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Air - Indoor air/ Smoking	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.19.04</a>	Prohibition of Smoking in Indoor Areas Open to the Public; LHD investigate complaints
Air - Open Burning	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.11.07</a>	LHD may review and issue permits; investigate complaints
Animal - vector control	Animal control	Consult local ordinance	Local public health agency may respond to rodent complaints; mosquito control; investigate animal hoarding, vermon/ insect infestations; West Nile Virus investigations; Lyme Disease awareness
Animal - Rabies	Animal control	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.02</a>	LHD investigates animal attacks involving humans; collects and sends animal specimens; enforces quarentine periods; conducts vacination clinics
Barber shops	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 09.16.02</a>	
Building - issue permits	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.02</a>	LHD signs off on plans and issues building permits
Building - Plan Review	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.03</a>	LHD review site plans for major projects; public water and sewer site plan review; final plat review
Camps - Campgrounds	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.16.03</a>	LHD performs inspections, investigates complains and issues permits for campgrounds
Camps - Youth Camps	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.16.06</a>	Certifications for youth camps
Disease Control - AIDS Investigations and Case Reporting	AIDS/ HIV	<a href="#">COMAR 10.18.03</a>	Lists requirements for reporting a case of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and health officer follow-up of a physician report of AIDS
Disease Control - HIV and CD4+Lymphocyte Investigations and Case Reporting	AIDS/ HIV	<a href="#">COMAR 10.18.02</a>	Requirements for physician reporting of a case of HIV or AIDS/ birth of an infant whose mother has tested positive for HIV; Institution reporting of a case of HIV or AIDS; Laboratory reporting of a test result for HIV infection or CD4+ count; and health officer follow-up of a physician report of AIDS
Disease Control - HIV Counseling and Testing for Pregnant Women	AIDS/ HIV	<a href="#">COMAR 10.18.09</a>	Requirements for counseling and requirements for informed consent when HIV testing is performed on pregnant women

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Disease Control - HIV Counseling and Testing Procedures	AIDS/ HIV	<a href="#">COMAR 10.18.08</a>	Requirements for pretest and post-test counseling and requirements for informed consent when HIV testing is performed
Disease Control - HIV testing for Convicted	AIDS/ HIV		HIV Testing of Persons Accused or Convicted, or Both, of Certain Crimes
Disease control - reportable diseases	Epi/ Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.01.03</a>	List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions which HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHERS are required to report.
Disease control - sexually transmitted infections	Sexually Transmitted infections	<a href="#">COMAR 10.09.72</a>	LHD provides STD clinical services for screening, diagnosis, partner identification and treatment
Disease control - STI testing and contact tracing	Sexually Transmitted infections	COMAR 10.06.17 and .18	LHD must assure clients and their contacts that have or have been exposed to certain reportable STDs obtain appropriate treatment and follow-up and all info is entered into state database
Disease control - tuberculosis	Epi/ Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">10.06.01.21</a>	LHD must assure that individuals are assessed and treated per protocol and LHD must investigate contacts and treat accordingly - info entered into state database
Facility application - adult day care		<a href="#">COMAR 10.12.04 and 26.04.04</a>	
Facility application - assisted living		<a href="#">COMAR 10.07.14 and 26.04.02</a>	
Food - Bottle Water	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.10</a>	Bottle Water and Dispensing Drinking Water
Food - Canning	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.01</a>	Canning and Acidified Food Manufacturing
Food - Crab Meat	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.02</a>	
Food - Food and Drink Processing and Transportation	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.04</a>	

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Food - Food Service Facilities	Food	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.03</a>	Public health agency assures that food service facilities serve food that is safe for human consumption, that buildings meet proper standards for cleanliness, agency conducts inspections, provides training, issues food service facility licenses and conducts food service facility plan reviews
Food - Frozen Dairy Foods	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.04</a>	Manufacture and Sale of Frozen Dairy Foods and Ices Manufactured for Sale in Maryland
Food - Manufactured Grade Milk	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.07</a>	Production, Processing, Transportation, Storage, and Distribution of Manufactured Grade Milk
Food - Milk	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.05</a>	Production, Processing, Transportation, Storage, and Distribution of Milk
Food - Seafood	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.09</a>	Procedures for the Safe Handling and Processing of Seafood
Food - Shellfish	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.15.06</a>	Processing, Handling Shellfish Which are Sold for Human Consumption
Food Borne Illness investigations	Food	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.01 &amp; 10.15.03</a>	LHD investigates foodborne and water borne illnesses related to food service facilities and within institutional facilities
Funding - State Funding for Local Health Services	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.04.01</a>	Amounts of State General funds to be provided to LHD for Core Public Health Services
Hazard investigation - PH or EH	Environment	<a href="#">Environ. Article §10-201</a>	
Hazards - Controlled Dangerous Substances	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.19.03</a>	
Hazards - Hazardous substances	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.19.02</a>	
Hazards - Poison Prevention Packaging		<a href="#">COMAR 10.19.06</a>	
Health emergency procedures	Emergency mgmt		
Hotel/ motel	Environment	<a href="#">Health- General §20-301</a>	LHD investigates complaints regarding hotels and motels

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Immunizations - Meningococcal Vaccination Requirements	Epi/ Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.05</a>	Requirements for meningococcal vaccination of individuals enrolled in institutions of higher education who are living in on-campus student housing.
Immunizations - required before entry into school	Epi/ Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.04</a>	A school may not knowingly admit or retain a student unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity
Inspections - Other (Burn Sites, Pet Stores, Sludge, etc.)	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.11.07, 26.04.02 &amp; .06</a>	
Lead Paint poisoning investigations	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.02.07, 26.16.02 and 26.16.05</a>	
Mobile Home Park License	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.16.02</a>	LHD performs inspections, investigates complains and issues permits for mobile home parks
Newborn screening		[COMAR 10.06.03 repealed]	
Nuisance Complaints - Public Health	Environment	<a href="#">Environ. Article 10-201</a>	
Other Licenses (Camps, Institutional, Pet Shops, etc.)	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.16.01.03, &amp; .05</a>	
Outdoor music festivals		<a href="#">COMAR 10.16.05</a>	LHD evaluates plans and inspects outdoor music festivals
Quarantine	Epi/ Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">Health - General §18-901</a>	Health official may issue a directive to an individual or a group to go and remain in places of isolation or quarantine
Solid waste - general	Environment	Consult local ordinance	Investigate complaints; review sewage and sludge applications and sites; review demolition permits
Solid Waste - septic systems	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.02 &amp; .05</a>	Review applications; issue permits; provide installation inspection; investigate failing systems
Solid Waste - special medical waste	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.06</a>	Applies to entities which generate and handle special medical waste or sharps. Also applies to entities which treat and dispose of special medical waste.
Swimming Pool, Spa Licenses	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.17.01</a>	

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Swimming Pool, Spa, Bathing Beach Inspections	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 10.17.01, 26.04.01 &amp; 09</a>	
Swimming/ Bathing Beach Licenses	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.08.09</a>	
Tanning - Use of Tanning Devices by Minors		<a href="#">COMAR 10.52.06</a>	Use of Tanning Devices by Minors
Tattoo/ body piercing	Consumer Protection	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.06G and 10.06.01.06H</a>	
Tobacco - smoking in public	Tobacco	<a href="#">COMAR 10.19.04</a>	Prohibition of Smoking in Indoor Areas Open to the Public; LHD investigate complaints
Tobacco - youth tobacco sales	Tobacco		
Tranportation safety - Bike helmets	Injury prevention	<a href="#">Transportation Article § 21- 1207.1</a>	Helmets are required for everyone under the age of 16, including passengers, who ride their bicycles on the road,
Tranportation safety - Bike traffic	Injury prevention	<a href="#">Transportation Article § 21- 1202</a>	Maryland's traffic laws apply to bicycles and motor scooters.
Transportation safety - child safety seats	Injury prevention		All children younger than eight years of age must be secured in a federally approved child safety seat unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller. The child restraint must be right for the child's size, age, and weight.
Transportation safety - pedestrians	Injury prevention	Transportation Article § 21, Subtitle 5	Pedestrians rights and rules
Transportation safety - seat belts	Injury prevention		All drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts.
Vital Records - Birth Certificates	Records	<a href="#">Health– General Section 4- 204</a>	Birth, death, and fetal death certificate copies
Water - Certificate of Potability	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.04</a>	
Water - emergency	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.01</a>	LHD assures supply of fresh water in an emergency

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Water - Percolation Testing	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.02</a>	LHD performs percolation testing and soil analysis; site plan review; ground water monitoring
Water - Well Construction	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.04</a>	LHD issues permits and conducts inspections
Authority - County Board of Health powers and duties			
Authority - Local Health Officer	Authority	<a href="#">Health - General §3-301 to §3-309</a>	Local health officer powers and duties
Authority - County Board of Health	Authority	Health - General §3-301 to §3-309	County Board of Health powers and duties
Emergency - Catastrophic Health Emergency	Emergency	<a href="#">Health - General §18-901</a>	
Emergency - access to potable water	Environment	<a href="#">COMAR 26.04.01</a>	LHD assures supply of fresh water in an emergency
Emergency - Quarantine	Epi/Comm Dis Control	<a href="#">Health - General §18-901</a>	Health official may issue a directive to an individual or a group to go and remain in places of isolation or quarantine
Birth Certificates	Records	<a href="#">Health- General Section 4-204</a>	Public health agency provides copies of Birth, death, and fetal death certificates
Pets - store inspections	Animal control		Public health agency inspects pet stores for compliance with reptile caution notices, exotic bird records, humane and sanitary conditions
Pets - exotic bird permits	Animal control	<a href="#">Health - General §24-101 to 24-110</a>	Public health agency inspects exotic bird records and issues permits
Pets - rabies control	Animal control	<a href="#">COMAR 10.06.02</a>	LHD investigates animal attacks involving humans; collects and sends animal specimens; enforces quarantine periods; conducts vaccination clinics