

641—186.2 (135A) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“Academic institution” means an institution of higher education in the state which grants degrees in public health or another health-related field and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as determined by the United States Secretary of Education. For purposes of this definition, “accredited” means a certification of the quality of the institution of higher education.

“Council” means the governmental public health advisory council as established in Iowa Code section 135A.4.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Designated local public health agency” means an entity that is either governed by or contractually responsible to a local board of health and designated by the local board.

“Director” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“Governmental public health system” means local boards of health, the state board of health, designated local public health agencies, the state hygienic laboratory, and the department.

“Local board of health” means a county or district board of health.

“Organizational capacity” means the governmental public health infrastructure that must be in place in order to deliver public health services.

“Public health system” means all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of public health services within a jurisdiction.

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