WORD LIST, ABBREVIATIONS, & COMMON ACRONYMS

In general we follow the UW's list of common words and terms. Here are SPH-specific words and common acronyms:

Adviser
- Not advisor

Alum, alumna, alumnus, alumni
- Alum = use as a singular, gender-neutral term
- Alumna = use in reference to a woman (alumnae is the plural form)
- Alumnus = use in reference to a man (alumni is the plural form)
- Alumni = use in reference to a group of men and women

Academic quarters
- Always lowercase
- Use autumn not fall

a.m., p.m.
- Include a space between the number and the a.m. or p.m. and write out in lowercase and with periods

ASPPH
- Academic Schools and Programs of Public Health

Biostat
- Department of Biostatistics

Campuswide
- One word and not hyphenated

CDC
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COPHP
- Community-Oriented Public Health Practice

COVID-19
- Use COVID-19 not coronavirus, covid or SARS-CoV-2
- If it must be spelled out, use coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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DEOHS
- Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences
- Use an ampersand instead of the word "and"

DGH
- Department of Global Health

EDI
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Always in this order EDI; not DEI

Health care
- Two words

HIHIM
- Health Informatics and Health Information Management (undergraduate program)

HPRC
- Health Promotion Research Center

HServ
- Department of Health Services (former name of HSPop)

HSPop
- Health Systems and Population Health
- Spell out the word "and" do not use an ampersand

IPHG
- Institute for Public Health Genetics

I-TECH
- International Training and Education Center for Health

Legislature
- Lowercase when used generically
- Capitalize when it follows the name of a state or in specific references

MCH
- Maternal and Child Health

MHA
- Master of Health Administration

MHIHIM
- Master's of Health Informatics and Health Information Management

NIH
- National Institutes of Health

NSP
- Nutritional Sciences Program

NWCPHP
- Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

OD
- Office of the Dean
- Use Office of the Dean not Dean's Office

Online Master of Public Health Program
- Spell out full name of program on first reference, abbreviate to Online MPH Program thereafter
- Program is capitalized because it is part of the official name

MHA
- Master of Health Administration

Policymaker
- One word

PH-GH
- Public Health-Global Health major

PHSKC
- Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Use en dash with one space before and after the dash
- Use an ampersand instead of spelling out "and"

Preventive
- Not preventative

Seattle Children's
- This is the official name

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SPH or the School

- Refers to the UW School of Public Health
- Always spell out "the School of Public Health" on first reference then abbreviate to "the School" or "SPH"
- In noun form use "the School" when abbreviating
- In adjective form use "SPH" when abbreviating
- Always mention the School of Public Health up high in the copy and associate with the University of Washington
- **In department news acknowledge the School of Public Health**

SPH Awards of Excellence

- Not SPH Excellence Awards

UW

- University of Washington
- Spell out "the University of Washington" on first reference, then abbreviate thereafter
- Include "the" in noun form (ex. Students at the UW have a lot of studying to do)
- Omit "the" in adjective form (ex. UW students want to be in the classroom)

WSPHA

- Washington State Public Health Association

Well-being

- hyphenate

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