



# DAVIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## FACT SHEET

### Davis County Health Department

*“Serving Davis County since 1934; Received national accreditation from PHAB on Nov. 10, 2015 ”*

The Davis County Health Department is Utah’s oldest established local public health department. The staff strives to ensure quality public and environmental health and senior services in Davis County. Under the policy direction of the Davis County Board of Health, the department’s Health Officer and approximately 120 employees serve county residents through the Community Health Services Division, the Environmental Health Services Division, the Family Health & Disease Control Division, the Senior Services Division, and the Health Administration Services Office.



### Community Health Services Division

The Community Health Services Division staff is responsible for planning and implementing public health interventions and programs, and developing policies that support a healthy environment.

- ◇ **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 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, and to prevent others from starting. Staff members create policies encouraging tobacco and nicotine-free environments and the elimination of secondhand smoke.



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## Environmental Health Services Division

Four bureaus make up the Environmental Health Services Division:

- ◇ The **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. The bureau's water laboratory is nationally accredited and operates under the strictest requirements. Drinking water fluoride levels are monitored within this lab. Public pools and spas require permits and are sampled monthly, ensuring rigorous water quality standards.

## Family Health & Disease Control Division

The Family Health & Disease Control Division staff conduct a variety of services for county citizens through Immunization Clinics, WIC, and Public Health Nursing as well as programs within the Communicable Disease & Epidemiology Bureau for the detection, control, and prevention of communicable diseases.

- ◇ **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, on Medicaid or CHIP, and/or are American Indian can receive vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) 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 in the **Public Health Nursing Program** make home visits to low income families with infants/children (less than 5 years old) to assess their needs 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 early prenatal healthcare.
- ◇ **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, identify others who may have been exposed, and implement control measures. Disease investigation can involve one person or many, as in an outbreak.



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- ◇ **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)/HIV Program:** Individuals 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:** Case management and 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.
- ◇ **Bloodborne Pathogen Prevention:** Classes and services are provided for EMS/public safety workers that include HIV/HCV/HBV testing and Hepatitis B vaccinations.
- ◇ **Epidemiology:** The prevention and control of communicable diseases is accomplished through: monitoring and establishing surveillance systems, determining the occurrence/severity/trends of infectious diseases, analysis and dissemination of disease data, and timely disease investigations.

## Senior Services Division

Senior Services Division staff plan and implement programs, services, and policies supporting the needs of Davis County's aging population.

- ◇ **In-Home Services** provides information, assistance, referrals, and supportive services helping seniors remain safely in their homes. Case managers plan and coordinate services for a variety of Home and Community Based programs for seniors, caregivers, and veterans. The **Meals on Wheels** program provides mid-day meals to homebound seniors, and requires many dedicated volunteers to help with meal delivery.
- ◇ The **Family Caregiver Support Program** provides education, case management, and short-term respite services for caregivers.
- ◇ Davis County's three **Senior Activity Centers** provide gathering places for active, mature adults to explore a variety of interests, including exercise, classes, recreation, and enjoy lunch in a social setting. Transportation is available. Medical Transportation provides rides for health and medical appointments.
- ◇ **RSVP** recruits and places senior volunteers in a variety of agencies throughout the county, providing opportunities to create healthy futures, especially for seniors and veterans.
- ◇ Other services include: Medicare information, assistance, and education to detect and prevent healthcare fraud; Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocates for people living in long-term care settings; Falls prevention awareness; and connecting veterans and their families to VA benefits and programs.

## Health Administration Services Office

The staff manages functions for the entire health department including: accreditation issues, quality improvement, public information, accounting, budget, insurance billing, purchasing, travel, and personnel.

- ◇ **Vital Records** staff issues to the public birth and death certificates, and declarations of paternitys.