



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

ABOUT DPH

DPH regulates, licenses and provides oversight of a wide range of healthcare-related professions and services. Additionally, the Department focuses on preventing disease and promoting wellness and health equity for all people. Information is available for residents, providers, researchers, and stakeholders.

Commissioner:

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH

STAFFING

3,005 state employees

LOCATIONS



Main Office

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DPH By the Numbers (FY 2019)



Inspected **40,000** food establishments, enforcing health and safety regulations



Tested **15,000** water samples at **1000** beaches



Performed over **250,000** lab tests for infectious illnesses such as influenza, West Nile virus, measles, HIV, and biological and chemical threats



Maintain **more than 10 million** vital data records on resident births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and more



Issued **273,297** licenses, registrations, and permits for health care personnel



Assisted with screening **175,656** children for lead poisoning

Key Services

Make it safe for people to eat and drink

Ensure that the environment is healthy and safe

Prevent injury, illness, and premature death

Give children a healthy start and support people in vulnerable situations

Ensure that hospitals and other health care facilities meet the highest standards

Help prepare and respond to emergencies and disasters

Gather and analyze data to laser-focus public health resources