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New Crash Course series
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A new public health online series backed by the APHA has the potential to reach millions of people worldwide and educate them on the significance of public health.

The first episode of "Crash Course Public Health" launched today on the popular educational YouTube channel Crash Course. The 10-part series will cover a wide range of topics in under 15 minutes, including health equality, racism, and mental health, as well as climate change, gun violence, and transportation. The first episode, hosted by behavioral scientist Vanessa Hill, discusses how social, economic, and environmental factors affect health, as well as the various ways public health affects daily living.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has made a lot of people aware of public health work, but there's so much more to public health than just infectious disease," said Georges C. Benjamin, MD, executive director of APHA. "'Crash Course Public Health' will help people understand the myriad factors that influence their health and the health of their communities, and how they can play a role in improving them."

"Crash Course Public Health," developed in collaboration with APHA and Complexly, will join 44 other courses on the Crash Course YouTube channel, which has over 13 million followers. Crash Course videos span a wide range of disciplines and are intended to make learning more accessible and enjoyable for instructors, students, and learners of all types.

"We believe high-quality educational videos should be available to everyone for free," said Hank Green, CEO of Complexly. "We're excited to launch 'Crash Course Public Health' to introduce the basics of social determinants, community health, and health

systems to a wider audience. This highly relevant series will help people be more aware of the impact of public health work, and how they can be a part of building a healthier world.”

"That's Public Health," a 20-episode YouTube series that premiered in 2021, is a companion series to "Crash Course Public Health." The series, created by APHA and Complexly, includes brief, easy-to-understand animated clips on a variety of public health issues. Both health educators and health agencies have praised and shared "That's Public Health."

In 2020, APHA began collaborating with YouTube to help boost evidence-based material from trustworthy sources. The effort continues as the APHA commemorates its 150th anniversary, which highlights the Association's achievements while also looking ahead to the future of public health.

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