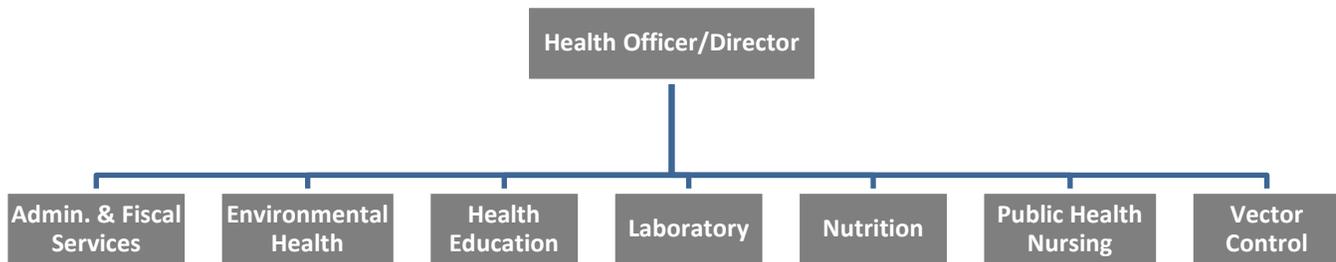


HEALTH DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL SERVICES

(608)785-9872

We provide information and assistance to the general public about services, resources and programs in areas such as Environmental Health, Health Education, Laboratory, Public Health Nursing, Vector Control and Nutrition.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Environmental health is the area of activity which deals with the protection of human health through the assessment, management, control, and prevention of environmental factors that may adversely affect the health, comfort, safety, and well-being of the human population.

The La Crosse County Health Department employs five full-time Registered Sanitarians, an Environmental Health Manager, and an Environmental Sanitation Secretary to issue permits, conduct inspections of regulated businesses and to serve the public through education and enforcement of applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Services:

- Septic Systems
- Sanitary Permits
- Private Well
- Drinking Water Safety
- Food Sanitation
- Food Sanitation Permit
- Public Beach
- Radon Information
- First Aid Kit Recommendations

- Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishments
- Product Recalls
- Restaurant Inspection
- Hotel/Motel Inspection
- Campground Inspection
- Food Store Inspection
- Mobile Home Inspection
- Public Nuisances
- Dog Dropping issues
- Bed & Breakfast Licensing
- Farmers Markets
- WI Dept of Regulation & Licensing Complaints

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HEALTH EDUCATION

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Public Health is the practice of preventing disease and promoting good health. Health Educators understand issues such as infant mortality and chronic disease in certain populations and rely on best practices and policies to sustain a healthy public. A healthy public gets sick less frequently and spends less money on health care. Healthy children attend school more often and perform better overall. Public health prevention reduces the impact of disasters by preparing people to withstand the effects of tornadoes, flooding and other catastrophes. This means better economic productivity and an improved quality of life for everyone.

Services:

- Inspect and install child safety seats while educating parents to maintain safety.
- Investigate and follow-up reportable communicable diseases and disease outbreaks in La Crosse County.
- Notify and educate the public about disease outbreaks as well as guide public and private strategies to prevent disease outbreaks.
- Counsel to reduce the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV, test at low cost to those who would not be able to afford testing, and refer persons with HIV/AIDS for appropriate medical, psychological evaluations and support.
- Facilitate the 7 C's Health Initiative, a tobacco prevention and control coalition in the counties of Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Monroe, La Crosse, Vernon and Crawford.
- Develop and implement Worksite Wellness and Employee Tobacco Cessation classes for La Crosse County employees and others by request.
- Facilitate the Healthy Living Collaboration-a community wide approach to Health Promotion
- Prepare our community and businesses for responding to public health emergencies, natural disasters and severe weather.
- Assist Multi-Unit Housing Landlords to transition into smoke free rental housing
- Execute the Wisconsin Wins Tobacco Retailer Compliance Program
- Coordinate a youth tobacco prevention program- Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco, FACT, among middle and high school youth.
- Develop and promote best practice policies to reduce the misuse of alcohol.
- Safe Routes to School
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety Education

- Harvest of the Month Partnership
- Farm to School
- Farmers' Market EBT efforts
- Expansion of Community Recreational Use Policies
- Active Schools
- Healthy Environments, Healthy Choices, Healthier People Project with the La Crosse School District

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LABORATORY

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DNR and DATCP Certified Laboratory

- Drinking water testing
- Beaches, swimming pools and whirlpools testing
- Stream water analysis
- Food and milk product testing
- Wastewater analysis

Services:

- Drug Testing for Justice Sanctions
- Drinking Water Testing
- Well Water Testing
- Swimming Pool Testing
- Ground Water Testing
- Wastewater Testing
- Stream Water

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Click [HERE](#) to find out why we have Public Health Laboratories and their role in protecting your health.
(Link to <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/health/Lab/docs/Labnet%20online.pdf>)

NUTRITION DIVISION

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The Nutrition Division of the La Crosse County Health Department promotes and supports optimal nutritional health through a variety of programs and services. Activities address three of Wisconsin's Public Health Priorities for Healthiest Wisconsin 2020:

1. Assuring adequate, appropriate, and safe food and nutrition,
2. Healthy growth and development,
3. Physical activity.

Services:

- WIC Program
- FIT Families
- Prenatal Care Coordination
- Healthy Living Initiatives
- Community Health Challenges
- Employee Wellness
- Breastfeeding Support and facilitation of the local breastfeeding coalition
- Head Start Nutrition Consulting
- For Goodness Sake Program
- Community Liaison Program
- Strong Seniors
- BadgerCare Outreach and Assistance

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

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Public Health Nursing Office Hours: M-F 7:30 am-4:30 pm

Services:

- CARING Program at Salvation Army Shelter
- Children's Oral Health Services: Fluoride Varnish, Seal-A-Smile (Sealants), and Restorative Care
- Cholesterol and Diabetes Screening Clinics
- Communicable Disease Investigation
- Foot Care Clinics
- Head Lice Exams
- Immunization Services
- Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Maternal Child Health Programs
- Pregnancy Testing
- Tuberculosis Program
- Wisconsin Well Woman Program

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VECTOR CONTROL

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The La Crosse County Vector Control Division is committed to serving and protecting the La Crosse County area from animal disease and nuisance along with providing timely response to community health issues.

Services:

- Animal Bites

- Animal Control
- Animal Health and Responsibility
- Animal Shelter
- Commercial Animal Establishment Inspection
- Dog Bite and Complaint Follow-up
- Dog License Follow-up
- Educational Programs
- Humane Treatment of Animals
- La Crosse Encephalitis
- Lyme Disease
- Mosquito Borne and Vector Borne Disease Control
- Pest Mosquito Control (Larviciding and Adulticiding Program)
- Rabies Control Program
- Salvage Yard Monitoring
- Tire Disposal Program
- West Nile Virus
- Zoonotic Disease

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Humane Society-Animal Control

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