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ASPPH Statement on Mob Violence at the US Capitol

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) issued the following statement on the mob violence at the US Capitol on January 6.

“We cannot and will not forget the threats to democracy that we witnessed unfold at one of the nation’s sacred shrines to freedom and honor on Wednesday, January 6.

“ASPPH calls on all Americans to rededicate themselves – both individually and collectively — to the fundamental values that allow democracy to work. It is essential to our future as a functioning country and society — but it is also essential to our health and wellbeing. A divided country, and dysfunctional leadership, cannot overcome the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts, nor make progress on the challenges of socioeconomic marginalization and racial injustice that continue to drive many of the other public health challenges facing the US and the world. Divisiveness poses a threat both to our democracy and to our health.

“ASPPH calls on all Americans to recognize that our country’s future — and the health of its citizens — depends on a functioning democracy and a shared adherence to the basic norms of civility and respect on which all communities, large and small, rely. We pledge to work with leaders of all political parties towards a collective vision of health at the national and local level, grounded in values of openness and tolerance. It means creating communities that are welcoming to everyone, including to those with differing perspectives.”

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is a 501c3 membership organization located in Washington, DC. ASPPH’s mission is to strengthen the capacity of our 129 member schools and programs by advancing leadership, excellence, and collaboration for academic public health. Our members are CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health as well as schools and programs in applicant status for CEPH-accreditation.

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