



## NEW PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY

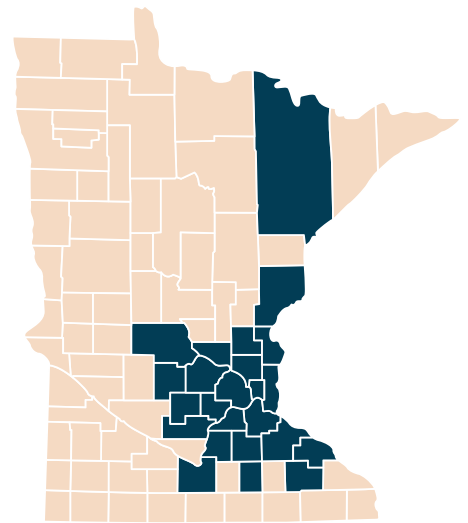
The Bloomington Public Health Division provides health services across the cities of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield. This relationship has been in place for 45 years, since 1977. The Public Health Division provides a mix of direct services to individuals and families, as well as policy, systems and environmental change efforts that address health issues on a community level.

### WHO WE SERVE:

Public Health staff serve everyone in the community with an emphasis on individuals experiencing health disparities. This includes individuals with less resources and individuals with functional or access needs. It also includes populations who have historically experienced health disparities due to structural racism, including immigrants and refugees, and individuals from Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. For example, 87% of the clients of the Bloomington Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program are individuals from BIPOC communities. In 2021, despite the challenges with COVID-19, Public Health served more than 26,000 individuals across Bloomington, Edina and Richfield.

### EXISTING BUILDING:

Built in 1960, the Public Health building, 1900 W. Old Shakopee Road, has long ago outlived its estimated 40-year lifespan. The Public Health office is too small for the more than 50 employees, with staff and visitors cramped into less than half of the needed square footage. The building also is not well designed for client and program services. A recent City study found that the condition of the building is “unsatisfactory,” ranking lowest among more than a dozen City facilities for energy efficiency. The age of the mechanical systems makes it increasingly difficult to find parts to keep them maintained.



### SERVING RESIDENTS ACROSS THE TWIN CITIES REGION AND BEYOND

From 2018 to 2021, Bloomington Public Health served thousands of individuals outside of its service area, including:

- 2,103 individuals who received flu shots.
- 172 individuals who received regular immunizations for school or work.
- 6,915 individuals who received COVID-19 vaccines.

*\*Highlighted counties are those with five or more clients.*



**GOALS FOR THE NEW BUILDING:**

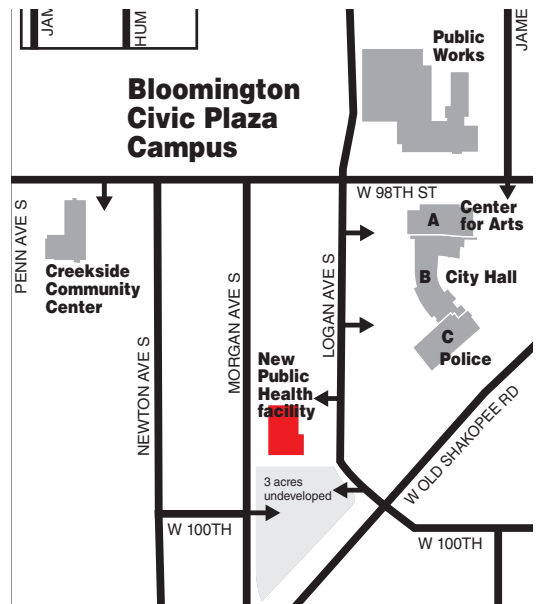
- Provide a modern, welcoming, and more effective environment for individuals seeking health screenings, immunizations, nutrition education and breastfeeding support, pregnancy and parenting education and support, older adult health resources, and other services.
- Serve as a focal point for health policy and administration work.
- Provide modern and comfortable meeting spaces for staff, community partners, the City’s Advisory Board of Health and other stakeholders.



**SCHEDULE AND FUNDING**

The City has submitted a formal request for state support for construction of a new Public Health facility. The City is seeking a state appropriation of \$10.135 million in the 2023 Capital Budget, to match City investments, for a total estimated project cost of \$20.27 million.

State bonding requests for local projects must meet the criteria of having regional benefit or impact. The Public Health building request meets that regional test, as the Division serves a population of nearly 180,000 residents across Bloomington, Edina and Richfield. The Division serves additional people across the region who work in the three cities when they seek health services such as regular immunizations. This demand was amplified during COVID-19 as people sought testing and vaccination. With state funding, the project could begin design in late 2023, with construction bids in 2024. The City anticipates occupancy in late 2024 or early 2025.



*New Public Health building site will be a redevelopment of City-owned land.*

**QUESTIONS**

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