

Our Vision Optimal health and safety for all Missourians, in all communities, for life.

Our Mission

Promote health and safety through prevention, collaboration, education, innovation and response.

Core Services

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services serves the citizens of Missouri by working to improve the health and quality of life for Missourians of all ages.

- Disease and injury prevention
- Emergency preparedness and response
- $\cdot\,$ Food and nutrition services
- Health, animal and environmental testing
- $\cdot\,$ Maternal and child health services
- · Regulation enforcement and licensure
- Senior and disability support and protections
- $\cdot\,$ Vital records and statistics

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Helpful Numbers

Senior Resource Line	800-235-5503
Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline	800-392-0210
Family Care Safety Registry	866-422-6872
WIC and Maternal and Child Services	800-TEL-LINK
Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman	800-309-3282
Missouri Tobacco Quitline	800-QUIT-NOW
Emergency Response Center	800-392-0272

573-751-6400

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Public Health

The Division of Community and Public

Health is responsible for supporting and operating more than 100 programs and initiatives addressing public health issues such as disease control and management, genetic health conditions, nutrition, cancer, pregnancy, and vital statistics and records. The division also ensures essential public health services are available in all Missouri communities through the more than 100 **Local Public Health Agencies**.

Senior and Disability Services

The Division of Senior and Disability

Services is the federally-designated State Unit on Aging and coordinates with the **Area Agencies on Aging** that deliver programs to seniors in their communities. The division investigates abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older adults and

those with disabilities, and administers an integrated system of care for eligible adults who have long-term care needs that can be met in their community.



Health and Safety Regulations

The Division of Regulation and Licensure

ensures the quality of services for a variety of entities like hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, home health and hospice providers, long-term care facilities, emergency medical services, pharmacies and those authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

Cannabis

The **Division of Cannabis Regulation** regulates

adult use of cannabis for those ages 21 and medical patients ages 18 and up. The division ensures product safety through seed-to-sale

tracking and the licensing, regulation and inspection of cultivation, manufacturing, wholesale, warehousing and dispensing facilities.

Laboratory Testing and Disease Monitoring

The Missouri State Public Health

Laboratory plays a crucial role in protecting the health of Missourians through quality and complex laboratory services, like testing for infectious and foodborne diseases, genetic disorders and environmental concerns. The lab also plays an important role in detecting disease outbreaks and is a vital link in quickly identifying a possible attack of bioterrorism in our state or nation.



There are five divisions that directly interact with the public and two that act as support beams to the internal functions of the entire department. Together, these seven divisions collaborate on all levels to keep Missourians healthy and safe.

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