



#HealthierMO

Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

Your Role in the Public Health System

Public health is often misunderstood. Public health employs a diverse group of professionals, but also depends on community partners with their own unique skills, expertise and resources. Working together as the greater public health system, they protect and improve community health, prevent disease, and save lives.

What is your role in the public health system?

Do you provide disease surveillance data to help public health identify disease outbreaks early and prevent their spread?

Do you refer patients to public health for assistance learning to managing chronic disease?

Do you work with public health to make sure food served in your establishment is safe?

Do you support breastfeeding mothers by ensuring your workplace is breastfeeding-friendly?

Do you encourage students to receive recommended vaccinations?

Do you advocate for policies that incorporate public health principles and practices?

Do you share information provided by public health to help your employees and their families live longer, healthier lives?

Improving community health takes the whole public health system working together strategically to build a complete infrastructure, develop and share resources, leverage data, and mobilize for action. Whether you represent health care, law enforcement, education, social services, private or public business, government, or volunteer organizations – you have an important role in the public health system. You have an important role in making sure every Missouri resident has the opportunity for a healthier life.

Join the #HealthierMO initiative. Share a description of your role in the public health system on Facebook @HealthierMO or on Twitter using #HealthierMO. Your ideas and your input will help transform the future of public health in Missouri.

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