



Healthy People, Communities and Environments in Ramsey County

Department
Overview

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Department Mission

Protect and improve the health of people and the environment in Ramsey County.

Department Snapshot

In 2014, the department:

- Managed Minnesota's largest public health nurse home visiting program, with 20,000 home visits to promote healthy birth outcomes and reduce infant and child mortality.
- Provided clinical services for 15,000 visits, including immunizations, family planning, sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and treatment, Pap tests and mammograms.
- Served approximately 19,000 individuals per month through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.
- Issued more than 54,000 birth and death certificates.
- Worked with schools, churches, businesses, public housing and community groups to increase healthy eating, physical activity and reduce tobacco use.
- Collected 1.4 million pounds of chemicals from 27,264 households, and 147,771 cubic yards of leaves, grass and garden waste.
- Provided local leadership in planning and response to Ebola, and investigated a wide range of infectious diseases.

About the Department

Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health is the local public health department serving Saint Paul and other Ramsey County communities. The department employs 381 individuals who work in eight divisions housed at multiple locations throughout the county.

Administration Division - Manages the department's operational infrastructure and support for public health programs and services. Also operates the HouseCalls program, a public health laboratory, health records and all vital records (including marriage licenses, birth and death certificates) in the county.

Clinical Services Division - Provides childhood and adult immunizations, promotes positive sexual health behaviors, provides family planning services, STI testing and treatment, coordinates refugee health screening and provides response advocacy, support to victims of sexual violence. The division also provides health care services to incarcerated individuals at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF), Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), Boys Town (BTT) and the Adult Detention Center (ADC).

Environmental Health Division - Evaluates and develops policies and plans for waste reduction, recycling, solid and hazardous waste issues. Education, promotion and assistance to households and businesses on a wide range of environmental health issues. Conducts licensing and inspections of food and lodging, manufactured home parks, public swimming pools in suburban Ramsey county, conducts public health nuisance control. Ensures solid and hazardous waste compliance. Operates county yard waste sites and manages the Resource Recovery Project.

Family Health Division - Provides targeted home visiting services for pregnant and parenting families, including those who have low resources, refugees and immigrants, teen parents and children with special health care needs. Services are designed to improve pregnancy outcomes; enhance child growth and development and school readiness; prevent childhood illness, unintentional injury and maltreatment; and promote health care access, self-sufficiency, childspacing and positive parenting.

Health Protection Division - Manages planning, training, response and recovery for public health emergencies. Conducts communicable disease surveillance, investigation and control.

Healthy Communities Division - Develops and promotes evidence-based strategies and sustainable prevention initiatives in five focus areas: Adolescent Health/Healthy Youth Development; Chronic Disease Prevention; Health Equity; Hmong Community Health Promotion; and Violence Prevention.

Screening and Case Management - Assesses individuals in the community to determine client needs, and assists persons with case management and service coordination to allow them to safely live in their own home. Eligible clients are provided services through various programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Division - Provides nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding education and support, nutrition assessments, referrals and improved access to health care. Serves women, infants, and children under the age of 5 with incomes below 185 percent of the federal poverty level who are at nutritional risk. Pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5 who get MA or MN Care are also served.

Public Health Programs & Services

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A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide

Provides information on the best way to recycle or dispose of unwanted household items, household hazardous waste, and yard waste. [651.633.EASY \(3279\)](tel:651.633.EASY) | www.ramseyatoz.com

Birth, Death and Other Vital Records

Processes Ramsey County birth and death records; marriage license applications and records; notary registrations; credentials of ordination. [651.266.1333](tel:651.266.1333)

Child and Teen Checkups

Assists families enrolled in Minnesota Health Care Programs to obtain health care; provides training for clinics. [651.266.2420](tel:651.266.2420)

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Provides case management and information for children under 6 years with elevated lead levels. [651.266.1832](tel:651.266.1832)

Emergency Preparedness

Coordinates the planning, response and recovery for public health emergencies. [651.266.2534](tel:651.266.2534)

Medical Reserve Corps - Organizes health and medical volunteers and prepares them to respond to local public health emergencies. [651.266.2592](tel:651.266.2592)

Environmental Licensing and Inspection

Information about the regulation of food establishments, lodging facilities, manufactured home parks, camping areas, youth camps, public health nuisances, public swimming pools, hazardous and solid waste facilities and haulers. [651.266.1199](tel:651.266.1199)

Epidemiology

Provides information and consultation about control of communicable diseases; investigates acute disease outbreaks. [651.266.1277](tel:651.266.1277)

Family Health Home Visiting

Home visits by Public Health Nurses to pregnant women, teen parents and families with children up to age 3. [651.266.1555](tel:651.266.1555)

Health Planning and Evaluation

Coordinates community health assessment, community health improvement and strategic planning; provides health data. [651.266.2518](tel:651.266.2518)

Healthy Communities Consultation

Provides education, tools and consultation on violence prevention, adolescent health/healthy youth development, chronic disease prevention (Statewide Health Improvement Program), and Hmong community health promotion. [651.266.2404](tel:651.266.2404)

Health Records

Maintains patient medical records and coordinates privacy data and compliance. [651.266.1323](tel:651.266.1323)

Hepatitis B Prevention Program

Provides case management for infants born to Hepatitis B positive mothers and education on prevention of Hepatitis B transmission. [651.266.1242](tel:651.266.1242)

HouseCalls

Services for families at risk of becoming homeless, including utility assistance and referrals. [651.266.1290](tel:651.266.1290)

Immunization Services

Provides low cost immunizations for those without insurance coverage for vaccines; also vaccines needed for travel and I-693. [651.266.1234](tel:651.266.1234)

Lead Hazards and Healthy Homes

Inspects, assesses and enforces the removal of lead based paint from properties; consults on environmental conditions of housing. [651.266.1199](tel:651.266.1199)

Personal Care Attendants (PCA)

Completes assessments for adults and children. [651.266.3613](tel:651.266.3613)

Refugee Health

Assures refugee screening at community health sites and coordinates follow-up care and services. [651.373.1324](tel:651.373.1324)

SOS Sexual Violence Services

Provides free, confidential services for sexual violence victims, their families and other concerned persons. [651.266.1000](tel:651.266.1000) - answered 24/7

Sexual Health Services

Provides well woman exams, pregnancy testing, birth control and emergency contraception; screening and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Fees based on income and ability to pay. Most major insurance carriers accepted. [651.266.1255](tel:651.266.1255)

Tuberculosis (TB) Control Services

Provides treatment for latent tuberculosis infection and management of persons with active tuberculosis. [651.266.1343](tel:651.266.1343)

Waiver Case Management

Case management for all waivers except Community Alternative Care (CAC) ([651.266.3613](tel:651.266.3613)). CAC waivers call ([651.266.2400](tel:651.266.2400)).

Well Water Testing

Provides well water testing for home and vacation properties. Call to request a sampling kit. [651.266.1321](tel:651.266.1321)

WIC

Provides nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, nutritious foods, and referrals to community programs for pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who have recently given birth, infants and children up to their 5th birthday. [651.266.1300](tel:651.266.1300)