

Massachusetts | Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD

Commissioner

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Commissioner Robbie Goldstein oversees a public health workforce of over 3,200 and an expansive department comprised of eight bureaus and several offices responsible for a range of programs, including environmental health, infectious diseases, injury prevention, and maternal and child health. In addition, the department licenses health professionals and facilities that impact public health and operates the state public health laboratory and four public health hospitals.



Goldstein was appointed Commissioner by Governor Maura Healey in April 2023. Previously, he served as Senior Policy Advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he focused on public health emergency response, infectious diseases, and CDC's strategic policy initiatives. Prior to his time at CDC, Goldstein was the Medical Director and founder of the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Transgender Health Program, a multidisciplinary clinical program that created a safe and affirming environment for the transgender and nonbinary community of Massachusetts and New England. Trained in infectious diseases, with a specialty in HIV treatment and prevention, Goldstein has focused his clinical work on providing care to those living with and at risk for HIV. His experience caring for patients drives his academic and policy pursuits identifying and working to eliminate barriers to equitable access to care.

Goldstein holds a BS, MD, and PhD from Tufts University. He completed his residency training in internal medicine at MGH where he served as Chief Resident. He completed his infectious disease training in the MGH/Brigham and Women's Hospital infectious disease program.