When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, art cannot manifest, strength cannot fight, wealth becomes useless, and intelligence cannot be applied.

- Herophilus
What is a DISEASE DETECTIVE?

KCMO Health Department disease detectives investigate and use what they’ve learned to prevent others from getting sick. They communicate crucial information rapidly about health problems in the city. Their work prevents illness, gets to the root of health problems and helps people cope in different situations. However, there are not enough disease detectives to fully protect the city.

More disease detectives means more investigations of communicable disease, more restaurants, daycare centers, & pools inspected in a timely manner & more injury & violence intervention to help keep our community healthy & safe.

FROM 2010-2014, LOW BIRTH WEIGHT WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TOWARDS INFANT DEATHS IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI.

Our maternal & child health specialists are the front line workers protecting our moms & babies.

65% of infants who died before their 1st birthday had a low birth weight.

8.5% of all live births in KCMO involved babies with a low birth weight.

Estimated $9.56 return on investment to society for every dollar invested in our maternal child health workforce