



Public Health: Laws & Regulations

Authority to conduct public health activities (October 1, 2015)

The bodies of law that mandate public health operations, programs, and services are *California Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations, Water Code, Penal Code, Business and Professions Code, and Food and Agriculture Code.*

- View [California Legislative Laws](#), including: California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Water Code, Penal Code, Business and Professions Code, and Food and Agriculture Code.
- View the [California Code of Regulations \(CCR\)](#).

For reference, below is a listing of each health department program, along with a description of the mandated service and reference to the legal citation.

(Mandated) Program	Service Description (Legal Citation)
Administrative Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and operate a central office and headquarters (CCR Title 17, 1251) • Provide and process applications for a medical marijuana ID card, collect fees, and issue cards (HSC 11362.71-11362.755)
Health Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Officer (CCR Title 17, 1250) • Determine exemptions from the mandatory vaccination requirements established in the Regulation and Control of Dogs statutes (HSC 121690) • Receive and investigate complaints concerning dispensing or

<p>Health Officer Continued...</p>	<p>furnishing of drugs requiring a prescription, without a license (HSC 101070)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive permits for the importation of wild animals (HSC 121840) • Organize and operate a program for the topical application of fluoride to the teeth for students in public and private elementary and secondary schools (HSC 104840) • Establish, maintain, and enforce quarantine and isolation measures (HSC 120195, 120200, 120215, 120280) • Availability of adequate isolation facilities, provision of diagnostic consultative services, epidemiologic investigation and appropriate preventive measures for the particular communicable disease hazards in the community (CCR Title 17,1276) • Provide HIV testing in criminal cases involving the transfer of bodily fluids (Penal Code 1524.1)
<p>Infectious</p>	
<p>Communicable Disease Prevention & Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports individuals to DMV when doctors submit a lapse in consciousness report (HSC 103900) • Inspects local jails annually, in collaboration with Environmental Health Services (HSC 101045) • Take measures to prevent the spread of disease (HSC 120175) • Report local epidemics and communicable diseases to the California Department of Public Health (HSC 120185, 120190) • Receive and investigate reports of food-borne illnesses (HSC 113949) • Notifies the County Agricultural Commissioner and the Director of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of a spill or accidental release of pesticide (HSC 105215) • Receive and process reports of pesticide poisoning or exposure (HSC 105200) • Complete Local Rabies Control Activity Annual Report (HSC 121690) • Receive and investigate reportable illnesses; Restrict and clear cases of specific illnesses (CCR Title 17, 2500)
<p>STD & HIV Prevention & Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect each clinical laboratory CD4+ T-Cell test report to determine if the test is related to a case of HIV infection and, if related, report it to the state. If not related, destroy it (HSC 121023)

<p>STD & HIV Prevention & Control Continued...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Optional] Needle Exchange Program (HSC 120780.1, 121349-121349.3) • Fulfill contract requirements for prevention, education, needs assessments, evaluation (HSC 120805) • Fulfill contract requirements for test site services (HSC 120846) • Provide anonymous HIV testing, counseling, referral (HSC 120890 & 120895) • Fulfill contract requirements for early intervention projects (HSC 120900) • Fulfill requirements to integrate HIV primary prevention, health education, testing, and counseling, specifically designed for women and children into STD and other programming (HSC 120860) • Fulfill contract requirements for early intervention education (HSC 120920) • Comply with standards and requirements of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) (HSC 120960) • Alert sexual and needle sharing partners of potential exposure to HIV (HSC 121015) • Comply with test/counselor training requirements (HSC 120871) • Provide for HIV education and testing ordered by the court (Penal Code 1202.1) • Receive reports of transfusion-associated AIDS cases, HIV infections, and viral hepatitis infections; and contact all persons who have confirmed cases of AIDS (HSC 1603.1) • Report HIV cases to State using confidential reporting. Ensure access to anonymous testing, report breaches of confidentiality (HSC 121022) • [Optional] Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (HSC 121285) • Investigate infectious venereal diseases and take measures to prevent transmission (HSC 120575) • Inspect and quarantine STDs as needed (HSC 120585) • Receive reports, investigate, and report cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (Business & Professions Code 554) à reported as gonorrhea or chlamydia from mother via CalREdie
<p>Tuberculosis Prevention & Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and control TB cases and outbreaks; prepare and send TB case and outbreak reports; maintain records (CCR Title 17, 2501, 2502, 2509) • Make expenditures necessary for the preservation of the public health (HSC 121360)

Tuberculosis Prevention & Control Continued...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Optional] Certifies TB testers annually in participating local Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospitals. Reports adverse events resulting from improper training or performance (HSC 121360.5) • Receive TB case reports from local health providers. Attempt to locate and refer contacts to treatment (HSC 121361-121363) • Order TB exams, where indicated (HSC 121364) • Investigate all reported or suspected active TB disease and protect public health, up to isolation and detainment (HSC 121365-121370) • Advise state medical, correctional, and educational institutions regarding the control of tuberculosis (HSC 121380) • Follow State policies and standards for operating local TB program. Maintain records and prepare expenditure reports semiannually (HSC 121455) • Orders TB test for suspected TB cases among students (HSC 121485) • Ensure compliance with TB testing for private, parochial, and nursery school employees (HSC 121540)
Non-Infectious	
California Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a CCS Program, including diagnosis, treatment, care, therapy, and maintenance for handicapped children under age 21 (HSC 123800-123995)
Child Health and Disability Prevention Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-tobacco education (HSC 104395) • Provide early and periodic assessment of health status of children and other services (HSC 124040)
Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services in nutrition, including appropriate activities in education and consultation for the promotion of positive health, the prevention of ill health, and the dietary control of disease (Title 17, 1276) • Services in chronic disease, which may include case finding, community education, consultation, or rehabilitation, for the prevention or mitigation of any chronic disease (Title 17, 1276)
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the County to designate a local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA), in this case Sierra Sac Valley EMS, to perform functions required by the Emergency Medical Services Act (HSC 1797 et seq.)

Epidemiology & Data Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection, tabulation and analysis of all public health statistics, including population data, natality, mortality and morbidity records, as well as evaluation of service records (Title 17, 1276)
Immunization Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize and maintain a program to make immunizations available to all persons (HSC 120350) → Program offers information to the public and partners on where immunizations can be obtained • Determine immunization deficiencies (HSC 120375) • Operate immunization information systems jointly among more than one jurisdiction (HSC 120440)
Maternal Child and Adolescent Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a MCAH Program (HSC 123255) • Provide parents of SIDS death with information, support, and referral services/follow-up with child care provider, if applicable (HSC 123740) • Services to promote maternal and child health (CCR Title 17, 1276) • Appropriate services in the field of family planning (CCR Title 17,1276) • Prepare a list of family planning and birth control clinics located in the county for distribution to all local hospitals (HSC 101050) • Interpret family planning materials into other languages that are 10% of population or higher (HSC 124300) • Assess needed services for mother, child, family for substance-exposed infant (HSC 123605)
First 5 Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 5 Program (HSC 130140)
Public Health Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examinations of specimens from suspected cases of infectious and environmental diseases (HSC 101150) • Must be CLIA-approved (HSC 101160) • Public Health Laboratory Director (CCR Title 17, 1255) • Operates County’s Nondiagnostic General Health Assessment (NGHA) Registration and Enforcement Program (Business & Professions Code 1244)
Public Health Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Public Health Nursing, public health nursing staff, and supervisory personnel (CCR Title 17, 1253) • Nursing services to provide for the preventive and therapeutic care of the population served (CCR Title 17, 1276)

Tobacco Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco prevention and smoking cessation services (HSC 104375, 104400-104415)
Vital Records & Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform all duties of local registrar of births and deaths (102275). See below for details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review, number, and register births, deaths, fetal deaths/stillbirths, and foundlings (HSC 102305, 103310, 102400-102415, 102500, 102775-102780, 102950-102955, 103040.1) ○ Send copies to state registrar and county recorder weekly (HSC 102335, 102345) ○ Issue burial permits (HSC 103050-103105). ○ Assist with amending records (HSC 103225). ○ Send copies of deaths to Registrar of Voters, Social Services, and Social Security monthly (HSC 102360) ○ Send copies of work-related deaths to Department of Industrial Relations monthly (HSC 102346) ○ Receive reports of contagious disease from funeral directors (HSC 7302)
Women Infants & Children (WIC) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute nutrition coupons for certified farmers' markets (HSC 123279) • Operation of WIC Program (HSC 123280-123290) • Expansion of the breastfeeding program for WIC (HSC 123361)

<p>Environmental Health Department (or other agency, as noted)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct inspections and enforce standards for body art facilities & tattoo parlors (HSC 119301, 119304, 119319)• Control, contain, and remediate sites identified by law enforcement personnel as having been potential methamphetamine laboratories (HSC 25400.17)• Develop a written plan for remediation of the methamphetamine laboratory sites (HSC 25400.35)• On notification by law enforcement, determine whether laboratories producing analogs of fentanyl, phencyclidine, and methamphetamine pose an immediate threat to public health and safety and, if so, take corrective action (HSC 11642)• Regulate the use of equipment for cleaning septic tanks, chemical toilets, cesspools or sewage seepage pits (HSC 117400)• Enforce legal requirements for small water systems and report on compliance (HSC 116340)• Issue orders to owners of property where hazardous substance spills have occurred (HSC 25359.5)
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<p>Environmental Health Department (or other agency, as noted) Continued...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive reports of the improper disposal of hazardous waste (HSC 25180.5) • Receive copies of plans for construction of public swimming pools (HSC 116038) • Enforce building standards and other regulations pertaining to swimming pools (HSC 116053) • Order abatement of contamination of water (HSC 5412) • Receive evidence that legal requirements are met by persons intending to use a previously inactive water well (HSC 115700) • Receive reports of recalled meat products (HSC 110806) • Enforce building standards related to organized camps (HSC 18897.4) • Regulate materials that require special handling that, when removed from a major appliance, constitute a hazardous waste (HSC 25212) • Receive reports of rises in bacterial count of water in public water systems (HSC 116450) • Approve establishment of garbage dumps (HSC 6512) • Environmental Health Services including: food, housing and institutions, radiological health, milk and dairy products, water oriented recreation, safety, vector control, wastes management, water supply, air sanitation, land development and use (CCR Title 17, 1238) • Order the abatement of contamination caused by use of recycled water (Water Code 13522) • Notify the public of sewage discharge into water (Water Code 13271) • Conduct inspections and enforce standards for food facilities (HSC 113713, 113709)
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