



USAPHC

U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND (Provisional)

OPTIMIZING HEALTH

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (USAPHC) will integrate missions of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM) and missions of the U.S. Army Veterinary Command (VETCOM) to form the Public Health Command. The transition will occur in phases over a two-year period beginning with USACHPPM's conversion to provisional status on Oct. 1, 2009, and ends when the USAPHC reaches full operational capability, targeted for Oct. 1, 2011. The USAPHC (Prov) includes all of the USACHPPM missions and services; and assumed operational control of VETCOM Apr. 1, 2010.

Former VETCOM and USACHPPM regional subcommands have merged and are now Public Health Command Regions. In addition, there will be 14 Public Health Districts located around the world.

The USAPHC's reach is global and its focus is local—its personnel serve on the ground in support of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps installations; in medical treatment facilities and laboratories; and in deployed locations around the world.

Currently headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the USAPHC will, when fully structured, be staffed at regional and district levels, providing increasing levels of public health expertise to the communities it serves.

The mission of this new organization is to promote health and prevent disease and injury of Soldiers, Military Retirees, their Families, and Army Civilian employees; and to ensure effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the Department of Defense. The USAPHC brings both breadth and depth of knowledge to its Army and DOD customers. Its people are experts in approximately 65 scientific and technical disciplines. They include preventive and occupational medicine physicians, public health and occupational health nurses, epidemiologists, industrial hygienists, veterinary clinical specialists, veterinary public health specialists, food safety and quality assurance experts, animal technicians, entomologists, physicists, chemists, toxicologists, engineers, environmental scientists,

biologists, ergonomists, nuclear medicine experts, health physicists, physical therapists, audiologists, health educators, behavioral health professionals, geologists, meteorologists and more.

The health of DOD Military and Civilian personnel and animals is essential for readiness, and prevention is the best way to health. Preventing conditions that threaten Soldier, Civilian, Family Member and animal health is operationally sound, cost effective and certainly better for individual well-being than providing medical treatment for sick or injured patients. Prevention—the early identification and mitigation of health risks through surveillance, education, training, and standardization and implementation of best public health practices—is crucial to the military's success.

With its breadth and depth of expertise, the USAPHC is able to respond locally and project globally, providing an efficient mechanism of force health protection for Army and DOD assets around the world.

The goals of Army public health are the following:

- » Minimize disease and injuries of military significance.
- » Improve disease and injury surveillance and control.
- » Optimize health and well-being in Army populations.
- » Minimize risk from occupational and environmental health hazards.
- » Enhance safety and defense of DOD food and water.
- » Strengthen laboratory and analytical capabilities.
- » Collaborate with partners inside and outside the DOD to ensure optimal public health service.
- » Call on the best science available to improve services.

What does this mean for Soldiers and Military Retirees, their Families, and Army Civilians?

- » USAPHC will bring public health services closer to customers and will standardize services across its Army and DOD missions to the greatest extent possible.

Projects include:

- » Partnering with installations and Medical Treatment Facilities to build wellness centers to enhance preventive health services to beneficiaries.
- » Creating community health promotion coordinator positions to facilitate health promotion efforts between installation communities and Medical Treatment Facilities.



Where can I get additional information about Army Public Health?

Visit the USAPHC website at <http://phc.amedd.army.mil> for preventive health and wellness information for Soldiers and Retirees, their Families, and Army Civilians.

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- 4 Public Health Command Region-South**
(PHCR-South), Fort Sam Houston, Tx.
210-221-3495 / DSN 471-3495
- 5 Public Health Command Region-West**
(PHCR-West), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wa.
253-966-0014 / DSN 347-0014
- 6 Public Health Command Region-Europe**
(PHCR-Europe), Landstuhl, Germany
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- 7 Public Health Command Region-Pacific**
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