

What is Public Health and Why it Matters?

Public Health promotes and protects the health of all people and their communities by:

- ✓ Educating people about staying healthy (e.g., smoking prevention, sexually transmitted diseases);
- ✓ Conducting epidemiology activities (e.g., monitoring diseases in the community);
- ✓ Providing adult and childhood immunizations and mobile clinics for the most vulnerable (e.g., for flu, hepatitis C, COVID-19);
- ✓ Preventing food-borne illness (e.g., restaurant inspection);
- ✓ Preparing for natural disasters;
- ✓ Helping children get a healthy start by supporting pregnant people and newborns;
- ✓ Providing outreach, care, and connections to social supports for the most vulnerable (e.g., homeless); and
- ✓ Building partnerships with diverse communities to eliminate health disparities.

“While a doctor treats people who are sick, those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place. We also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors.”

-American Public Health Association

Source: <https://www.apha.org/what-is-public-health>

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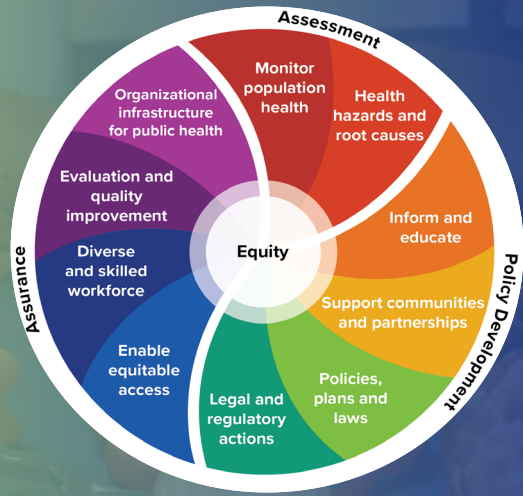
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The mission of the Imperial County Public Health Department

is to promote, protect, and
support the health of people,
the environment, and
our communities.

Importance of the 10 Essential Public Health Services



Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.

Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.

Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/public-health-gateway>

Programs & Services

Community Health Division:

Local Emergency Medical Services Agency; Hospital Preparedness; Public Health Emergency Preparedness; Child Passenger Safety/Injury Prevention; CalFresh Healthy Living; Tobacco Education; Immunization; Human Immunodeficiency Virus Counseling and Testing; Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS; Tuberculosis Control; Epidemiology; Disease Surveillance.

Environmental Health Division:

Retail Food; Recreational Health; Body Art; Dairy; Salton Sea - New River Recreational Waterways; Solid Waste; Small Public Wastewater Systems; Point of Entry Pilot; Land Use; Hazardous Materials Management - Participating Agency; Vector Control; Animal Care and Control.

Health and Support Services Division:

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health; Local Oral Health; California Children Services; Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention; Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care; Occupational Health Clinic and Health Services; Immunization Clinic; Medical Marijuana; Medical Records; Public Health Laboratory; Fiscal.

Strategic Planning, Analysis and Communications Division:

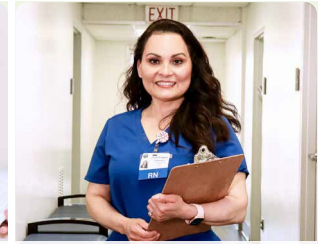
Information Communications and Technology; Workforce Development; Health Equity; Accreditation; Performance Management and Quality Improvement; Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning; Strategic Planning.



See Yourself in a Public Health Career?



Epidemiologist



Nurse



Microbiologist



Vector Control Technician



Inspector



Health Educator

With many public health department job categories, there are many ways you can use your knowledge and skills to build out a public health career path. Visit www.cdc.gov/stem to explore additional public health career pathways.



To learn more about career opportunities in the Imperial County Public Health Department, visit:

www.icphd.org/careers