### What is Public Health?



## Focus on Population Not the Individual!



#### 20<sup>th</sup> Century's Top Ten Achievements in Public Health

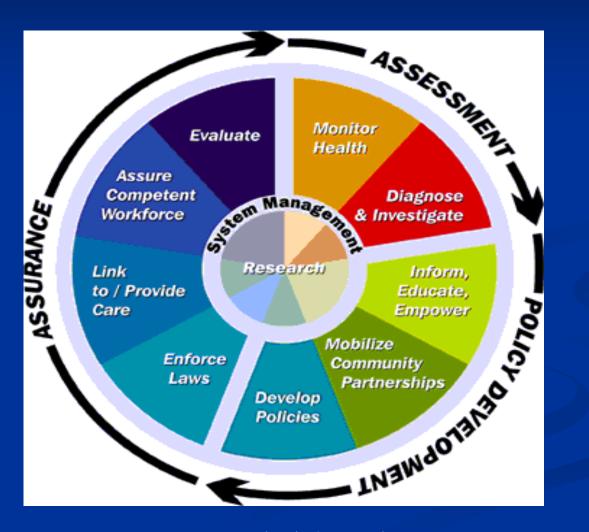


- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Control of infectious diseases
- Motor vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces
- Safer and healthier foods
- 6. Healthier mothers and babies
- 7. Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard
- Family planning
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- 10. Immunizations

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# What Do We Do in Public Health?



### UNM Public Health Program

- Master of Public Health degree with 3 concentrations:
  - Community Health, Epidemiology, and Health Services, Systems and Policy.
- Dual degrees with several other departments.
- 10 full-time faculty.
- 55-60 MPH graduate students enrolled in classes per semester plus other program students.
- 230 graduates.

### College of Public Health

- Must offer a MPH degree in each of five core areas of public health:
  - Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Environmental Health Sciences, Health Services Administration, and Social/Behavioral Sciences.
- Must offer a doctoral degree in at least three of these areas.
- Plus...undergraduate major in public health.
- Five primary, full-time faculty for each area.

### Progress To Date...