

Administration

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) Maine Department of Human Services

The Maine CDC serves as the State's public health agency. As such, its overall purpose is to preserve, protect and promote the health of all Maine people. Key strategies include: tracking the health of Maine's population; implementing public health policies and programs; diminishing environmental health hazards; educating the public on health issues; and preparing for public health emergencies.

The Maine CDC is responsible for assuring the ten essential public health services to the population of Maine. These are:

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
8. Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions



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The Maine CDC (formerly the Bureau of Health) is responsible for assuring the health of the people of Maine. Most of the work of the Maine CDC is focused serving whole populations or assuring that systems are available, rather than serving individuals. For instance, Maine CDC's work in emergency preparedness is focused on assuring that emergency communication and delivery systems are in place. Likewise, work with tobacco control focuses on implementing policies and programs that assure the support of a tobacco-free culture.

The Director of the Maine CDC also serves as the State's Chief Health Officer and is required to be a physician with a public health background.

Maine CDC Goals

Maine CDC goals and objectives for this decade are published in *Healthy Maine 2010: Longer and Healthier Lives*. Copies of this document may be ordered by calling the Maine CDC or accessing its website. The ten priority areas for our public health goals are:

1. Access to quality health care, disease prevention, and health promotion
2. Chronic disease
3. Environmental health
4. Family planning and perinatal health
5. Infectious disease and immunization
6. Injury
7. Mental health
8. Occupational health
9. Physical activity and nutrition
10. Substance abuse

Priority Populations

The Maine CDC serves all the populations of Maine. However, to achieve Healthy Maine 2010 goals and objectives, eight factors that are associated with populations are identified as priorities. They are: socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity, age, disability, gender, significant life events such as veteran status, residence such as rural and urban, and sexual orientation and other sexual minorities.

Program Activities

The Maine CDC has the following components with corresponding staff:

<u>Division/Office</u>	<u># of Staff</u>
Administration	8
Chronic Disease	58
Environmental Health	79
Family Health	106
Infectious Disease	60
Office of Minority Health	1
Public Health Systems	103
Total	415

Funding Sources

The Maine CDC's budget is over \$116 million and comes from Federal funds (includes Block Grant), General Fund, Fund for a Healthy Maine, and Dedicated Revenue.