

## **Vermont Department of Health**

The Vermont Department of Health is working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. We work to promote and protect your health and safety, prevent illness from spreading – and prepare and respond to public health events and emergencies.

For example, during 2011 the Health Department:

- Served more than half of all families with young children with healthy food packages, a debit card to buy local fruit and vegetables, nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support through our WIC program
- Promoted immunizations and worked to prevent the spread of infectious diseases like measles, pertussis and influenza
- Investigated cases of food borne illness and promoted safe food handling
- Supported community coalitions, health care, schools, workplaces and businesses to help make “the healthy choice the easiest choice”
- Worked with emergency response agencies and provided health and safety information before, during and after the floods
- Delivered more than 30,000 N-95 respirators and 240,000 pairs of gloves, and joined in local cleanup and recovery efforts
- Gave out more than 1,200 drinking water test kits to residents with private wells affected by flooding for free analysis at the public health laboratory

Your Health Department district office is in Barre at 5 Perry St, Suite 250. You can reach us at 479-4200.

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