



What do local health departments do for your community?

PREVENT
PROMOTE
PROTECT

Every day, public health staff works to strengthen the community by preventing illnesses, injuries and improving health. The Borough of Hightstown employs a community health nurse and contracts with West Windsor Health Department to provide full-time public health services. The office can be reached at 609-936-8400.

Examples of Services

- **CONSUMER HEALTH:** inspections of restaurants, schools/daycare, public pools, massage establishments, lead paint hazards, and nuisance properties
- **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE:** investigations of illnesses and initiation of control measures to prevent outbreaks; daily monitoring of patients with infectious tuberculosis; seasonal flu vaccines to adults over 55 years of age; immunization audits of childcares and schools; rabies investigations/ vaccination clinics and community education outreach to prevent illnesses
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** planning with emergency management officials and engaging the public to enhance community resiliency to natural disasters, outbreaks or manmade threats; exercising emergency plans
- **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH:** Child Health Conference (CHC) for under/uninsured children offering free physical exams, vaccines, TB screenings; referrals to partner resources; and educational consultations
- **HEALTH EDUCATION AND SCREENINGS:** educational programs on a variety of topics are provided to schools, daycares, community sites and upon request from groups; blood pressure screenings offered by community nurse twice a month at local sites; and preventative health screenings are promoted periodically through partnership with healthcare providers
- **CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION:** radon awareness and test kits available free of charge, smoke-free air policies enforced; tobacco age of sale inspections and education
- **LINKING RESIDENTS TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES:** The Health Department staff work continuously to expand our partnerships within the greater Mercer area to identify and promote free/low cost health and safety resources available to our residents.



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