



We Keep People Healthy and Communities Strong

Just a few of the ways we did that in 2024:

We make it safe to eat and drink in Massachusetts.



Investigated more than **900** cases and **50** outbreaks of food-borne illness



Issued warnings to protect people from harmful chemicals in fish they might eat from **40** rivers, ponds, and lakes

We ensure that your environment is healthy and safe.



Supported the investigation of **7,000** homes for lead paint and provided case management services for **500** families to eliminate risk of lead poisoning for children



With local health, tested over **16,000** water samples for bacteria at **1,100** beaches



Inspected over **1,000** X-ray, laser and mammography machines to protect patients and the public

We prevent injury, illness, and premature death.



Answered more than **72,800** calls on the 988/Suicide and Crisis Lifeline supporting individuals in emotional distress or suicidal crisis



Performed over **360,000** lab tests for infectious illnesses, such as flu, measles, and HIV



Provided over **405,200** naloxone kits and **365,500** fentanyl test strips to community organizations to help prevent opioid-related overdose deaths

We give children and families a healthy start.



Assisted almost **41,400** children under age 3 with a developmental delay or risk of delay through early intervention services



Supported robust child vaccination rates, with **94%** of kindergarteners meeting all vaccine requirements for school entry



Provided WIC benefits to more than **205,300** pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people and their children

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



Provided acute and chronic care at our multi-specialty hospitals



Issued and maintained more than **443,500** licenses, registrations, and permits for health care personnel



Kept **millions** of patients, clients, and seniors safe by conducting inspections of health care facilities, including long-term care, clinics, acute hospitals, and others

We help prepare for and respond to violence, emergencies, and disasters.



Provided health support, including vaccinations, for families in the emergency shelter system



Protected uninterrupted, safe, and quality care for patients in the face of hospital closures and transitions



Responded to infectious disease outbreaks, like COVID-19, mpox, and other emerging illnesses

We provide valuable public health data and prioritize equity in all we do.



Maintained over **20 million** vital records data on births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and more



Launched and began implementation of the Department's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity



Conducted analysis of more than **18,250** responses to the Community Health Equity Survey to better understand social and structural impacts on health of Massachusetts residents