

Yakima Health District Services

Children's Health

Healthy Childcare: Facilities caring for infants must have monthly on site visits to meet State Law. The Yakima Health District contracts with facilities to provide this service and provides STARS classes so that childcare staff can meet education requirements



Oral Health: Education is given to parents, teachers, nurses, and child care providers.

Child Death Review: A panel of community partners lead by the Yakima Health District works to reduce preventable deaths of children. To do this, every death of a child is examined, problems leading to the death are identified and appropriate prevention strategies are developed.

Regional Services

Breast and Cervical Health (BCHP):

This program offers women between age 40 and 65 free breast and cervical cancer detection services. Services paid for include a pelvic exam, Pap test, clinical breast exam and mammogram. If diagnostic tests are needed, the Program will pay for those too. If breast or cervical cancer is diagnosed, funding for treatment will be located. For more information please call Jensen Thayer @ 509-249-6512.



Region 2 AIDS Net HIV:

This program, together with the affected community, develops plans for HIV prevention and care services. For services and/or referrals please call Wendy Doescher @ 509-249-6503



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*Public Health
in Yakima County*



What is Public Health?

PUBLIC HEALTH helps communities to be healthy places to live, work and play. The YAKIMA HEALTH DISTRICT is your public health agency, protecting you, your family and your friends from disease throughout Yakima County.



The Yakima Health

District provides essential services that are guaranteed to all residents by Washington State Law. The Yakima Health District also serves as a resource for health information to the public and medical professionals. The Yakima Health District three tasks:

- IMPROVING HEALTH
- PROTECTING HEALTH
- PROVIDING HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING



These three tasks are incorporated into the services that the Yakima Health District Provides. The services are divided into specialty divisions which are:

- Community Health
- Environmental Health
- Children's Health
- Regional Services



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Community Health

Communicable Disease: Certain diseases and food borne illnesses are investigated by Yakima Health District. During and after investigations, clients and providers are given education and recommendations are made to prevent others from becoming ill.



Disease Prevention

Education: Did you know that having clean hands is the best way to keep from getting sick? The "Handy Team" teaches children and adults how to wash their hands and how to prevent the spread of germs.

Rev it Up!: Obesity rates are rising and causing preventable disease in children and adults. Along with nutrition and physical activity education, the Rev it Up! program works with the community to make the healthy choice the easy choice in Yakima County.

Vital Statistics: You can get a birth certificate from the Yakima Health District if you were born in Washington State after 1930. Death Certificates are available for individuals who died in Yakima County after 1980.

Immunizations: The Yakima Health District works with community partners to ensure that vaccines are stored properly and administered appropriately.

Sexually Transmitted Disease: The Washington State Department of Health has a staff member located at the Yakima Health District who works with STDs. Sexually Transmitted Disease is reported in confidential manner and partners of infected persons are notified.



Tuberculosis: The Yakima Health District has a comprehensive program for prevention, treatment and control of Tuberculosis.

Emergency Preparedness: The Yakima Health District

works with community partners to prepare for emergencies so that residents get the best services possible in the event of an earthquake, flood, disease outbreak or any other crisis.

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Community Health Assessment: Local health data is collected, analyzed, and monitored by the Yakima Health District and community partners to get a comprehensive snapshot of the health of Yakima County.

Environmental Health

Food Service: Restaurants and food booths are inspected to ensure proper food preparation and serving.

Septic Systems: To assure ground water and surface water are not contaminated by sewage, Yakima Health district staff licenses, inspects and approves wastewater disposal systems for homes and businesses.



Pools & Camps: Public pools and camps are issued operating permits, and inspected so that you will not get sick swimming or camping.

Drug Labs: When a drug lab is found, the Yakima Health District assesses the building for toxic chemical contamination. If contaminated, the decontamination process is supervised before the structure is released for use.



Waste Disposal: Garbage dumps are permitted and inspected by the Yakima Health District to prevent

ground water contamination.

Vectors: The Yakima Health District is concerned about rabies and West Nile virus. YHD monitors and investigates animal bites. If you are bit by an animal the Yakima Health District must be notified. YHD monitors dead birds for West Nile Virus testing and surveillance. If you find a dead bird Yakima Health District wants to know about it.

Drinking Water: Small water systems and well construction is monitored so that the public has safe water.

