

KNOW YOUR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER!

Local Health Officer: At the local level, Maine law requires that each municipality appoint a Local Health Officer (LHO).

The Maine CDC knows that LHOs are at the forefront of many of the health problems in your community. The Maine CDC plays an important role by assisting the LHO, and by providing timely guidance.

Benefits to your town:

- ✓ Health is protected
- ✓ Reduces health and safety liability
- ✓ Saves the town time and money
- ✓ Constituent complaints are resolved
- ✓ Town government is responsive to its residents
- ✓ Expert and technical assistance is provided to the LHO from the Maine CDC, Office of Local Public Health and District Liaisons
- ✓ Good public service

Duties of a LHO:

The LHO derives its legal duties from Maine LHO laws. The LHO has 5 primary job roles:

1. Offer health information and resources to the community;
2. Offer mediation and problem-solving in the resolution of complaints;
3. Investigator and enforcer of complaints that cannot be resolved;
4. Reports to and informs the Board of Selectman/City Council on the community's profile and;
5. Works closely with the DHHS Public Health District Liaisons

Contact the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention by calling:

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