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The Washington County Health Department provides services without restrictions based on, or consideration of, race, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

Please request accessible needs in advance of appointments.

Client privacy and confidentiality are strictly protected by U.S. and Maryland laws.

Some services offered may have fees attached. In those cases, cost is based on the individual’s ability to pay as indicated by a sliding fee scale determined by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Mission: Promote healthy behaviors,
prevent disease and injury, and
safeguard the environment



<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/washhealth>

TTY/TDD: 240-313-3391

Adult Services

Adult Evaluation and Review 240-313-3229

Adult Evaluation and Review Services works to keep functionally limited individuals in the safest, least restrictive environment possible. Registered nurses conduct on-site, comprehensive evaluations that consider the health status and medical needs of the individual. The goal of the program is to identify effective long-term care options and to help provide linkage to community resources.

Adult Immunizations 240-313-3210

Immunizations offered to adults include: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Meningitis, HPV, Polio, Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), Pre-Exposure and Post-Exposure Rabies, Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) or Tetanus Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap), Pneumonia, and Varicella (Chicken Pox). Special clinics are held for Influenza vaccines.

Cancer Screening and Education Programs:

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) 240-313-3235

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Colon Cancer Screening Program 240-313-3235

Access to colorectal screening services for uninsured or underinsured Washington County residents 50 years old or older or less than 50 years of age who have a personal or family history of colon cancer and who meet eligibility requirements.

Family Planning 240-313-3296

Confidential family planning services are available on various days of the week. Most methods of family planning are offered.

Pregnancy Testing 240-313-3296

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Tobacco Use Prevention & Cessation 240-313-3310

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Transportation 240-313-3264

Transportation is provided to and from scheduled medical appointments, both within and outside Washington County. This program serves Medical Assistance clients who meet program guidelines.

Vital Records 240-313-3395

Certified Birth Certificates

Original, certified birth certificates are available from 1942 through the present and may be issued, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for the birth name individual, the parent named on the certificate or, with documentation, the legal guardian. Legal guardians must present the appropriate documentation designating them as the legal guardian of the individual whose birth certificate they are requesting. Minor certificate correction requests may also be facilitated. A fee is required.

Certified Death Certificates

Certified death certificates are available, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for authorized requestors such as funeral homes, informants or legal representatives. Those requesting death certificates should present documentation listing both the deceased and the requestor's name and the reason for the request. A fee is required.

Children's Health

Childhood Immunizations 240-313-3210

All childhood immunizations are offered at the Health Department Clinic. The Vaccine for Children's program (VFC) provides vaccines for those families who are uninsured or underinsured. There is an administration fee for each vaccine in the VFC program. Families with insurance may call to see if a needed vaccine is available. Families with insurance are billed an administration fee and the cost of the vaccine.

Please bring a record of all past immunizations to the clinic.

Children's Special Medical Services 243-313-3229

Orofacial Clinic 240-313-3296

Services provided by a team, consisting of a plastic surgeon, a speech pathologist, an audiologist, an otolaryngologist, a periodontist, an orthodontist, and a pediatric dentist, twice a year.

Lead Poisoning Prevention 240-313-3229

Limited to children that are referred to the program with an elevated blood lead level.

Teen Services 240-313-3296

Confidential services are available for teens 19 and under for pregnancy testing and counseling, birth control methods and abstinence, emergency contraception, and screening and treating sexually transmitted infections. Walk-in clinics are held every Wednesday between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm or you may call to schedule an appointment at another time.

Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) and Medical Assistance for Families 240-313-3330

The Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) has been in effect since July 1, 1998. This program provides free and low cost health care insurance coverage to children up to age 19 and to pregnant women in families with low to average incomes.

MA for Families provides free health care insurance coverage to families that meet eligibility requirements.

WIC – Women, Infants and Children 240-313-3335

The WIC program provides preventive nutrition health services designed to ensure the healthy growth and development of young children. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition counseling and health care/social service referrals to income-eligible pregnant and postpartum women and infants and children up to age five who are at nutrition risk. The WIC team includes Registered Dietitians, and Service Associates. WIC Certification Clinics are held at the following sites:

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Healthy Families 240-313-3270

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Communicable Disease Prevention

HIV Case Management 240-313-3331

Case Management services are provided by Community Health Nurses for financially eligible individuals who are HIV positive and/or diagnosed with AIDS and who are residents of Washington County. Coordination of care is provided in close collaboration with the health care provider. Some financial assistance is available to qualifying individuals to help defray the costs of health care visits, transportation, and medications.

Communicable Disease Surveillance/Reporting and Investigation . . . 240-313-3210

The Health Department staff responds to all reports of communicable disease in the county. Registered Nurses and Sanitarians investigate the spread of outbreaks, and ensure testing and treatment of individuals involved in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

HIV Testing & Counseling 240-313-3331

Confidential HIV Counseling and Testing is provided free of charge. Testing is available Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. No appointment is necessary.

Immunizations 240-313-3210

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Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinic 240-313-3296

The Health Department staff provides confidential services for the testing, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Partner notification and contact investigation services are also available.

Tuberculosis Diagnosis & Treatment 240-313-3210

Clinic services are available at the Health Department twice each month to assist and manage persons with active tuberculosis disease. Treatment and Case Management services are provided for all suspect or confirmed cases of tuberculosis. Preventive therapy is available to identified contacts and others at risk of developing tuberculosis.

Environmental Health

Air Quality 240-313-3400

The Health Department monitors and controls open burning, and responds to various air quality complaints involving smoke, dust, and odors.

Open burning, defined as the burning of any material in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney, is regulated. Permits to burn are issued, or denied, after the air quality control officer conducts an evaluation of the materials proposed for burning.

Food Protection 240-313-3400

The Health Department seeks to maintain a safe food supply and reduce the likelihood of foodborne illness through permits, inspections and educational activity at food service facilities throughout the county.

Food service facilities include both permanent and temporary facilities such as restaurants, schools, grocery stores, nursing homes, hospitals, caterers, food concession stands, and various indoor and outdoor events.

Food Service facilities are required to obtain an operating permit from the Washington County Health Department.

Noncommunity Water Supplies 240-313-3400

The Health Department monitors noncommunity water supplies to ensure water that is safe to use and drink. Monitoring is done through water sampling every three months.

Noncommunity water supplies are defined as public water systems that utilize individual wells and serve at least 25 people 6 months per year. These systems serve motels, hotels, restaurants, schools, industrial plants and similar facilities not connected to a public water system.

On-Site Sewage Disposal 240-313-3400

Septic systems are used for the disposal of sewage where public or centralized sewage collection and disposal systems are not available. Proper functioning of septic systems depends on many factors and is most impacted by site suitability and use (load) of the system. In most cases of new construction, permits for septic systems are issued after perk tests are conducted and the site suitability has been determined by a sanitarian. When a system is being repaired, permits may be issued for the replacement of the failing system based on previous evaluation.

On-Site Water Supplies 240-313-3400

Considerations of well siting, construction, yield, and water quality are all part of the well permitting and approval process. Well siting is determined and approved by sanitarians during field visits, and every attempt is made to ensure that wells developed produce water that is chemically and bacteriologically acceptable. In cases where this is not possible, water treatment devices may be required to produce finished water of acceptable quality.

Rabies Control 240-313-3400

The Health Department reviews all possible rabies exposure incidents and initiates any health interventions necessary to protect public health. All bite reports received by the Health Department are investigated and, if necessary, animals are tested for rabies.

Swimming Pools/Spas/Campgrounds/Mobile Home Parks 240-313-3400

The Health Department ensures that the operation, maintenance, and construction of public swimming pools and spas, public bathing beaches, campgrounds, and mobile home parks are in accordance with applicable regulations and do not jeopardize the health or safety of the community.

Wellness and Health Promotion

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Nutrition / Wellness Services 240-313-3349

National Diabetes Prevention Program:

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is an evidence-based lifestyle change program for preventing type 2 diabetes. It can help people cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes, in half. The National Diabetes Prevention Program research study showed that making modest behavior changes helped participants lose 5% to 7% of their body weight—that is 10 to 14 pounds for a 200-pound person. These lifestyle changes reduced the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% in people with pre-diabetes. Participants work with a lifestyle coach in a group setting to receive a 1-year lifestyle change program that includes 16 core sessions (usually 1 per week) and 6 post-core sessions (1 per month). Call 240-313-3349 or visit <http://wcdiabetesprevention.org/> for more information.

Senior Fall Prevention Program 240-313-3302

Stepping On:

An evidence-based fall prevention program for older adults that meets once a week for seven weeks. Through the sessions, older adults will learn exercises aimed at improving balance, increasing strength, and improving flexibility, thereby reducing the risk of a fall. Participants will also learn ways to further reduce their risk of a fall through guided discussion on various topics: home hazards, vision health, proper footwear, medication management, bone health, better sleep, and community safety.

Workplace Wellness 240-313-3357

Workplace wellness programs benefit businesses and employees by improving employee health and productivity and reducing healthcare costs. Businesses interested in improving the health of their workplace can join the Healthiest Maryland Businesses movement and receive free consultation and assistance in developing and enhancing their workplace wellness programs and policies. Healthiest Maryland Businesses also have access to wellness resources, educational events, and grant opportunities.

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Behavioral Health Services

925 North Burhans Boulevard, Hagerstown, MD 21742

The Washington County Health Department provides a comprehensive continuum of services to all persons affected by substance abuse and mental health issues. Each person will be treated with compassion and respect in an environment that supports growth as individuals strive to improve their lives and communities.

Our staff is guided by the philosophy that chemical dependency is a progressive illness treatable through professional care, education and ongoing support. The goal is to help each individual attain the physical and emotional health that leads to recovery.

Services include comprehensive substance abuse treatment for adult and adolescent offenders. Sessions are tailored to meet individual needs. Addiction is viewed as a disease that affects the entire family unit; family involvement is an important component of the recovery program and is strongly encouraged.

Comprehensive substance abuse and injury prevention programs include, but are not limited to, parenting skills training, life skills programming, conflict resolution, anger management, and underage drinking prevention initiatives.

Services offered include:

- 24-Hour Crisis Intervention
- Anger Management Program
- Community Mental Health Clinic
- Comprehensive Assessment and Referral Service
- Department of Transportation (DOT) Drug Testing
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Driver improvement and three-hour alcohol education program
- Harm Reduction
- HIV Testing, Counseling and Education for High Risk Populations
- Individual, Group and Family Counseling
- Jail-based Treatment/re-entry Services
- Long-term residential treatment for women with children and for adolescents
- Narcan (Naloxone) Training
- Outreach
- Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) Services
- Trauma Services

Adolescent Addiction 240-313-3310
Adult Addiction / Mental Health Services 240-313-3310
Persons Requiring Special Accommodations 240-313-3310