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CDC Epidemiologist Wade Ivy, PhD, shares his story.

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Wade: Public health is a very large, very broad field of study. And so, there are lots of ways to get into public health. And so, I would begin studying those ways, learning as much as you can about public health and figure out what path you want to take. You can go the path that I took with biology and epidemiology. But there are other ways to work in public health and to really help people in the population.

Secondly, I would say it is really, really important for you to learn as much as you can in school the basic things that you're learning right now, your sciences, your math's, even some of your social studies and history all will help you become a much better public health professional. If that's what you want to do.

So, do your best right now and learn as much as you can about public health.

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