**Activities categorized into each Essential Public Health Service**

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| Essential Public Health Service | Activities Included |
| 1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems. | * Epidemiology and Surveillance Activities:   + Infectious disease   + Chronic disease   + Injury   + Behavioral risk factors   + Environmental health   + Syndromic surveillance   + Maternal and child health * Completion of a community health assessment measured in the increasing levels of no assessment performed, no assessment performed but one planned in the next year, assessment performed five or more years ago, assessment performed more than three but less than five years ago, and assessment performed within the last three years. |
| 2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community. | * Screening for Diseases/Conditions   + HIV/AIDS   + Other STDs   + Tuberculosis   + Cancer   + Cardiovascular disease   + Diabetes   + High blood pressure   + Blood lead * Laboratory Services |
| 3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues. | * Population-based Primary Prevention Activities   + Injury   + Unintended pregnancy   + Chronic disease   + Nutrition   + Physical Activity   + Violence   + Tobacco   + Substance Abuse   + Mental illness * Food safety education |
| 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems. | * Partnerships and collaborations measured in the increasing levels of no programs, not involved, networking, coordinating, cooperating, and collaborating in each of the following areas:   + Emergency Preparedness   + Food Safety   + Maternal and child health   + Tobacco, alcohol or other drugs   + Community health assessment and planning   + Communicable/infectious disease   + Chronic disease   + Land use   + Environmental health |
| 5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. | * Local level policy making and advocacy   + Prepared issue briefs for policy makers   + Gave public testimony to policy makers   + Participated on a board or advisory panel responsible for public health policy   + Communicated with legislators, regulatory officials, or other policymakers regarding proposed legislation, regulations, or ordinances   + Provided technical assistance to legislative, regulatory or advocacy group for drafting proposed legislation, regulations, or ordinances * New public health ordinance or regulation in past two years * Participation in the development of a community health improvement plan in the following levels:   + No health improvement plan developed   + No health improvement plan developed but one planned in the next year   + Health improvement plan developed five or more years ago   + Health improvement plan developed more than three but less than five years ago   + Health improvement plan developed within the last three years. * Development of agency-wide strategic plan in the following levels:   + No strategic plan developed   + No strategic plan developed but one planned in the next year   + Strategic plan developed five or more years ago   + Strategic plan developed more than three but less than five years ago   + Strategic plan developed within the last three years. |
| 6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. | * Regulation, inspection and/or licensing   + Schools/daycare   + Cosmetology business   + Tobacco retailers   + Smoke-free ordinances   + Lead inspection   + Public drinking water   + Private drinking water   + Food Service Establishments   + Health-related facilities * Environmental Health Activities   + Indoor air quality   + Groundwater protection   + Surface water protection   + Air pollution |
| 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. | * Adult immunization * Child immunization * Treatment for communicable disease   + HIV/AIDS   + Other STDs   + Tuberculosis * Maternal Child Health   + Family planning   + Prenatal care   + Obstetric care   + WIC   + MCH home visit   + EPSDT   + Well child clinic * Other health services   + Comprehensive primary care   + Home health care   + Oral health   + Behavioral/mental health services   + Substance abuse services * Emergency medical services * Outreach and enrollment for medical insurance * School-based clinics * School health |
| 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce. | * Use of the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals for:   + Writing position descriptions   + Conducting staff performance evaluations   + Assessing staff training needs   + Developing staff training plans |
| 9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. | * Level of quality improvement activities:   + No QI activities   + Informal or ad-hoc QI   + Formal QI in specific areas   + Formal QI agency-wide * Agency QI Council or other committee that coordinates QI efforts * Staff member with dedicated time as part of their job description to monitor IQ work throughout the agency * Agency-wide QI plan * Agency performance data is used on an ongoing basis to drive improvement efforts * Leadership dedicates resources (e.g., time, funding) to QI * QI is incorporated in employee job descriptions * QI is incorporated in employee performance appraisals * QI resources and training opportunities are offered to staff on an ongoing basis |
| 10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems. | * Use of the Guide to Community Preventive Services to support or enhance decision making * Identified research topics relevant to public health practice * Developing or refining research plans and/or protocols for public health studies * Recruiting study sites and/or study participants * Collecting, exchanging, or reporting data for a study * Analyzing and interpreting study data and findings * Disseminating research findings to key stakeholders * Applying research findings to practices within your own organization * Helping other organizations apply research findings to practice |