

CORE VALUES

Our core values should be so crystallized in our minds, so infallible, so precise, and clear and unassailable, that they don't feel like a choice—they are simply a definition of who we are. In those hard moments, we know that we are going to pick what's right, right now, over what's easy.



Health is a Human Right

We advance health as a human right in pursuit of the highest attainable standard of health in Madison and Dane County.



Science

We use science, data, and evidence to deliver programs, services and influence change. Recognizing the importance of the lived experience, wisdom, and beliefs of those we serve, we acknowledge the limitations of scientific knowledge.



Health and Racial Equity

We build collective understanding and capacity across the health department and with other government agencies and community organizations to address racial equity with purpose. We recognize that health outcomes are largely the products of inequitable social, economic, and environmental systems over time.



Relationships

We build relationships and connections with people and organizations to improve health outcomes.



Stewardship

We take seriously the responsibility inherent in our role as a government agency, and work to manage resources intentionally and treat the public's trust with care.