

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

HIV/AIDS Program develops and implements strategies to stop the spread of HIV infection and to enhance Boston's capacity to provide care for people with HIV/AIDS. The program administers the Ryan White Care Act and City of Boston funding to community organizations to provide education and care and treatment services. In addition, this program oversees the HIV Dental Program.

Communicable Disease Control is responsible for surveillance and control of communicable diseases such as hepatitis, foodborne illness and measles, which by state law must be reported to local health.

Education & Outreach provides education regarding infectious diseases to reduce risk of illness and promote health in Boston. Education awareness initiatives include various social marketing campaigns, development of educational materials, and direct training to healthcare and community groups. Funding and technical assistance are provided to community-based providers who deliver HIV/AIDS prevention and education through comprehensive, evidence-based interventions designed to raise community awareness and lower infection rates.

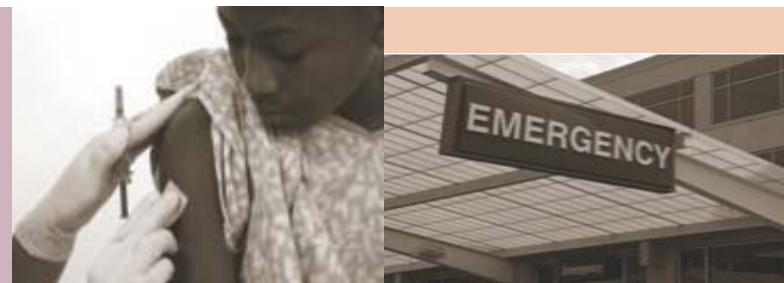
The Tuberculosis Clinic is the largest provider of tuberculosis services in New England. The Clinic provides public health services related to prevention and control of tuberculosis (TB) in the city of Boston including comprehensive diagnostic services, treatment, and monitoring for persons with TB, at no charge to the individual.

ADDICTIONS PREVENTION, TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Prevention Services partners with neighborhood-level coalitions to increase knowledge and awareness of substance use, address environmental barriers to risk reduction and treatment, and build long-term capacity within Boston neighborhoods for addressing substance abuse.

Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention utilizes a range of strategies to keep users engaged in the program, such as safe injection education, needle exchange, and overdose prevention education using nasal narcan.

The Resources and Referral Center (also known as Central Intake and "Room 5") is a walk-in substance abuse triage and assessment service that provides referrals to the Bureau's outpatient counseling, acupuncture, and opioid treatment services. The Center also makes referrals for detoxification and residential programs to other agencies in Boston.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services is a two-tiered Basic Life Support (BLS), and Advanced Life Support (ALS) service, which frequently serves as the first link to the city's health care system. Boston EMS is not only a public safety provider for 911 calls, but often works with communities and schools to build public safety and violence prevention programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

All programs of the Commission are served through a centralized administrative service department, which provides human resources, labor relations, fiscal services, operations and property management, legal counsel, communications, grants, security, and information technology services.

In addition:

Consortium for Professional Development educates, trains, and prepares Boston's public, private and not-for-profit public health workforce with comprehensive and culturally competent curricula in prevention and emergency preparedness. The Consortium includes the *DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness* and the *Community Health Education Center*.

Policy and Planning assures that public policies work for the health of Boston residents by monitoring the impact of legislative activity on health services, supporting the elimination of health disparities, and ensuring the involvement of the community in public health efforts. This office oversees *Intergovernmental Relations and Public Health Advocacy*, the *Center for Health Equity and Social Justice (Health Equity and the REACH US Center for Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities)*.

Public Health Preparedness Office oversees all areas of biological, chemical and nuclear preparedness for BPHC by developing plans, training front line workers and educating the public.

Research & Evaluation Office oversees the analysis and evaluation of health data for Boston residents and responds to data requests from the public.

The Boston Public Health Commission



An Overview

The Boston Public Health Commission, the country's oldest health department, is an independent public agency providing a wide range of health services and programs. It serves as the City's board of health and is governed by a seven-member board appointed by Mayor Thomas M. Menino. The Commission's more than 40 programs are grouped into six bureaus.

Our Mission

Public service and access to quality healthcare is the cornerstone of our mission – to protect, preserve, and promote the health and wellbeing of all Boston residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

CHILD, ADOLESCENT & FAMILY HEALTH

The Child, Adolescent & Family Health Bureau brings together a wide range of programs that address maternal and child health, as well as the health issues affecting entire families.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

The Community Initiatives Bureau addresses health issues affecting the entire community of Boston. The Bureau highlights the Commission's commitment to environmental concerns, chronic health prevention and management, access to health care, and the enforcement of citywide health ordinances and regulations.

HOMELESS SERVICES

The Boston Public Health Commission oversees a variety of programs that address the many complex needs associated with homelessness, such as shelter, health and mental health services, job readiness and training, transitional housing, substance abuse treatment, recovery support, and re-entry services.

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The Infectious Disease Control Bureau strives to reduce the impact of infectious diseases, prevent the morbidity associated with these diseases, and create healthier lives for the residents of Boston.

ADDICTIONS PREVENTION, TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

The integration of substance abuse treatment programming in the Commission allows for a coordinated continuum of care, with an emphasis on family treatment. The Bureau provides prevention, treatment, training, and research in all areas of chemical dependency. Direct services include acupuncture detoxification, central intake, counseling, and a methadone clinic.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

In addition to providing 24-hour pre-hospital emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the city of Boston, EMS identifies the underlying causes of much of the city's emergencies and endeavors to prevent these crisis situations through education and other forms of outreach.



Building a Healthy Boston

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CHILD, ADOLESCENT & FAMILY HEALTH

Boston Healthy Start Initiative awards grants to community-based organizations that provide services designed to reduce infant mortality.

Healthy Baby/Healthy Child provides free health services to pregnant women and parenting families in the city of Boston.

BAHBC/Youth-to-Health Careers Program aims to diversify the pool of health professionals in Boston by providing middle and high school students with opportunities to increase their awareness of health professions, public health issues, and concepts.

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Coalition works with community organizations, Boston residents, and mental health providers to improve mental health service delivery and enhance awareness of mental health issues.

Child Health Program provides outreach, education, and services to address the social and medical issues related to chronic absenteeism for children in grades K-8.

HealthCREW prepares young men of color between the ages 18-25 years to provide health education to their peers in the community, while also pursuing their own health career goals.

Peer Leadership Institute trains and supports high school students to become role models and leaders who promote positive behavior change around health practices in their school communities.

School Based Health Program delivers medical, mental health, and sexuality and reproductive health education and services to students in eight Boston Public high schools.

Youth Development Network provides case management and referrals to youth in VIP neighborhoods to increase healthy behaviors associated with successful school achievement.

Domestic Violence Program trains a vast array of people who might encounter domestic violence and maintains a free, multilingual resource library.

Family Justice Center serves all victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The center provides individuals and families with access to a wide range of free services offered by a diverse group of partner organizations.

Trauma Response & Recovery offers direct assistance to families and communities coping with traumatic events while increasing community awareness of the effects of trauma and available resources.

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) is an initiative of Mayor Thomas M. Menino designed to address violence in five of Boston's high need neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

Cancer Prevention & Management promotes early detection and prevention to reduce cancer deaths in the city of Boston through outreach, breast health education and referrals for cancer screening.

Healthy Eating & Active Living promotes and supports healthy lifestyles for all Boston residents through environmental, policy, and systems changes that favor and support healthier choices; increased public awareness about the benefits of and resources for healthier eating and regular physical activity; and education and direct services/support programs for high-risk populations.

Oral Health strives to improve the oral health of the city of Boston by helping to eliminate health disparities and inequities and ensure access to oral health care for all residents.

Coordinated Social Support & Training develops training curricula and provides technical assistance to integrate of behavioral health concerns into chronic disease prevention and treatment programs.

South End Fitness Center is an exercise and wellness facility that provides access to a variety of fitness options including weight training and state-of-the-art cardiovascular equipment, basketball court, swimming pool, exercise studio, and an array of group fitness classes, including personal training.

LGBT Health & Immigrant and Refugee Health Office improves the health of residents through prevention, increased access to health care, community trainings, direct health services, and policy development. These efforts are focused on emerging populations such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) residents, immigrant, refugee, and migrant communities, and other marginalized and disenfranchised populations.

Mayor's Health Line (800) 847-0410 is a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral service linking Bostonians with health care and identifying health insurance or assistance to pay for medical care.

The Outreach Program coordinates and provides health education in non-traditional settings such as barbershops, hair salons, churches, and public schools.

The Biological Safety and Laboratory Safety Program regulates and licenses biological laboratories in the City of Boston through registration, permits, inspections, and surveillance.

Environmental Hazards responds to complaints from the public regarding asbestos, indoor air pollution, leaking underground storage tanks, and hazardous waste dumping, as well as responding to environmental emergencies.

Lead Poisoning Prevention works to prevent childhood lead poisoning. The Lead Program provides case management and medical follow-up services, home inspections, and monitoring of lead hazard abatement.

Asthma Prevention & Control works to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of asthma in Boston. Services include environmental inspections and interventions, individual and community-based asthma education, outreach, public information, and care coordination.



Healthy Homes partners with housing and inspection agencies to improve conditions in the home that might adversely affect health.

Injury Prevention works to reduce the risk of injury and to help parents, caretakers, and providers keep kids safe through education, technology, and legislation.

Tobacco Prevention & Control enforces local ordinances that control the sale, use and distribution of tobacco. This office conducts compliance checks to ensure that businesses comply with local tobacco laws.



Emergency Shelter is provided in two locations operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Guests are offered a warm bed and meals, as well as access to a variety of services including medical and mental health, substance abuse counseling and referrals, case management, and emergency clothing.

Transitional Housing programs address clients' medical and social needs in a safe and sober environment. Specialized supportive housing is provided for those recovering from substance abuse, men who are court involved or recently released from prison, and individuals living with HIV. These short-term residential programs facilitate the participant's transition out of the shelter and into permanent housing.

Permanent Housing is offered in three different programs through which single adults receive one-on-one case management, substance abuse counseling, and referrals for employment assistance and health care.

Job Training and Education offers multiple vocational rehabilitation and educational programs to its clients to help them with the transition beyond shelter. Clients receive a range of services from adult education to pre-employment training and paid hands-on job training.