

Mobile County Health Department

A History of Prevention



mobile county health department

A legacy of excellence since 1816

Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Mobile County Health Department is to promote, improve, and protect the health of Mobile County."







Man in white shirt standing next to a boat labeled "MCHD MOSQUITO DEFEATER".

Man in blue shirt and apron using a tool to stir a large black barrel labeled "MaxPar G2-60".

Two men in blue shirts standing by a structure labeled "DOG RIVER".

Man in blue shirt working with a wooden frame containing a mosquito net.

Man in dark jacket working with a mosquito net on a truck bed.

Brief History of Mobile

- Founded in 1702 as a French settlement
- Name for the local Maubila tribe inhabiting the area
- In 1704, the ship Pelican delivered 23 women to the settlement. They had stopped along the way in Havana and picked up yellow fever.
- A small outbreak among the 300 or so residents ensued.

Brief History of Mobile

- In 1816, the Mobile Board of Health was established.
- Alabama gains statehood in 1819.
- 1819-20, 43% (430) of the Mobile population died of yellow fever. (Savannah and New Orleans also hit hard by yellow fever.)
- In 1822, Blakely, AL, located across Mobile Bay is decimated by yellow fever. Population of the city went from 4,000 to 0.
- 1923, Mobile Board of Health was charged with preventing disease within the city.

Brief History of Mobile

- 1839, 450 citizens perished from yellow fever.
- 1853, 1,191 perished in Mobile, 7,849 died in New Orleans
- 1875, Alabama Department of Public Health was established. Health Department were established in each of the 65 counties.
- 1878, yellow fever strikes New Orleans and Memphis killing 4,000 and 5,150 respectively.
- 1905, Last documented case of yellow fever.
- 1914, Mobile County Board of Health tasked with catching and destroying rodents.
- 1922, Mobile County Board of Health tasked with eliminating mosquitoes.

Mobile County, AL

- Situated in the southwest corner of the state on Mobile Bay.
- Mobile County is the second largest county in population.
 - 413,955 (2017)
- It is the 5th largest in land area with 1,229 square miles. (1,644 total sq. miles)

Current Operations

- Staff
 - 2 Office staff
 - 13 Inspectors
 - 1 Mechanic
 - 9 Night Drivers
- Equipment
 - 12 Night trucks
 - 13 Day trucks
 - 1 Airplane

Current Operations

Rodent Control

- 3 Rodent Control Specialist
- Handled 1,164 complaints last year.
- Only do residential complaints.
- Assist and consult for requested commercial complaints with Inspection Services.

Mosquito Control

- 10 Mosquito Control Inspectors
- Handled 1,071 complaints last year.
- Conduct site inspections, larvicide applications, hand fogging and truck fogging when required.
- Collect 22 CDC traps per week.
- Collect from 26 sentinel chickens per week.



To the map!



**THANK YOU
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ANY QUESTIONS?**

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