

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.

C. H. Halliday, M.D., Epidemiologist, investigates the occurrence, distribution and type 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, assists in finding unrecognized or unreported cases and advises in regard to the proper method for the collection of laboratory specimens. The Chief of the Division also assists in diphtheria, typhoid fever and smallpox immunizations when the latter cannot be done by private physicians or by local health officers.

C. W. G. Rohrer, M.D., Ph.D., Diagnostician, aids in the diagnosis 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 is in charge of the Pasteur Division and administers the Pasteur treatment. He also classifies deaths by nature and cause, recording essential data missing from original certificates.

C. H. Halliday, Assistant Director of Health, and Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Baltimore.

The Bureau of Bacteriology assists physicians and health officers in the diagnosis and prevention of communicable diseases; assists in the prevention of maternal mortality by the examination of urine specimens from prenatal cases; determines the bacterial quality of drinking water, milk and other foods; examines annually many samples of water and oysters for the protection of the public health and the oyster industry of Maryland; tests the efficiency of operations for the purification of water and disinfection of sewage.

The Central Laboratory is located at 2411 North Charles Street,