

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. Frederic V. Beitler, Chief, Baltimore, Maryland.

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 Assistant Director of Health. The Deputy State Health Officers report through the Assistant Director to the Director of Health. The Assistant Director supervises the work of the public health nurses of whom there are forty-eight through the Deputy State and County Health officers. He is also Chairman of the Oyster Survey Committee and is 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.

The Central Laboratory is located at 14 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore City, with Branch Laboratories at Cumberland, Hurlock, Frederick, Hagerstown and Washington, D. C.

Mr. H. C. Ward, Chief Bacteriologist, Baltimore, Md.

The Bureau of Chemistry determines the sanitary quality of drinking waters, of milk and other food substances, determines the legality of drug products and pharmaceutical and medicinal preparations sold to the public; assists in testing the efficiency of operations conducted for the purification of water or for the treatment of sewage; assists in preventing the adulteration or misbranding of foods; conducts investigations from time to time which have for their object the improvement of analytical methods applicable to drugs, foods, waters and sewage.

Dr. W. W. Randall, Chief Chemist, Baltimore, Md.

The Bureau of Sanitary Engineering exercises supervision over the purity of waters over the State; examines all sewage and water works projects, approves or amends them, can require local authorities to install sewerage or water works, or to alter the construction or operation of these works; exercises supervision over the disposal of trade wastes, stream pollution in general, and aerial pollution, and prepares plans and specifications and supervises the construction of water and sewerage works at State Institutions.

Mr. Abel Wolman, Chief Engineer, Baltimore, Md.

The Bureau of Foods and Drugs controls the purity of foods and drugs; inspects pharmacies, dairies, canneries, slaughter houses, markets and other places where foods are produced, sold, manufactured or