Massachusetts Department of Public Health

DPH

Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD

We keep people healthy and communities strong

Just a few of the ways we did that in 2025:

We make it safe to eat and drink in Massachusetts.

Investigated more than **900** cases and **40** outbreaks of foodborne illness

Issued warnings to protect people from harmful chemicals in fish they might eat from **8** 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 **525** 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 **550** X-ray, laser, and mammography machines to protect patients and the public

We prevent injury, illness, and premature death.

Answered more than **371,000** calls on the MA 988 Lifeline network supporting individuals in emotional distress or suicidal crisis

Performed over **521,000** lab tests for infectious illnesses, such as flu, measles, and HIV, and other health concerns

Provided over **192,000** naloxone kits and more than **297,000** fentanyl test strips to community organizations to help prevent opioid-related overdose deaths

We give children and families a healthy start.

Assisted more than **42,400** children under age 3 with a developmental delay or risk of delay through early intervention services

Supported robust child vaccination rates, with **95%** of kindergarteners meeting all vaccine requirements for school entry

Provided WIC benefits to more than **196,000** pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people and their children

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

Provided acute and chronic care at our multi-specialty hospitals

Issued or maintained almost **525,000** licenses, registrations, and permits for healthcare personnel

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

We help prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters.

Engaged in extensive planning and coordination to protect public health during the 2026 World Cup

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

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

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

Launched the DPH Data Library to make it easier for anyone to browse and use Massachusetts public health data

Continued implementing the Department's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity