

About Us

Healthy people. Healthy places.



What We Do



Community Health Initiatives

Support community partners, policies, and programs that improve health and address and prevent health inequities.

We work to provide our community with: information to support data-informed decisions; strategies and technical assistance to implement programs and policies that are designed to improve health; and evaluation expertise to measure what's working.



Environmental Health Services

Prevent illness and injury so we are healthy and safe where we live, learn, work, and play.

We monitor our physical environments for environmental health issues and take action to minimize health hazards.



Health Services

Provide health care services to enhance the health and safety of the individuals and families in our community.

We reduce rates of communicable diseases, provide specific health care services to uninsured/underinsured residents, and support healthy birth outcomes.

Our Mission

Working with the community to enhance, protect, and promote the health of the environment and the well-being of all people.

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Services & Programs



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Specific Initiatives

We support community health initiatives by convening stakeholders, catalyzing action, and serving as a partner for community initiatives to improve well-being, particularly among groups most affected by negative health outcomes.

Some focus areas include:

- Improving maternal and child health
- Reducing violence & injury
- Preventing harm from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs
- Improving access to health and dental care services
- Supporting environments that promote mental health, healthy eating, and active living

How We Support Initiatives

Community Engagement

Engage in community outreach and collaboration using a health and racial equity framework to support policy, systems and environmental change to improve community health.

Epidemiology & Data Analysis

Collect, organize, analyze, and communicate health-related data to assess community health, track health trends, prevent diseases, and inform policies and programs to improve health.

Health Policy

Track and analyze policies that impact health, and work with partners in multiple sectors, to incorporate health considerations into decision-making.

Program Development & Evaluation

Collaborate with community, private, and public partners by providing assistance in program development and evaluation, ensuring that projects identify appropriate goals, criteria for success, and metrics to track results.



Communicable Disease Monitoring & Follow-Up

Track, investigate, and work to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases and conditions.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening

Coordinate The Wisconsin Well Woman Program, offering free breast and cervical cancer screenings for people with limited income and little or no health insurance.

Immunization Services

Provide education and free immunizations to qualifying children and adults to reduce the spread of disease in our community.

Needle Exchange

Provide free needles, risk-reduction information, and accept used needles for disposal to reduce the spread of disease amongst people who inject drugs.

Pregnancy & Early Childhood Support Services

Provide case management services for women during pregnancy and for two months to two years after delivery through Public Health Nurse home visits.

Sexual Health Services

Provide sexually transmitted infections testing, treatment, and partner notification services. Also provide limited family planning services.

Tuberculosis (TB) Control Services

Control and prevent the spread of TB through treatment, case management and contact investigations.

WIC

Provide nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, nutritious foods, and referrals to community programs for pregnant women, new moms, infants, and children up to their fifth birthday.



Animal Control Services

Insure a safe and healthy environment between humans and animals in Dane County by responding to animal welfare concerns and disease reports such as rabies.

Environmental Health Protection & Monitoring

Investigate and follow-up on spills, lead poisoning, and citizen complaints that may affect our environment. Monitor water and air quality and other environmental factors that impact our community.

Environmental & Community Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

Respond to public health emergencies including bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and natural disasters.

Environmental Licensing & Inspection

License and inspect food establishments, lodging facilities, body art, and pools to reduce the occurrence of illness.

Mosquito Monitoring & Control

Monitor and control mosquito breeding areas to reduce mosquitoes that carry diseases that can make people sick.

Water & Lead Paint Testing

Provide household and recreational water testing for nutrients, metals and bacteria, and paint testing for lead.

Well & Septic System Permitting and Monitoring

Permit and inspect private onsite wastewater systems and wells to protect county groundwater resources from contamination.