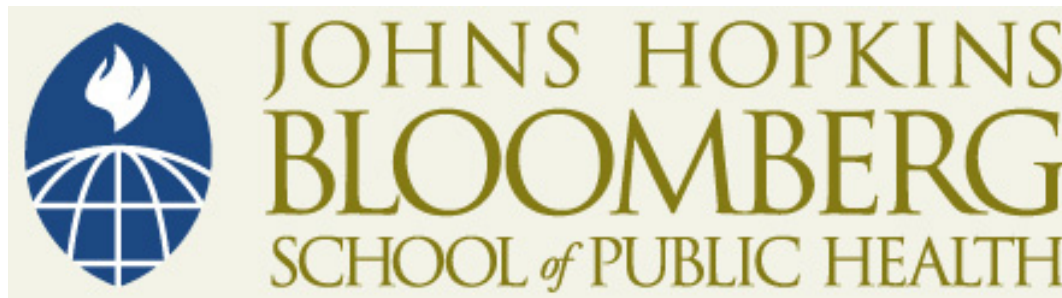


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What Does Public Health Do?

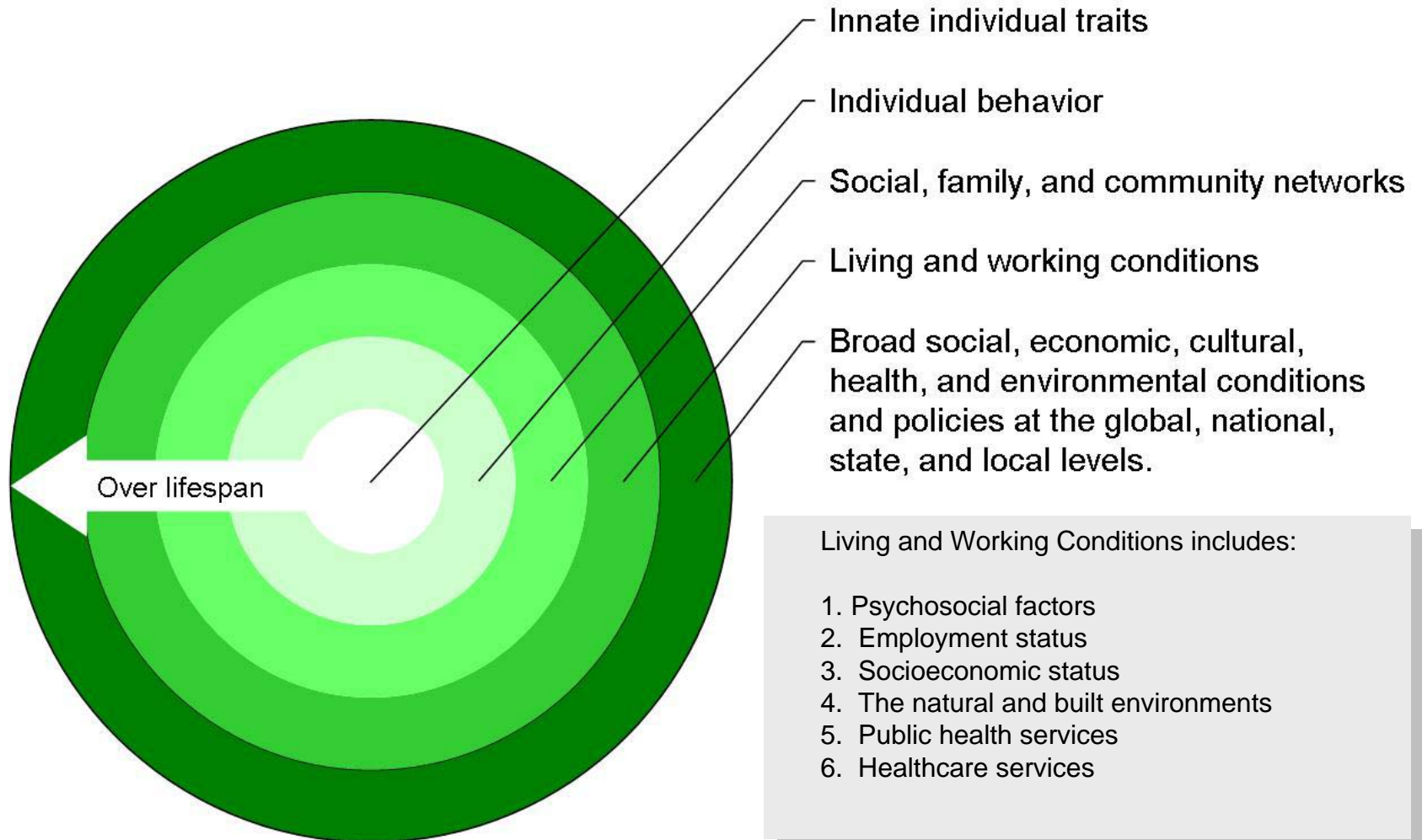
- **Statutory Role:** Provides services that keep you from getting sick from the actions or illnesses of others
- **Population-Based Role:** Prevents illness in individuals by taking action at the community-wide level
- **Surveillance Role:** Continually monitors for patterns of disease
- **Social Justice Role:** Advocates equity for all and reaches out to vulnerable populations

Core Competencies

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Health Services Administration
- Social & Behavioral Science
- Informatics
- Genomics
- Communication
- Cultural Competence
- Community-based Participatory Research
- Policy & Law
- Global Health
- Ethics

Approach & Rationale

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Things LHDs Do

Activity or Service	Percentage of Jurisdictions
Adult immunization	91%
Childhood immunization	90%
Infectious disease surveillance	89%
TB screening	85%
Food service inspection/licensing	76%
Environmental health surveillance	75%
Food safety education	75%
TB treatment	75%
High blood pressure screening	72%
Tobacco use prevention	69%

Services LHDs Contract Out

Activity or Service	Percentage of Jurisdictions
Laboratory services	11%
STD screening	7%
Prenatal care	7%
Cancer screening	7%
Family planning services	6%
HIV/AIDS treatment	6%
Obstetrical care	6%
Adult immunization provision	6%
Tobacco use prevention	6%
STD treatment	6%

Other Local Govt Agency Services

Activity or Service	Percentage of Jurisdictions
Animal control	63%
Land use planning	59%
HAZMAT response	58%
Emergency medical services	48%
Housing inspections	39%
Hazardous waste disposal	33%
School health activities	30%
Noise pollution activities	29%
Surface water protection	28%
Pollution prevention	28%

Local Non-Government Services

Activity or Service	Percentage of Jurisdictions
Comprehensive primary care	73%
Obstetrical care	66%
Home health care	59%
Oral health care	55%
Behavioral/mental health services	52%
Substance abuse services	51%
Cardiovascular disease screening	48%
HIV/AIDS treatment	46%
Prenatal care	44%
Mental illness prevention	40%