

The Provincial Health Services are divided into two Bureaus—the Bureau of Administration and the Bureau of Local Health Services—and six Divisions.

The Bureau of Local Health Services is a part of the central office of the Health Services and is under the direct supervision of the Deputy Provincial Health Officer. In addition to correlating the services of the various Divisions, it is responsible for technical supervision of all local health services. Such public-health specialities as maternal and child welfare, communicable-disease control, public-health dentistry, public-health nursing and some phases of industrial hygiene are all part of the responsibilities of this Bureau. Included in this Bureau is the Director of Public Health Nursing who supervises the public-health nursing program, with the aid of a travelling consultant.

A nutrition consultant service has been established as part of the Bureau of Local Health Services. Special assistance is provided to the field staff in problems relating to nutrition.

Different types of local health services have been developed in the Province. These include large city health departments such as the Vancouver Metropolitan Health Committee and the Victoria City Health Department, Health Units, Public Health Nursing Services, and certain practising physicians who act as part-time Medical Health Officers and School Health Inspectors.

A Health Unit consists of a full-time Medical Director who is a physician trained in public health, a number of public-health nurses determined by the population served, one or two trained sanitarians, and a statistical clerk.

The entire Province has been divided into Health Unit Areas. Six of these units are now in operation and it is expected that the remainder will be in operation within a few years. As of Jan. 1, 1947, the administration of all Rural Health Units has been reorganized to provide a more unified administrative system. All public-health field staff are now employed directly by the Provincial Government.

The Division of Public Health Engineering is responsible for all matters of environmental sanitation, including water supplies, sewage disposal, food and milk control, swimming pools, the supervision of the sanitation in lumber, mining, construction and cannery camps, certain phases of garbage disposal, shellfish supervision, and housing.

The Division of Vital Statistics is responsible for the registration of all births, deaths and marriages in the Province, including adoptions and divorces.

The Assistant Provincial Health Officer is in charge of special preventive and treatment services, which include correlation of the work of three special Divisions—Tuberculosis, Venereal Disease, and Laboratory—with that of Local Health Services.

The Division of Tuberculosis Control is responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis in the Province. This Division operates two tuberculosis hospitals—one at Tranquille and another adjacent to the Vancouver General