

Ohio Minimum Package of Local Public Health Services

Core public health services

All LHDs should be responsible for providing the following services in their district — directly or by contracting with another LHD

- **Environmental health services**,* such as water safety, school inspections, nuisance abatement, and food safety (restaurant and grocery store inspections)
- **Communicable disease control**, vaccination capacity, and quarantine authority*
- **Epidemiology** services for communicable disease outbreaks and trending* and disease prevalence and morbidity/mortality reporting*
- **Access to birth and death records**
- **Health promotion and prevention** (health education* and policy, systems, and environmental change)
 - Chronic disease prevention (including tobacco, physical activity, nutrition)
 - Injury prevention
 - Infant mortality/preterm birth prevention
- **Emergency preparedness**, response, and ensuring safety of an area after a disaster
- **Linking people to health services** to make sure they receive needed medical care*
- **Community engagement**, community health assessment and improvement planning, and partnerships

*Service mandated by state of Ohio (ORC, OAC) (Note: Ohio law mandates several specific services related to environmental health and communicable diseases. Not all are listed here. See Appendix D for complete list.)

Other public health services

(Varies by community need as determined by Community Health Assessments) LHDs play a role in assuring that these services are provided in their community — either by local public health or other organization(s), including health care providers and other government agencies

Clinical preventive and primary care services

- Immunizations
- Medical and dental clinics (primary care)
- Care coordination and navigation
- Reproductive and sexual health services (including STD testing, contact tracing, diagnosis, and treatment)

Specific maternal and child health programs, such as

- WIC (Women Infants and Children) nutrition program
- Help Me Grow home visiting program (HMG)
- Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps program (BCMh)

Non-mandated environmental health services, such as

- Lead screening, radon testing, residential plumbing inspections, etc.

Other-optional depending on community need and other available providers

- Home health, hospice care, home visiting programs (other than HMG)
- School nurses; Drug and alcohol use prevention; Behavioral health
- Municipal ordinance enforcement

Foundational Capabilities

All LHDs should have access to the following skills and resources. Access can occur through cross-jurisdictional sharing.

Quality assurance

- Accreditation
- Quality improvement and program evaluation
- Identification of evidence-based practices

Information management and analysis

- Data analysis expertise for surveillance, epidemiology, community health assessment, performance management, and research
- Information technology infrastructure
- Interface with health information technology

Policy development

- Policy analysis and planning
- Expertise for policy, systems, and environmental change strategies

Resource development

- Grant writing expertise and grant seeking support
- Workforce development (training, certification, recruitment)
- Service reimbursement, contracting, and fee collection infrastructure (interface with third party payers)

Legal support

- Specialized consultation and analysis on public health law

Laboratory capacity

- Environmental health lab
- Clinical lab services (as appropriate)

Support and expertise for LHD community engagement strategies

- Community and governing entity engagement, convening and planning
- Public information, marketing, and communications
- Community health assessment and improvement planning
- Partnerships to address socio-economic factors and health equity

