



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

# Local Public Health Departments: Working Together to Protect You

## Local Public Health Agencies in Greater Kansas City

### Cass County

300 S. Main St., Harrisonville, MO 64701  
Phone: 816-380-8425 • Fax: 816-380-8450

### Clay County

800 Haines Dr., Liberty, MO 64068  
Phone: 816-595-4200 • Fax: 816-595-4201  
[www.clayhealth.com](http://www.clayhealth.com)

### Independence

515 S. Liberty St., Independence, MO 64050  
Phone: 816-325-7185 • Fax: 816-325-7098  
[www.indepmo.org/health](http://www.indepmo.org/health)

### Jackson County

313 S. Liberty St., Independence, MO 64050  
Phone: 816-404-6415 • Fax: 816-404-6429  
[www.jacohd.org](http://www.jacohd.org)

### Johnson County

11875 S. Sunset Dr., Suite 300, Olathe, KS 66061  
Phone: 913-894-2525 • Fax: 913-477-8048  
6000 Lamar, Mission, KS 66202  
Phone: 913-826-1200 • Fax: 913-826-1210  
[health.jocogov.org](http://health.jocogov.org)

### Kansas City, Mo.

2400 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108  
Phone: 816-513-6252 • Fax: 816-513-6293  
[www.kcmo.org/health](http://www.kcmo.org/health)

### Leavenworth County

500 Eisenhower Rd., Suite 101  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
Phone: 913-250-2000 • Fax: 913-250-2039  
[www.leavenworthcounty.org/hd](http://www.leavenworthcounty.org/hd)

### Platte County

212 Marshall Rd., Platte City, MO 64079  
Phone: 816-858-2412 • Fax: 816-858-2087  
[www.plattecountyhealthdept.com](http://www.plattecountyhealthdept.com)

### Ray County

820 E. Lexington St., Richmond, MO 64085  
Phone: 816-776-5413 • Fax: 816-776-2441

### Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan.

619 Ann Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101  
Phone: 913-573-6704 • Fax: 913-321-7932  
<http://www.wycokck.org>

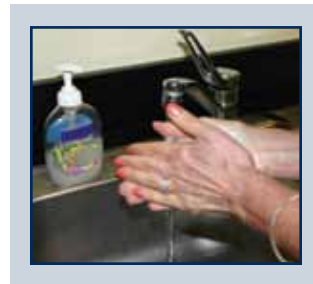
Local public health departments are leaders in improving the health and well-being of our communities. The Kansas City region is served by 10 local health departments that work together to protect public health. These agencies help prevent disease, illness and injury, and positively impact the social, economic and environmental factors fundamental to good health.

## *Protecting you from health threats — the everyday and the exceptional.*

Local public health departments guard against health threats, regardless of the source, and work to prevent disease outbreaks. Your local health department makes sure the tap water you drink, the restaurant food you eat and the air you breathe are all safe. It's ready to respond to any health emergency — be it bioterrorism, SARS, West Nile Virus, pandemic influenza or an environmental hazard.



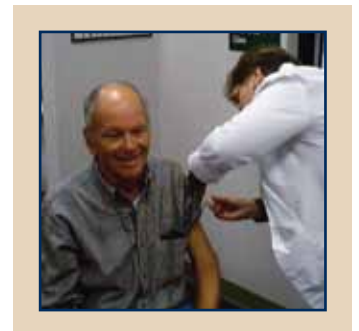
## *Educating you and your neighbors about health issues.*



Local public health departments use public forums, school programs, health clinics, newsletters and Web sites to give you information that helps you make healthy decisions every day, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking or simply washing your hands to keep from spreading illness. During a public health emergency, your local health department provides important alerts and warnings to protect your health.

## *Providing healthy solutions for everyone.*

Your local public health department offers the preventive care you need to avoid chronic disease and to help maintain your health. It provides flu shots for residents and helps mothers obtain prenatal care that gives their babies a healthy start. It also helps provide children with regular check-ups, immunizations, and good nutrition to help them grow and learn.



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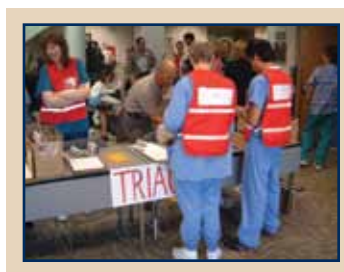
## *Tracking and investigating health problems and hazards.*



Local public health departments gather and analyze data on the community's health to determine risks and problems. This information drives specific activities designed to control multiple threats: communicable and chronic diseases; outbreaks of illness spread through food, water or insects; biological, chemical and radiological hazards; and public health disasters.

## *Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.*

As a result of extensive and ongoing preparation, local public health departments are able to respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks and other public health events, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. They coordinate delivery of drugs, supplies and provisions to victims and people who are at risk. They also keep the public informed and serve as the network hub for community hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers during emergencies.



## *Linking people to health services.*



Local public health departments connect people with personal health services, including preventive and health promotion services. They also advocate for development of needed programs and services in underserved populations and continuously monitor the quality and accessibility of public health services.

## *Advocating for community health.*

Your local public health department plays a vital role in developing new policies and standards that address existing and emerging challenges to your community's health while enforcing a range of laws intended to keep you safe. Your local public health department is constantly working — through research and rigorous staff training — to maintain its unique expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs.

### **MOHAKCA** Metropolitan Official Health Agencies of the Kansas City Area

Your local public health agencies recognize that disease and other health issues don't stop at city and county boundaries.

In addition to working closely with state and federal health departments, the directors of all 10 local public health agencies work together through the MOHAKCA committee.

This group, supported by the Mid-America Regional Council, meets monthly to discuss coordinated efforts to improve the health and well-being of people throughout the metro.

For more information, visit the MOHAKCA Web page at [www.marc.org/emergency/mohakca.htm](http://www.marc.org/emergency/mohakca.htm).



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