



Town of Mansfield

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Health Department

Mansfield Board of Health Mission Statement

The role of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve, and improve the public health, environment, and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

About the Board of Health

The Mansfield Board of Health is governed by a five-member volunteer board appointed by the Select Board and strives to provide fair opportunities for all Mansfield residents to be healthy. The five foundational areas include: preventing the spread of communicable disease; ensuring food, air, and water quality are safe; supporting maternal, and child health; improving access to clinical care services; and preventing chronic disease and injury. In addition, public health departments provide local protections and services specific to Mansfield's needs.

Mansfield Board of Health Goals and Objectives 2025

The Mansfield Board of Health is focused on the [Foundational Public Health Areas](#) including goals in these areas: Communicable Disease Control; Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Environmental Public Health; Maternal, Child, and Family Health; and Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care.

This focus will be carried out through a coordinated approach including assessment and surveillance, community partnership focusing on equity, organizational competencies, policy development and support, accountability and performance management, emergency preparedness and response, and communications.

Communicable Disease Control

2025 Goal: To identify, prevent and control the spread of communicable diseases.

| Status | Objectives | Lead |
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| Ongoing | Ensure the board understands the trends and health status of the community through quarterly presentations/reports of public health data. This includes infectious diseases that are required by law to be reported to local health departments. (i.e. COVID-19, influenza, salmonella etc.) | Regional Epi |
| One per quarter | Collaborate with Fire Department/Community EMA, various other Mansfield Departments (schools, commissions and advisories) as well as Sturdy Memorial Hospital to provide updates on pertinent public health information that will benefit all groups mentioned. Share recorded video of presentation(s) on MPHD website. | Regional Epi and other BOH members as requested |

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| Ongoing | Work with Community EMS to schedule and promote local vaccination services for influenza and COVID-19 | Health Agent and Regional Epi |
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Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

2025 Goal: To understand the trends related to chronic disease and injury prevention.

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| Ongoing | Ensure the board understands the trends and health status of the community related to chronic diseases (tobacco, vaping, healthy eating, healthy physical activities). | Regional Epi |
| Ongoing | Present a report on local chronic disease compared to state using the MA Environmental Public Health Tracking data website (MEPHT Home Page (state.ma.us)); Present a report on Issues found in the Population Health Information Tool Data Directory (Population Health Information Tool (PHIT) Data Directory Mass.gov). | Regional Epi |
| Ongoing | Offer fall risk screening using the CDC STEADY program. | Community EMS Program |

Environmental Public Health

2025 Goal: To protect our community from natural, man-made, unintentional, and deliberate threats and hazards in the environment.

| Status | Objectives | Lead |
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| Ongoing | Enforce Federal, State and local laws and regulations that fall under the responsibility of the Mansfield Health Department to assure public health, housing, and environmental health. The Health Director presents an annual report at the February BOH meeting. | Health Agent/Health Inspector/Regional Inspector/Contractor |

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| Ongoing | Ensure permitted food establishment compliance with Mansfield Board of Health Fats, Oils, Grease (FOG) Regulations through record management. (Possibility- restaurants with outdoor traps and an annual pumping contract only need to submit records once a year at the time of permit renewals?) | Health Agent/Health Inspector/Regional Inspector/ Contractor |
| Annual | Produce educational materials addressing the reduction of household hazardous waste. Work with Mansfield Green to distribute materials. | Health Agent |
| Annual (2 X Year) | Host annual food safety classes, forums, and supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serv-safe and/or allergy certification training for food industry managers and staff. • Collaborate with water and sewer departments to host Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) classes. These classes would be mandatory for any business that has not been up to date on following all our regulations, and voluntary for businesses who want to improve their operation. • Support permit holders with permit applications and renewals with classes or office hours. • Collaborate with local businesses to sponsor environmentally safer cleaning and sanitizing methods. | Health Agent |
| TBD | Initiate the process of acknowledging achievements for restaurants in the Town of Mansfield. | BOH |
| June 30, 2023 | Complete the FDA self-assessment 9 (SA9) and Community Strategic Improvement Plan (CSIP). | Mansfield Health Agent with BOH |
| May 2024 | Review the town's/region's emergency preparedness plans for a wide range of hazards to local public health emergencies, working in collaboration with other town departments and municipalities and determine the board's role in emergencies. Activate emergency response personnel and communications systems in the event of a public health crisis; coordinate with federal, state, and local emergency managers, first responders, and private sector and nonprofit partners; and operate within, and as necessary lead, the incident management system. | Health Agent with EMS |

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

2025 Goal: To improve the well-being of mothers, infants, children and families as well as the seniors in our community.

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| Ongoing | Collaborate with the Mansfield Fire/Community EMS program to support free public health screenings twice a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the COA and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Town Hall. (potential meetings: Food Pantry/WIC/West Side Benevolent; Equity Diversity Inclusion Committee) | Community EMS |
| Semi-Annually | Improve visibility of Mansfield Health Department and available services throughout the Town of Mansfield. (Potential collaborators - 1. Food Pantry, WIC, West Side Benevolent) 2. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee) | BOH/Intern |
| Ongoing | Determine what regulations are the responsibility of Mansfield specific to maternal, child, and family health. | BOH |
| Ongoing | In collaboration with the Community EMS program, conduct Fall Risk Screenings using the CDC Steadi Program and Senior Well Checks. (Captain Goyette as contact) | Community EMS |
| Ongoing | Promote and provide updates on WIC service availability and linkage to other food security services including food pantries. Work with the local Food pantry and any State or local social groups that are focused on this area. (i.e. West Side Benevolent Society) to gain a better understanding of the usage and needs they see. | BOH |
| Annual | Review the Community Cares survey conducted in the Mansfield Public Schools. Communicate with the School Health Services Department on how best to assist with efforts in reduction of youth nicotine, tobacco use and vaping. | BOH |
| Ongoing | Ensure focus on the margins, voices not represented on the BOH | BOH/Student Liaison |
| Ongoing/Program Offered 2/23 | Work with Mansfield Fire and Police to promote the installation of children's car seats. (Captain Goyette as contact) | BOH |

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| Completed | Identify a youth to be a youth voice on the Board of Health | BOH/Health Agent |
| Yearly | Participate in Family Fun Night by having health education and information and talk with families. | BOH |

Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care

2027 Goal: Working with Community EMS, will provide public health services and provide information to the community on health care access.

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| Ongoing | Through the Community EMS program in collaboration with the health agent, the school health services, Council on Aging, and the Mansfield Fire Department, continue public health nursing services such as health screening clinics, tuberculosis testing, lead level screening and education, administering B12 shots and immunizations as available. | Fire Dept./EMS |
| Ongoing | Collaborate with Public Safety on the use of Opioid Settlement funds including providing regular updates at BOH meetings. | Health Agent |
| Ongoing | Provide a repository location for health-related resources, such as food pantries, WIC, mental health providers, MassHealth, etc. | |
| Yearly | Invite the Mansfield Fire and Community EMS Departments to at least one Board of Health Meeting to share status, community concerns and opportunities for further collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board will review the monthly reports and provide feedback. | Fire Dept./EMS |
| Ongoing | Collaborate with the Council on Aging (COA), town social worker, fire and police departments, Bristol County Sheriff's department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Triad, a group at the COA, that deals with senior safety, and it ties in other town and county services • Collaborates on public health issues such as hoarding | BOH/Health Agent |

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| Completed | Ensure a representative participates in the dementia friendly work group. | BOH |
| | Identify the process to be able to bill for immunizations and determine if this is a service that we can offer moving forward. | |

Community Health Assessment & Improvement Plans

2027 GOAL: Develop and share a Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan in collaboration with other town departments and local community-based, and faith-based organizations.

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| Completed | Conduct and summarize key informant interviews of key town employees and residents | Intern/MPH student |
| Completed | Conduct a survey and summarize the health concerns of residents | Intern/MPH student |
| Completed | Identify assets, partners and potential collaborators to identify and support the next steps towards creating a community health improvement plan | Intern/MPH student |

Policy Development & Support

2027 Goal: Review and update two Mansfield regulations annually.

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| Ongoing | Enforce Federal, State and local laws and regulations that fall under the responsibility of the Mansfield Health Department to assure public health, housing and environmental health. | BOH |
| One by 4/1/2023, Second by 7/1/23 | Review two Mansfield regulations that have not been updated in some time to ensure they comply with or exceed current federal or state regulations. | BOH (M. Healey) |

Board of Health Education and Training

2027 Goal: Board of Health Members complete 3 of the on your own time trainings.

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| Ongoing | <p>BOH members to complete Emergency Preparedness, Infectious Disease, Incident Command System and Public Health training offered through Local Public Health Institute of Massachusetts. https://sites.bu.edu/masslocalinstitute/</p> <p>Suggested courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Art Programs for Regulators Cyanobacteria and Harmful Algal Blooms Drinking Water and Private Wells in Massachusetts Essential Measures: A Local Public Health Toolkit for Addressing the Opioid Epidemic Food Protection Programs for Regulators Food Safety for Food Establishment Operators Hazardous Materials and Waste in Massachusetts Health Promotion and Health Equity Housing Programs for Regulators Immunizations and Vaccine Management in Massachusetts Infectious Disease Case Management Incident Command System and Public Health Nuisance Control - Abatement and Removal Opioid Epidemic and Substance Use Disorder: A Primer for Massachusetts Boards of Health Opioid Epidemic and Substance Use Disorder: Local Public Health in Action Orientation to Local Public Health in Massachusetts Public Health Law and Legal Issues in Massachusetts Recreational Camps for Children Programs for Regulators Recreational Waters: Swimming Pools Surveillance of Infectious Diseases The 10 Essential Public Health Services in Action Wastewater and Title 5 What is Public Health? Holding Effective Meetings How to Hold a Public Hearing in Massachusetts | BOH Chair (note: trainings to be submitted and tracked by BOH Member) |

Public Health Education

2027 Goal: Increase public health education.

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| Quarterly | The Board will maintain current knowledge and understanding as well as increase public awareness of health issues in the community. Create a calendar with monthly topics to focus on. Update website and social sites by spotlighting health topics on a regular basis. (Pick topics that are relevant to time of year.) | BOH/ APHC/ Intern |
| By March 30, 2023 | Determine best timing and content for a community newsletter - include BOH successes, education on timely public health topics or determine if best to share information through town social media <i>*Note: we have incorporated this into the Town's monthly newsletter.</i> | Regional EPI |
| By October 2023 | Identify a Mansfield High School student liaison from the school to the Board of Health | Health Agent |
| By June 2023 | Create public educational campaigns around ticks, tick borne illness | APHC/ Intern |

* Laws and regulations includes: food safety and protection; septic systems; fat, oil, grease (FOG) maintenance; nicotine delivery product (tobacco & vaping) and nicotine sales; housing standards; lead paint; mercury; body art; wells; recreational day camps; family campgrounds; motels/hotels; public and semi-public pools; environmental odor, plastic waste reduction, and public health nuisances.

Referenced Documents: [Foundational Public Health Services Fact Sheet](#)