Cooperative Public Health Service



Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne

Public Health Excellence (PHE) funds have increased capacity for boards of health in Franklin County, which were previously run by volunteers and part-time staff.

Shared Public Health Nursing

Two public health nurses have managed a robust vaccination program in a rural region with only one pharmacy serving 15 member towns. This program has included **small-group clinics at senior centers, town halls, and food pantries**, as well as **home visits for people facing mobility or transportation barriers and mobile vaccine clinics** in larger community settings.





Shared Health Agents

Thirteen Franklin County towns **share four health agents, a unified permit fee schedule, online permitting software, and a uniform set of local regulations**, including septic systems and private well permitting, making health boards more efficient and better equipped to protect residents.