**Minnesota Department of Health**

Mission: "to protect, maintain and improve the health of all Minnesotans"

Government agency with 1,500 employees; works with local public health agencies, tribal

**Keywords:** Nutrition, Policy, Education

**When/Where:** 1872 (state board of health) - present

Headquarters in St. Paul, county offices throughout the state

Social network includes its county agencies, tribal governments, other local agencies...

Audience is all Minnesotans, sub-set depends on the program (e.g. low-income mothers for WIC, school children for Farm-to-School, etc.)

**Why:** Oversees diverse policies and programs related to health; divisions include community & family health, compliance monitoring, environmental health, health promotion & chronic disease, infectious disease epidemiology, prevention & control, and public health

**How:**