

Essential Public Health Services to Promote Health and Oral Health in the United States

10 Essential Public Health Services (2020)	10 Essential PH Services to Promote Oral Health in the US (2021)
Assessment	Assessment
1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.	1. Assess and monitor the population’s oral health status, factors that influence oral health, and community needs and assets.
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.	2. Investigate, diagnose and address oral health problems and hazards affecting the population.
Policy Development	Policy Development
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about oral health and influencing factors and educate/empower them to achieve and maintain optimal oral health.
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	4. Mobilize community partners to leverage resources and advocate for/act on oral health issues.
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	5. Develop, champion and implement policies, laws and systematic plans that support state and community oral health efforts.
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public’s health.	6. Review, educate about and enforce laws and regulations that promote oral health and ensure safe oral health practices.
Assurance	Assurance
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.	7. Reduce barriers to care and assure access to and use of personal and population-based oral health services.
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	8. Assure an adequate, culturally competent and skilled public and private oral health workforce.
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	9. Improve and innovate dental public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research and continuous quality improvement.
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.	10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for dental public health.