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What is Public Health?
Public health promotes and protects the health of everyone in every community where they live, work and play. The overarching goal of public health is to reduce human suffering through improving the health of the public as a whole and achieving equity and justice in health status for all.

Public health core functions are:
- *assessment and evaluation*, which is collection and analysis of health data and works to improve programs and processes
- *policy development*, which assures that scientific principles are used in public health decision making (big ‘P’ and little ‘p’ policy development)
- *assurance*, which guarantees that services necessary to achieve public health goals are provided
- *research*, for new insights and innovative solutions to timely health issues

Achieved through:
- Mobilizing community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems
- Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforcing policies and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Linking people to needed resources and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- Building capacity of communities to achieve health equity through community development and policy