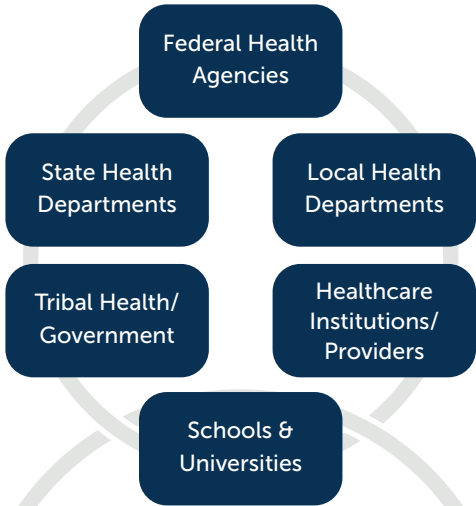


# What is Public Health?

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of families and communities through promotion of healthy lifestyles, research for disease and injury prevention, and detection and control of infectious diseases.



**Public health is a system of entities and individuals working together** to protect the health of entire populations – whether it’s as small as a local neighborhood, or as big as the entire state.



**VISION**  
Every South Dakotan Healthy and Strong

**MISSION**  
Working together to promote, protect, and improve health