

PUBLIC HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

Public Health works collaboratively to ensure healthy living conditions for everyone. Health Department leaders serve as Chief Health Strategists, partnering across multiple sectors and leveraging data and resources to address social, environmental, and economic conditions that affect health and health equity. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Henrico, and the City of Richmond established a shared leadership of their local health districts in 2018. The dual district health director is offered as a model for regional public health collaboration and a first for VDH’s Central Region. The two health districts retain separate staff and operations.

The Health Department also provides clinical services, restaurant inspections, permitting of wells and septic systems, and a host of other public health services to the residents of Henrico County. The State and County provide cooperative funding consisting of 55.0% State funds and 45.0% County funds. The budget herein reflects the County’s 45.0% funding level for the cooperative budget and some additional funding to support maternal-child health outcomes, community health workers, and trauma healing response.

OBJECTIVES

- Minimize the spread of communicable disease through epidemiological monitoring of infectious diseases.
- Understand the root causes of health disparities in Henrico County and work toward equity-driven programs and policies.
- Build partnerships and a referral network across public, private, and nonprofit sectors to better meet the clinical needs of all residents.
- Offer community-informed, culturally appropriate services addressing the evolving needs of the County.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 SUMMARY

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY23 Actual</u>	<u>FY24 Original</u>	<u>FY25 Approved</u>	<u>Change 24 to 25</u>
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	3,130,561	3,130,561	3,067,830	(2.0%)
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 3,130,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,130,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,067,830</u>	<u>(2.0%)</u>
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Does not reflect classified and non-classified State positions. The County portion of funding for these positions resides within the operating component of the budget.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>Change 24 to 25</u>
Workload Measures				
Nursing Home Screening	625	715	715	-
Food Service Protection Visits	2,575	3,000	2,800	(200)
WIC Average Monthly Participation	5,282	5,000	5,300	300
Number of Clinic Patients	5,271	4,500	4,750	250
Number of Clinic Patient Visits	9,259	9,000	9,500	500
Animal Bite Response	838	610	700	90
Maternity Navigation	122	200	200	-
Community Health Worker Outreach Events	159	160	160	-
Community Health Worker Referrals	2,131	2,200	2,200	-

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Health Department’s budget has two parts. The first reflects the 45.0% County share of the cooperative budget, which totals \$2,671,407, an increase of 3.1% from FY24 and is based upon the December 2023 revised local government agreement (LGA). This budget does not reflect any state or federal funding. There are no County positions assigned to Public Health. The second part of the Health Department’s budget reflects the County funding of \$183,698 for maternal child health programming that includes maternity navigation and oversees the regional Health Taskforce, \$179,000 for community health workers, \$31,200 for trauma healing response, and \$2,525 for telecommunications funding. Total county funding is \$3,067,830, a net decrease of \$62,731 or 2.0% from FY24 due to the addition of \$89,500 for a community health worker, and moving \$232,800 for a community-based doula program to the Non-Departmental budget as a contribution to the Richmond and Henrico Public Health Foundation. This change will align funding with services as the foundation provides direct support to these community-based organizations.

SERVICES

The Health Department has 3 locations throughout the county:

Henrico Health Dept. West	Henrico Health Dept. East	Henrico Health Dept. WIC Office
8600 Dixon Powers Drive	1400 N. Laburnum Avenue	7740 Shrader Road

Services provided:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- Nutrition education, food vouchers for eligible pregnant, breast-feeding & postpartum women, and children up to age 5

Environmental Health

- Restaurant inspections
- Well and septic tank permits

Public Health

- Day care facility inspections
- Rabies information

Vital Records

- Death, marriage, divorce, & birth certificates

Family Planning & Maternity Care

- Family Planning services: screening tests, birth control methods, and counseling
- Pregnancy tests
- Maternity navigation

STD Clinic (East)

- Sexually transmitted disease screening, treatment, and counseling
- HIV testing and counseling

Communicable Disease Program (West)

- Tuberculosis (TB) and communicable disease follow-up

Refugee Program (West)

- Health assessments and immunizations for newly arrived refugees

Immunizations

- For adults and children

Medical Reserve Corps Opportunities

- Emergency preparedness volunteers

COVID-19 Services

- Navigation
- Testing