

Baltimore County Council, the Montgomery County Council, and the Board of County Commissioners in each of the other counties serves ex officio as the county board of health (Code 1951, Art. 43, secs. 6-10, 45-52).

The State Board of Health has broad and inclusive powers over health and hygiene. It collects, studies, and publishes communicable disease data; makes laboratory analyses of water, sewage, trade wastes, milk products, food, drugs, and other materials that may be responsible for the transmission of infectious diseases; examines and supervises public and private water supplies, sewage disposal, ventilation, and heat and lighting in public institutions and controls nuisances; registers, tabulates, and publishes vital statistics (including birth, death, and marriage records); studies the causes of death and illness among mothers and young children and provides services for mothers and children; administers a medical care program for indigent and medically indigent residents of Maryland's counties; operates the hospitals placed under the Board's jurisdiction; investigates complaints made by physicians or affected citizens; licenses midwives; and makes laboratory tests of food and drug specimens to assure compliance with laws prohibiting adulteration and misbranding, and prosecutes violators (Code 1951, Art. 43, sec. 32-44).

To carry out these duties the Board of Health has established within the Department seven bureaus as follows: Office of the Deputy Director, including divisions of Local Health Services, Vital Records and Statistics, Public Health Nursing, Epidemiology, and Communicable Disease Control; Bureau of Laboratories; Bureau of Preventive Medicine, including divisions of Maternal and Child Health, Crippled Children and Heart Disease Control, Dental Health, Cancer Control, Mental Hygiene, and Alcohol Studies; Bureau of Tuberculosis; Bureau of Medical Services and Hospitals, including divisions of Chronic Illness Hospitals, Home Medical Care, and Hospital Services; Bureau of Environmental Hygiene, including divisions of Sanitary Engineering, Industrial Health and Air Pollution, Food Control, Drug Control, Bedding and Upholstery, and a Home Accident Prevention Unit; and a Bureau of Management. The Executive Office consists of an advisor, a consultant in Public Health Administration, a public relations assistant, and an administrative assistant.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS

Victor F. Cullen State Hospital

Thomas F. Vestal, M.D., Superintendent

Cullen (Frederick County)

Telephone: Highfield 301

This institution, established in 1908, was formerly known as the State Sanatorium, but in 1949 the Board of Public Works changed the name. The hospital provides for the care of 129 patients in all stages of tuberculosis.

Staff: 167.

Henryton State Hospital

Edgars M. Maculans, M.D., Superintendent

Sykesville (Carroll County)

Telephone: Sykesville 175

This hospital was established in 1923. It provides for the care of 425 patients in all stages of tuberculosis.

Staff: 280.