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# Minnesota Department of Health

Mission: To protect, maintain and improve the health of *all* Minnesotans.

Minnesota’s public health system is known as one of the best in the nation. It is built upon a strong partnership between MDH, local public health agencies, tribal governments and a range of other organizations.

## Some of the Areas Covered by MDH:

* Birth and death records
* Foodborne Disease Outbreaks
* Infectious Diseases Investigations
* Health Care Homes
* Health Statistics / Data
* HMO Regulation
* Immunizations
* Newborn Screening
* Public Health Lab
* Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Assistance

Inspections:

* Assisted Living Facilities
* Community Water Supplies
* Funeral Homes
* Lodging / Camping
* Mobile Home Parks
* Nursing Homes
* Pools

“Public Health is what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy.”

- Institute of Medicine

* Restaurants

Licensing:

* Body Art Establishments/Professionals
* Occupational Therapy Practitioners
* Environmental Lab Accreditation

(Most health occupation licensing is done through the health licensing boards)

**Some of the services provided MDH:**

* Assurance that inappropriate care in nursing homes, hospitals and other care facilities is corrected.
* Hospital and health care system planning to provide care for large numbers of injured or ill victims in a large scale emergency situation.
* Planning to help ensure rural Minnesotans have access to care.
* Quality measurement and public reporting of clinical care.
* Statewide health improvements that encourage people to make healthy choices.
* Efforts to eliminate health disparities between Minnesota’s different ethnic populations.
* Advice about reducing environmental and pollution risks to health.