

# Do YOU know what your local health department does?

Hint: It's a lot.

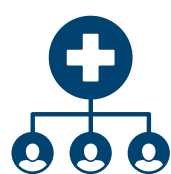


Your local health department **protects the health of people in your community in countless ways.** It may run community health clinics, test drinking water to make sure it's safe, and offer programs to help parents keep their kids safe and healthy.

Your local health department is also **on the front line of public health emergencies** — like disease outbreaks, natural disasters, or chemical spills.



## For example, your health department might:



Coordinate an emergency response with other local, state, and federal agencies



Provide medicine and other critical supplies



Take steps to prevent diseases from spreading, like offering vaccines



Keep community members informed during emergencies



Work with hospitals and health care providers to offer care as quickly as possible, to as many people as possible

