

# Policy Principles

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The Local Public Health Association of Minnesota believes....

1. A strong local public health system must be maintained in order to assure and improve the health of the community.
2. Citizens must have a healthy and safe environment in which to live.
3. The primary focus must be on prevention, early identification and early intervention programs and approaches.
4. Access to affordable and appropriate health care for all citizens, especially the vulnerable and high-risk populations, must be assured.
5. Individual and community participation and responsibility is promoted.
6. The public health system must be designed to enhance the ability to coordinate existing services, eliminate duplication of effort, promote new approaches and assure easy access to services by clientele.
7. The local and state public health system requires adequate, stable and broad-based funding in order to carry out governmental functions.
8. Science informs good health policy decisions. Challenges to the science behind sound public health policy and programs threaten the integrity of the public health system. Peer-reviewed scientific research should be considered in the development of health policy and legislation.



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