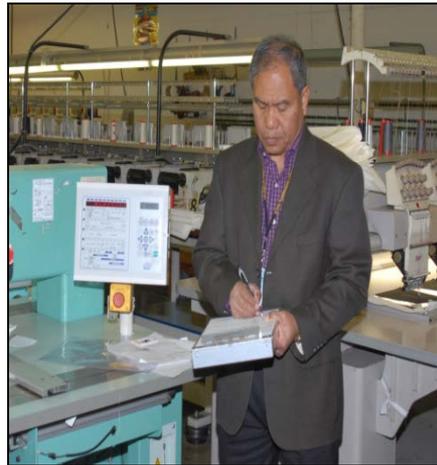


# Overview of Los Angeles County Environmental Health

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# Who is Environmental Health?



# Mission Statement

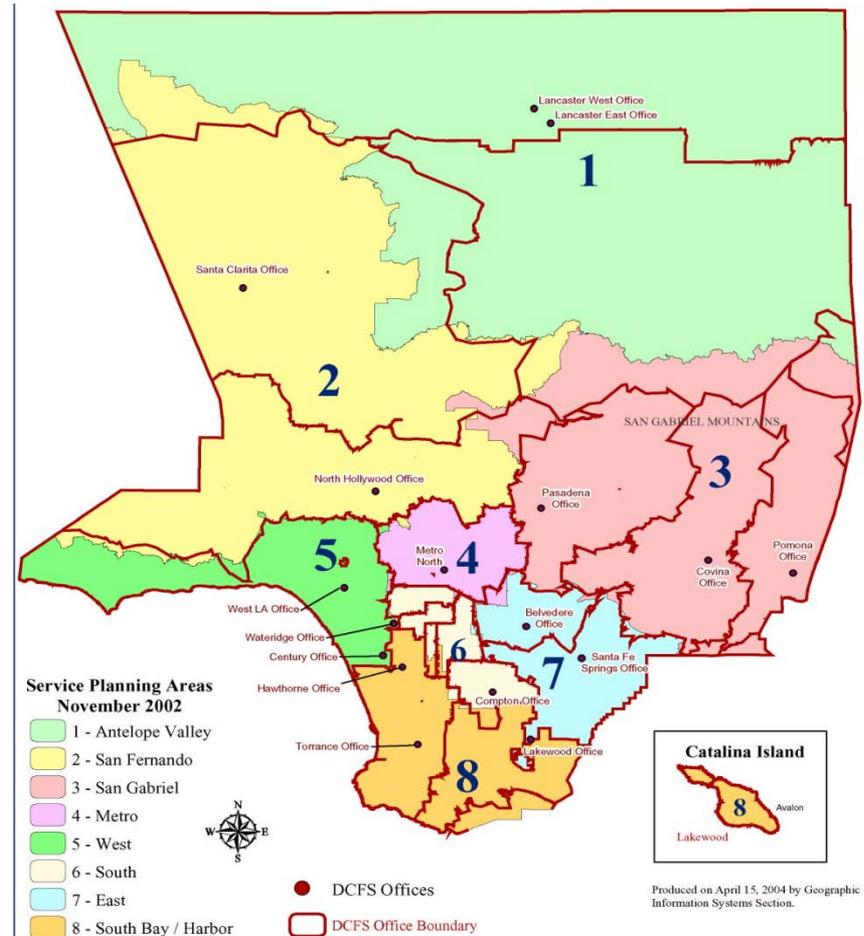
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*To protect health, prevent disease, and promote health and well-being*



# Currently Over 800 Strong

The County of Los Angeles consists of 85 contract cities and unincorporated areas, with a total population of approximately 9 million people, inhabiting over 4,000 square miles. It is considered one of the most culturally diverse counties in the nation.



# 5 Basic Bureaus in EH Division

- District surveillance & Enforcement
- Specialized Surveillance & Enforcement
- Environmental Protection
- Toxicology & Environmental Assessment
- Business Operations.



# Bureau of District Surveillance & Enforcement





# Food & Housing Inspections



# Bureau of Specialized Surveillance & Enforcement



# Whole Sale Food and Safety Program



# Statistics



1 out of 4 Americans get a foodborne illness every year. That's 76 million people; 325,000 hospitalized.



Foodborne illness can cause long-term disabilities and even death.



Foodborne illness kills 5200 Americans every year.



# The Five Common Food Safety Risks

- Purchasing food from unsafe sources.
- Poor Personal hygiene.
- Time and Temperature abuse.
- Cross-contamination.
- Not Cleaning and/or sanitizing.



# Who is at Risk?

Everyone, but primarily high-risk customers



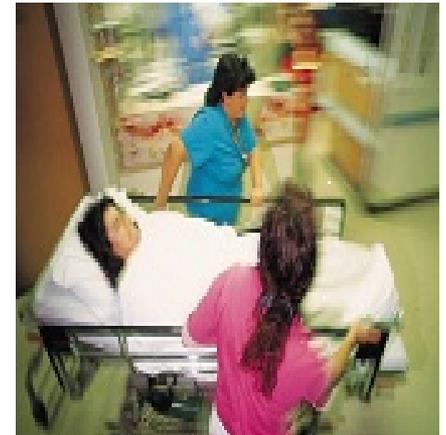
Pregnant  
women



Young  
(children)



Old  
(people >60)



Immune  
compromise



# Street Vending



# Vehicle Inspections



# Vehicle Certification Sticker



# Plan Check



# Vector Management



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# Bureau of Environmental Protection



# Drinking Water



# Land Use



# Cross Connections



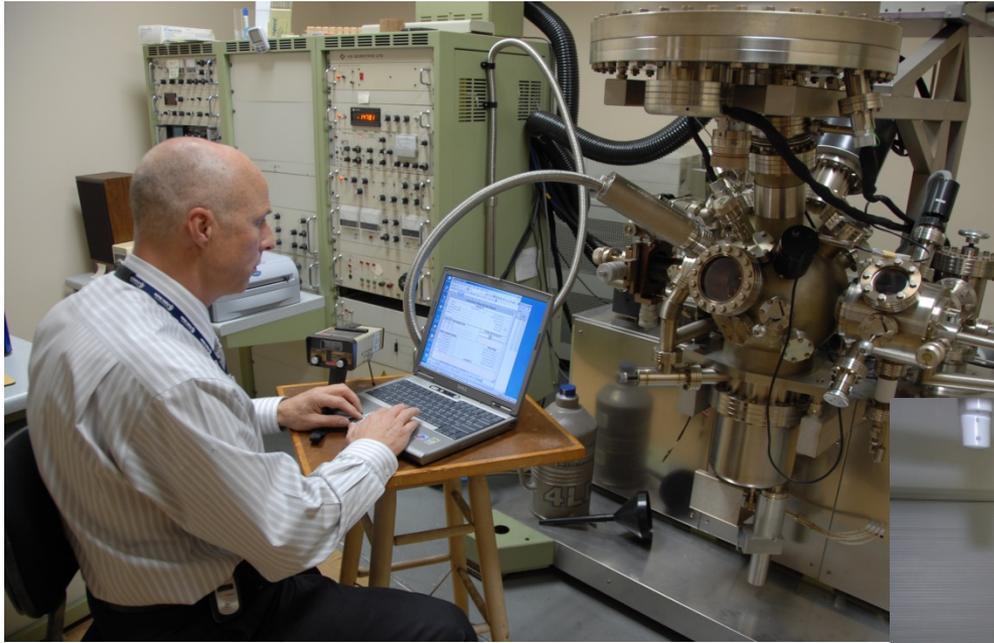
# Recreational Waters



# Solid Waste Management



# Radiation Management



# Bureau of Toxicology & Environmental Assessment



# Lead Programs



- CLPPP
- CDC



# Environmental Hygiene



# Bureau of Environmental Planning & Support



# Consultative Services



# Staff Recruitment & Training



# Emergency Preparedness



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# Health Facilities Inspections



# Health Facilities Inspection Division

- Since the 1960s, there has been an agreement between California Department of Public Health (CDPH)- Licensing and Certification (L&C) Program and L.A. County, Department of Public Health to provide inspection services to long term care and non long term care facilities to promote the highest quality of care to patients in health facilities and other settings in L.A. County.



# Types of Facilities

- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
- General Acute Care Hospitals
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Chronic Dialysis Clinics
- Home Health Agencies & Hospices Facilities
- Congregate Living Health Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities
- Acute Psychiatric Hospitals
- Transplant Centers
- Clinics

Total number of facilities in L.A. County 2,525



# Statutes and Authority

HFID enforces State and Federal Regulations

- Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)
- Health and Safety Code
- California Code of Regulations – Title 22



# Health Facilities Inspections

Inspections evaluate the compliance of health facilities and provider types.

Inspections are based on:

1. Observation of patient care
2. Interviews with patients, staff, and family members
3. Record reviews of patients, facility staff members and facility policies



# Health Facilities Inspections

- Surveys

On site inspections, visits to the facility

- Complaints

Allegations can include abuse, neglect, fiduciary neglect, quality of care issues, quality of life, dietary concerns, and environmental issues

Surveyors or evaluators who are nurses or environmental health specialists conduct surveys and investigate complaints also make follow up visits to assure that identified problems have been corrected



# Health Facilities Inspection Division

- HFID is one of the many divisions under Public Health
- In early April, HFID was transferred to EH temporarily



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The Environmental Health Division strives to promote health and quality of life by identifying, preventing, and controlling harmful environmental factors in Los Angeles County.

#### Areas of Interest:

- Beaches
- Body Art
- Chemical Hazards
- Community Events
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit
- Food
- Housing
- Air Quality
- Landfills

#### Mission

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