

Public Health Nursing

- Immunizations for infants, children, adolescents & adults.
- Disease investigation, case management, client treatment and clinical services.
- Participate in audiometer loan program.
- Participation in community planning, community health fairs and special immunizations clinics.
- Education on various public health topics.
- Emergency Preparedness
- Free Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/
PublicHealthNursing.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/PublicHealthNursing.shtm)

Local Health Departments

Austin/Travis County Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/health>

Bell County Public Health District

www.bellcountyhealth.org

Brazos County Health Department

<http://www.brazoshealth.org/>

Hays County Health Department

<http://www.co.hays.tx.us/local-health-department.aspx>

Milam County Health Department

<http://milamhealth.com/>

Waco-McLennan County Public Health District

<http://www.waco-texas.com/cms-healthdepartment/>

Williamson County & Cities Health District

<http://www.wcchd.org/>

Health Service Region 7 includes the following 30 counties

Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque,
Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell,
Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Freestone,
Grimes, Hamilton, Hays, Hill,
Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Limestone,
Llano, Madison, McLennan, Milam,
Mills, Robertson, San Saba, Travis,
Washington, and Williamson

Clinic Field Office Locations

Bastrop, Blanco, Brenham, Burnet
Caldwell, Centerville,
Copperas Cove, Elgin,
Fairfield, Gatesville, Hamilton,
Hearne, Hillsboro, LaGrange,
Lampasas, Llano, Lockhart,
Madisonville, Marble Falls, Marlin,
Meridian, Mexia,
and Navasota.

Services provided at most of these field locations include:

Immunizations, emergency
preparedness information, health
education, as well as,
communicable disease prevention,
treatment, and referral.

**Please call ahead for office
hours and services.**

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Visit our website:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/default.shtm>

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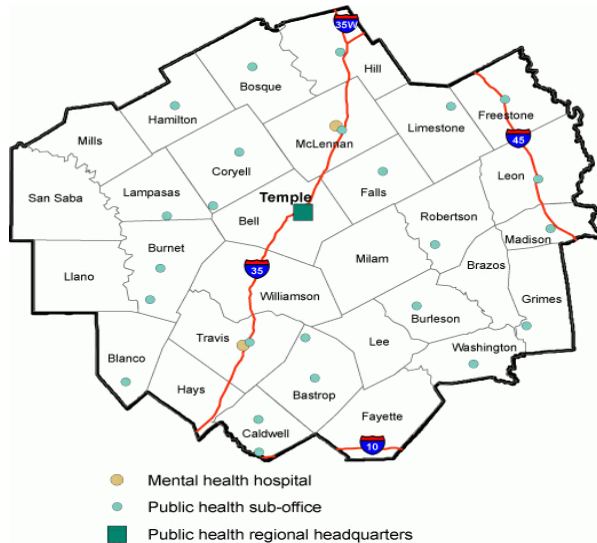
Health Service Region 7 is one of eleven health service regions of the Department of State Health Services, the state governmental agency responsible for bringing comprehensible public health services to the people of Texas. Health Service Region 7 serves a 30 county area in Central Texas.

Health Service Region 7 Mission Statement

It is our mission that we commit, through personal and organizational excellence, to be an agent of change dedicated to achieving a healthier Texas.

Public Health is the art and science of preventing disease, promoting physical and mental well-being and prolonging life through organized community efforts.

Our staff is dedicated to raising the level of health and to making public health services more accessible and available to all people who live in the region.



Region 7 Programs and Services

HIV/STD

Our mission is to prevent, treat, and/or control the spread of HIV, STD, and other communicable diseases to protect the health of the people of Region 7. In keeping with this mission, we manage fiscal and human resources so that we may:

- Provide HIV/STD education and information;
- Collect, interpret, and distribute data relating to HIV and STD;
- Provide guidance to those who oversee, plan for or provide HIV and STD services; and
- Provide medication and supplies to prevent, manage, and treat communicable diseases.

In pursuit of this mission, we make every effort to assure that people receive quality services. For more information visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/default.shtm>

Immunizations

Our mission is to increase immunization levels and improve health by providing vaccines, education, disease intervention, and assistance. We encourage volunteerism and teamwork between the public, professional and private sectors.

Visit immunizetexas.com for program information.

Tobacco Prevention and Control Goals

- Eliminate exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.
- Promote tobacco cessation among adults and youth.
- Prevent initiation of tobacco use by youth.
- Identify and eliminate disparities among diverse and special populations.

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/tobacco-prevention-and-control.pdf>

Tuberculosis Elimination Division

The mission of the Tuberculosis Elimination Division is to prevent, control, and eliminate tuberculosis among the people of Health Service Region 7. This will be accomplished through coordinating the efforts of local health departments, health care providers and communities to develop, implement and assure compliance with effective tuberculosis strategies, standards, and policies.

Go to the Tuberculosis website for more information:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/TuberculosisEliminationDivision.shtm>

Social Work Services

THSteps PROVIDER RELATIONS SERVICES

(THSteps) Provider Relations Representatives work to recruit and retain a qualified provider pool to assure the availability of comprehensive preventive health, dental and case management services. These Provider Relations Representatives provide education and training on the requirements and components involved in completing a full THSteps check-up. Technical support is provided to providers and office staff to ensure program success.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)

(CSHCN) Services Program provides services to children with extraordinary medical needs, disabilities, and chronic health conditions. The CSHCN Services Program's [health care benefits](#) include payments for medical care, [family support services](#), and related services not covered by [Medicaid](#), [CHIP](#), private insurance, or other "third party payors." The program also contracts with agencies throughout the state to provide an array of clinical and support services to children with special health care needs and their families. The CSHCN Services Program also assists children and their families by supporting case management at DSHS regional offices.

CHILDREN & PREGNANT WOMEN And CHILDREN'S MEDICAID CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CPW)

(CPW) provides services to children with a health condition/health risk, birth through 20 years of age and to high-risk pregnant women of all ages, in order to encourage the use of cost-effective health and health-related care. Together, the case manager and family shall assess the medical, social, educational and other medically necessary service needs of the eligible recipient. For more information on any of the programs above visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/programs/fhquery.asp>

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES (PCS)

(PCS) to provide comprehensive assessment to determine eligibility and case management services for Medicaid-eligible children referred to, or potentially eligible for, Medicaid personal care services or private duty nursing services. PCS is a Medicaid benefit that helps clients with everyday tasks. These tasks are called activities of daily living (ADL's), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL's), and health-related activities.

PCS client line phone # (888) 276-0702

Public Health Preparedness and Epidemiology

- Work closely with elected officials and emergency management coordinators to develop plans and standard operating guidelines for public health & medical emergency response.
- Provide assistance coordinating public health and medical aspects of local and regional emergency responses and recovery efforts.
- Conduct, evaluate, and participate with local partners (such as schools, faith-based organizations, local government, law enforcement, etc.) in exercising emergency response plans.
- Provide training and education on topics relating to public health emergency response, personal preparedness and infectious diseases to professionals and the public.
- Conduct disease surveillance and monitor trends of notifiable infectious diseases.
- Coordinate reporting of and investigate notifiable conditions.
- Provide guidance on disease prevention and control.
- Respond to public health emergencies and outbreaks.

Public Sanitation and Retail Food Safety

Our mission is to protect the public health through the efficient operation of a comprehensive, progressive retail food safety protection program.

Zoonosis

1. Offers rabies-risk assessments to the public and health care professionals and conducts animal rabies investigations.
2. Sells rabies post exposure vaccine and immune globulin to uninsured persons unable to obtain the medications from other sources.
3. Trains and provides guidance to animal control, animal welfare workers, veterinarians, etc.
4. Investigates reportable diseases that spread from animals to people.

Our website is:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region7/ZoonosisControlProgram.shtm> and our Branch's website

is: <http://www.texaszoonosis.org>