

Introduction to Governmental Public Health in Wisconsin

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Objectives

- Wisconsin governmental public health structures
- Division of Public Health helpful resources
- Connect with others in similar positions

In Wisconsin

- **Department of Health Services** lead agency for public health and maintains the public health system.
- **Local boards of health** policymaking bodies for local health departments.
- **Local health departments** responsible for the public health services in their jurisdictions.



Department of Health Services (DHS)

- Wisconsin State Chapters 250-257 important public health statutes. [Wisconsin Statutes website](#)
- Wisconsin Administration Codes 139-140, 144-145 & 149 important administrative health codes. [Wisconsin Administrative Code website](#)

DHS Division of Public Health

Bureaus

- Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR)
- Bureau of Communicable Diseases (BCD)
- Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health (BEOH)
- Bureau of Community Health Promotion (BCHP)

DHS Division of Public Health

Offices

- Office of Health Informatics (OHI)
- Office of Policy and Practice Alignment (OPPA)
- Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPHEC)
- Division of Public Health Organizational Chart as of October 2022

Local Public Health

- Boards of Health
- Local Public Health Departments

First Nations in Wisconsin

- Federally Recognized Tribes and Bands
- Tribal Health Centers

Resources

- [Training for Public Health Employees](#)
- [Division of Public Health Organizational Chart](#)
as of October 2022
- [Division of Public Health Resource Guide](#)

Questions About Your Work

- Is your Local Tribal Health Department (LTHD) a stand-alone health department or center or combined with Health & Human Services?
- In which DPH region is your LTHD located? List one DPH contact (name, position, email) that you can reach out to for support.
- What Board(s) (County, Health, HHS) are present within your jurisdiction?
- Where is your job authority- State required? City/County ordinance?
- What funding sources does your LTHD receive (i.e. local tax levy, local/state/federal grants)?

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