Our Vision:
A safe and thriving Orange County where everyone has the opportunity for optimal health.

Our Mission:
Working with the community, we promote optimal health for all who live, work, and play in Orange County through assessment and planning, education and services, policy development, and regulatory activities.

Our Values:
Excellence, Integrity, and Health Equity

Public Health Services is a service area of the Orange County Health Care Agency. Public Health Services is made up of the divisions described below and works with the community to assure a competent workforce, evaluate services, and conduct research.

Disease Control and Epidemiology
Disease Control & Epidemiology protects the health of Orange County residents by monitoring reportable communicable diseases, investigating communicable disease outbreaks, and through prevention and treatment programs, such as for HIV and TB.

Environmental Health
Environmental Health protects the public’s health and safety from harmful conditions in the environment by enforcing laws and regulations and providing education to businesses and the community about environmental health issues related to food safety, water quality, and hazardous materials.

Health Promotion
Health Promotion promotes optimal health and prevents disease, disability, and premature death by providing health education and mobilizing community partnerships, and building the capacity of individuals, organizations and communities.

Public Health Laboratory
Public Health Laboratory protects the community’s health by diagnosing diseases through clinical diagnostic and environmental laboratory support services for the Health Care Agency and consultation services to other laboratories and the medical community.

Family Health Services
Family Health promotes family-focused preventative health care through mobilizing community partnerships, developing community linkages, and integrated programs such as clinical and community services for maternal, child, and adolescent populations, nutrition services, and dental services.

Public Health Nursing
Public Health Nursing promotes optimal health across the lifespan by providing community and in-home health education, health assessments, case management, and health access support.
Summary of Goals

Focus Area 1: Optimal Birth Outcomes

**Goal 1:** Achieve optimal birth outcomes for all babies born in Orange County.

**Objective 1.1:** By 2017, increase the proportion of at-term births that are a healthy birth weight for clients served within Public Health Services (PHS) prenatal programs.

**Objective 1.2:** By 2017, reduce the proportion of preterm births by 2% for clients served within PHS prenatal programs.

Focus Area 2: Chronic Disease Prevention

**Goal 2:** Eliminate preventable chronic disease in Orange County.

**Objective 2.1:** By 2017, reduce the proportion of adolescents who smoke by 3%.

**Objective 2.2:** By 2017, increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults eating the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables a day by 3%.

**Objective 2.3:** By 2017, increase the proportion of residents engaging in physical activity by 3%.

Focus Area 3: Chronic Disease Management

**Goal 3:** Reduce disability and premature death by optimizing management of chronic diseases.

**Objective 3.1:** By 2017, reduce avoidable hospitalizations or ED visits related to hypertension, diabetes, or cardiovascular conditions by 2%.

**Objective 3.2:** By 2017, increase the proportion of individuals with chronic diseases that are comfortable with self-management of their chronic disease by 2%.

Focus Area 4: Reproductive and Sexual Health

**Goal 4:** No new STD or HIV infections in Orange County.

**Objective 4.1:** By 2017, reduce three-year average gonorrhea rates by 3%.

**Objective 4.2:** By 2017, reduce the number of new HIV infections by 5%.

Focus Area 5: Food Safety

**Goal 5:** Improve food safety and prevent foodborne illnesses.

**Objective 5.1:** By 2017, reduce the rate of foodborne illnesses cases in Orange County by 5%.

**Objective 5.2:** By 2017, reduce the number of restaurants and markets found to have violations related to improper hand washing during inspections by 10%.

**Objective 5.3:** By 2017, reduce by 50% the number of days required to complete case investigations on all cases of enteric illnesses where a patient can be contacted.