their final project posts on our website. Check back as we continue to add more posts!

<https://www.publichealthmuseum.org/peer-mentor-blog>

Outbreak! 2020 was organized by familiar team members and new ones! Two of our latest members were ready to take on our virtual program. Carrie Nagle, MBA, led the complex coordination and documentation of schedules, meetings, and syllabus between our PHM team, presenters, peer mentors, and students. Also, Nandini Roy Tayebali, MPH, worked with our staff, presenters and peer mentors around curriculum format and content plus detailed online evaluation processes for the 2-week program.

Did we forget to mention that we were able to produce our first virtual tour of the museum in time for Outbreak!? There is always more to do and with your financial support we can continue. The virtual tour allowed the students to see some of our historical building, museum rooms, and artifacts even though the museum was closed due to COVID-19.

Quick Facts

- 7 Peer Mentors
- 68 student applicants
- 44 student participants
- 31 MA towns represented and 1 PA town represented
- 3rd year funded by Network of the National Library of Medicine, New England Region

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