

10 Essential Public Health Services

The ten essential public health services provide the framework for the National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP). Because the strength of a public health system rests on its capacity to effectively deliver the ten Essential Public Health Services, the NPHPSP instruments health systems assess how well they perform the following:

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

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