

641—77.2(137) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, unless otherwise defined, the following definitions apply:

“Core public health functions” means the functions of community health assessment, policy development, and assurance.

1. Assessment: Regular collection, analysis, interpretation, and communication of information about health conditions, risks, and assets in a community.

2. Policy development: Development, implementation, and evaluation of plans and policies, for public health in general and priority health needs in particular, in a manner that incorporates scientific information and community values and in accordance with state public health policy.

3. Assurance: Ensuring by encouragement, regulation, or direct action that programs and interventions that maintain and improve health are carried out.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Environmental health services” means services focused on assessing and controlling the impact of people on their physical environment and the impact of the environment on them.

“Essential public health services” means those activities carried out by public health that fulfill the core functions.

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

“Personal health services” means services focused on the care of individuals.

“Population-based health services” means services focused on the health status of population groups and their environments.