

Privacy Statement

This privacy statement applies to the information that The Boston Congress of Public Health (“BCPH”) collects, uses, and discloses on the following websites: The Boston Congress of Public Health Websites www.bcph.org and The HPHR Journal websites www.hphr.org (together, the “Sites”). We understand that the privacy of our users is important. To that end, we have adopted the following policy with regard to our privacy practices with respect to the Sites. Personal information is information associated with a user’s name or personal identity. We are providing this policy below so that you may understand the terms and conditions associated with the provision of any personal information to us. Please note, however, that this Privacy Statement has been developed with the recognition that Internet technologies continue to develop and evolve rapidly, and that such changes may require us to alter our Privacy Statement. Any such alterations will not affect our general commitment to the protection of our visitors’ privacy. We will post any changes to our Privacy Statement on this page. Your continued use of this Website constitutes acceptance of such terms and policies.

How We Collect and Use Information

Information You Provide Us

The registration and application processes for various programming require users to provide personal information. You also have the option of providing additional school information during this process. When you send email or other communications to us, we may use the communications in order to process your inquiries, respond to your requests and improve our services.

Usage Information Collected Automatically

We may collect certain usage information about visitors to our websites, such as data about usage and service operation. The following summarizes the types of information that we may collect.

System Information, IP Addresses, and Referrers

When you connect to one of our Sites, our web server may record the numerical Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer you are using, information about your browser and operating system, date and time of access and the Internet address and page which linked you to our site. We use such information to help diagnose problems with our server, to administer and improve our website and to generate aggregate statistical reports that analyze general user information and demographics.

If you submit identifying information to our website — e.g., to join a mailing list— we may tie server log information to the information you have disclosed and make internal use of the resulting information set.

In addition, we ordinarily do not disclose to third parties site usage by individual IP addresses, but may do so in very limited circumstances when complying with law or legal processes, working with consultants assisting us in fixing or improving our site, or in monitoring and improving the security of our network. Our staff monitors search terms that users enter into our search engine, but this tracking is never associated with individual users.

Cookies and Similar Technologies

Cookies are unique bits of computer data that many websites will transfer to your computer the first time that you visit. Cookies are stored on your system and may be later accessed by the website to track usage and other information. We may use cookies and pixels, or transparent GIF files, to help manage online advertising. A cookie may also be used to deliver customizable and personalized services and information by tracking which pages a user has already visited. We may also use cookies to track session information, such as pages visited or duration of visit, which will help us continue to improve our format and content.

Marketing Communications

If you have requested program information or marketing communications, we may provide you with information about the Public Health Summer Institute Pre-College High School programs, Pre-Medical Academy programs, and other content that may be of interest to you via phone,

email, and/or text messages. To stop receiving our phone, email, and/or text marketing communications, you can follow the “unsubscribe” in the footer of any marketing email you receive from us. Lastly, if you wish to communicate your opt-out via email, you can do so by emailing us at the following email address:

- The Boston Congress of Public Health Communications Division:
communications@bcph.org

How We Disclose Information

We may disclose the information we collect to our employees, consultants, agents, contracted programmatic partners, or other service providers. We may also disclose this information under special circumstances, including disclosures required by law, court order or circumstances under which disclosure, in our sole discretion, is necessary to protect our legal rights, including intellectual property rights, or the rights of the university.

Children

Unless specified for one of our programs, we do not intentionally collect personally identifiable information about children age 13 or younger. If you suspect that we have personal, identifying information about your child, please notify us immediately so that we may remove this information from our database.

External Links

Our Sites contain links to other independently run websites both within and outside the Boston Congress of Public Health network that are not under the control of BCPH. BCPH is not responsible for the privacy practices, security or content of such websites. These websites may have their own privacy notices or terms of use, which you should review if you visit any sites linked through our Sites.

Security Precautions

This site has security measures in place to protect against the loss, misuse and alteration of the information under our control. Unfortunately, due to the nature of Internet communications, no data transmission over the Internet can be guaranteed to be completely secure. While we remain committed to protecting the privacy of our users, we cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us, and you do so at your own risk.

If you have any questions about this privacy statement, the practices of this website, or your dealings with this website, please contact us at communications@bcph.org.

Changes to This Policy

We may change this privacy policy from time to time without advance notice. If we change the policy, we will post the modified policy on this page, and will note the date of modification. We encourage visitors to check this page frequently for any changes to this Privacy Statement.

This privacy policy was last updated March 12, 2023.