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Turner County Health Department

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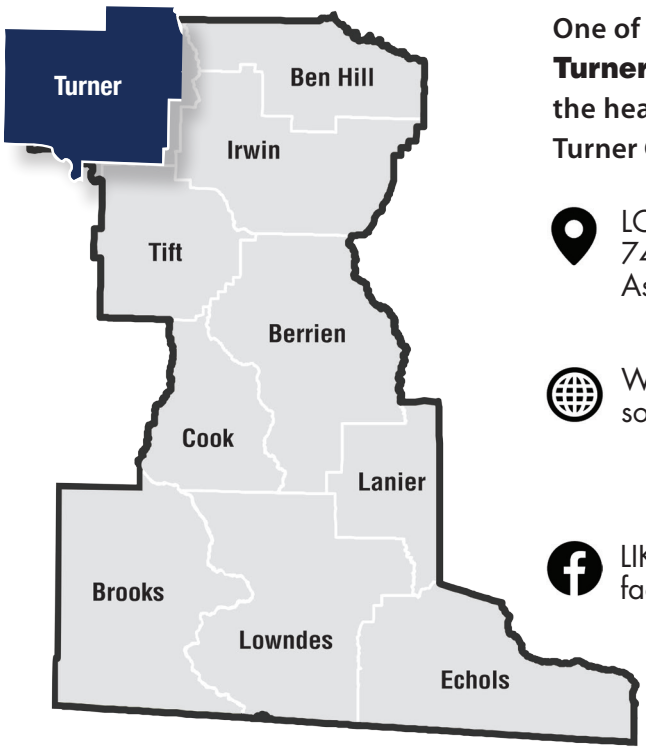
## Health Department




**One of ten county health departments in the South Health District, Turner County Health Department serves to promote and protect the health and well-being of anyone who lives, works or plays in Turner County, Georgia.**

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### Hours of Operation

**Monday - Thursday**
**8am - 5pm**
**Friday**
**8am - 2:30pm**

South Health District's mission is to promote and protect the health and well-being of anyone that lives, works, or plays in the counties of Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, and Turner.

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South Health District

**OUR MISSION** is to promote and protect the health of people in Georgia wherever they live, work and play. We unite with individuals, families and communities to improve their health and enhance their quality of life.

# Provided Services

## Emergency Preparedness
Develop plans to mitigate, respond to, and recover from events which pose a significant threat to the health of the public. Conduct public awareness campaigns, training, and exercises with health department staff, the healthcare community, and a wide range of partners at the local, state, and federal levels.

## Environmental Health
Permits and inspects for septic system installations, food service establishments, tourist accommodations, public swimming pools, and body art establishments to help minimize the the risk of illness or disease. Issues well location permits and performs bacteriological tests on water samples. Follow up on animal bites to help prevent the spread of rabies.

## Epidemiology
Conducts follow-up and investigation for individuals who have been exposed to a communicable disease. Conducts surveillance to detect disease and recommends preventative measures, treatment, and control to prevent further disease outbreaks in the community.

## Family Planning Services
Physical exams (male and female), birth control, STD and pregnancy testing, education and counseling regarding health issues.

## General Nursing
Immunizations, blood tests, hearing, vision, and dental screenings; tuberculosis, cancer, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings; head lice checks, and pregnancy tests are all available through the General Clinic. Services are provided by protocoled public health nurses. Referrals to specialty programs are made as needed.

## Health Education
Turner County Health Department strives to educate the people of our community with information regarding health. These services are available to individuals, community groups, churches and schools. Information is delivered by nurses, nutritionists, health educators and other qualified staff members.

## Hypertension Program
Blood pressure monitoring, medication management, and counseling on weight loss, diet and exercise are available through the Hypertension Program, if eligible.

## Immunizations
Immunizations are available for all ages with an emphasis on infants up to three years of age. At your request, the Turner County Health Department will also provide adult flu and pneumonia vaccines on-site at your businesses.

## Infectious Disease Program
Follow-up is provided for individuals who had a communicable disease such as tuberculosis, meningitis, perinatal hepatitis or others. Contact investigation is included.

## School Health Nurses
Public health nurses collaborate closely with Turner County school nurses to provide healthcare information in school clinics, focusing on childhood asthma, the administration of Epinephrine and Albuterol/Levabuterol in the school setting, emergency medication, scoliosis screenings, and school-based flu clinics with an emphasis on special immunization initiatives, hearing and vision testing, and adolescent health and wellness.

## Sexually Transmitted Disease
If an individual suspects that he or she has a sexually transmitted disease, physical exams, lab tests, treatment and follow-up is provided through the STD program. Counseling and testing for persons who are at risk for contracting the HIV virus is also available. Follow up services are available to person with HIV/AIDS upon request.

# Services For Women and Children

## Adolescent & School Health
Promotes healthy behavior for adolescents aged 10-19. Education in a youth friendly environment addressing risky behaviors that are attractive to teens.

## Breast & Cervical Cancer Program
This program provides at no cost to eligible women, between ages 40 and 64, a limited annual exam including a Pap test, as needed. It also provides a mammogram and diagnostic follow up if needed. Breast cancer gene screening is available to anyone at no cost.

## Children with Special Needs
A unit of programs working together to provide family-centered services to newborns through age 21 years who have or are at risk to develop medical conditions and/or significant developmental delays.

## Health Check
Provides for the screening of lead, medical and/or developmental problems in children who do not have a healthcare provider. Medicaid covers from infancy to the 21st birthday and PeachCare covers up to age 19.

## Perinatal Programs
This program is composed of Perinatal Case Management (PCM), and Pregnancy Related Services (PRS). Helps pregnant women identify their needs for the delivery of a healthy baby and creates a plan to address those needs.

## Presumptive Eligibility
Medicaid coverage is provided to income-eligible pregnant women and women diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer during the Medicaid application processing period.

## Sickle Cell Screening & Counseling
This program serves ages birth to 21 years with medical screening and education about sickle cell disease and other abnormal blood disorders.

## Well Baby
Complete physical exams are provided for children ages birth to five years. Included in this program are screening tests, immunizations and nutritional counseling.

## Women, Infants & Children
WIC is a special nutrition program that offers nutrition education, food supplements and referrals to health care providers for eligible pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants and children up to age five.

Our services are available to everyone, regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, political belief, disability or sex. We charge only minimal fees for our services, and some services have adjusted fee scales based on ability to pay. Health care services will be provided even if someone is unable to pay. Medicaid, Medicare and some private insurances are also accepted forms of payment for covered services.