

Dr. Richard C. Leonard is Chief of the Division of Oral Hygiene and his duties consist of the organization of school dental clinics wherein all school children are afforded regular dental examinations while indigent children may also receive necessary dental treatment; educational work in the importance and maintenance of mouth health is carried on through lectures and clinics or films and pamphlets distributed through the Division.

In addition to the Executive Office the Department consists of eight bureaus, the duties of which are described as follows:

The Bureau of Vital Statistics registers all marriages, divorces, births and deaths occurring in Maryland, licenses and registers midwives, and regulates the transportation of the dead.

Dr. John Collinson, Chief, Baltimore, Md.

The Bureau of Communicable Diseases receives daily reports from Health Officers of communicable diseases; investigates outbreaks of disease and directs measures for their control; enforces the laws on notification of reportable diseases and the smallpox vaccination law; aids in maintaining tuberculosis clinics and keeps a separate and confidential record of all cases of tuberculosis and of venereal diseases; maintains venereal disease clinics, directs medical inspection of public schools and investigates nuisances. The Chief of this Bureau is also Director of Health.

Dr. C. H. Halliday, Epidemiologist, investigates the occurrence, distribution and types of communicable diseases in individuals and communities in the counties of Maryland, in order that measures for the control of such diseases may be instituted. The Division studies the sources and routes of infection, assists local health authorities or family physicians in the diagnosis of communicable diseases assist, in finding unrecognized or unreported cases and advises in regard to the proper method for the collection of laboratory specimens. He also assists in diphtheria, typhoid fever and smallpox immunizations when the latter cannot be done by private physicians or by local health officers.

Dr. C. W. G. Rohrer, Diagnostician, is responsible for the diagnosis of cases of communicable diseases, notably those of the exanthematous group. He acts in an advisory capacity to medical inspectors and other physicians in matters pertaining to the prevention and further spread of such diseases; he visits places where an original outbreak of a communicable disease exists, establishing the diagnosis. He interviews victims of mad-dog bites and administers Pasteur treatment. He also classifies deaths by nature and cause, collating and recording essential data missing from the original death certificates.

The Deputy State Health Officers report to the Director of Health. The Director supervises the work of the public health nurses, of whom there are fifty-five through the Deputy State and County Health Officers. He is also in charge of the issuance of permits to operate picnic, tourist, labor, religious and recreation camps. He aids in the development of full-time health departments in the counties and public health nursing programs.

Dr. R. H. Riley, Chief, Baltimore, Md.

The Bureau of Bacteriology assists physicians in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of communicable diseases; determines the sanitary quality of drinking water, milk and other food substances and drugs; makes immunizing substances, tests the efficiency of operations for the purification of water and the disinfection of sewage.