

# The Division of Environmental Health Provides

## **FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Food Safety Program seeks to prevent foodborne illnesses. This is accomplished through monitoring, education and enforcement in licensed food service facilities.

## **FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATION**

Wayne County requires a Certified Food Manager at each fixed food location. The Certified Food Manager is a liaison between food service employees and the Health Department and is responsible for educating the staff about disease prevention, cleanliness and sanitation. The Environmental Health Division offers a manager training course to interested food service managers.

## **FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PLAN REVIEW**

The Food Safety Plan Review team ensures compliance with state plumbing and construction standards at all fixed and mobile facilities through review of plans, menus, specifications, test reports and pre-opening inspections.

## **BODY ART FACILITY LICENSING**

The Wayne County Department of Public Health regulates all Body Art facilities and inspects each facility every year. Licensed establishments are required to provide a safe and clean environment. Operators must have knowledge of bloodborne diseases (such as Hepatitis and HIV), infection prevention, proper sterilization practices, general anatomy, and be able to easily recognize various skin disorders.

## **INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ASSESSMENT**

The Division investigates indoor air quality for alleged health hazards and nuisance conditions in offices, schools, government facilities and non-MIOSHA related industrial settings. We also evaluate health and environmental risks involving mercury or radon.

## **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS AND SAMPLING**

The Division determines regulatory compliance at public swimming pool facilities such as motels, health clubs, schools, community parks and apartment complexes through annual inspections, review of water sample test data and monthly operation reports.

## **CHILD CARE CENTERS & ADULT FOSTER CARE CENTERS**

The Division, upon request by the service provider, audits these facilities for environmental health factors such as food preparation, climate control, safety of equipment and proper changing areas.

## **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL**

The Division acts as an agent for local water utilities and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to protect the municipal water supply by ensuring that contaminants do not enter the potable water supply through connections with contaminant sources. Inspections evaluate potential contamination sources such as plating tanks, fire protection systems, lawn irrigation systems, process water, boilers and laboratories. Compliance orders require the installation of specific plumbing devices such as backflow preventers, valves or piping methods.

## **LEAD POISON PREVENTION**

The Division investigates areas with children who have elevated blood lead levels to determine the possible sources of lead. Painted surfaces are tested to determine the lead content as well as other potential sources (dusts and soils). Remedial actions are pursued to reduce exposure and prevent future illness.

## **WELLS & PRIVATE ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

Environmental Health provides permits for new well or on-site sewage system installations, and for repair or modification of existing systems. This service helps secure safe water supplies for local residents and prevents contamination of ground and surface water.

## **BATHING BEACHES AND WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS**

During the summer months, Environmental Health collects bacteriological water samples at natural bathing beaches to protect the health of the bathers. Other stream monitoring projects test area waterways to determine if they meet state standards.

## **ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE**

The Division assists local municipalities by packaging and forwarding animal specimens to the State laboratory for testing. Life threatening diseases such as rabies and West Nile virus must be identified with expediency so that appropriate medical attention may be administered.

## INTRODUCTION

The Wayne County Environmental Health Division administers and enforces numerous State and County environmental health laws, assists businesses in meeting their regulatory responsibilities, and designs environmental health programs to meet community needs outside of the City of Detroit.

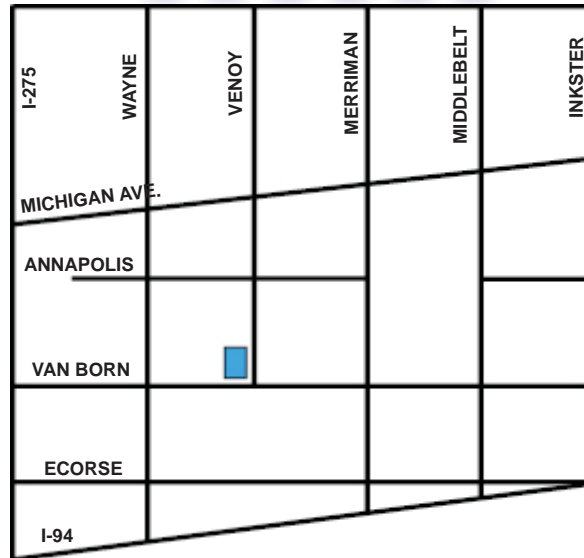


## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Environmental Health Division is:

- ◆ reducing health risks caused by food, water or other environmental sources
- ◆ ensuring compliance with State and County environmental health laws
- ◆ informing residents and businesses of the County's environmental health conditions and services dedicated to improving those conditions

## OUR LOCATION



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