

# Essential Services

## Public Health:

- Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protects against environmental hazards
- Prevents injuries
- Promotes and encourages healthy behaviors
- Responds to disasters and assists communities in recovery
- Assures the quality and accessibility of health services

## Essential Public Health Services:

- **Monitor** health status to identify community problems
- **Diagnose** and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- **Inform, educate and empower** people about health issues
- **Mobilize** community partnerships and actions to identify and solve health problems
- **Develop** policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- **Enforce** laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- **Link** people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- **Assure** a competent public health and personal health care workforce
- **Evaluate** effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services
- **Research** for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems