

# Dr. John Wiesman



John Wiesman was appointed Washington State secretary of health by Governor Jay Inslee in April 2013. He began his career in 1986 and was in the first group trained in Connecticut to provide HIV counseling and testing services.

He has served as the president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Currently he serves as the immediate past president of the

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

Dr. Wiesman earned his doctor of public health (DrPH) in health leadership from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2012. He received his master of public health (MPH) in chronic disease epidemiology from Yale University in 1987, and his bachelor of arts (BA) from Lawrence University in Wisconsin in 1983.

Major efforts now underway at the Department of Health under John's leadership include: [End AIDS Washington](#), developing the [Healthiest Next Generation](#), identifying and funding [Foundational Public Health Services](#), implementing the [Governor's executive order reducing suicides](#)

and preventing firearm injuries and deaths, and addressing the public health impacts of climate change.

John serves an adjunct assistant professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and as a clinical professor at the University of Washington, School of Public Health.

