

Framework for Public Health Practice of the Henry County Health Department

The ten essential public health services provide a framework for the Henry County Health Department to address the needs of the local community. This framework includes mandated public health services and other basic services should be available in every community. Local health departments are expected to provide essential services, collaborate with other agencies in the provision of essential services, and to assure these services are provided by other systems. The ten essential services include:

1. **Monitor** health status to identify community health problems.
2. **Diagnose and investigate** health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. **Inform, educate, and empower** people about health issues.
4. **Mobilize** community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. **Develop policies and plans** that support individual and community health efforts.
6. **Enforce** laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. **Link** people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. **Assure** a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. **Evaluate** effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. **Research** for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

These essential public health services have been identified by nationally recognized agencies:

American Public Health Association (www.apha.org)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (www.astho.org)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (www.naccho.org)

Institute of Medicine (www.iom.edu)

National Academy of Sciences (www.nas.edu)

Associations of Schools of Public Health (www.asph.org)

The Public Health Foundation (www.phf.org)

United States Public Health Foundation

The Ohio Department of Health has identified six specific improvement standards for local health departments that reflect the ten essential public health services and associated core public health functions:

1. Protect people from disease and injury.
2. Monitor health status.
3. Assure a safe, healthy environment for people.
4. Promote healthy lifestyles.
5. Address the need for personal health services.
6. Administer the public health jurisdiction.