What is PUBLIC HEALTH?

PUBLIC HEALTH is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting physical and mental health through organized community efforts.

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• Investigates, controls, and prevents epidemics of disease and injury
• Protects the environment, workplaces, housing, food, and water
• Promotes healthy behaviors
• Assures the quality, accessibility, and accountability of health services
• Reaches out to link the high risk and disadvantaged people to needed services
• Collects data and monitors the health status of the population
• Mobilizes community partnerships to solve health problems
• Leads in the development of sound policy and planning
• Trains and educates public health professionals
• Researches for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems
• Provides public information and education
• Provides medical care when needed
• Provides public health laboratory services
• Responds to disasters
• Enforces laws and regulations that protect and ensure safety