



The City of Houston Code of Ordinances outlines the official responsibilities of Health and Human Services Department

General duties : (Code of Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-2)

There is created a health and human services department. The officers and employees of that department are charged with the duty of enforcing all laws and ordinances relating to health and such other duties as are now or may hereafter be placed upon them by the mayor, city council and by the ordinances and Charter of the city.

Mission - work in partnership with the community to promote and protect the health and social well-being of all Houstonians

Goals

- Collect, analyze, and disseminate health data.
- Prevent the spread of diseases.
- Educate to promote and encourage healthy behaviors.
- Provide leadership, planning, and policy development.
- Protect against environmental hazards.
- Assure quality and accessibility of community-wide health and human services.
- Improve the public health infrastructure.
- Assure a competent public health workforce

Values

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| Accountability | Teamwork/Cooperation |
| Compassion | Efficiency |
| Quality | Innovation |
| Competency | Acceptance/Objectivity |
| Integrity | Proaction |
| Diversity | |

Priorities

- Protect the community from communicable diseases
- Optimize the health of mothers, infants, and children
- Promote environmental health
- Well being through human services
- Reduce the incidence of chronic disease
- Prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters
- Provide the community with information
- Align services with national mandates and standards
- Demonstrate organizational excellence

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Administration Service Division

Bureau/Program Name	Mandated Public Health Responsibilities	Implemented Public Health Services	Related Public Health Project/Program/Intervention	Relevant Body of Law(s)	Chapter/ Number/Article	Section(s)	Link
Vital Statistics Operation	Receive, record, and register every birth, death, and stillbirth occurred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth services • Death services • Password processing 		Health and Safety Code Title 3 - Vital Statistics	Chapter 191 - Administration of Vital Statistics	Sec. 191.001 to Sec. 191.057	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.191.htm
				City of Houston, Texas Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article VIII - Vital Statistics	Sec. 21 -221 to Sec. 21-226	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTVIIIIVIST.html

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Children and Family Services Division

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<p>Harris County Area Agency on Aging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the need for social and nutrition services with special attention given to those elderly in greatest economic or social need Advocate for the elderly by increasing the awareness of service providers, elected officials, civic groups, and the corporate and voluntary sectors regarding the needs of the elderly Utilize federal funds to fill identified service gaps Provide technical assistance and training to service providers and private sector organizations relating to aging programs and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition services Disease prevention services Health promotion services Education and community outreach Assure quality of care in long-term-care facilities Benefits check up Investigate, negotiate, mediate or initiate resolution of complaints and difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver training services Caregiver support network Senior centers Medicare open enrollment Ombudsman program Older Americans Month Project Houston's Meals for Elderly Project Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Long-Term Care Awareness Campaign Care Connection -Aging and Disability Resource Centers Contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council 	<p>Older Americans Act of 1965</p>		<p>Sec. 101 to Sec. 765</p>	<p>http://www.house.gov/legcoun/Comps/OAA65.pdf</p>

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Community Health Services - response to enhance well-being of individuals and families

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Bureau of HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Prevention	Investigates and reports AIDS, chancroid, Chlamydia trachomatis infection, gonorrhea, HIV infection and syphilis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notifies partners of HIV/STD patients Links patients to HIV services Clinic/emergency room testing Education and outreach activities Taskforce coordinations Collaborates with Bureau of Epidemiology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV and STD surveillance system HIV/STD/Hepatitis prevention programs Hip Hop for HIV 	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle D - Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases	Chapter 81 - Communicable Diseases	Sec. 81.001 to Sec. 81.353	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm
				Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services	Chapter 96 - Blood Borne Pathogen Control	Sec. 96.101 to Sec. 96.501	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=96&rl=Y
				Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services Part I - Department of State Health Services	Chapter 97 - Communicable Diseases	Sec. 97.001 to Sec. 97.257	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=97
Immunization Program Services	International travel immunization	Offers required or recommended immunization vaccinations for international traveling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program 	City of Houston, Texas Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article 1 - In General	Sec. 21-13	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTIINGE.html#COOR_CH21HE_ARTIINGE_S21-13INTRIM
	Reports, investigates, and vaccines preventable disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provider assessments School/daycare assessments Education and outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ImmTrac technical support and recruitment Perinatal Hepatitis B case management 	Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services Part I - Department of State Health Services	Chapter 97 - Communicable Diseases	Sec. 97.001 - Sec. 97.257	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=97
	Reports and records individual's immunization history	Reports all immunizations via Quick Recovery Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine preventable disease surveillance 	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle H - Public Health Provisions	Chapter 161 - Public Health Provisions Subchapter A - Immunizations	Sec. 161.007 to Sec. 161.008	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm
Bureau of Tuberculosis Control	Monitor and report TB and Hanson's Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies, tests, and evaluates high risk contacts for latent TB infection Conducts directly observed therapy Contact investigation and report Collaborate with Bureau of Epidemiology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TB surveillance system TB registry and computer tracking system 	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle D - Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases	Chapter 81 - Communicable Diseases	Sec. 81.001 to Sec. 81.353	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm
	Court-ordered case management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court-ordered case management for patients who are identified as non-adherent with treatment for TB disease Program files court orders when patients fail to comply with treatment and transports patients to a quarantined facility in San Antonio with constable escort 		Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle D - Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases	Chapter 81 - Communicable Diseases Subchapter E - Control	Sec. 81.081 to Sec. 81.083	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm

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Environmental Health Division - responsible for protecting public health safety, safety, and enhancing the quality of life of the community

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Bureau of Consumer and Water Protection	Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds to and investigates complaints Disasters and emergency management Food inspections and issue food permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food managers certification classes Mobile Food Units 	Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services	Chapter 229 - Food and Drug Subchapter K - Texas Food Establishments	Sec. 229.161 to Sec. 229.178	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtacSext_ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=25&pt=1&ch=229&sch=K&r=Y	
				City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 20 - Food and Drugs Article II - Food Establishments Generally	Sec. 20-17 to Sec. 20-65	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH20FODR_ARTIIFOESGE.html	
				Texas Health and Safety Code Title 6 - Food, Drugs, Alcohol, and Hazardous Substances Subtitle A - Food and Drug Health Regulations	Chapter 437 - Regulation of Food Service Establishments, Retail Food Stores, Mobile Food units, and Roadside Food Vendors	Sec. 437.001 to Sec. 437.0202	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm	
	Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual pool inspections Responds to pool complaints Reviews and regulates all new commercial pool facilities Issues pool permits and penalties for pool violations 			Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, 15 U.S.C Section 8001 et seq.	Pubic Law 110-140 - Dec. 19, 2007 Title XIV - Pool and Spa Safety	Sec. 1401 to Sec. 1408	http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/environhealth/water/Documents/RecHealth/PoolandSafetyAct.pdf
					Texas Health and Safety Code Title 9 - Safety Subtitle A - Public Safety	Chapter 757 - Pool and Yard Enclosures	Sec. 757.001 to Sec. 757.017	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.757.htm
					Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services Part 1 - Department of State Health Services	Chapter 265 - General Sanitation Subchapter L - Standards for Public Pools and Spas	Sec. 265.181 to Sec. 265.208	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtacSext_ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=265
					Texas Administrative Code Title 25 - Health Services Part 1 - Department of State Health Services	Chapter 265 - General Sanitation Subchapter M - Interactive Water Features and Fountains	Sec. 265.301 to Sec. 265.308	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtacSext_ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=25&pt=1&ch=265&sch=M&r=Y
					City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 43 - Pool and Spa Safety	Sec. 43-30 to Sec. 43-39	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level2/COOR_CH43POPSA.html
					Texas Health and Safety Code Title 5 - Sanitation and Environmental Quality Subtitle A - Sanitation	Chapter 341 - Minimum Standards of Sanitation and Health Protection Measures	Sec. 341.001 to Sec. 341.092	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.341.htm
	Special Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives and respond to complaints Inspects and verifies waste trap from generators to prevent grease from contaminating sewer systems Issues of Notice of Violation or citation 			City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 47 - Water and Sewers Article XI	Sec. 47-411 to Sec. 47-600	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH47WASE_ARTXITRTRCEWA.html
Charitable Food Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues guidelines for food preparation, transportation and storage Issues guidelines for food safety, sanitation, and public health related issues associated with conducting food services Inspects the charitable food service providers annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free charitable food service certification classes Homeless coalition support 		City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 20 - Food and Drugs Article V	Sec. 20-251 to Sec. 20-257	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH20FODR_ARTVCHFOSE.html	

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Bureau of Community and Children's Environmental Health	Non-Smoking Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds to and investigates complaints of people smoking tobacco in enclosed public places, enclosed workplaces and certain smoking-restricted outdoor areas Enforce City of Houston Smoking Ordinance by issuing Notices of Violation and citations for observed violations Conducts inspections and reviews applicable records and data of establishments submitting notifications for exemptions to the Smoking Ordinance Issues permits for the tobacco bar exemption Provides education to property managers, residents, employers, employees and the general public regarding compliance with the City Smoking Ordinance. 		City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article IX - Smoking	Sec. 21-236 to Sec. 21-248	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTIXSM.html
	Indoor Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds to and investigates complaints in rental residential property and public accessible property regarding indoor air contaminants including but not limited to: chemical vapors, particulate matter, insect and rodent intrusion, etc. Issues Notices of Violation and citations for observed violations Provides education to property managers, residents, employers, employees and the general public regarding the identification, control and/or elimination of these contaminants Provides education regarding compliance with applicable City Ordinances and the Texas Health and Safety Code. 		City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 10 - Building and Neighborhood Protection Article XI - Neighborhood Nuisances Article XII - Rat Control	Sec. 10.451 to Sec. 10.507	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level2/COOR_CH10BUNEPR.html
				City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 10 - Building and Neighborhood Protection Article IX - Building Standards Division 4 - Minimum Standards Division 5 - Dangerous Buildings	Sec. 10.361 to Sec. 10.379	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH10BUNEPR_ARTIXBUST.html
	Occupational Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigates occupational health complaints Conducts inspections of industries with occupational health and safety problems Collects samples and conduct tests to evaluate hazardous conditions Determines methods to control and prevent health hazards Enforce occupational health and safety regulations regarding sanitary conditions Provides education to employers and employees and the general public regarding the identification, control and/or elimination of occupational health and safety hazards. Also provides education regarding compliance with applicable City Ordinances and the Texas Health and Safety Code 		Texas Health and Safety Code Title 5 - Sanitation and Environmental Quality Subtitle A - Sanitation	Chapter 341 - Minimum Standards of Sanitation and Health Protection Measures	Sec. 341.001 to Sec. 341.092	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.341.htm
				City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article I - In General	Sec. 21-2 and Sec. 21-3	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTIINGE.html
	EMS and Ambulance Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues Ambulance Service Operators' Permits (both initial and renewal), Ambulance Vehicle Inspection Permits and Ambulance Drivers' Permits Conducts unannounced spot inspections of ambulance vehicles in operation in the field Enforce City Ordinance Chapter 4 by issuing Notices of Violation and citations for observed violations. Responds and investigates EMS and Ambulance complaints Provides education to ambulance company operators, owners and ambulance drivers regarding compliance with the City Ambulance Ordinance. 		Texas Health and Safety Code Title 9 - Safety Subtitle B - Emergencies	Chapter 773 - Emergency Medical Services	Sec. 773.004	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/DocViewer.aspx?DocKey=HS%2fH5.773&Phrases=ambulance&HighlightType=1&ExactPhrase=False&QueryText=ambulance
				City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 4 - Ambulances	Sec. 4-1 to Sec. 4-19	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level2/COOR_CH4AM.html

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Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention	Air Pollution and Abatement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducts air quality monitoring and evaluation and maintaining records thereof Investigates complaints of violations Cooperates on legal actions for civil and criminal enforcements Cooperates on developing beneficial air resource planning strategies Encourages voluntary cooperation by persons and by affected groups Collects and disseminating information to the general public Reviews and comments on permits, regulations and legislative state and federal actions involving air, waste and water Community outreach to advocate for the best and reasonable public health protection Issues Notice of Violation, Municipal Court Citation, and Environmental Compliance Agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-1-1 Service Inquiry System to receive environmental complaints Environmental surveillance to assess environmental quality trends, address compliance issues, and follow up on complaints, pollution events and existing issues One Pager Report Card System with Air Alliance Houston to monitor air quality in 5 different communities Collaborate with Bureau of Laboratory Service for environmental laboratory testings 	City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article VI - Air Pollution Division 1 - General Division 2 - Source Registration	Sec. 21-146 to Sec. 21-166	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTVIAIPO.html
				Texas Health and Safety Code Title 5 - Sanitation and Environmental Quality Subtitle C - Air Quality	Chapter 382 - Clean Air Act	Sec. 382.001 to Sec. 382.510	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.382.htm
				Texas Water Code Title 2 - Water Administration Subtitle A - Executive Agencies	Chapter 7 - Enforcement	Sec. 7.001 to Sec. 7.358	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.7.htm
	Surface Water Quality Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducts regional water quality monitoring program Investigate complaints Enforce rules and regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council to conduct routine ambient water quality monitoring under Texas Clean Rivers Program Collaborate with Bureau of Laboratory Service for environmental laboratory testings 	Texas Water Code Title 2 - Water Administration Subtitle D. Water Quality Control	Chapter 26 - Water Quality Control Subchapter A - Administrative Provisions	Sec. 26.001 to Sec. 26.562	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.26.htm
				2005 Texas Government Code	Chapter 791 - Interlocal Cooperation Contracts	Sec. 791-001 to Sec. 791-033	http://law.justia.com/codes/texas/2005/gv/007.00.000791.00.html
				Texas Water Code Title 2 - Water Administration Subtitle A - Executive Agencies	Chapter 7 - Enforcement	Sec. 7.001 to Sec. 7.358	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.7.htm
				Texas Health and Safety Code	Chapter 341 - Minimum Standards of Sanitation and Health Protection Measures	Sec. 341.001 to Sec. 341.092	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.341.htm
				Texas Administrative Code Title 30 - Environmental Quality Part 1 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Chapter 220 - Regional Assessments of Water Quality Subchapters - Program for Monitoring and Assessment of Water Quality by Watershed and River Basin	Sec. 220.1 to Sec.220.8	http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=30&pt=1&ch=220&sch=A&ri=Y
				City of Houston, Texas, Code of Ordinance	Chapter 47 - Water and Sewers Article XII - Storm Water Discharges	Sec. 47-601 to Sec. 47-760	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH47WASE_ARTXIISTWADI.html
				Clear Water Act		Sec. 404	http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/sec404.cfm
Texas Water Code Title 2 - Water Administration Subtitle D. Water Quality Control	Chapter 26 - Water Quality Control Subchapter A - Administrative Provisions	Sec. 26.001 to Sec. 26.562	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.26.htm				

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Office of Surveillance and Public Health Preparedness

Bureau/Program Name	Mandated Public Health Responsibilities	Implemented Public Health Service	Related Public Health Program/Intervention	Relevant Body of Law(s)	Chapter/ Number/Article	Section(s)	Link
Bureau of Public Health Preparedness	Prepares and responds to public health emergency	Rapid notification and alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass prophylaxis and vaccination • Public health emergency exercises and drills • Family and household preparedness • Natural disaster evacuation • Public health responses to disease outbreaks, chemical emergencies, and bioterrorism • Competency-based trainings 	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle H - Public Health Provisions	Chapter 161 - Public Health Provisions Subtitles - Immunizations	Sec. 161.00705	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.00705
				Texas Health and Safety Code Title 6 - Food, Drugs, Alcohol, and Hazardous Substances Subtitle D - Hazardous Substances	Chapter 508 - Area Quarantine for Environmental or Toxic Agent	Sec. 508.001 to Sec. 508.004	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.508.htm
	Monitors community risks and threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with Bureau of Epidemiology and Bureau of Laboratory Services • Community outreach and education 		Texas Government Code Title 4 - Executive Branch Subtitle B - Law Enforcement and Public Protection	Chapter 418 - Emergency Management	Sec. 418.001 to Sec. 418.192	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm
				Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle F - Local Regulation of Public Health	Chapter 121 - Local Public Health Reorganization Act	Sec. 121.001 to Sec. 121.101	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm
Bureau of Epidemiology	Protects public health from public health diseases and emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreak investigations • Disease trends analysis • Implement appropriate preventive measures in a timely manner • Response to public health emergencies • Community outreach and education • Investigate animal-to-people bites • Enforce rabies vaccination or quarantine requirements and standards • Collaborate with Bureau of Public Health Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syndromic surveillance system • Influenza and Influenza Like surveillance system • General surveillance system • Food borne surveillance system • National Behavioral Risk Factor surveillance system • Houston Medical Monitoring Project • Poster presentations at local, state, and federal level 	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle D - Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases	Chapter 81 - Communicable Diseases	Sec. 81.001 to Sec. 81.353	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm
				Texas Health and Safety Code Title 10 - Health and Safety of Animals	Chapter 826 - Rabies	Sec. 826.001 to Sec. 826.055	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.826.htm
	Reports and monitors all infectious diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive reports on notifiable conditions • Data analyzing and dissemination • Disease reporting to State and Federal Health Departments • Collaborate with Bureau of HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Prevention 		Texas Health and Safety Code Title 2 - Health Subtitle F - Local Regulation of Public Health	Chapter 121 - Local Public Health Reorganization Act	Sec. 121.001 to Sec. 121.103	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm
				City of Houston, Texas Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article I - In General	Sec. 21-3	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTINGE.html

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HDHHS Agencies

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HIPAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardized electronic transmission of common administrative and financial transactions (such as billing and payments) Unique health identifiers for individuals, employers, health plans, and health care providers Privacy and security standards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of individually identifiable health information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated privacy officer Employee training, distribution of HIPAA notices, policies and procedures 		U.S Public Law 104-191- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996			http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/administrative/statute/hipaastatute.pdf
				Code of Federal Regulations Title 45 - Public Welfare Subtitle C - Administrative Data Standards and Related Requirements	Part 160 - General Administrative Requirements Part 162 - Administrative Requirements Part 164 - Security and Privacy		http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/pagedetails.action?collectionCode=CFR&searchPath=Title+45%2FSubtitle+A%2FSubchapter+C&granuleId=&packageId=CFR-2003-title45-vol1&oldPath=Title+45%2FSubtitle+A&fromPageDetails=true&collapse=true&yord=138
				City of Houston, Texas Code of Ordinance	Chapter 21 - Health Article 1 - In General	Sec. 21-3	http://library.municode.com/HTML/10123/level3/COOR_CH21HE_ARTIINGE.html#COOR_CH21HE_ARTIINGE_S21-3SAIRDEDU
Laboratory Services	Laboratory testing support	Clinical laboratory services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical microbiology testing Virology/serology testing Health center support Central processing Media preparation Bioterrorism agent testing Molecular diagnostics 	Code of Federal Regulations Title 42 - Public Health	Part 493 - Laboratory Requirements	Sec. 493.1 to Sec. 493.2001	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2003-title42-vol3/xml/CFR-2003-title42-vol3-part493.xml
		Environmental laboratory services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and air pollution chemistry testing Trace organics testing Environmental microbiology testing 				