We Keep People Healthy and Communities Strong

We make it safe to eat and drink in Massachusetts.

- Inspected 40,000 food establishments, enforcing health and safety regulations
- Investigated 634 cases of food-borne illness and 38 outbreaks
- Investigated 80 cases of Vibrio to ensure the safety of raw oysters

We ensure that your environment is healthy and safe.

- Investigated 8,000 homes for lead paint and helped 557 families eliminate risk of lead poisoning for children
- Tested 15,000 water samples at 1,000 beaches
- Safety tested 1,400 X-ray, laser and mammography machines to protect patients

We prevent injury, illness and premature death.

- Trained 10,986 coaches and 97,324 parents to recognize concussions
- Performed over 250,000 lab tests for infectious illnesses such as influenza, West Nile virus, measles, HIV, and biological and chemical threats
- Help thousands of people manage chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure
- Tobacco 21 law raised the age to 21 to buy cigarettes and vape products to protect youth

We give children a healthy start and support people in vulnerable situations.

- 175,656 children screened for lead poisoning
- 95% child vaccination rate prior to starting school, keeping fellow students and families safe
- 92,760 middle and high school students screened for substance use, ensuring treatment and support
- Answered 41,179 hotline calls and provided education about sexual assault or domestic violence
- Provided WIC benefit to 200,575 pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and their children

We ensure that hospitals and other health care facilities meet the highest standards.

- Kept millions of patients, clients and seniors safe by inspecting facilities
- Issued 273,297 licenses, registrations and permits for health care personnel
- Our 4 multi-specialty hospitals provide acute and chronic medical care where community facilities are not available

We help prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters.

- 9 emergency activations to support community medical and public health services for people during hurricanes, floods, blizzards, mass casualty incidents and epidemics

We gather and analyze data to laser-focus public health resources.

- To help combat the opioid epidemic, the public health data warehouse provides unique cross-government data analysis
- 10 million vital data records on resident births, deaths, marriages, divorces and more

And that’s just for one year.