

City of Bloomington, Division of Public Health

Division reports Bloomington's top 10 health issues

May, 2014 - City Council Members approved the Public Health Division's list of top 10 health issues on April 7, 2014. The Minnesota Department of Health requires this from community health boards every five years.

Along with the Community's top 10 health issues, the Public Health Division also develops a plan of action.

Bloomington's top 10 health issues

- Nutrition, obesity, and physical activity
- Aging of the population
- Alcohol, tobacco, drug use and abuse
- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Mental illness
- Intentional injury prevention
- Maternal and child health
- Immunization and infectious disease prevention
- Individual and family emergency preparedness
- Food-borne illness prevention



Immunization and infectious disease prevention is one of Bloomington's top 10 health issues. The Health Division provides immunizations at its clinic (pictured above) and at community locations during flu season.

How does a health issue make the top ten list?

The Public Health Division uses a process of data collection, analysis and interpretation to determine the Community's top ten health issues. After data is collected, the Bloomington Advisory Board of Health reviews the data and decides on an initial list of the 10 most important health issues facing the community. Then the Health Division submits the priority health issues to the City Council for final approval.

Data used in this process included the following:

- Bloomington Community Health Survey
- Minnesota Student Survey
- Hennepin County Survey of the Health of All the Population and the Environment (SHAPE)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Minnesota Department of Health Birth and Death Records
- Minnesota Health Association hospital discharge data