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[Local public health districts] are an essential and cost-effective public investment.

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– National Association of County & City Health Officials

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Health Care is vital to all of us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time.

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*– Dr. C. Everett Kopp, M.D.
Former US Surgeon General*



PANHANDLE HEALTH DISTRICT
District 1 . Hayden . 208-415-5100

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH
District 2 . Lewiston . 208-790-3100

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH
District 3 . Caldwell . 208-455-5300

CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH
District 4 . Boise . 208-375-5211

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
District 5 . Twin Falls . 208-737-5900

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH
District 6 . Pocatello . 208-233-9080

EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
District 7 . Idaho Falls . 208-522-0310

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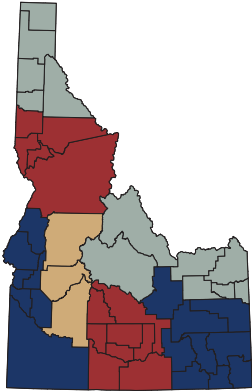
Public Health in IDAHO



HEALTHY PEOPLE IN
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

INTRODUCTION

Idaho's seven Public Health Districts were established in 1970 under Chapter 4, Title 39, Idaho Code. They were created to ensure essential public health services are made available to protect the health of all citizens of the state—no matter how large their county population.



The intent of the legislature in creating the seven public health districts was for public health services to be locally controlled and governed. Each of the public health districts is governed by a local Board of Health appointed by the county commissioners from that district. Each Board of Health defines the public health services to be offered in its district based on the particular needs of the local populations served.

The districts are not state agencies nor part of any state department; they are recognized much the same as other single purpose districts and are accountable to their local Boards of Health.

The law stipulates that public health districts provide the basic services of public health education, physical health, environmental health, and health administration. However, the law does not restrict the districts solely to these categories.

While Idaho's public health districts are locally based, they share a common vision and mission.

PUBLIC HEALTH'S MISSION

- **TO PREVENT** disease, disability and premature death
- **TO PROMOTE** healthy lifestyles
- **TO PROTECT** the health and quality of the environment

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The surroundings and geographical setting in which we live, work, and play have a direct influence upon our health and well-being. It is the mission of Environmental Health to control or reduce those environmental factors that pose hazards to health.

- Water Quality
- Food
- Sewage Disposal
- Waste Management
- Recreational Facilities
- Land Development
- Indoor Air Quality
- Vector Control
- Daycare Inspections

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

Public Health Preparedness is charged with planning and coordinating public health emergency efforts. This includes integrating preparedness and response roles with regional partners and helping to ensure that community members and businesses are prepared.

- Coordinate preparedness training for staff and community members
- Collaborate with regional health care system for the effective management of a public health emergency
- Develop and facilitate public health emergency response exercises
- Review, revise, and provide education on the District's emergency operations plans

HEALTH EDUCATION

Prevention is the key to success in public health. Idaho Public Health Districts focus on promoting healthy lifestyles through educational programs. They work closely with local coalitions and community partners.

- Diabetes Prevention and Control
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Fall Prevention for Seniors
- Health Promotion
- Asthma Prevention and Control
- Community Health Assessment
- Tobacco Cessation and Prevention
- Oral Health

PHYSICAL HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

Idaho Public Health Districts strive to maintain the health of families and the community through physical health programs and referrals to community partners. Communicable Disease Control coordinates response to public health emergencies and provides communicable disease control and prevention programs.

- Immunizations
- School Health
- Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology
- Communicable Disease Control
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- HIV/AIDS
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Family Planning
- Child Health
- Women's Health Check