

Hennepin County Public Health

We work to improve the health of all county residents by addressing social and environmental factors that impact their health and by offering programs and services that help them be healthy.

We're organized in four areas – Clinical Services, Family Health, Health Protection & Promotion, and Public Health Administration.

Clinical Services (Contact: stephanie.abel@hennepin.us)

Emergency Mental Health Services (Contact: kay.pitkin@hennepin.us) - Provides mobile services to avert mental health crises in the community and assess persons referred for commitment.

- **Child Crisis** — Serves children and youth (0-17 years) in mental health crisis and their families.
- **Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE)** — Provides 24-7-365 on-site crisis services to adults (18 years and up) experiencing a psychiatric emergency.
- **Prepetition Screening Program (PSP)** — Assesses and screens individuals being considered for commitment by the court and, when possible, diverts individuals to less restrictive, voluntary alternatives.

Health Care for the Homeless (Contact: dawn.petroskas@hennepin.us) — Provides primary medical care, mental health and substance use services at community based facilities serving individuals experiencing homelessness.

Mental Health Center (Contact: sally.kratz@hennepin.us) — Delivers outpatient mental health services to adults with serious mental illnesses and works with youth who are emotionally disturbed or have been court ordered for psychological evaluation.

Public Health Clinic (Contact: maryjo.meuleners@hennepin.us) — Delivers health services to prevent, diagnose and treat communicable diseases and improve the health of county residents. Primary programs include:

- **Health Education** — Addresses sexual health issues of women ages 13 to 19.
- **Hepatitis B Prevention** — Provides education, testing, and referral for those at high risk of hepatitis B.
- **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Prevention** — Provides adults with HIV/STI counseling/testing services, linkage to medical care, and supportive services
- **Immunization Services** — Provides immunizations for un- and underinsured clients.
- **Prevention Grant Services** — Plans and delivers HIV and STD testing, education, linkage to care, programs, and services within the Public Health Clinic and community outreach.
- **Refugee Health** — Provides multilingual and multicultural assessment, treatment, and referral for diseases and conditions affecting newly arriving refugees.
- **Tuberculosis Prevention** — Evaluates and treats latent and active tuberculosis infection.

Family Health (Contact: angela.watts@hennepin.us)

Better Together Hennepin — (Contact: jessica.smith@hennepin.us) Builds supports that young people need to delay parenthood.

Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) (Contact: karen.mayer@hennepin.us) — Enables well-child checkups for children and teens under the age of 21 who are on Medical Assistance. Services include help scheduling appointments, arranging transportation, and more.

Maternal & Child Health/Early Childhood (Contact: jane.auger@hennepin.us) — Supports prenatal, infant, early childhood and adolescent health through early childhood mental health, home health care visits, the Safe Sleep Campaign, and other initiatives.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (Contact: karen.mayer@hennepin.us) — Helps families put more fresh and healthy food on the table, and make positive nutrition and health decisions for a lifetime.

Health Protection and Promotion (Contact: alisa.johnson@hennepin.us)

Emergency Preparedness (Contact: marcee.shaughnessy@hennepin.us) — Plans and ensures that proper systems are in place to respond and protect the health and safety of county residents in public health emergencies.

Environmental Health (Contact: duane.hudson@hennepin.us) — Licenses and inspects food, beverage, and lodging facilities, septic systems, pools, camps, and body art businesses; addresses environmental threats and public health nuisances

Epidemiology, Assessment, ImmuLink (Contact: david.johnson2@hennepin.us) — Responds to communicable disease occurrences; collects and disseminates data that supports decision-making; provides immunization services through ImmuLink.

Health Promotion (Contact: khatidja.dawood@hennepin.us) — Reduces chronic diseases and improves health equity by promoting healthy behaviors and environments. Focus areas include physical activity, healthy foods, reduced tobacco use, and mental wellbeing.

Administration (Contact: james.mara@hennepin.us)

Administration and Public Health Practice (Contact: james.mara@hennepin.us) — Provides administration services and performance management coordination.

- **Accreditation** — Partners with the national Public Health Accreditation Board to maintain our accredited public health agency status, and to advance the quality and performance of our department.
- **Strategic initiatives** (Contact: veronica.schulz@hennepin.us) — Develops and implements the department strategic plan, defining priorities and direction.
- **Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP)** (Contact: karen.nikolai@hennepin.us) — Partners with stakeholders from multiple sectors to align efforts to improve the health of individuals, families, and the community.
- **Contracts** — Manages expenditure and receivable contracts, overseeing the approval process with County Administration, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, and external partners.
- **Emergency Medical Services** (Contact: kristin.mellstrom@hennepin.us) — Plans and regulates emergency medical services and works to ensure common standards for medical response and transportation.
- **Quality Improvement** — the department's QI Council and subcommittees carry out the department's QI plan and integrate QI into the organizational culture.

- **Ryan White Program** (Contact: jonathan.hanft@hennepin.us) — Coordinates services for people with HIV/AIDS; administers federal funds that enable people to receive care; provides support to the Minnesota HIV Services Planning Council.
- **Safety** — Develops and maintains a safe work environment for public health employees; identifies and responds to safety issues with training, technical assistance, and specialized support.
- **Workforce Development** (Contact: mary.gilligan-orourke@hennepin.us) — Builds, develops, and maintains an innovative and engaged workforce through staff competency assessments, training and professional development opportunities, and more.

Communication (Contact: allison.thrash@hennepin.us) — Provides writing, editing, graphic design, and media services; leads program marketing campaigns; builds public awareness of “how health happens;” and creates internal communication materials