

Tuberculosis Control Program

The Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program is divided into two functional areas -- surveillance and prevention. Surveillance activities include active disease reporting, collection, and interpretation of data as well as monitoring of mycobacteriology laboratory reports. Prevention activities include supporting targeted testing, providing medications, professional education, and consultation.

The Iowa TB Control Program is committed to the goal of TB Elimination, which is defined as "no evidence of recent transmission." To achieve the goal of TB elimination, the following resources are currently available from the state TB Control Program:

- ⇒ **State Medication Program** -- Provides for free TB therapy for all latent TB infection and suspected and active cases for persons who reside within the state of Iowa.
- ⇒ **Mantoux Skin Testing** -- Provides for free PPD for skin testing for close contact investigations, high-risk populations, and public health nurses responsible for TB activity.
- ⇒ **University Hygienic Laboratory** -- Provides free sputum collection kits, testing, and rapid confidential electronic transfer of test results to the state TB Control Program.
- ⇒ **State Outreach Activity Reimbursement Plan** -- Provides financial reimbursement for local public health agencies for the following outreach activities: Directly Observed Therapy, transportation, translation services, and incentives and enablers.

Hepatitis C Program

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The Hepatitis C Program is committed to working closely with existing programs inside the department such as HIV/AIDS, STD, Immunization, Substance Abuse, Harm Reduction, and other programs where prevention activities can be integrated.

Prevention activities include education, targeted testing, administration of hepatitis A and B vaccines, and referrals. Additionally, the hepatitis C program conducts surveillance activities, which include disease reporting on hepatitis B and C, and collection and interpretation of data.

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The bureau's focus is disease prevention through prevention education, early detection, early treatment, immunization and interruption of the disease process through specific interventions.

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Vision Statement

Prevent and reduce the risk of infectious diseases among all Iowans.

Mission Statement

To eliminate transmission, illness, and death from Hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and vaccine preventable diseases through prevention programming, disease surveillance, early intervention, access to testing, immunizations and treatment.



Clearinghouse

Materials for all of the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Immunization Programs are available from our Clearinghouse. To obtain a list of what is available, contact the program or visit the Disease Prevention and Immunization Website you are interested in. Materials can be ordered at 1 888 398-9696, or fax your order to 319 861-2869.



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HIV/AIDS Program

The HIV/AIDS Program monitors all reported morbidity in Iowa and coordinates statewide HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs.

Prevention Program

The HIV/AIDS Program receives HIV prevention funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide for HIV counseling and testing, partner notification and referral services, health education/risk reduction activities, and health communication/public information activities. These activities are targeted to high-risk individuals. Resources are also awarded to support HIV prevention community planning, technical assistance, and capacity building activities.

Ryan White Title II Program

The HIV/AIDS Program receives Ryan White Title II funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration to provide financial support for HIV/AIDS drugs and essential health and support services to low income HIV infected persons and their families. The HIV/AIDS Program contracts with four consortia to provide essential health and support services.

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Surveillance Program

The HIV/AIDS Program receives HIV surveillance funds from the CDC to collect, analyze, and disseminate data on the HIV and AIDS epidemic in Iowa. Reports are issued to characterize the distribution of HIV infection and AIDS in terms of geography, race, sex, age, and associated causal factors. The Epidemiological Profile is updated on a yearly basis.

Refugee Health Program

The Refugee Health Program's goal is to ensure a complete health assessment for each newly arriving refugee and assist health care providers and refugees in the management of any identified health problems. The program staff monitors health assessments, follow-up care and provides necessary assistance. The completed Iowa Refugee Health Assessment form identifies medical test results, dental status, immunization vaccinations, and the need for referral or follow-up services. Information from this form is used for management purposes and to coordinate program activities.

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Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

The Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Program goal is to control and/or eliminate sexually transmitted diseases. The STD program, using a combination of state and federal resources, has developed a state of Iowa infertility project. This project screens 60,000 high-risk women each year for chlamydia. This program also consists of 10 Disease Prevention Specialists who provide HIV counseling and testing, partner notification and referral services, tuberculosis close contact investigations, and health education in predetermined areas of the state.

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Important Points About STDs

When an individual infected with STD/HIV is reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), a state or local Disease Prevention Specialist is assigned to perform partner notification. That individual is contacted and given the opportunity to discuss their sexual or needle-sharing contacts and have these individuals referred for counseling and testing.

By providing testing and treatment for individuals found to be infected, thousands of dollars are saved on health care by preventing

When a pregnant woman has an STD, it can infect her baby as well. This can happen before birth, or while the baby is being born. An infection that is mild in an adult can make a newborn baby very sick, or cause it to die.

the severe complications that this disease can cause.

In Iowa, people of any age can be tested and treated for STDs. Minors do not have to have their parents' permission.

Immunization Program

The goal of the Immunization Program is to reduce and ultimately eliminate the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases by working in conjunction with public and private healthcare providers throughout the state. Accomplishing this goal will require achieving and maintaining high vaccination coverage levels, improving vaccination strategies among under vaccinated populations, prompt reporting and thorough investigation of suspected cases and rapid institution of disease control measures. The following components play an integral role in achieving the programs overall goal: adult programs, assessments and surveys, hepatitis B program, Iowa Infant Immunization Initiative (I-4), Iowa Registry Information System (IRIS), surveillance and epidemiology and the Vaccines for Children Program.

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