

Perry County Health Department

“Working to Keep You Healthy”

IT IS OUR GOAL TO:

- Understand the specific health issues confronting our community, and how physical, environmental, social, behavioral and economic conditions affect them
- Investigate health problems and health threats
- Prevent, minimize and contain adverse health affects from: communicable diseases, disease outbreaks from unsafe food and water, chronic diseases, environmental hazards, injuries and risky health behaviors
- Have planned response activities for public health emergencies
- Collaborate with other local responders and with state and federal agencies to intervene in other emergencies with a public health impact (e.g. natural disasters)
- Implement health promotion programs
- Engage the community to address public health issues
- Develop partnerships with: public and private healthcare providers and institutions, other government agencies engaged in services that affect health (e.g. housing authority, criminal justice, education), community-based organizations and others to collectively identify and alleviate public health problems.
- Address health disparities.
- Serve as an essential resource for local governing bodies and policy makers on up to date public health laws and policies

- Provide science-based, timely and culturally competent health information and health alerts to the media and to the community
- Ensure compliance with public health laws and ordinances, using enforcement authority when appropriate
- Employ well-trained staff members who have the necessary resources to implement best practices and evidence-based programs and interventions
- Strategically plan services and activities, evaluate performance and outcomes, and make adjustments as needed to continually improve our effectiveness, enhance our community's health status, and meet the community's expectations