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ASPPH Statement on the Announcement of President-Elect Biden's Health Team

Laura Magaña, PhD, President and CEO of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), issued the following statement on President-elect Biden's announcement that he intends to nominate Xavier Becerra to be Secretary of Health and Human Services and Dr. Vivek Murthy to be Surgeon General. Biden also announced that he will appoint Dr. Rochelle Walensky to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the position does not require Senate confirmation).

"The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health – the voice of academic public health – congratulates President-elect Biden on his newly announced health team. ASPPH looks forward to working with Xavier Becerra, Vivek Murthy, Rochelle Walensky and the other distinguished members of the Biden health team as the nation and the world confront the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as other infectious and non-communicable diseases.

"The faculty, staff and students of ASPPH-member schools and programs stand ready to assist the Biden Administration as it confronts our public health challenges. ASPPH earlier this Fall **wrote** to President-elect Biden, detailing how presidential leadership can address the increasingly serious and complex public health issues facing the United States and the world. ASPPH looks forward to working with the Biden health team as it seeks to achieve our shared vision of improved health for everyone, everywhere."

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