COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BODY ART

All facilities performing body piercing, tattooing, and branding are required to obtain a yearly permit from the Jefferson County Department of Health.

GENERAL SANITATION AND VECTOR CONTROL

Potential public health problems associated with solid waste (garbage, sewage, and plumbing deficiencies); insects and animals (mosquitoes, ticks, flies, lice, birds, bats, rodents, cats and dogs) are promptly investigated.

ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

On-site sewage disposal systems in residential areas, mobile home parks, and public facilities are regulated. Malfunctioning sewage disposal system should be reported. Before purchasing a lot or developing a site that will require a septic tank, or to file a sewage disposal application visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1230.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS

Public swimming pools and spas are inspected on a regular basis and new pool construction plans are reviewed to ensure public safety.

RABIES PREVENTION

Alabama law requires physicians to report all treatment of animal bites to the Health Department. Animal bite reports are investigated, and the quarantine of dogs, cats and ferrets is enforced.

WATER QUALITY

Public Water is sampled upon request for possible bacterial contamination.

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

Water samplings are conducted to monitor prohibited pollutant discharges from entering a storm drain or stream. Visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1999 to file a complaint.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Schools, prisons and jails are routinely inspected for structural soundness and required sanitary practices.

Visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1230 to file a complaint.

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AIR AND RADIATION PROTECTION

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

Local industries and other sources of air pollution are inspected regularly for violations. Permits are issued to those meeting Jefferson County Department of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations. Call 205-933-0583 for the daily air quality forecast.

ASBESTOS

Structures requiring renovation or demolition are inspected for asbestos and its proper removal.

OPEN BURNING

Open burning is generally prohibited in Jefferson County. Under specific conditions, the Health Department can issue open burning permits. No open burning, except for the purpose of food preparation is allowed May through October.

RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH

Medical, dental, chiropractic, podiatry, veterinary, educational, and industrial x-ray equipment are inspected on a regular basis. Commercial tanning facilities are inspected for sanitation and safety.

Visit www.jcdh.org or call 205- 930-1276 to file a complaint.



FOOD AND LODGING

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

All establishments where food is prepared or sold for human consumption such as restaurants, grocery stores, and school cafeterias, are inspected on a regular basis. Ratings are posted at each permitted establishment and are available at our website, www.jcdh.org.

FOODHANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM

Food service employees are required by Jefferson County Department of Health regulations to be trained in food safety. New employees must receive training within 21 days of hire date. Visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1558 for class information.

This requirement can also be met by receiving certification online. The exclusive approved provider of online food safety training for the Jefferson County Department of Health is www.statefoodsafety.com.

DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Complaints of foodborne illness are investigated by the Food and Lodging Protection Division, in conjunction with Disease Control Services. For more information or to report a suspected foodborne illness, call 205-930-1260. Other disease outbreaks can be reported to Disease Control Services 205-930-1440.

CHILDCARE FACILITIES

Childcare facilities are inspected on a regular basis to ensure that all daycares, regardless of licensing status, maintain standards that protect children's health and well-being.

OTHER FACILITIES

Lodging facilities, such as hotels, as well as camps are permitted and inspected for sanitary conditions.

COMMUNAL LIVING FACILITIES

Boarding homes and rooming homes are inspected on a regular basis to ensure sanitary, safe and healthful conditions.

For questions on assisted living facilities, nursing homes or other medical care facilities, visit www.ADPH.org or call 334-206-5366.

To report elder abuse, call 1-800-458-7214.

Visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1260 for information, restaurant ratings or to file a complaint.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

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Conducts Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) and engages community stakeholders to determine local environmental health issues and assists programs that stress prevention to protect health. For more information, visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1230.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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Coordinated Jefferson County's Health, medical, and social services in the event of public health threats and emergencies. Serves as the lead agency locally for Emergency Support Function 8 which includes all medical aspects of an emergency response. The EP Team is devoted to preparedness planning, training and exercised with the goal of improving response capabilities. Emergency planning is an ongoing process, visit www.jcdh.org or call 205-930-1334 for the latest information.

