

The “Body” Arlington: Population Health, Well-Being, and Equity

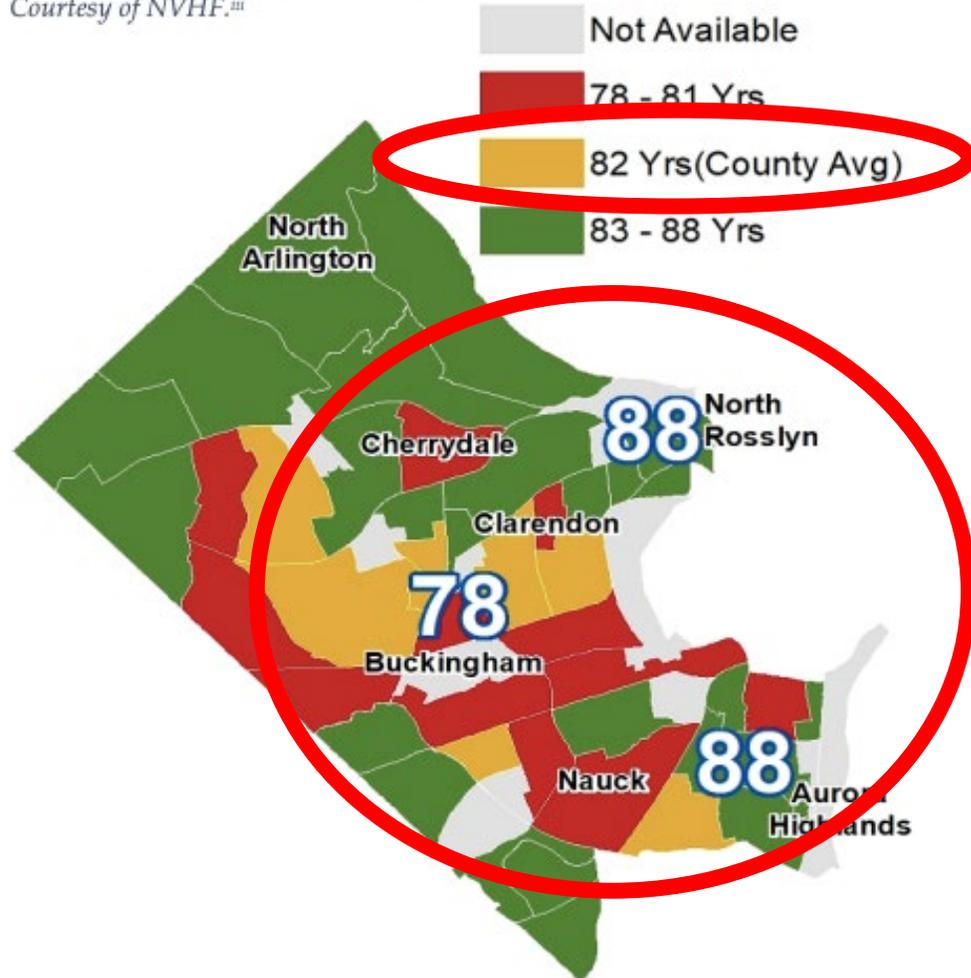
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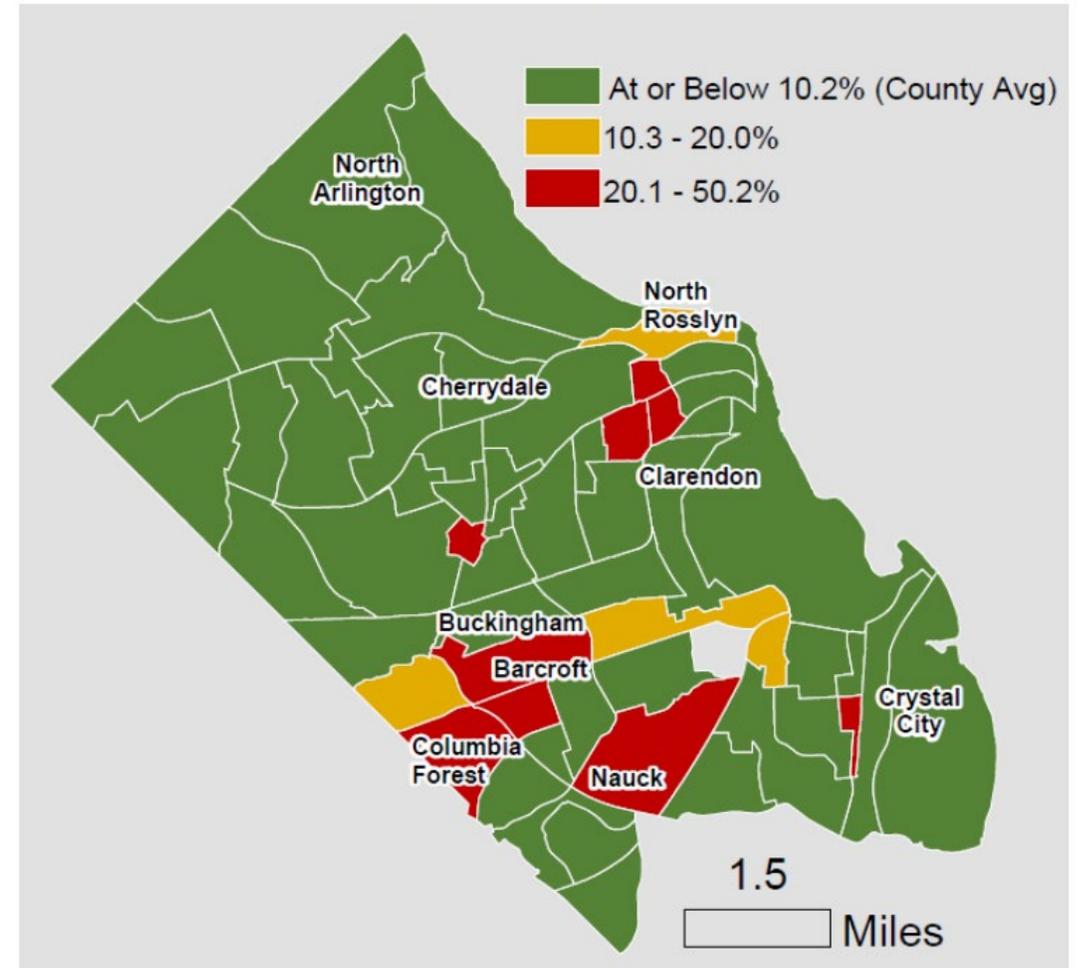


Averages often hide disparities

Life Expectancy:

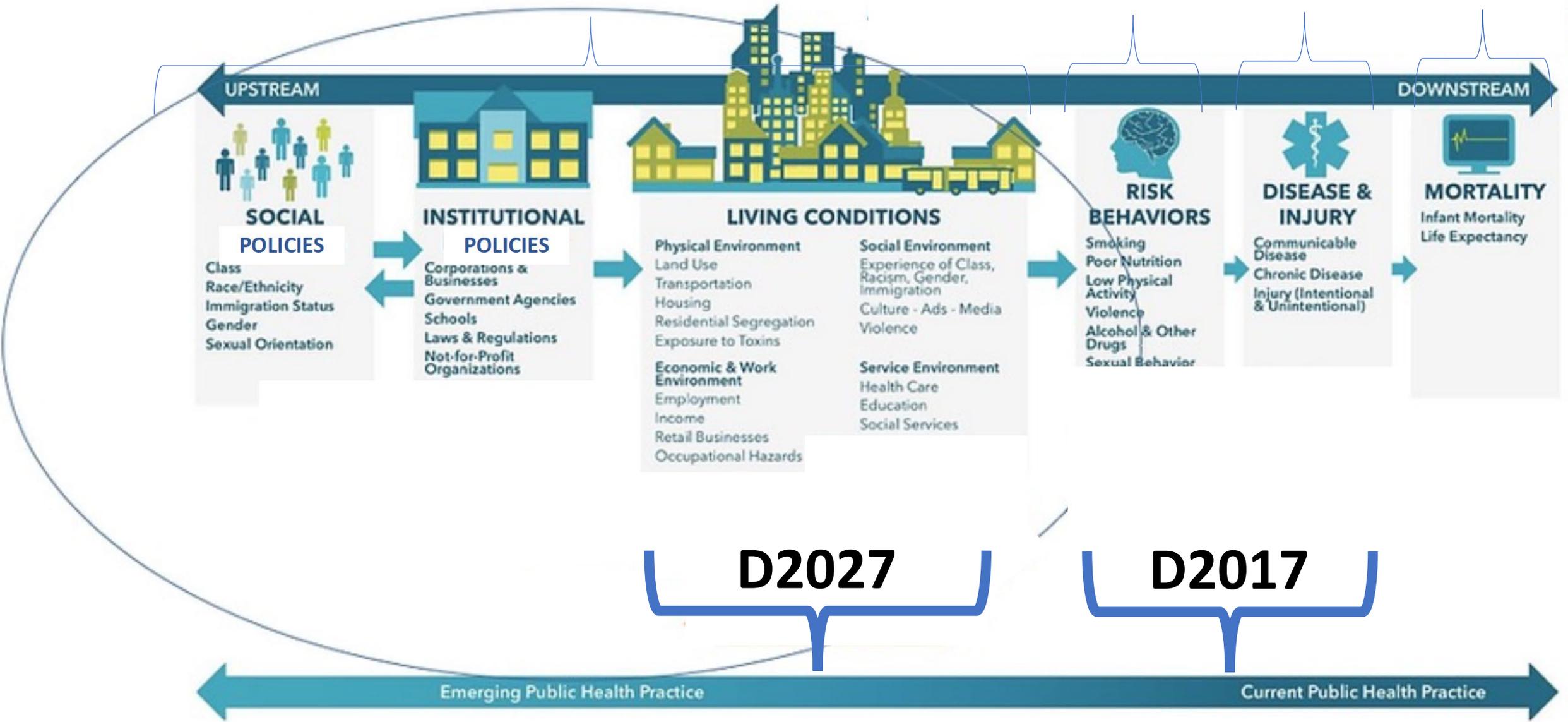
Who you are and where you live can make a decade of difference

Figure 3. Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level, 2012-2016.^{iv}



Community Conditions

Population Health: Well Being Model (adapted: BARHII Model)



**Social
policies**



**Institutional
policies**



**Living
conditions**



**Risk
behaviors**



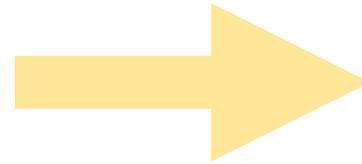
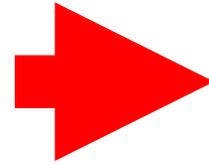
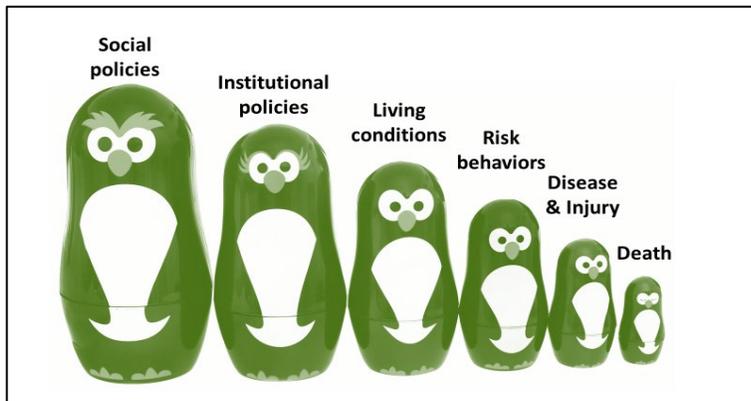
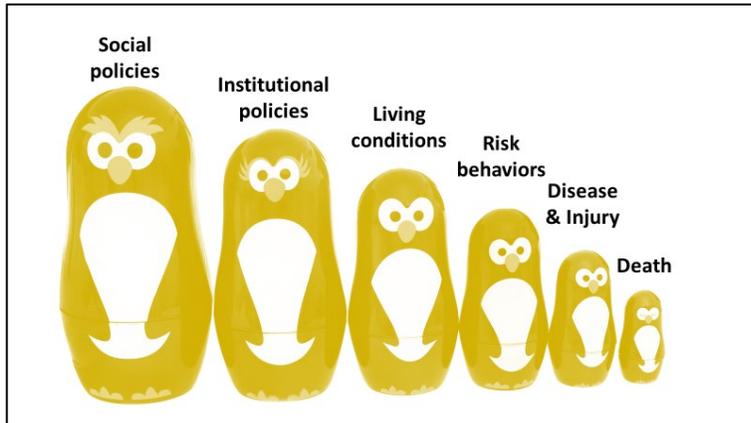
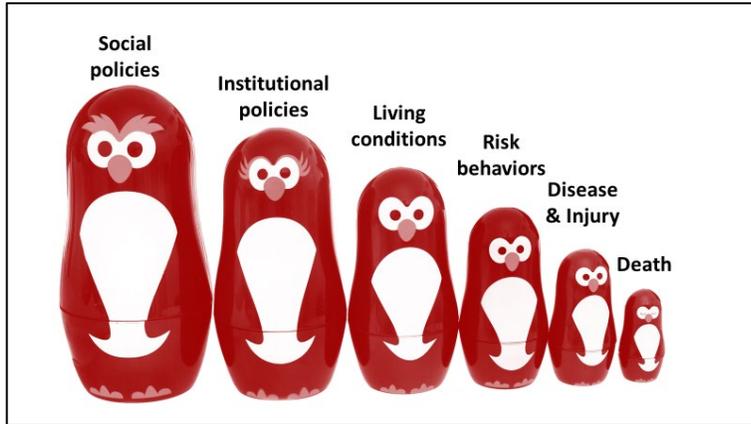
**Disease
& Injury**



Death



Life expectancy



Smallest

Largest

Population Impact

Individual Effort Required

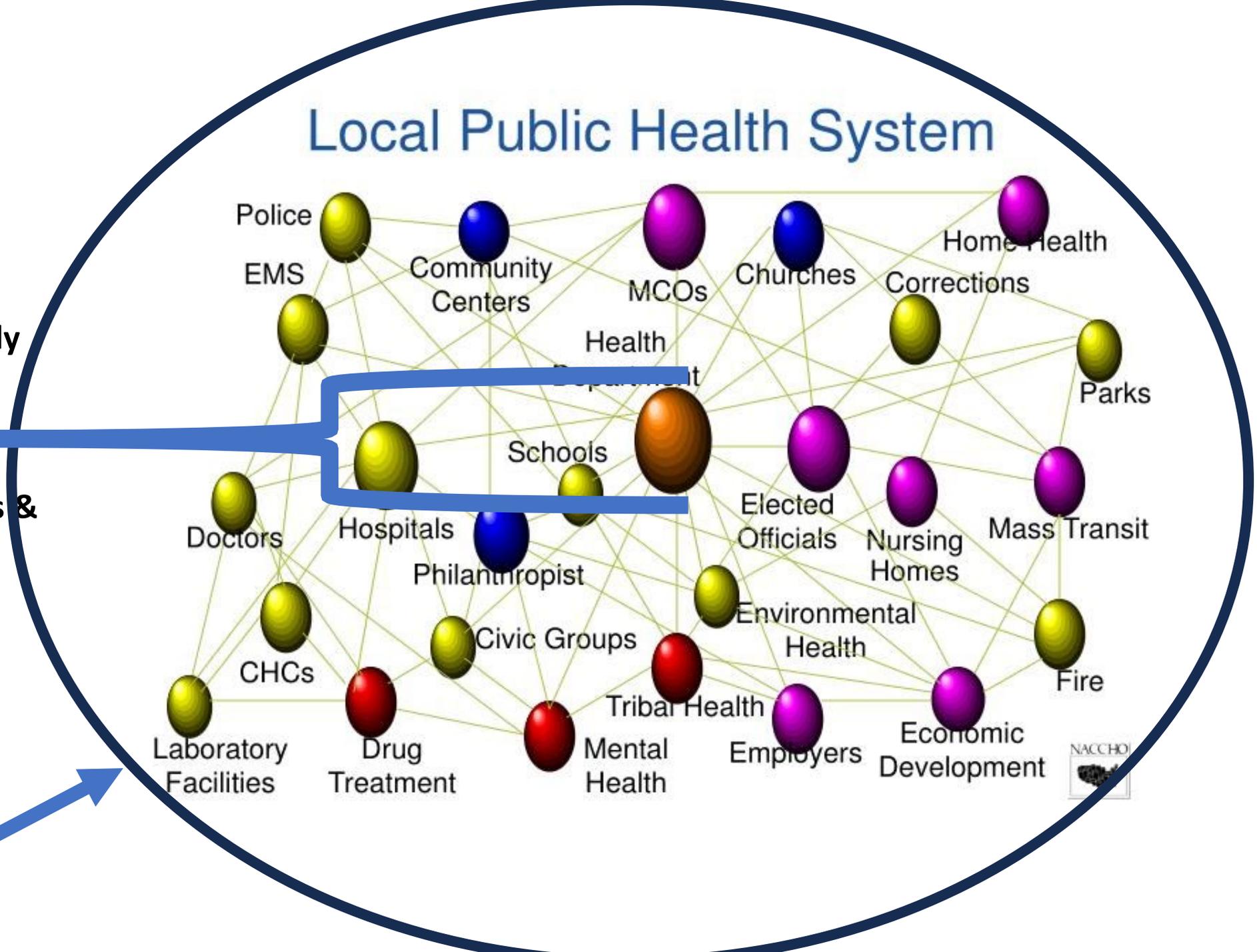


Largest

Smallest

- Arlington Public Health
- Communicable Disease (Outbreak Investigation)
- Environmental Health – Restaurant, Hotel, Pool Inspection
- Clinics – Maternity, Family Planning, WIC, Immunization
- School Health Clinics
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Community Health Assessment (D2027)

Local Public Health System

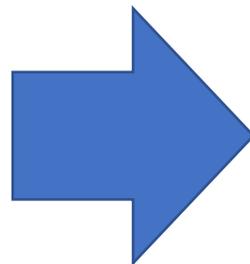


Arlington Residents



D2027 Pre-COVID Assessment

- Disparities exist
- This matters
- This is not okay



D2027: Midpoint Assessment (COVID & Beyond)

- Disparities are worse
- This matters
- Business as usual is not okay

Equity in All Policy



Health of All Types



If business as usual is not okay ...

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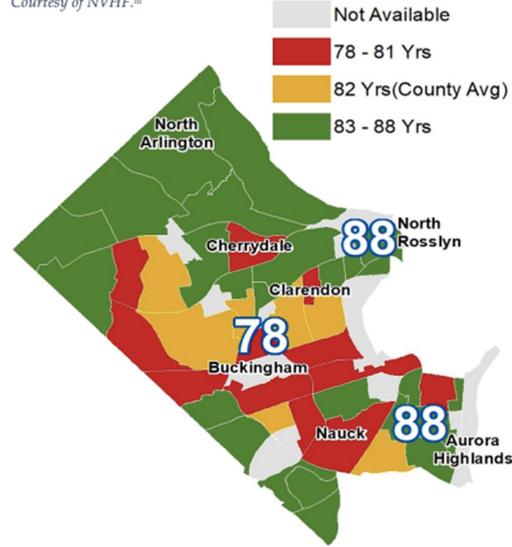
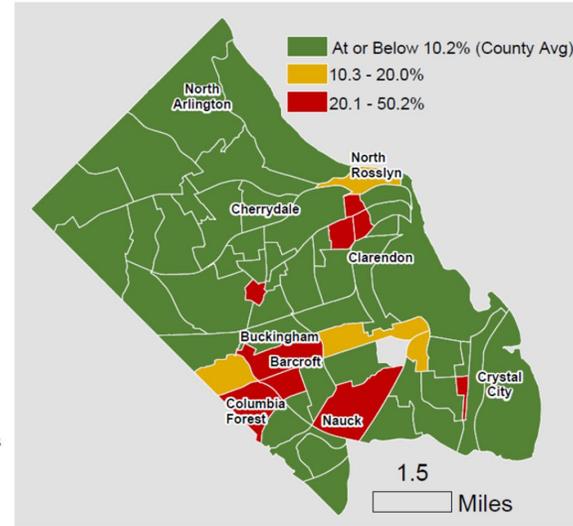
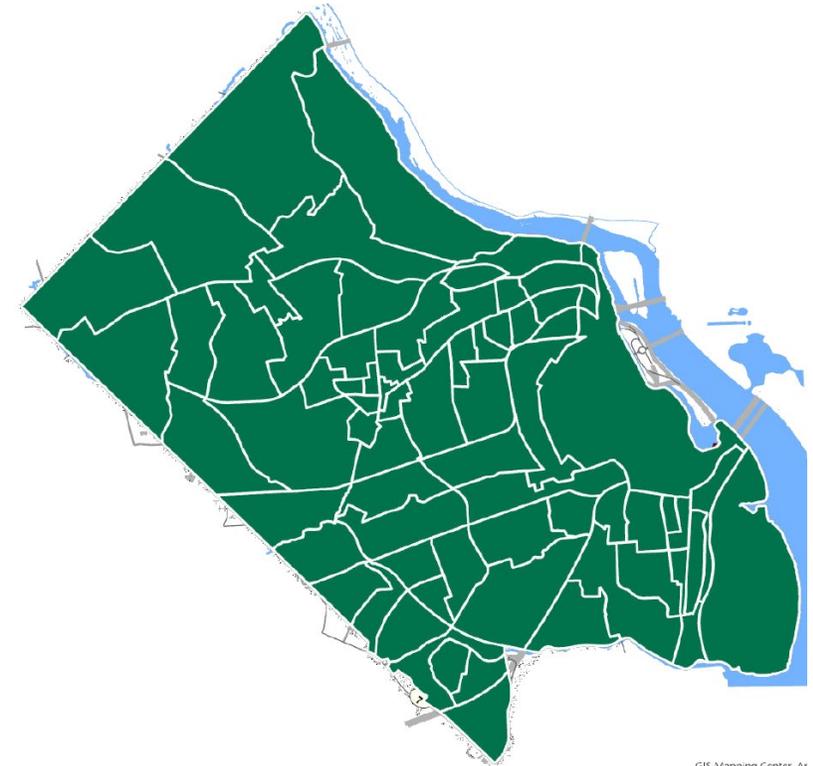
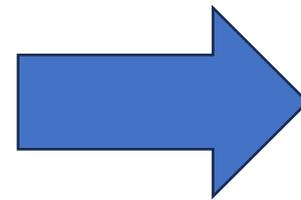


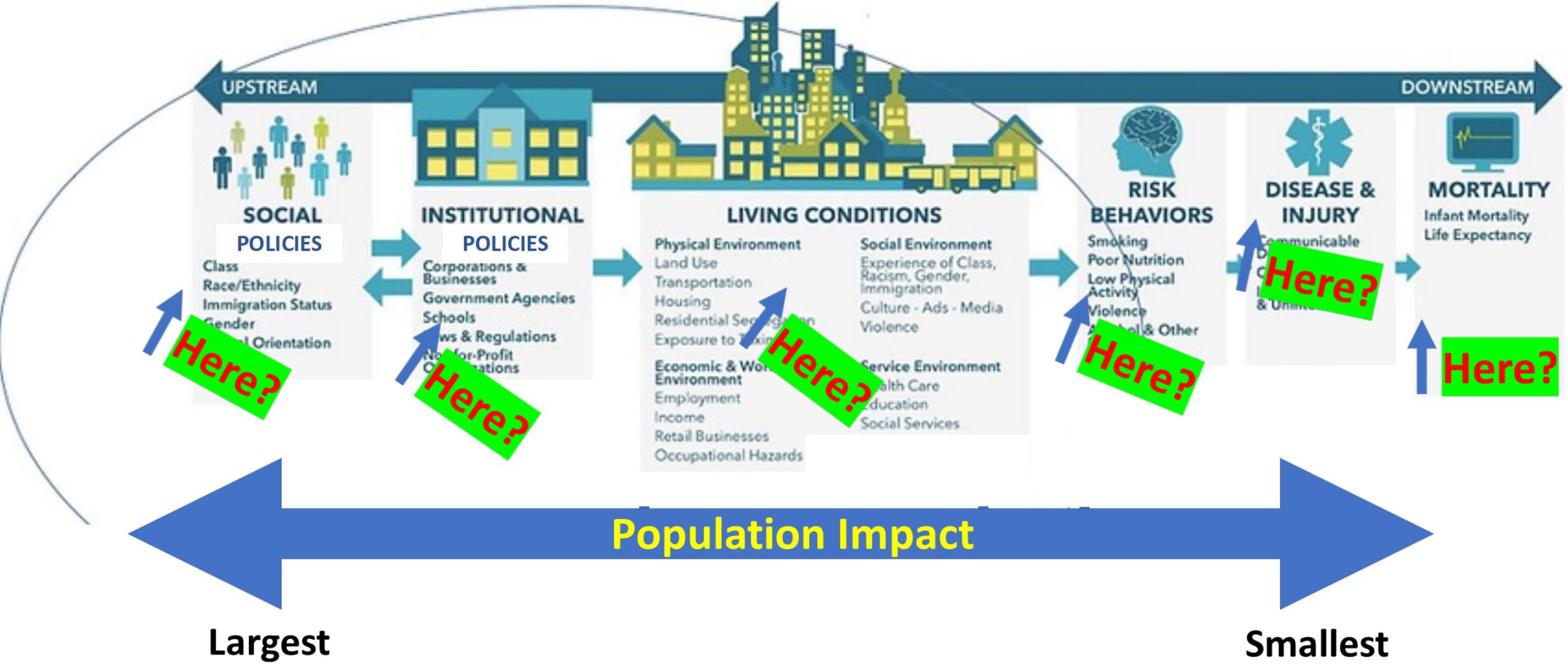
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and Arlington, you want “green” equity for all parts of the county, i.e., “green” community conditions & life expectancy ...



Where do you wish to intervene to disrupt business as usual? To improve the community conditions and health of the Body Arlington



Questions?