

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Mission of the McMinn County Health Department is to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in McMinn County, Tennessee.

McMinn County Health Department Services

Baby and Me Tobacco Free

An incentive-based, smoking cessation program created to reduce the burden of tobacco use on the pregnant and postpartum population. Those eligible to participate include pregnant women living in Tennessee who use tobacco products and would like to quit smoking. Contact the McMinn County Health Department to enroll today.

Child Health

Well baby/child exams, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) exams, are provided to children 20 years and younger. For more information visit

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Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed on State Holidays

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Children's Special Services (CSS)/Help Us Grow Stronger (HUGS)

- **CSS** — Medical services coordinated by a social worker for children with special health care needs who are under 21 years of age and who meet both program diagnostic and financial guidelines.
- **HUGS** — Home visiting and care coordination program for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and young children with the goals of promoting healthy pregnancies to ensure positive outcomes, assisting clients and families in accessing health care and other social and educational services, and providing individualized education regarding pregnancy, growth, development, and parenting education. Eligible persons include pregnant/postpartum women and children birth through five years old.

Communicable Disease Screening

Sexually Transmitted Diseases which include confidential testing, treatment, and contact follow up including HIV/AIDS. Tuberculosis skin testing is provided to persons assessed to be at-risk for tuberculosis. Medication is provided at no cost to suspected, active, and latent cases. Contacts to suspected or known cases are notified, tested and treated as needed.

Dental

MCHD provides adult emergency dental care and comprehensive dental care for children. Call MCHD for more information.

Family Planning

Education, counseling, physical exams, and birth control methods are provided at MCHD by a physician one day per week. Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCS) is also provided for qualified individuals. [View Eligibility Requirements for the Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program.](#)

Food and General Sanitation

The environmentalist inspects existing food service establishments and reviews plans for prospective ones. Inspections are also conducted on hotels, motels, public swimming pools, bed and breakfasts, childcare facilities and school cafeterias.

Health Education/Promotion

Health education activities are provided that focuses attention on lifestyle choices that result in positive differences for at-risk groups.

Immunizations

Immunizations are provided for infants, children, and adults. Contact MCHD for eligibility requirements based on your insurance status.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC is a federal program designed to provide supplemental food to income eligible pregnant, postpartum, and breast feeding women, infants, and children until the age of five. The program provides a combination of nutrition education, supplemental foods, and breast feeding promotion and support. [View Current Income Guidelines for the WIC Program.](#)

Vital Records

- **Birth Certificates** — Certified copies of birth certificates for birth occurring in Tennessee from 1949 to present can be obtained at MCHD. The price of a birth certificate is \$15.00 per copy.
- **Death Certificates** — Certified copies of death certificates may be obtained from MCHD if the death was pronounced in McMinn County. MCHD maintains records of death for six years. The price of a death certificate is \$15.00 per copy.
- **Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity** — Service provided to parents to establish legal paternity of child. For eligibility information, please contact the McMinn County Health Department.