

Health Department

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A
PUBLIC HEALTH NERD IF YOU...

- ✓ like data and statistics.
- ✓ wondered why just one CDC scientist was deployed in Contagion.
- ✓ care about saving lives and protecting people 24/7.



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NERD

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Public Health Nurse: Jennifer Brown RN

Organizational Structure



MISSION

- To promote the health and well-being of the community through the core functions of assessment, policy development, promotion and assurance. The Board of Health and the Health Department meet their mission by focusing on the following practices:

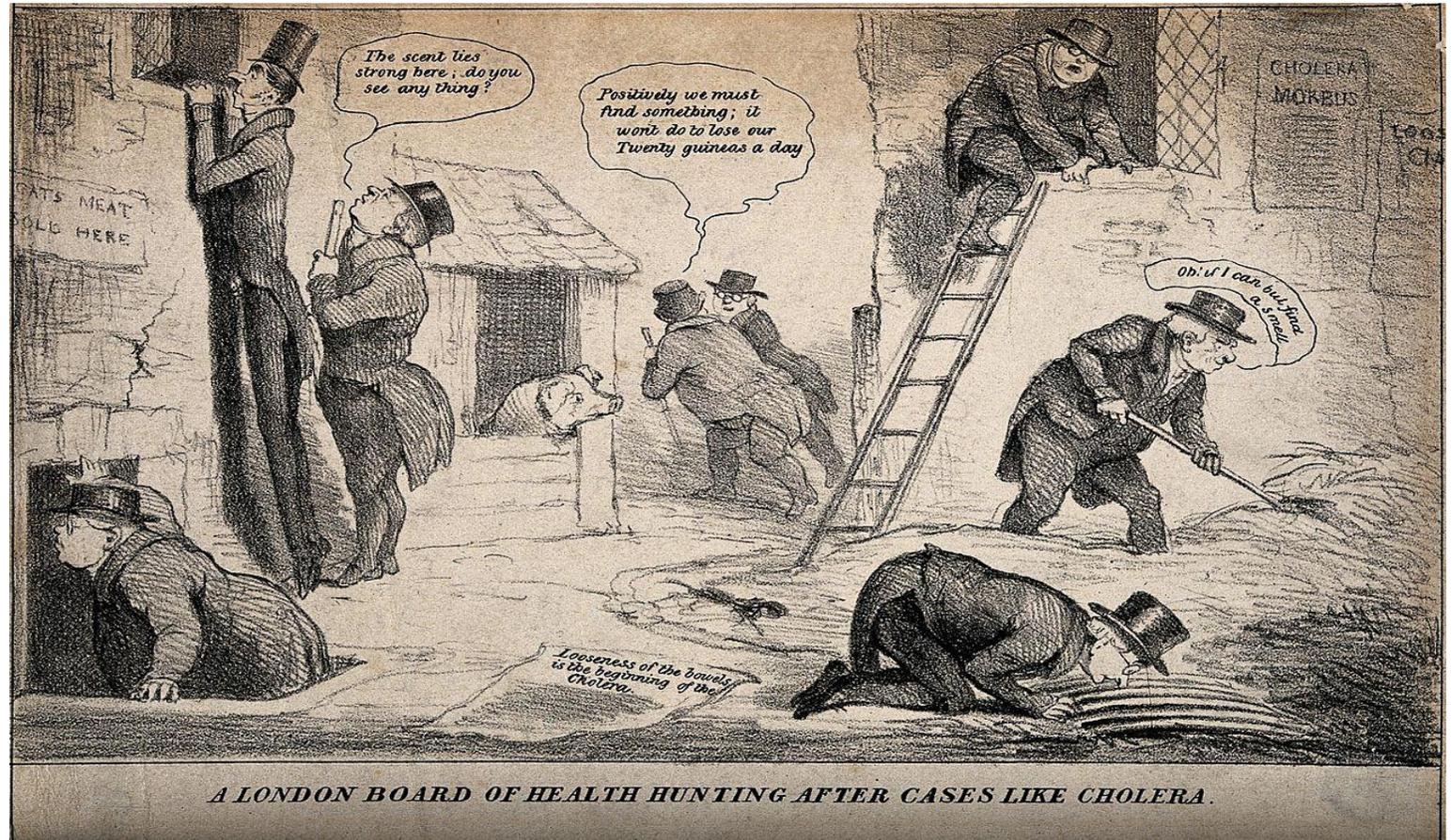


Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



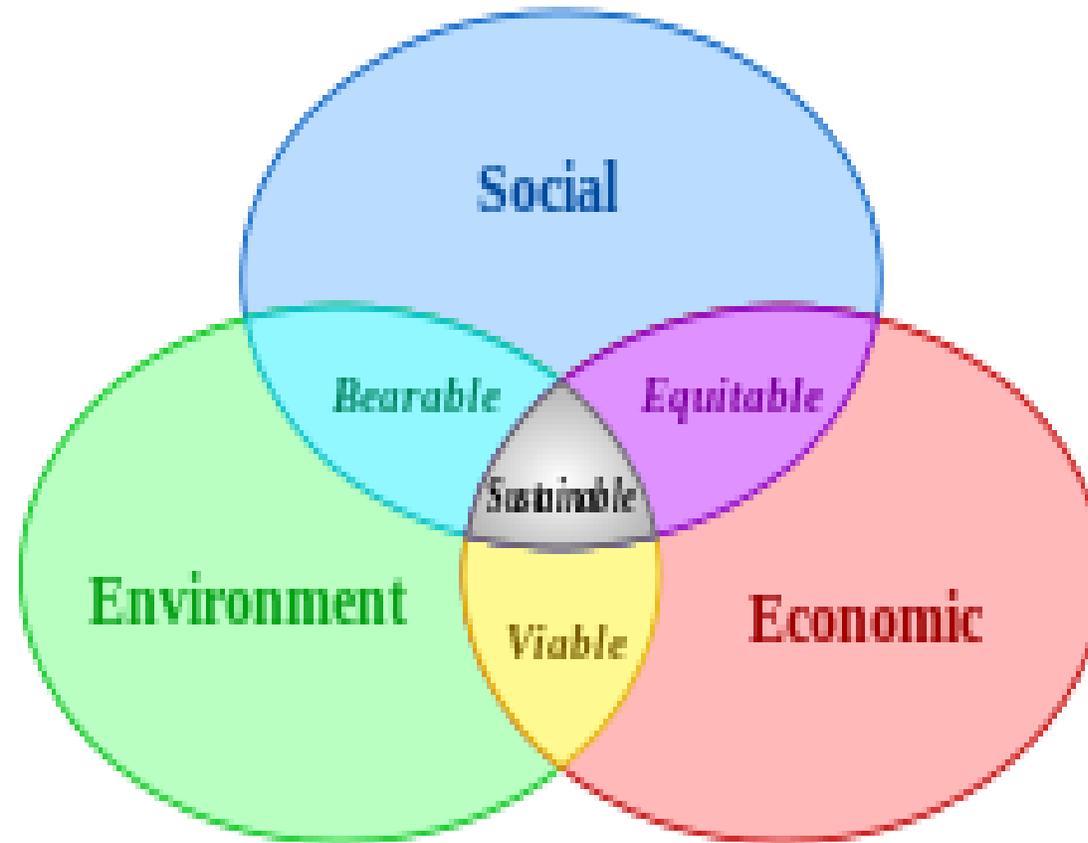
Assessment

- Systematically collecting, assembling and analyzing information regarding the health of the community, including statistics on health status, community health needs and services, and epidemiological data.



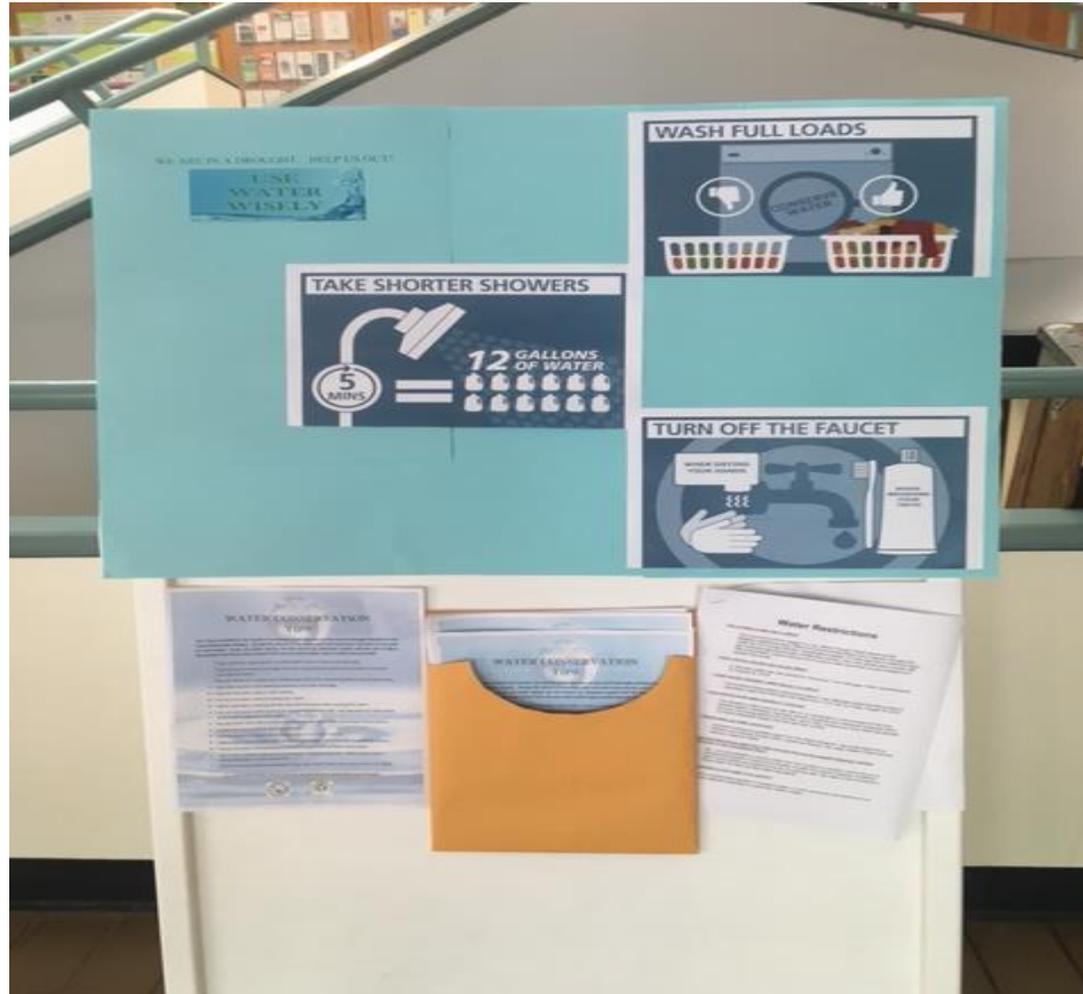
Policy Development

- Developing and implementing comprehensive public health policies and regulations.



Promotion

Providing services and educational opportunities that encourage healthy environments and lifestyles.



Assurance

- Ensuring that all Amherst residents have the services necessary to maintain or restore good health through advocacy for and promotion of health in all town projects and policies.



Board of Health

5 appointed members
each serving a 3 year term.

- The **Board of Health** is responsible for the protection and promotion of public health, the control of disease, and the promotion of sanitary living conditions for the Town of Amherst. The Board of Health oversees health regulations for the Town of Amherst including:
 - Creating new regulations
 - Review existing regulations
 - Reviewing and determining on variance requests for existing regulations



Inspections and Enforcement

- The agents of the Board of Health include the Health Director and Inspectors. Inspectors are located in the Inspection Services Department and are responsible for enforcement of Board of Health and State regulations and inspections. Areas of oversight include:

Housing

Food Establishments

- Wood Burning Devices

Camps

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Wells

Body Arts

Pools



Local Regulations

Tobacco

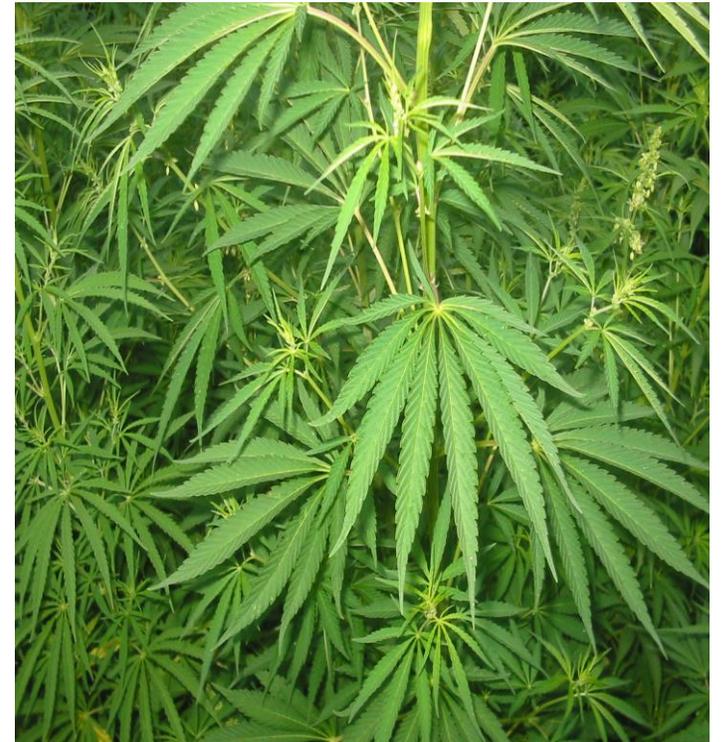
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Wood burning stoves

Body Arts

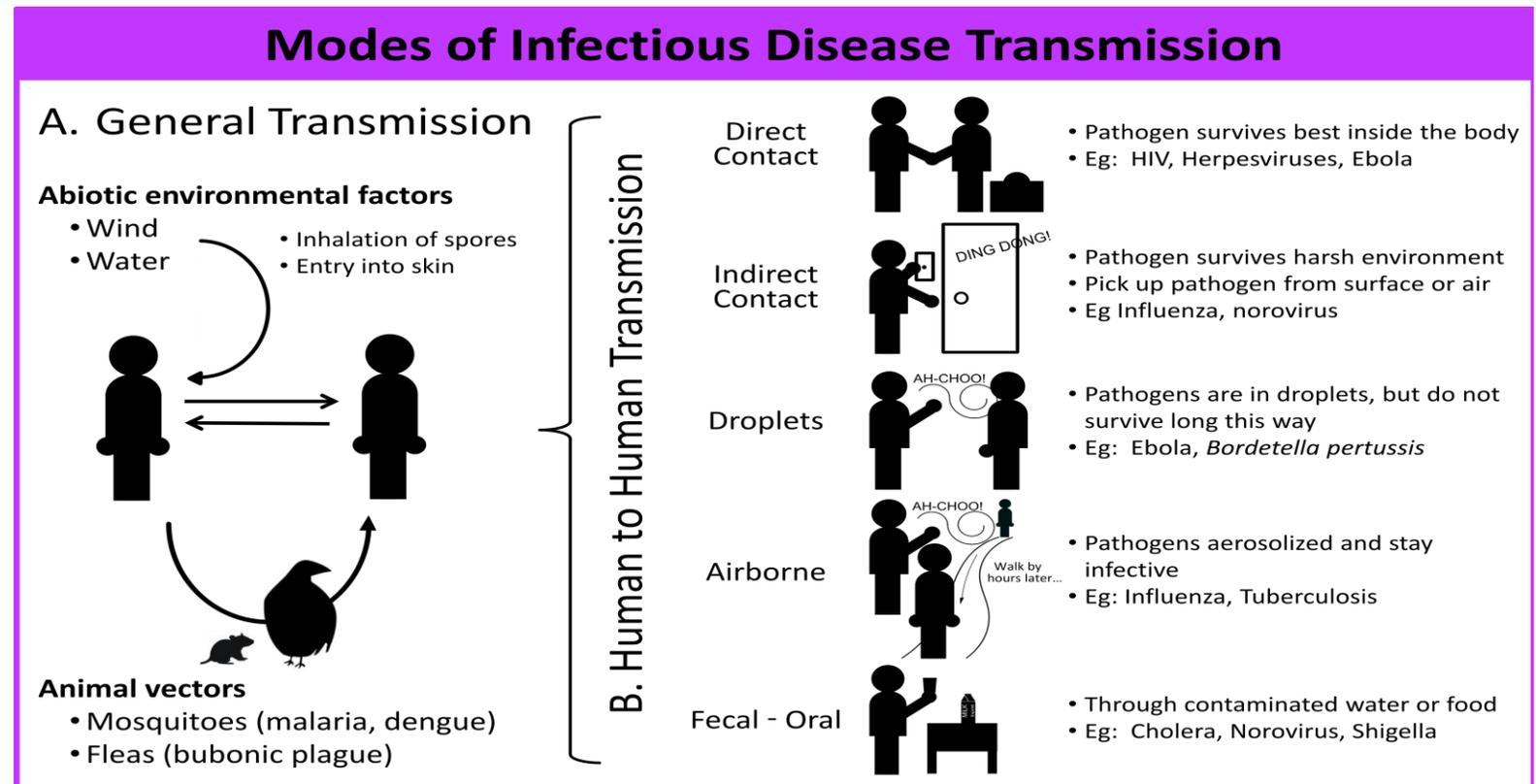
Solid Waste

- Currently the BOH is looking at the Tobacco regulations to update them to include wording that addresses vaping and the selling of flavored tobacco products.
- Monitoring the roll out of Adult Use marijuana to determine if local health regulations will be needed.



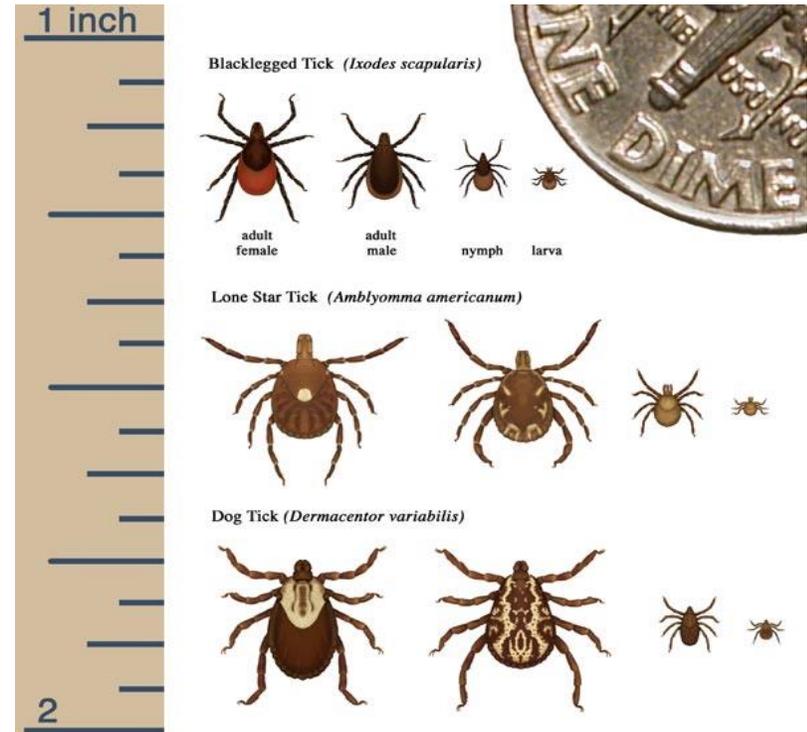
Infectious Disease Control

We monitor cases of 60 different reportable communicable disease including Tuberculosis. This involves case investigation to contain and control the spread of diseases such as Pertussis and foodborne illness.



Programs

- Sharps Disposal
- Childhood Immunizations for the underserved
- Health Insurance Navigation
- School health education: mosquito and tick-borne illness, vaping



Committees and Collaborations

- Adult Use Marijuana Review Committee
- Amherst Human Services Network: Human Service agencies serving Amherst residents
- Homeless Systems Meeting: stakeholders involved with homeless services and housing in Amherst
- Hampshire HOPE: Coalition working to prevent and improve services for Substance Use Disorder
- Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition: 27 communities within Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin Counties
- John P Musante Health Center



Emergency Planning

- Planning for emergencies with town departments as well as external partners such as University of Massachusetts, Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition and the Western Mass Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition.

