The 10 Essential Public Health Services

These 10 services represent the spectrum of public health activities that should be provided in any jurisdiction by the public health system, in which the local health department and other entities are involved, including the following organizations: healthcare, public safety, human service and charity, education and youth development, recreation and arts related, economic and environmental.

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 and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.