

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Safe and Secure Counties Initiative focuses on strengthening counties' capacities in three distinct areas: Protecting Public Safety, **Preserving Public Health and Well-being**, and Promoting Local Economies.

The Davis County Health Department helps the county preserve public health and well-being of the citizens of Davis County. The health department's vision is "Healthy Choices, Healthy People, Healthy Communities" and the department's mission is "Promote and protect the health and well-being of Davis County residents and their environment." The department's vision and mission directly aligns with the county's efforts to provide a safe and secure county.

The majority efforts of the Davis County Health Department to preserving public health and well-being are listed below.

- **Infectious Disease Program:** Utah law requires that certain human diseases be reported to local health departments. Reporting comes from laboratories, physicians, clinics, and sometimes citizens. Public health nurses make contact with infected individuals to conduct an interview/investigation. They determine possible sources of infection, ensure that proper treatment has been given, and identify others who may have been exposed. Disease investigation can involve one person or many, as in an outbreak.
- **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)/HIV Program:** Individuals infected with reportable STDs are interviewed to verify that appropriate treatment was prescribed and taken; identify and notify potentially exposed contacts/partners; facilitate testing and treatment; and provide risk-reduction counseling and education.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Program:** Free/low cost treatment is provided to those who are identified with a latent TB infection or active TB disease to prevent, control, and eliminate the disease.
- **Injury Prevention Program:** Division staff members implement and evaluate targeted programs designed to prevent injury and death.
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteer Program:** The MRC's 300 Davis County volunteers are both medically trained (doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists) and non-medically trained. Members participate in emergency response trainings and exercises supporting emergency preparedness plans.
- **Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity Program:** This program promotes the health and well-being of communities, and prevents or reduces the occurrence of obesity and related chronic diseases through physical activity and nutrition at school and in the community.
- **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program:** The division's Emergency Response Coordinator works in conjunction with the state health department, other local health departments, and other partner agencies to create public health emergency response plans for natural disasters and other emergencies affecting public health.
- **Tobacco Prevention, Cessation and Control Program:** This program is dedicated to the control and prevention of all tobacco and nicotine products. Help is available for people to quit tobacco and nicotine use, or to prevent others from starting. Staff members create policies encouraging tobacco and nicotine-free environments and the elimination of secondhand smoke.
- **Air Quality Bureau** staff members oversee air quality programs within Davis County. Activities include enforcing county and state air quality regulations; informing the public about air quality conditions, regulations, and programs; providing clearing index information and burning conditions to citizens and applicable agencies; and

contracts for diesel testing at the county's Testing Center in Kaysville. The staff handles public inquiries and provides oversight for commercially operated Inspection/Maintenance program stations as well as their technicians.

- **The Environmental Response and Waste Management Bureau** staff conducts routine, complaint-based, and emergency inspections. The staff answers waste, housing, vector, or site assessment questions and monitors emergency environmental response and cleanup of hazardous spills or material releases.
- **The Food Service and Facilities Bureau** staff performs routine inspections on all permitted restaurants, schools, Job Corps facilities, commercial day care facilities, and jails. Other inspections are performed at flavored ice facilities and at seasonal or temporary events. Inspectors investigate food borne illness complaints and elevated blood lead levels in children. The bureau staff issues permits to food handlers, temporary food vendors, flavored ice facilities and seasonal food vendors. Staff also review plans for food service and institutional facilities.
- **The Water Resources Bureau** staff conducts sanitary surveys of drinking water systems in the county to assure the purity of the water supply. Drinking water fluoride levels are monitored within this lab. Public pools and spas require permits and are sampled monthly, ensuring rigorous water quality standards.
- **Immunization & International Travel Clinics** in Clearfield and Woods Cross offer walk-in services for routine immunizations. The Travel Clinic requires appointments, and is a certified Yellow Fever Vaccine center. Children who are without health insurance, or on Medicaid or CHIP, or are American Indian can receive vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program for a nominal administration cost.
- **The WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Nutrition Program** helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy. Nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and help accessing health care are provided to qualifying women, infants, and children.
- **Registered nurses** make home visits assessing needs of families with infants receiving Medicaid and provide referrals to community agencies. Infants at risk for developmental delay also receive visits. The Baby Your Baby Program encourages pregnant moms to seek health care early.
- **In-Home Services Bureau** provides assistance and supportive services for seniors to remain safely in their homes. Case managers coordinate services with the Alternatives Program, Medicaid Aging Waiver, and New Choices Waiver. A Caregiver Support Program provides classes, case management and respite for caregivers. The bureau coordinates individuals and business volunteers to assist seniors with a variety of service-oriented activities. The Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors.
- **Davis County's three Senior Activity Centers** are gathering places where active, mature adults can explore a multitude of interests or eat a full meal; round-trip transportation is available. Medical Transportation is available in the county for visits to the doctor, therapy, pharmacy, or hospital.
- **The division provides other Senior Services** including, general information and referral, long-term care Ombudsman, prescription assistance, Medicare information/coordination and volunteer recruitment.
- **Vital Records** staff issues to the public birth and death certificates, and declarations of paternity.