

Local Health Officer

- Appointed for 3-year terms
- Must be qualified by education, training, or experience in the field of public health. If not qualified as such, then must meet qualification standards within 6 months after appointment.
- Liaison for “Public Health Threats” = Any condition or behavior that can be reasonably expected to place others at significant risk of exposure to infections with a communicable disease.
- 5 Primary Job Roles include:
 - Overall health resource to the community
 - Mediator and enforcer of complaints that cannot be resolved
 - Reports to the Select Board on community public health status
 - Reports to ME CDC and DHHS on any perceived public health threats
- Legal Requirements
 - Keep record of all proceedings, transactions, ordinances, orders and rules acted by the LHO (May keep a log of all actions taken and responded to and provide copies to admin)
 - Report cases of or facts related to a communicable disease to the Commissioner
 - During declared health emergency, report to the Commissioner facts re: potential notifiable diseases related to the declared health emergency.
 - Handles complaints by members of the public concerning conditions posing a public health threat
 - With consent of the owner, inspect any place or premises where filth, or conditions posing a public health threat are known or believed to exist. If inspection is refused, LHO shall apply for an inspection warrant from District Court. (CDC recommends the Town Attorney weigh in if this would be necessary before applying for the warrant)
 - After consultation with the Commissioner, order removal of nuisances posing a public health threat
 - Act as a resource connecting residents with public health services provided by ME CDC.
 - Enforce public health safety laws:
 - Pertaining to exclusion of students from school (Title 20-A MRSA §6356)
 - Pertaining to Control of Brown Tail moth (Title 20-A MRSA §1444)
 - Pertaining to removal of nuisance of a dead animal (Title 20-A MRSA §1561 & 1562)
 - Pertaining to the establishment of temporary health care facilities (Title 20-A §1762)
 - Pertaining to prohibited dumping (Title 30-A §3352)
- May work in correlation with the CEO, ACO, Fire Chief, and Local Plumbing Inspector.
- Enforces all state laws, DHHS Rules and Local Health Ordinances
- Other Duties may include
 - Assist with Animal/ Insect borne disease in conjunction with ACO
 - Reporting cases of strange animal behavior to DHHS, HETL, Dept. of Inland Fishery & Wildlife, Dept. Of Agriculture, Maine Game Warden.
 - Assist with Environmental/ Land Use nuisances that may pose a health risk
 - Sewage, solid waste, septic tanks, faulty systems, etc. (Usually works in conjunction with CEO, LHO are not specifically authorized to intervene in these areas.
 - LHO Shall receive and examine the nature of complaints made by members of the public concerning conditions posing a public health threat or potential health threat.
 - May assist in protecting drinking water and water sources in conjunction with EPA and DHHS.
 - Assist with food sanitation issues with restaurants and other establishments in conjunction with the Health Inspection Program. District Sanitarian can inspect/ investigate.

APPENDIX B. LHO RESOURCE CHART

Problem Area		LHO	LPI/CEO	ACO	IFW	Professional Consultant	Manufact'd Housing Board	DHHS
	Reference							
Landlord tenant issues - Implied warranty and covenant of habitability	T14 M.R.S.A. §6021	Primary	Assist				x	
Bed Bugs	T14 §6021	Primary	Primary			x		x
Dangerous buildings	T17, M.R.S.A. §2851	x	Primary			x		
Unclean premises	T17 §2851	Primary	Assist			x		
Removal of private nuisances that could be injurious to health	T 22 § 461	Primary	Assist			x		
Removal of private nuisances	T22 §1561	Primary	Assist			x		
Removal of dead animal	T22 §1562	Assist	x	x	Assist	x		
Reporting adult abuse	T22 §3477	Primary	Assist				x	x
Reporting child abuse	T22 §4011	Primary	Assist					x
Bathing beaches	T 22 § 461	Assist	Primary					
Malfunctioning sewage disposal systems	T30-A §3428	Assist	Primary			x		
Automobile junkyards	T30-A §3751	Assist	Primary					
Cemeteries	T13 §1343		Primary					x
Mobile Home parks	T10 §9003	Assist	Primary			x	x	
LHO: Local Health Officer								
CEO: Code Enforcement Officer								
LPI: Local Plumbing Inspector								
ACO: Animal Control Officer								
Professional Resource: Third party contractor								
Manufacturing Housing Board								
DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services personnel								

APPENDIX C.**QUICK REFERENCE - TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Abuse & Neglect	800-452-1999	Children's Protective Services
Accident Prevention	287-5356	Injury Prevention Program
Acid Rain	287-7036	Environmental Protection
Adolescent Services	287-9917	Division of Family Health
AIDS Program	287-3960	Division of Infectious Disease
Alcohol & Drugs	287-2595	Maine Office of Substance Abuse
Animal Welfare	287-3846	Department of Agriculture
Asbestos Testing	287-2727	Health & Environmental Testing Lab
Attorney General	626-8800	Department of the Attorney General
Auto Safety Belts	287-5356	Injury Prevention Program
Baby Care	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Bathing Beaches	287-5671	Division of Environmental Health
Maine CDC Admin.	287-8016	Maine CDC
Cancer Clusters	287-8135	Division of Chronic Disease
Cancer Screening	287-8135	Division of Chronic Disease
Catastrophic Illnesses	800-321-5557	MaineCare Services
Childhood Development	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Childhood Mortality	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Cholesterol Screening	287-8135	Division of Chronic Disease
Citizens Assistance	800-452-4617	Maine CDC
Clinic Services	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Communicable Diseases	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Coordinated Care Services	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Day Care/Children	287-5060	Child and Family Services
Dental Health	287-4502	Oral Health Program
Diabetes Education	287-5380	Diabetes Prevention & Control
Disease Reporting	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Drinking Water	287-2070	Division of Environmental Health
Emergency Medical	287-3953	Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Public Health	800-452-1999	Maine CDC Hotline
Environmental Hazards	800-821-5821	Toxicology Program
Epidemiology	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Exercise	287-5388	Community Health Promotion
Family Planning	287-5388	Community Health Promotion
Family Violence	888-568-1112	Family Violence Project
Fluoridation	287-2361	Community Health Promotion
Food & Drug Admin.	622-8268	U.S. Federal Building
Food Stamps	800-452-4643	Income Maintenance
Foodborne Illness	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Genetics	287-9917	Division of Family Health
Healthy Communities	287-5388	Community Health Promotion
Hepatitis	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Home Nursing Visits	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program

Immunizations	800-867-4775	Division of Infectious Disease
Infectious Diseases	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Injury Control	287-5356	Injury Prevention Program
Insect/Tick Disease Lab	287-2431	Department of Conservation
Labor Safety Standards	287-6460	Department of Labor
Laboratory Analyses	287-2727	Health & Environmental Testing Lab
Law Library	287-1600	Law & Legislative Library
Lead Poisoning	287-4311	Division of Family Health
Legal Assistance	622-4731	Pine Tree Legal Assistance
Licensing Boards	582-8723	Professional & Financial Regulation
Lodging Licensing	287-5671	Division of Environmental Health
Low Cost Drugs for Elderly	800-321-5557	MaineCare Services
Lyme Disease	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Maine Municipal Association	623-8428	Maine Municipal Association
Maternity Care	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Measles	800-867-4775	Division of Infectious Disease
Medicaid Program	800-452-4694	Bureau of Medical Services
Milk Commission	287-3741	Department of Agriculture
Mumps	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Newborn/High Risk Infants	287-9917	Division of Family Health
Newborn/High Risk Infants	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Notifiable Diseases	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Nutrition Consultation	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Occupational Hazards	877-723-3345	Bureau of Labor Standards
Oil & Haz. Material Spills	800-482-0777	Environmental Protection
Parenting Skills	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Pesticides	287-2731	Environmental Protection
Physical Fitness	287-5388	Physical Activity & Nutrition Program
Physician Consultant	287-8016	Maine CDC
Physician Consultant	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Physician Consultant	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Poison Control Center	800-442-6305	Maine Medical Center
Polio	287-3746	Division of Infectious Disease
Prenatal Care	287-3311	Division of Family Health
Preschool Clinics	287-3311	Public Health Nursing Program
Preventive Health Children	287-2674	Bureau of Med. Services (EPSDT)
Quarantine	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Rabies	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Radiation Protection	287-5676	Division of Environmental Health
Rape Crisis	626-0660	Rape Crisis Hotline
Refugee Program	287-6227	Division of Infectious Disease
Rehabilitation Services	624-5300	Office of Rehab. Services
Reportable Diseases	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Restaurant Licensing	287-5671	Division of Environmental Health
Rubella	800-867-4775	Division of Infectious Disease

Salmonella	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
School Health	287-4718	Public Health Informatics
School Health	624-6688	Department of Education
School Lunch Programs	287-5338	Division of Environmental Health
School-Based Health Ctrs	287-7856	Coordinated School Health
Seafood Processing	624-6550	Department of Marine Resources
Sewage Disposal	287-5672	Division of Environmental Health
SIDS	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
Smoking in Bars	287-3571	Maine Bureau of Liquor Enforcement
Smoking Legislation	287-4627	Partnership/Tobacco Free ME
Social Security Admin.	800-772-1213	U.S. Federal Building
State Police	800-452-4664	Maine State Police
STD (Sexually Trans Disease)	287-3747	Division of Infectious Disease
Stress	287-8135	Division of Chronic Disease
Supermarket, food	287-3841	Department of Agriculture
Support Enforcement	287-2886	Income Maintenance
Swimming Areas	287-5338	Division of Environmental Health
TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	287-6897	Income Maintenance
Tent/Trailer Areas	287-5675	Division of Environmental Health
Tobacco Control	287-4627	Partnership/Tobacco Free ME
Toxicology	287-5338	Environmental Health
Tuberculosis	800-821-5821	Division of Infectious Disease
Vaccinations	800-867-4775	Division of Infectious Disease
Veterinary Services	287-3701	Department of Agriculture
Vital Records	287-3181	Health Data & Program Mgt
Warden Services	287-2766	Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
Wastewater Disposal	287-5672	Division of Environmental Health
Water Testing	287-2727	Health & Environmental Testing Lab.
Weight Management	287-5388	Physical Activity & Nutrition Program
Well Child Clinics	287-4112	Public Health Nursing Program
WIC	287-3991	Division of Family Health
Women's Health	287-9917	Division of Family Health
X-ray Equipment	287-5338	Division of Environmental Health
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