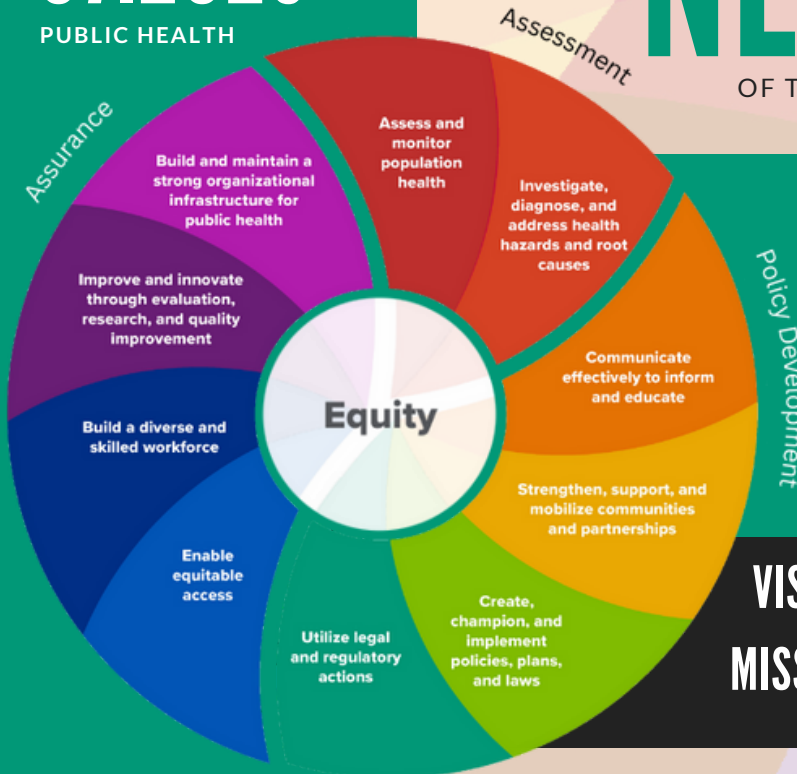


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PUBLIC HEALTH

# NEWSLETTER

OF THE APPLETON PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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**VISION:** Health for all, together.

**MISSION:** Facilitate equitable community wellbeing through education, health promotion, and response to public health needs.

## 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve equity, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities. Such barriers include poverty, racism, gender discrimination, ableism, and other forms of oppression. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.

Each month, the Appleton Health Department Newsletter will feature stories about how we are achieving each of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. This month, we will focus on Essential Public Health Service #6: Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health

## WHAT WE ARE DOING



Warm weather festivals and markets in Appleton are vibrant events that bring the community together. Gatherings offer a wide array of food options, all provided by licensed food vendors. The Appleton Health Department Environmental Health division plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of festival-goers by inspecting and licensing food vendors and providing education to non-profit organizations serving food and beverages.

Appleton Health Department Inspectors are actively present during public events, working to educate food vendors and conduct inspections. Inspectors focus on safe food handling practices, hand hygiene, and temperature control education with retailers and non-profit volunteers. This proactive approach by the Appleton Health Department ensures that the community can enjoy the festive spirit without compromising on food safety. Residents attending Art in the Park, the Farmers Market, Mile of Music, Latino Fest, Octoberfest, and so many other events can do so with confidence, knowing that the health and safety of the community remains our top priority.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



## APPLETON DOWNTOWN INC.

Appleton Downtown Inc. (ADI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the economic vitality and cultural vibrancy of downtown Appleton, Wisconsin. ADI collaborates with local businesses, property owners, and community partners to create a thriving downtown district through various initiatives such as marketing campaigns, events, and development projects. Their aim is to attract visitors, encourage business growth, and foster a sense of community in the downtown area. To ensure the well-being of the community, ADI actively collaborates with the local health department in their efforts to enforce and implement health-related and consumer protection laws and regulations.

By working together, ADI and the Appleton Health Department work to ensure that downtown businesses, events, and initiatives comply with health and safety regulations. This collaboration may involve providing guidance and resources to businesses on best practices, conducting inspections to ensure compliance, and fostering a culture of health and safety awareness in the downtown area.

ADI's collaboration with AHD establishes a strong framework for protecting the public's health at the Farmer's Market and other special events sponsored by ADI. This partnership contributes to the overall well-being of the community, creating an environment that is safe, clean, and conducive to the physical and mental health of residents and visitors. This allows Appleton Downtown Inc. to persist in their mission to make Downtown Appleton a vibrant and accessible destination for business, learning, living, and leisure!

## RESOURCES

[CDC-10 Essential Public Health Services -Full](#)

[Appleton Downtown Inc.](#)



## MEET STEVE



For the last 25 years Steve Kihl has been serving the City of Appleton in Environmental Health. Since becoming the Supervisor of the division in 2019 his focus has shifted from conducting inspections in the field to managing the Environmental Health program, which is responsible for the licensing and inspections of Appleton's food and recreation establishments.

Steve gets a lot of satisfaction when he can help an establishment operator or non-profit group have a food safety "light-bulb moment". The Environmental Health program's emphasis on safe food handling processes like hand hygiene, temperature control, and keeping ill workers home have the greatest impact on public health safety. Steve also supports other city departments when Environmental Health, animal control, and public works intersect.

When Steve is not at work he is warming the bench as a Badger Football season ticket holder and spending time with his wife Caryn and kids Hannah and Hayden.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

## CALENDAR