The Division of Public Health is authorized 259.02 FTP. Physical Health Program has 167.68 FTP or 65% of the Division’s authorized FTP. Contains the following DHW-recognized bureaus:

- Bureau of Clinical and Preventive Services: HIV, STD, and Hepatitis; Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Maternal and Child Health (Family planning; adolescent pregnancy prevention; newborn screening; home visiting; children’s special health; maternal and child health programs; maternal mortality review committee);
- Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention: Disease surveillance; epidemiology; bloodborne disease; healthcare-associated infections prevention program; enteric (intestine) diseases; food protection; refugee health screen program, immunization program vaccine distribution
- Bureau of Community and Environmental Health: Project Filter; Women’s Health Check; comprehensive cancer control; physical activity and nutrition; fall prevention; oral health; diabetes, heart disease, and stroke prevention; Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias; sexual violence prevention; environmental health education and assessment; toxicology; and oral health
- Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics
- Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care: rural physician incentive program; state loan repayment program
- Office of Policy, Performance, and Strategy: health data analytics; Get Healthy Idaho; performance management; communication; federal grant compliance
- Drug Overdose Prevention Program

Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES provides services in over 40 different program areas that are primarily delivered through contracts with the local public health districts, healthcare providers, and other community providers. Program areas include immunizations, chronic and communicable disease prevention and intervention, food safety, reduction in health risks from environmental exposures, promotion of maternal and child health, improving access to rural health care, and vital records.
The Division of Public Health is authorized 259.02 FTP.

Emergency Medical Services Program has 42.84 FTP or 17% of the Division’s authorized FTP.

Five Main Service Areas:
- Licensing EMS personnel and services; operation of the EMS State Communications Center (StateComm); providing technical assistance and resources to EMS agencies; supporting a statewide system of care for trauma, stroke, and heart attack (TSE); and planning and coordination of the public health response to acts of bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.

In response to COVID-19:
- EMS provided the structure and systems behind the state response.
  - Stood up the Emergency Operations Center, implemented existing response plans, developed real-time response plans, convened partners to discuss logistical and operational needs, and partnered with the Idaho Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to secure funding and resources.

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LABORATORY SERVICES is one of several basic support systems administered by the Division of Public Health for a variety of physical health programs, environmental control programs, and other divisions and programs of the department. Laboratories provide testing, inspection, training, and outreach to the local district health departments and other departments of state government, in accordance with written agreements.

**Four core service areas**

- **Testing**: Communicable disease; contaminants in drinking water, soil, or food
- **Inspection**: clinical and drinking water labs; x-ray and mammography units; air quality stations
- **Training**: continuing education workshops, webinars; student internships for college credit
- **Outreach**: coordination of the Idaho Sentinel laboratory network, for rapid detection of biothreats; “Ground Water Quality Near Me” interactive map; participation in public safety drills, exercises, and events with Regional Response HazMat Teams and the 101st Civil Support Team

**In response to COVID-19:**

- One of the first labs in the country able to conduct SARS-CoV-2 testing
- Manages all aspects of testing, including performing testing as well as providing guidance and training to other labs across the state

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SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS was established by the Legislature in 2016. The program was created in accordance with the Health Quality Planning Commission (HQPC) report of 2015. Funds are used to support activities that advance the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan including youth programs, support of the suicide hotline, public education, and healthcare support.

- The Division of Public Health is authorized 259.02 FTP
- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program has 3.50 FTP or 1% of the Division’s authorized FTP
- The suicide prevention hotline is available to call or text 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year at 208-398-HELP(4357)

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The Division of Public Health is authorized 259.02 FTP.

- Healthcare Policy Initiatives Program has 2.00 FTP or 0.7% of the Division’s authorized FTP
- Support’s Idaho’s transition to a value-based healthcare delivery model, where providers receive payments based on patient health outcomes and cost of care
  - Convenes and facilities workgroups of the Healthcare Transformation Council of Idaho
    - Pay Provider Workgroup: identifies cost drivers that impact healthcare costs and evaluates annual progress toward value-based care
    - Rural and Frontier Healthcare Solutions Workgroup: supports transition to value in critical access hospitals. Working with the Medicaid Value Care Organization to develop training
    - Telehealth Task Force: developed a comprehensive set of recommendations to advance telehealth in Idaho
    - Rural Nursing Loan Repayment Task Force: developed requirements for a new loan repayment program for nurses working in rural and underserved areas
- Also supports the Idaho Healthcare Advanced Directive Registry: Registry for the Idaho Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and Living Wills

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