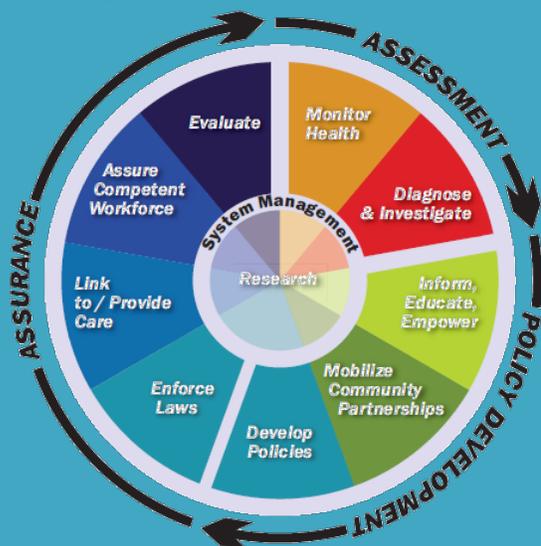


The 10 Essential Services of Public Health



The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe the responsibilities of the local public health system.

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.

Source: Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee, Fall 1994

Our Vision:

A safe and thriving Orange County where everyone has the opportunity for optimal health.

Our Mission:

Working with the community, we promote optimal health for all who live, work, and play in Orange County through assessment and planning, education and services, policy development, and regulatory activities.

Our Values:

Excellence, Integrity, and Health Equity

Public Health Services is a service area of the Orange County Health Care Agency. Public Health Services is made up of the divisions described below and works with the community to **assure** a competent workforce, **evaluate** services, and conduct **research**.

Disease Control and Epidemiology

Disease Control & Epidemiology protects the health of Orange County residents by **monitoring** reportable communicable diseases, **investigating** communicable disease outbreaks, and through **prevention and treatment programs**, such as for HIV and TB.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health protects the public's health and safety from harmful conditions in the environment by **enforcing laws and regulations** and providing **education** to businesses and the community about environmental health issues related to food safety, water quality, and hazardous materials.

Family Health Services

Family Health promotes family-focused preventative health care through **mobilizing community partnerships, developing community linkages**, and integrated programs such as **clinical and community services** for maternal, child, and adolescent populations, nutrition services, and dental services.

Health Promotion

Health Promotion promotes optimal health and prevents disease, disability, and premature death by providing **health education** and **mobilizing community partnerships**, and building the capacity of individuals, organizations and communities.

Public Health Laboratory

Public Health Laboratory protects the community's health by **diagnosing** diseases through clinical diagnostic and environmental laboratory support services for the Health Care Agency and consultation services to other laboratories and the medical community.

Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing promotes optimal health across the lifespan by providing community and in-home **health education, health assessments, case management**, and **health access support**.

Summary of Goals



Focus Area 1: Optimal Birth Outcomes

Goal 1: Achieve optimal birth outcomes for all babies born in Orange County.

Objective 1.1: By 2017, increase the proportion of at-term births that are a **healthy birth weight** for clients served within Public Health Services (PHS) prenatal programs.

Objective 1.2: By 2017, reduce the proportion of **preterm births** by 2% for clients served within PHS prenatal programs.



Focus Area 2: Chronic Disease Prevention

Goal 2: Eliminate preventable chronic disease in Orange County.

Objective 2.1: By 2017, reduce the proportion of **adolescents who smoke** by 3%.

Objective 2.2: By 2017, increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults eating the recommended amount of **fruits and vegetables** a day by 3%.

Objective 2.3: By 2017, increase the proportion of residents engaging in **physical activity** by 3%.



Focus Area 3: Chronic Disease Management

Goal 3: Reduce disability and premature death by optimizing management of chronic diseases.

Objective 3.1: By 2017, reduce **avoidable hospitalizations or ED visits** related to hypertension, diabetes, or cardiovascular conditions by 2%.

Objective 3.2: By 2017, increase the proportion of individuals with chronic diseases that are comfortable with **self-management** of their chronic disease by 2%.



Focus Area 4: Reproductive and Sexual Health

Goal 4: No new STD or HIV infections in Orange County.

Objective 4.1: By 2017, reduce three-year average **gonorrhea rates** by 3%.

Objective 4.2: By 2017, reduce the number of **new HIV infections** by 5%.



Focus Area 5: Food Safety

Goal 5: Improve food safety and prevent foodborne illnesses.

Objective 5.1: By 2017, reduce the rate of **foodborne illnesses cases** in Orange County by 5%.

Objective 5.2: By 2017, reduce the number of restaurants and markets found to have violations related to **improper hand washing** during inspections by 10%.

Objective 5.3: By 2017, reduce by 50% the number of days required to complete **case investigations** on all cases of enteric illnesses where a patient can be contacted.