



Southwest District Health provides services in six counties in Southwest Idaho, spanning a population base of approximately 300,000 people. We employ over 100 people from our community who work in over 40 different professions.

Administration

The Administration team provides the leadership of the organization with an emphasis on long-term strategy and supports the Board of Health, our governing body. The team is also responsible for the medical and legal oversight of the organization, communications, organizational training, development, and performance improvement, and strategic planning.

Family and Clinic Services Division

Family Services: The Family Services team provides nutrition education and access to healthy foods for pregnant women, moms, and children through the WIC program, nurse home visiting for new mom and in-home parenting support.

Clinic Services: Our Clinic Services team runs a family medicine practice and offers immunizations, wellness, acute, and chronic care management appointments. The team also oversees several school-based clinic programs.

Environmental and Community Health Division

Community Health: The Community Health team works with individuals and strategic community partners to co-create individual and community health behavior (ex. nicotine/tobacco cessation, physical activity, cancer prevention) and environmental (ex. walkable communities, nicotine free communities, supportive structures for behavioral health) change to reduce risk, improve quality and length of life, and to ensure the healthy choice is the easy choice. We live the "healthier together" approach to healthy communities.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Epidemiology Response (PHEPER): The PHEPER team serves as a community resource in preparedness, emergency response, and communicable disease mitigation. The team informs and develops plans that sustain public health capability standards to prepare and respond to public health emergencies and disease outbreaks through conducting public health surveillance and epidemiological response to all of Idaho's reportable conditions.

Community Collaborative Support: The Community Collaborative Support team is responsible for daily operations related to COVID-19 vaccine equity, engagement, and education. Inter-departmental collaboration is a part of the ongoing effort to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation and to advance health equity.

Environmental Health: Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) focus their work on reducing the risk for foodborne, waterborne, and vector borne illnesses in their community and protecting the groundwaters of Idaho. This work is accomplished in several different ways. Environmental Health Specialists:

- License, regulate, and inspect food establishments, mobile food units, temporary food vendors, and food processing establishments, and ensure establishments are operating in accordance with the health and safety regulations put forth in the Idaho Food Code.
- Ensure that septic tanks and other on-site sewage disposal systems are properly planned and installed.
- Reviews all new subdivisions and developed projects to ensure that the land is suitable for disposing of wastewater to protect the public's health and environment.
- Administers and implements the rules of the public water program through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.
- Assure protection of the public through the regulation and monitoring of public water systems and swimming pools.
- Conduct health and safety inspections and investigate complaints on licensed childcare facilities.
- Investigate and resolve complaints on a variety of nuisance topics such as sewage on the ground, open dumping of solid waste, animal bites, and rabies investigations.

General Support Division

The General Support (GS) Division provides support services to staff in the areas of finance and accounting, purchasing, and receiving, information technology, custodial, building maintenance, and human resources. Our GS staff members work in a team-oriented environment within our division to provide these services through exceptional customer service, communication, and attention to detail to help meet the needs of our internal customers and externally within our communities.