

Public Health

10 Essential Public Health Services

		Mandated?	
1	Monitor Health	Conduct community health needs assessments	Y
		Determine health service needs and gaps in care	Y
		Identify social and environmental threats to the health of the community	Y
		Identify community assets and resources	Y

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2	Diagnose & Investigate	Provide access to Public Health Labs	Y
		Infectious disease surveillance, investigation, and response to outbreaks	Y
		Plan for and respond to public health emergencies	Y
		Investigate foodborne outbreaks	Y

3	Inform, Educate, Empower	Provide health promotion activities including flu clinics and smoking cessation support.	Y
		Collaborate on health education efforts with schools and local agencies	Y
		Send MonoGrams to inform the community about seasonal and ongoing public health issues	Y
		Provide accessible, bilingual, health information and resources via multiple media outlets	Y

4	Mobilize Community Partnerships	Build coalitions to bring together resources from the whole community	Y
		Health improvement planning efforts, programs, and projects	Y
		Convene partners to develop a community health improvement plan	Y
		Develop MOUs with other organizations to improve continuity of care	Y

5	Develop Policies	Develop and track measurable objectives	Y
		Foster leadership at all levels	Y
		Develop policies and ordinances to improve public health	Y
		Advocate for legislation that supports public health and funding	Y

6	Enforce Laws	Enforce sanitation codes	Y
		Protect drinking water supplies	Y
		Conduct timely inspections and response to complaints	Y
		Follow up on hazardous environmental exposures	Y

7	Link to Services	Provide outreach and education for special populations	Y
		Provide culturally appropriate communication and materials	Y
		Refer and provide warm-hand offs to health & human services	Y
		Distribute mass quantities of antibiotics or vaccines in the event of an outbreak or bioterrorism related attack	Y

8	Assure Competent Workforce	Provide education, training, and evaluation	Y
		Provide monetary support and efficient procedures for license renewal	Y
		Provide public health nursing internships and training programs	Y
		Test emergency response plan during a mock event to evaluate performance.	Y

9	Evaluate	Evaluate effectiveness of public health programs and services	Y
		Allocate resources and reshape programs or organizational structure	Y
		Monitor trends in disease rates to assess effectiveness of disease prevention activities	Y
		Monitor trends in risk behaviors to assess effectiveness of health promotion activities	Y

	Research	Utilize best practices to guide work	Y
		Link with institutions of higher learning	Y
		Monitor rapidly changing disease prevention and health promotion research	Y
		Revise practices in order to remain current with recommended practices resulting from evidence based work	Y