

Officers. Through them the Director of Health exercises supervision over all matters affecting public health in the counties of Maryland.

The headquarters of the State Department of Health are at 2411 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The building houses the executive offices, the bureaus, divisions, and central laboratories. Branch bacteriological laboratories are maintained at conveniently accessible centers in different parts of the State.

In the Executive Office are four divisions, Legal Administration, Public Health Education, Oral Hygiene, and Personnel and Accounts.

Mr. J. Davis Donovan, LL.B., is Chief of the Division of Legal Administration. His duties include the investigation of all infractions of public health laws and representation of the Department in court in cases of prosecution of violations of such laws. The Division also enforces the provisions of the law relating to the manufacture and sale of bedding and upholstered furniture.

Miss Gertrude B. Knipp, A.B., is Chief of the Division of Public Health Education. Her duties include assembling and distributing information on health promotion and disease prevention; preparing bulletins in popular form for press purposes, with special reference to use in the counties; preparing circulars and arranging reports and other printed matter bearing upon the work of the Department.

Dr. Richard C. Leonard, D.D.S., is chief of the Division of Oral Hygiene. His duties include the organization and supervision of county school dental clinics wherein preschool and school children are examined and either referred to a family dentist, or, in the case of indigent children, given free care. Educational work on the importance and maintenance of mouth health is carried on through lectures, clinics, moving pictures and pamphlets distributed through the Division.

In addition to the Executive Office the Department consists of the following bureaus and divisions, the duties of which are described below:

The Bureau of Vital Statistics registers and makes statistical studies of all births and deaths, marriages, and divorces occurring in Maryland; licenses and registers midwives and regulates the transportation of the dead. It also maintains a service for issuing certified copies of certificates of births and deaths. On registration of births, certificates are sent to parents of all children born in the counties of Maryland and cards certifying to the date of birth are furnished for entrance to school and for work permits.

Arthur W. Hedrich, Sc. D., Chief, Baltimore.

The Bureau of Communicable Diseases receives daily reports from Health Officers of communicable diseases; investigates outbreaks of diseases and directs measures for their control; enforces the laws on the 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 Division of Epidemiology and the Pasteur Division are under this Bureau.

By an Act of Legislature, March, 1937, the Maryland State Department of Health was designated as the agency of the State to administer and supervise the program of services for children who are crippled or who are suffering from conditions which lead to crippling. This service is also under the Bureau of Communicable Diseases.