# Assessment of Public Health Rules and Board Policies

## Burke County Public Health

Accreditation Documentation Form

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| **Assessment date** | September 15, 2026 |
| **Period reviewed** | 2023 through 2027 |
| **Prepared by** | Dr. Ashley Jarrett, Interim Health Director |
| **Presented to governing body** | Burke County Board of Health |

## Purpose

This form documents Burke County Public Health's assessment of all local Board of Health rules currently in effect, the potential need for new local public health rules, and population health policies requiring governing body consideration. A finding that no rules or policies are needed is acceptable when the review and its presentation to the governing body are documented.

## Section 1  Current Board of Health Rules

Burke County Public Health reviewed available Board of Health meeting records, departmental records, and other applicable documentation to identify local public health rules adopted by the Burke County Board of Health.

☒ Finding confirmed: No locally adopted Board of Health rules are currently in effect for Burke County Public Health.

The department operates under applicable federal and state laws, North Carolina Administrative Code requirements, and Burke County ordinances and policies. These requirements are not considered locally adopted Board of Health rules unless formally adopted by the Board under its public health rulemaking authority.

### Records reviewed

☒ Board meeting minutes  ☐ Department records  ☐ County records

☐ Other records reviewed: Click or tap to enter records

July 27, 2026 Burke County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Burke County Board of Health, Meeting

## Section 2  Assessment of Potential Rules

Staff assessed whether new local public health rules may be needed to protect or improve community health. Check each source or topic considered during the assessment.

☒ Community Health Assessment and State of the County Health Report

☒ Communicable disease trends and response activities

☒ Environmental health and animal exposure concerns

☒ Tobacco, vaping, and smoke free protections

☐ Mass gatherings and community events

☒ Emergency preparedness and response activities

☒ Existing state laws, administrative rules, and county ordinances

☒ Whether education, partnership, policy, or enforcement adequately addresses identified concerns

☐ Other topic reviewed: Click or tap to enter a topic

### Assessment finding

☒ No new local Board of Health rules are recommended for adoption at this time.

☐ One or more topics warrant additional evaluation before a recommendation is made.

☐ A new or revised local rule is recommended for governing body consideration.

Based on this assessment, no new local Board of Health rules are recommended for adoption at this time. Existing state laws, regulations, and local public health authorities provide an adequate framework for addressing the department's current public health responsibilities. Current practices, established policies, and applicable enforcement mechanisms allow the department to respond to identified public health concerns while maintaining consistency with state requirements. At this time, no specific gaps have been identified that warrant additional local rulemaking. The department will continue to monitor public health needs, changes in state law, and emerging issues and will recommend further review or local rule revisions if a demonstrated need arises.

**Date findings were presented to the Board of Health or governing body** July 27, 2026

No additional data requested

## Section 3  Assessment of Board Policies

Staff reviewed whether any population level public health policies require consideration, approval, or advocacy by the governing body. This section does not include routine internal personnel or operating procedures.

### Policy areas reviewed

☒ Community health assessment priorities

☒ Language access and equitable access to services

☒ Mobile health and access for underserved populations

☒ Tobacco and vaping prevention

☒ Rabies and animal event preparedness

☒ Public health emergency response and coordination

☒ Other emerging population health priorities

☐ Other policy area reviewed: Click or tap to enter a policy area

### Assessment finding

☒ No new population level public health policies requiring Board consideration were identified.

☒ One or more policy matters were identified for Board discussion, endorsement, advocacy, or approval.

☐ Additional staff analysis is required before a specific policy recommendation is presented.

| Policy matter | Reason for consideration | Date presented | Board action or direction |
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| All BCPH Policies were reviewed/approved by the Board | Policies are reviewed/edited on a term basis | July 27, 2026 | Approved |

Enter any additional findings or supporting information.

## Overall Conclusion

Burke County Public Health completed an assessment of all local Board of Health rules currently in effect, the potential need for new local public health rules, and population health policies requiring governing body consideration.

☒ The assessment confirmed that no locally adopted Board of Health rules are currently in effect.

☒ Potential rules and Board policies were evaluated.

☐ The assessment findings were presented to the governing body.

**Governing body** Burke County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Burke County Board of Health

**Meeting date** July 27, 2026

### Board response

☒ Assessment received with no additional direction

☐ Follow up requested

☐ Other action taken

Summarize the governing body's response or requested follow up.

## Supporting Evidence Checklist

☒ Completed and dated three section assessment

☒ Governing body meeting agenda

☒ Meeting minutes documenting presentation or consideration

☒ Presentation, memorandum, or supporting materials provided to the Board

☒ Documentation of Board direction, approval, or follow up, if applicable

## Certification

I certify that this assessment accurately reflects the review completed by Burke County Public Health and the findings presented to the governing body.

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| **Date** | October 21, 2026 |

## Suggested Meeting Minute Language

Burke County Public Health presented its assessment of current Board of Health rules, the potential need for new local public health rules, and population health policies requiring Board consideration. The assessment confirmed that no locally adopted Board of Health rules are currently in effect. Potential rules and Board policies were evaluated. The Board received the assessment and provided no additional direction / requested the following follow up:

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Jeff Brittain, Burke County BOCC Chairman