Local Health Departments

What do they do for your community?

Public health works to strengthen communities by preventing illness and improving health

1 Prevent

Local health departments help prevent the start and spread of outbreaks and disease

- Keep food and physical environments safe.
- Help prevent the occurrence and spread of disease.
- Prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies.

Promote 2

Community well-being is advocated by local health departments, ensuring and recognizing the effectiveness of prevention.

- Encourage improved well-being across all stages of life through education & services
- Ensure access to high-quality healthcare services for the community

3 Protect

Health departments protect community health through public health policy and community partnerships.

- Uphold policies that improve the community's health.
- Continuously assess needs and improve capacity to promote better health.

Prevention
- Oversight of places like restaurants, daycares, etc.
- Minimizing health hazards such as lead & water pollution
- Planning for natural disasters & disease outbreaks

Promotion
- Education and services to reduce chronic illness
- Increase access to preventative care, immunizations, dental care, etc.

Protection
- Smoke-free polices, dietary guidelines in schools, etc.
- Community health assessments, quality improvement efforts

Health Departments in Nebraska

Prevention

Health departments in Lincoln and Omaha collaborate with Nebraska DHHS on the **STI Prevention Program**, which funds free and low-cost STI screening

Promotion

Local health departments across the state actively work toward reducing tobacco use through the **Tobacco Free Nebraska** Initiative by educating youth on the dangers of tobacco use

Protection

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD) conducted a survey to assess community readiness related to opioid and substance misuse prevention