

**135A.6 Governmental public health system.**

1. The governmental public health system, in accordance with the Iowa public health standards, shall include but not be limited to the following organizational capacity components and public health service components:

a. Organizational capacity components shall include all of the following:

- (1) Governance.
- (2) Administration.
- (3) Communication and information technology.
- (4) Workforce.
- (5) Community assessment and planning. This component consists of collaborative data collection and analysis for the completion of population-based community health assessments and community health profiles and the process of developing improvement plans to address the community health needs and identified gaps in public health services.

(6) Evaluation.

b. Public health service components shall include all of the following:

(1) Prevention of epidemics and the spread of disease. This component includes the surveillance, detection, investigation, and prevention and control measures that prevent, reduce, or eliminate the spread of infectious disease.

(2) Protection against environmental hazards. This component includes activities that reduce or eliminate the risk factors detrimental to the public's health within the natural or man-made environment.

(3) Prevention of injuries. This component includes activities that facilitate the prevention, reduction, or elimination of intentional and unintentional injuries.

(4) Promotion of healthy behaviors. This component includes activities to assure services that promote healthy behaviors to prevent chronic disease and reduce illness.

(5) Preparation for, response to, and recovery from public health emergencies. This component includes activities to prepare the public health system and community partners to respond to public health threats, emergencies, and disasters and to assist in the recovery process.

2. The governmental public health system shall include but not be limited to the following entities:

- a. Local boards of health.
- b. State board of health.
- c. Designated local public health agencies.
- d. The department.

[2009 Acts, ch 182, §120, 126](#)

Referred to in [§135A.2](#), [§135A.4](#)