

CDC's Ten Essential Public Health Services Examples of Applied Local Activities and Partners

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #1: Monitor Health of the Community

- Conduct community health assessment to identify public health risks and inform public health planning
- Review available health data to determine most prevalent health problem afflicting community
- Identify groups of people who might have a greater chance of becoming ill because of where they live or work, because of social economic situations, or because they have behaviors that can cause health problems
- Develop community health profile to educate community and community leaders about public health promotion
- Establish website to provide community information about persistent health problems within community and how to prevent these problems

ES #1 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, community health assessment
- Local health planning council
- DOH headquarters, CHARTS

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #2: Diagnose and Investigate Community Health Problems and Hazards in the Community

- Investigate foodborne outbreaks
- Communicate serious health threats to community in timely manner
- Develop emergency response plans for public health emergencies
- Respond to public health emergencies including disease outbreaks or terrorism
- Ensure access to laboratory with capacity for sampling

ES #2 Partners may include

- County health department, environmental health, epidemiology, bioterrorism/preparedness
- Emergency responders
- Law enforcement

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- DOH headquarters, state laboratory

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #3: Inform, Educate and Empower

- Provide health information that is easy for people to get and understand
- Develop and provide community with information on seasonal and ongoing public health issues including Influenza and West Nile Virus prevention, cancer and obesity prevention, and bioterrorism preparedness
- Provide health promotion activities like cholesterol screening, blood pressure screening, and flu clinics
- Support legislation that will improve the community's health, such as clean indoor air legislation

ES #3 Partners may include

- County health department, chronic disease and health promotion and education (CDHPE), HIV/AIDS
- Non-profits (American Heart Assn, American Lung Assn, Arthritis Foundation, American Cancer Society, etc.)
- Hospitals, HMOs, clinics, health care professionals

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #4: Mobilize Community Partnerships

- Convene other health organizations (e.g., hospital) within community to develop community-wide health improvement plan
- Coordinate agreements between other community health organizations to determine specific roles and responsibilities toward improving community's health

ES #4 Partners may include

- County health department, community health assessment, CDHPE, HIV/AIDS
- Local health planning council
- Healthy Start Coalitions
- Social service providers including elder services
- Health care service providers (hospitals, HMOs, clinics, health care professionals)

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- Public safety organizations

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #5: Policy Development

- Advocate for policies that will improve public health, such as clean indoor air law
- Testify at public hearings in support of legislation that will improve public health

ES #5 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, community health assessment, quality improvement
- Local health planning council
- County, city, local government

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #6 Enforce Laws and Regulations

- Enforce public health code
- Protect drinking water supplies
- Conduct timely inspections (i.e., restaurants, tattoo parlors, campgrounds, day care)
- Conduct timely environmental inspections (i.e., septic systems, pools, lead abatement)
- Follow up on hazardous environmental exposures and preventable injuries
- Serve quarantine/isolation order to individual infected with infectious diseases such as Tuberculosis, SARS, or Smallpox
- Assist in revising outdated public health laws and development of proposed public health legislation

ES #6 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, environmental health, immunizations, communicable disease
- Law enforcement
- Public safety

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ESSENTIAL SERVICE #7 **Link People to Health Services**

- Establish and maintain referral network for provision of personal health services to ensure that people who cannot afford health care get the care they need
- Distribute mass quantities of antibiotics or vaccines in event of widespread disease outbreak (e.g., pandemic flu) or bioterror-related attack (i.e., smallpox or anthrax)
- Identify and locate underserved populations such as low-income families, minorities, and the uninsured
- Provide culturally and language appropriate materials so that special groups of people can be linked with preventive services

ES # 7 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, medical/nursing/clinical services director
- Health care providers (hospitals, HMOs, clinics, health care professionals)
- Local health planning council
- Healthy Start Coalition
- Rural health network
- Social service providers including elder services
- School health, day care

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #8 **Assure a Competent Workforce**

- Fund professional development opportunities for staff
- Test emergency response plan during mock event to evaluate performance

ES # 8 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, quality improvement/assurance
- Area Health Education Centers

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- Schools including community colleges, universities, technical institutes
- Health care providers (hospitals, HMOs, clinics, health care professionals)

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #9 **Evaluate Quality**

- Monitor trends in disease rates to assess effectiveness of disease prevention activities
- Monitor trends in risk factors (i.e., unprotected sex, drinking-and-driving, smoking) to assess effectiveness of health promotion activities
- Evaluate effectiveness of public health programs and services

ES #9 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, community health assessment, CDHPE, medical records
- Health care providers (hospitals, HMOs, clinics, health care professionals)

ESSENTIAL SERVICE #10 **Research for New Insights**

- Monitor rapidly changing disease prevention research and health promotion research
- Revise practices in order to remain current with recommended practices resulting from evidenced-based research

ES #10 Partners may include

- County health department, director/administrator, CDHPE
- Area Health Education Center
- Schools including community colleges, universities, technical institutes