

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Woodford County Health Department



To the Citizens of Woodford County:

The Woodford County Health Department (WCHD) works continuously to identify needs, provide resources, and collaborate with partners and stakeholders to provide adequate services to Woodford County residents.

In March 2020, WCHD responded to the first COVID-19 case for the county. There has been an overwhelming response to this pandemic at the local level, in conjunction with state and federal partners. Many challenges have been identified and our staff have adapted to meet the evolving research, science, and guidance to provide assistance at the local level.

WCHD has been planning for a public health emergency for many years. In this particular response, local plans have had to adapt due to this specific response and additional assistance has been required to create a sustainable plan.

WCHD is fortunate to have dedicated staff that have provided essential functions to respond in a timely manner and provide assistance to many organizations in the community.

WCHD understands the pandemic has affected many sectors in different ways bringing hardships across the community. WCHD will continue to support the mission to serve our residents the best we can.

Bonnie Allen  
President

Hillary Aggertt  
Administrator

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## **Woodford County Board of Health**

The Health Department is governed by the Board of Health. These members are appointed by the County Board for a three-year term. Health Department Board Members serve without compensation and are empowered with general and specific duties and responsibilities as outlined in Chapter III 1/2 of the Illinois Statutes.

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Woodford County Health Department is to improve the health and well-being of our community through health education, health promotion, and preventive health services.

## Community Health

### Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities

Funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Woodford County Health Department offers programming through the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities (ITFC) grant. The grant supports efforts to establish tobacco and e-cigarette prevention and control programs to prevent tobacco and e-cigarette use, eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke, and eliminate related health disparities.

2020 was the third year of regional Illinois Tobacco-Free Community grant funding, allowing Woodford County Health Department to work collaboratively with Peoria City/County Health Department and Tazewell County Health Department. The regionalized grant funding increased funding for each individual agency as well as the tri-county region. The new regional grant allows the departments, along with community partners to work on policy initiatives and activities to promote a smoke-free lifestyle.

The tri-county ITFC grant activities are as follows:

- Create and promote tobacco-free and/or smoke-free policies for multi-unit housing, outdoor spaces (parks, athletic fields, and outdoor events) and campuses (colleges, trade schools, businesses, and health care facilities).
- Conduct enforcement activities for compliance of 2008 Illinois Smoke-Free Illinois Act.
- Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic public health response, new policy work was put on hold for the majority of the grant year.
- In 2019, Metamora Park District passed a tobacco-free policy for Brighton Park and Metamora Pool. In 2020, Metamora Park District Board voted to expand that policy to include all parks and pool in their district.



### Smoke-Free Illinois Act

The Woodford County Health Department educates the community about the 2008 Smoke Free Illinois Act, and assists residents with successful compliance. The 2008 Smoke-Free Illinois Act protects the public from the harmful effects of exposure to tobacco and second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoking in indoor public places and places of employment. WCHD promotes the Smoke-Free Illinois Act through a variety of outreach efforts to help residents successfully comply with the law being the ultimate goal.

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act is enforced in partnership with the Woodford County Sheriff's Department (WCSO). WCSO conducts unannounced compliance checks and targeted enforcement based on public complaints. There were 142 compliance checks completed for the 2020 grant year.

Additionally, businesses are required to post “No Smoking” signage and are responsible for keeping the establishment smoke-free. The Smoke-Free Illinois Act states that smoking should not take place within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, or window that opens and/or any ventilation intakes of an indoor public venue or business. To review the 2008 Smoke-Free Illinois Act in its entirety, or to register an anonymous complaint, visit [www.smoke-free.illinois.gov](http://www.smoke-free.illinois.gov).

### The Illinois Tobacco Quitline

Woodford County Health Department promotes the [Illinois Tobacco Quitline](http://www.quitline.org). Through the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, Woodford County residents can receive free assistance and the



necessary tools to help them successfully quit tobacco products for good. The Illinois Tobacco can also help individuals quit e-cigarettes or vaping. Specialized counselors give personalized assistance while a resident is in the process of quitting. Qualified individuals may also have access to nicotine replacement products through the mail. Residents can call 1-866-Quit-Yes or visit [quityes.org](http://quityes.org).

### Public Education and Awareness

An essential part of public health is prevention, and with that comes the responsibility of WCHD to provide residents with education regarding a wide variety of topics. Public awareness includes an online presence with the agency website and social media. Public education and awareness are a grant requirement for all WCHD grants.

Due to response work for the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, public awareness and education was mostly focused on COVID-19 prevention, cases, and deaths of county residents, contact tracing and vaccination education. In 2020, the WCHD Facebook page following increased to 3,165 and page likes increased to 2,667. Additionally, staff were able to answer questions and direct people to COVID-19 resources using our Facebook page. In an effort to keep residents informed of ongoing efforts to mitigate COVID-19 and give them correct, accurate information, the WCHD Facebook page is updated every weekday. With sharing and partnering with other health department, WCHD is able to reach thousands of more people than our page follower.

In March of 2020, WCHD partnered with Peoria City/County and Tazewell County Health Departments to form a Joint Information Center (JIC) for the local COVID-19 response. The three counties formed a JIC to streamline information for the public as the counties share news outlets. The three health departments continue to work together to report daily COVID-19 case numbers and other important information.

## Emergency Preparedness

In January 2020, the Woodford County Health Department started to receive communication from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19. As the spread of the virus continued, our staff convened meetings with the Woodford County Emergency Planning Council, Woodford County Emergency Management Agency, and the Woodford County Sheriff's Office to discuss the potentials for local cases.

The evening of March 13, 2020, Woodford County Health Department was notified of the first Woodford County case. The Administrator worked with the Director of Nursing and Emergency Response Coordinator to enact local plans. The Administrator and Director of Nursing also worked with the tri-county partners to assess the situation and be able to respond.

On March 14, 2020, the Woodford County Health Department had many essential staff members working to respond to this event. Later that afternoon, a press conference was conducted. With a new virus, the communication, research, and science were ever evolving. New information was made available several times a day. The staff continued to work to identify new information, share information and resources, and provide guidance to assist local partners and the community.

Case investigation and contact tracing is a specialized skill. To be conducted effectively, it requires people with training, supervision, and access to social and medical support for positive cases and their close contacts. Contact tracing slows the spread of COVID-19 and prevents outbreaks from occurring in different settings. Contact tracing helps protect community members by notifying people they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and protecting the rights of the patients. Contact tracing provides assistance and resources, monitors symptoms, identifies epidemiological links, and reduces the spread of the virus.

Since the pandemic started, WCHD staff have gone above and beyond. Staff have been working enormous amounts of overtime to meet the needs of our community and assist the residents of Woodford County. Once grant funding was secured, additional staff were hired. Traditional staff continue to assist with training, education and guidance to our community. There are currently eight dedicated contact tracing staff.

All contact tracing staff conduct tasks in a professional and secure way to protect the privacy of our residents. Staff calls anyone that has tested positive and populated in one of the four state systems to isolate those individuals and to provide guidance and resources. Additional calls are made to close contacts to notify them of quarantine orders, provide guidance and resources. Staff also follow up with any concerns or questions patients may have on a daily basis. The agency has implemented the state calling number which is 312-777-1999. If any resident has contact tracing questions, they are able to use this number and leave a message for one of the Woodford County staff members to call you back.

Due to the on-going response, this is a brief summary. When the response is completed, a comprehensive report will be presented.

## Local Health Protection Grant

The Woodford County Health Department receives the Local Health Protection grant each year to complete public health core services including food, septic, water, and communicable disease that are required through the Illinois General Assembly Administrative Code.

### Septic and Water Well Programs:

The sewage disposal and water programs work together to protect the drinking water supplies for residents outside city water treatment areas and to prevent pollution by overseeing standards for proper on-site sewage disposal. Services include: permitting and inspection of all newly constructed or renovated water wells and closed loop wells and sewage disposal systems; inspection of well and sewage systems during real estate transactions; interpret and report water sample results; oversee safe drinking water systems for all non-community wells from which more than 25 persons are served; investigation and resolution of complaints; and provide educational materials/presentations upon request.

#### **SEWAGE PROGRAM:**

<u>Sewage Permits Issued:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
New:	34	33	40	43
Renovated:	61	61	57	66
<u>Sewage Systems Inspected:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
New:	23	34	43	38
Renovated:	57	53	52	63
<u>Sewage Complaints:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	6	8	8	12

#### **WATER PROGRAM:**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Closed Loop Well Permits:	6	10	12	6
Closed Loop Well Inspected:	6	10	12	6
Water Well Permits:	32	19	44	28
New Wells Inspected:	35	21	31	33
Non-Community Wells:	16	16	11	15
Water Sample Results:	288	321	374	479
Water Complaints:	1	1	3	7



## Food Protection Program

The Woodford County Health Department Food Sanitation Program promotes food safety through education. The Woodford County Health Department offers a variety of educational opportunities through free in-service programs, Certified Food Protection Manager Certification courses, consultations, and informational newsletters. The Woodford County Health Department also provides specialized training and plan design consulting for new retail food establishments. In addition, the Woodford County Health Department regularly inspects/monitors food service activities in retail food establishments to ensure compliance with the IL Food Code and Woodford County Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Ordinance. There are on average 186 retail foodservice establishments licensed & operating in Woodford County.

<u>Demographics</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Number of full-time inspectors in food	2	2	2	2
Number of formal trainings (travel) for staff	0	2	2	2
Number of in-house trainings for staff	13	12	3	0

<u>Establishment Statistics</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Retail food establishments active at fiscal year end	186	190	182	186
Total food establishment permits issued for year	190	194	187	194
Routine Inspections	145	281	228	243
Establishments cited for Repeat Minor violations	10	47	40	42
In-services in lieu of 3 <sup>rd</sup> inspection	1	0	0	0
Follow up inspections completed	0	0	3	1
Plan reviews completed	12	20	19	24
Pre-Operational Inspections	20	33	22	28
New Establishments	16	22	15	15
Temporary Food Establishment Inspections	77	210	194	170
Cottage Food Operations	7	11	10	9

<u>Public Training</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Trainings for food workers, schools, and the public	2	3	2	9
Certified Food Protection Managers	14	36	31	39

<u>Enforcement and Compliance</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Complaint Investigations	29	21	24	23
Number of Compliance Proceedings	0	1	2	1
Number of Holds/Embargoes Placed	0	0	0	0



## Communicable Disease & Outbreak Reporting

The Communicable Disease section investigates reports of cases of disease to the state and educates on the specific diagnosis, prevention, and infection control measures. Investigation includes: review of treatment, disease processes, and referrals to seek appropriate medical attention. Annual surveillance reports are completed for influenza and other threatening illnesses. Data collection and extensive investigations assist on local, state, and federal levels regarding disease presentation and transmission. The health department works closely with tri-county hospitals, clinics, and laboratories to examine all reportable cases. In addition to COVID-19, there were still many other communicable disease investigations in 2020.

Reportable Communicable Diseases	2020	2019	2018	2017
Acute Flaccid Myelitis	0	0	1	0
Anaplasma Phagocytophilum	0	1*	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	12	7*	8	42
Chlamydia	60	86	64	63
Coronavirus Novel 2019	1548	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	0	0
E-Coli – STEC	0	0	1*	5
E-Coli- ETEC	0	0	2*	1
Gonorrhea	16	23	12	11
Haemophilus influenza	0	1	1	1*
Hepatitis A	0	1	0	0
Hepatitis B (Chronic)	2	0	0	6
Hepatitis B (Acute)	0	0	0	1
Hepatitis B (Unspecified)	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis C (Chronic or Resolved)	6	5	4   2*	25
Hepatitis C (Acute)	1	0	0	2
Histoplasmosis	3	0	0	2*
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	0	2	7	4
Legionnaires Disease	0	1	0	1
Lyme Disease	2	1   2*	4*	5   2*
Mumps	0	0	1*	1*
Pertussis	1	1	0	5
Rabies, potential human exposure	4	0	8	0
Salmonella	6	13	6	10
Shiga Toxin-Producing E.Coli	2	1	0	0
Shigellosis	0	1	1	2*
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis	0	0	1*	1
Invasive Streptococcus Group A (Strep)	0	2	0	10**
Tuberculosis (Active)	0	1	0	0
Tuberculosis (Latent)	0	0	1	1
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	0	1*	1	2
Yersiniosis	0	0	0	1*

\*indicates probable/suspect infection per CDC case definitions    \*\* Indicates associated with an outbreak

WCHD focuses on disease trends to conduct surveillance. Disease trends are unknown year to year. WCHD continually provides many different surveillance efforts behind the scenes. If a person lives, worships, shops, works, or attends school in Woodford County, then in some way, communicable disease surveillance affects them. WCHD works with local, state, and national providers to track and report numerous communicable diseases and to ensure proper care and follow up of those diagnosed. The next time the CDC is on the news reporting a specific number of cases of a disease, remember your local health department played a role.

Despite COVID-19, there were still many other communicable disease investigations. Due to contact tracing related to COVID -19 many have become familiar with the process in gathering information and close contacts related to a communicable disease investigation. This same process is utilized with many other communicable diseases. There are several reporting systems utilized locally. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requires data entry into the following systems: Illinois – National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS), Outbreak Reporting System (ORS), RedCap, and Salesforce. Outbreaks are also under the umbrella of communicable disease. The definition of outbreak is determined based on the disease. There were several outbreaks open this year that included: investigations of epidemiology linkages, close monitoring, and follow up.

## Environmental Health

### Vector Program:

West Nile Virus is a major public health concern. In 2019, WNV impacted Illinois with 26 human cases and 1 death. Woodford County had two birds test positive for West Nile Virus. No humans or mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus. There was one case of Lyme disease in Woodford County. No positive rabies cases.

The Vector Program for WNV included surveillance and education. Below is a summary of the surveillance and education activity.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
WNV educational events/displays at community events:	2	6	7	2
Number of bird Specimens collected and tested	3	7	9	12
Number of bird specimens positive for WNV:	0	2	0	1
Mosquito traps set to test mosquitoes for WNV:	31	33	32	38
Number of Mosquito pools positive for WNV:	0	0	0	0
Number of humans positive for WNV:	0	0	0	0
Number of used tires collections:	1	2	1	1

### Radon Program:

The Woodford County Health Department encourages residents to check the radon levels of their homes. The best time to check for radon is during cold weather when windows and doors are closed. Test kits are available through the Health Department for \$15.00. The cost includes: short-term charcoal envelope, laboratory analysis, and shipping.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Radon test kits sold:	26	33	54	44

### Complaints:

The Woodford County Health Department periodically receives complaints from the public regarding food, septic, water, vector, and nuisance complaints. All complaints are investigated until issue has been resolved then complaint is abated. WCHD does not have jurisdiction over all complaints received, therefore, these complaints are referred to surrounding agencies/offices for follow-up or enforcement.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Complaints Received:	42	37	52	65

### Tanning Facilities Inspections:

All tanning facilities open to the public that house ultraviolet lamps or products containing lamps intended for the irradiation of any part of the living body for cosmetic or nonmedical related purposes are required to be registered with the Department. Upon receipt of a completed application, an inspection is conducted to monitor compliance with the program and ensure that the premises and tanning facilities are installed and operated in accordance with the current IL Tanning Facility Permit Act [210 ILCS 145] and IL Tanning Facilities Code [Part 795].

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Tanning Facilities active at fiscal year-end	5	5	N/A*	N/A*
Indoor Tanning Facilities Inspections	5	5	N/A*	N/A*
Complaint Investigations	0	0	N/A*	N/A*
Number of Units Detained/Embargoed	0	0	N/A*	N/A*

\*Please note that in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 the Woodford County Board of Health chose not to apply for the IL Department of Public Health tanning program grant due to possible lack of funding and timely payments.

### Tire Collection Events



An IEPA Unit of Local Government tire collection was held September 21-23, 2020. The Health Department sponsored and monitored the event. A total of 822 tires were collected from participating Woodford County road commissioners, cities, and villages. Tires were shredded on-site at the Woodford County Highway Department location and hauled away.

## Maternal and Child Health

### Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a federally funded, supplemental food program that provides nutrition information and free foods to help mothers, infants, and children get the nutrients they need for proper growth



and development. Client visits are separated into three categories: Certifications (annual visit), Follow-up Visits (6 months after certification), and Nutrition education/internet education sessions (biannually between Certification and Follow- Up appointments.)

The Women Infant Children (WIC) program looked very different this year with some exciting changes. Despite some challenges with COVID-19, our department has continued to meet the needs of our clients through this time. In March, the Illinois WIC Program activated a Disaster Plan to serve our clients by phone and designated times to pick up their vouchers in a safe manner. In August, the Illinois WIC program transitioned from paper vouchers to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. The new program is called I-WIC. Finally, we also were able to offer clients Farmer Market Coupons for the first time. This allowed clients the option to have designated additional vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Farmers Markets.

<u>WIC Appointments</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Certifications	374	315	344
Follow Up Visits	243	352	296
Nutrition Education / Internet Education Sessions	435	355	375

### Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health.

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Slowed growth and development
- Learning and behavior problems
- Hearing and speech problems

This can cause:

- Lower IQ
- Decreased ability to pay attention
- Underperformance in school

Lead can be found throughout a child's environment.

- Homes built before 1978 (when lead-based paints were banned) probably contain lead-based paint.
- When the paint peels and cracks, it makes lead dust. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.
- Certain water pipes may contain lead.
- Lead can be found in some products such as toys and jewelry.
- Lead is sometimes in candies imported from other countries or traditional home remedies.
- Certain jobs and hobbies involve working with lead-based products, like stain glass work, and may cause parents to bring lead into the home.

### The Impact

**535,000**  
U.S. children ages 1 to 5 years have blood lead levels high enough to damage their health.

**24 million**  
homes in the U.S. contain deteriorated lead-based paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust. **4 million** of these are home to young children.

It can cost  
**\$5,600**  
in medical and special education costs for each seriously lead-poisoned child.

The good news:  
Lead poisoning is **100% preventable**.

Take these steps to make your home lead-safe.

- Talk with your child's doctor about a simple blood lead test. If you are pregnant or nursing, talk with your doctor about exposure to sources of lead.
- Talk with your local health department about testing paint and dust in your home for lead if you live in a home built before 1978.
- Renovate safely. Common renovation activities (like sanding, cutting, replacing windows, and more) can create hazardous lead dust. If you're planning renovations, use contractors certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) for information).
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry from children and discard as appropriate. Stay up-to-date on current recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Visit [www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead) to learn more.

## Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In 2020, Woodford County Health Department continued to assist with the lead prevention program by screening and testing all high risk patients and any community members requesting testing through March 13, which was the last day of patient services before having to suspend services to the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lead testing is required by many schools and daycares for attendance. Doctor's offices were still testing for lead levels at well child visits, so WCHD still did receive new lead cases during 2020. Nursing staff provides case management, encompassing a variety of contacts with community members, family, and physician offices with follow-up testing, home visits, interventions, evidence-based resources, and educational conversations. In March of 2020 when the first case of COVID-19 was detected in Woodford County, the process for following lead cases changed. Case management continued by phone and mailing materials and follow-up letters to families, but home visits stopped for the safety of the staff and families. At the level of IDPH, home visits were suspended at times also for the safety of their staff. IDPH is continuing them currently, working from highest cases to the lowest.

Paint in older homes and soil seem to continue to be the leading causes of elevated lead levels in Woodford County. WCHD recommends lowering exposure to areas known to have high lead concentrations, not wearing shoes in the home, using wet sanding when doing home renovations on homes built before 1978, wet washing areas vs dry mopping, and following dietary recommendations to lower risk of absorbing more lead. New elevated level cases for this year have ranged from 6.5-12.6 µg/dl. Nursing staff are trained to complete home visits and assess areas with elevated lead levels to assist state officials. Elevated lead levels are reported from many tri-county health providers.

The current reporting system for lead levels remains the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPPS).

Lead: Clinical Evaluations	2020	2019	2018
Clients Tested in WCHD Clinic	22	80	78
Elevated Cases (>10 micrograms per decimeter)	14	11	4

## Immunizations

Immunizations for pediatric and adult populations are available during clinic hours. The clinic provides both Illinois' Vaccines for Children (VFC) and private inventory to assist the needs of Woodford County. The VFC program is supplied by state funding to assist with the immunization of children who qualify within the program guidelines. Private inventory is provided by the health department and administered to private insurance or self-paying clients. The implementation of third-party billing has increased the opportunity to provide this service to the community.



The health department contracted with school districts, organizations, and local villages to provide on-site clinics or open clinics to assist with employee recommended and influenza vaccinations. This is an easy and effective way for employers to provide immunizations while their employees go about their normal workday.

Woodford County Health Department continued to offer vaccinations in 2020, but in a different way to accommodate COVID-19 precautions. Clients were provided curb side services to continue to meet this need while also following COVID-19 best practices.

### Immunizations by the Numbers:

<u>VFC Vaccines</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Vaccinations	338	789	1075	1004
Influenza	26	141	120	75
<u>Private Vaccines</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Vaccinations*	95	250	606	487
Influenza*	208	250	317	265
<u>Total Vaccinations Given</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	667	1430	2118	1831

\*Adult and Child vaccinations are combined.



### Tuberculosis (TB)

WCHD provides both TB skin tests and TB blood work also known as a Quantiferon TB Gold test. WCHD nurses along with the Medical Director work closely with federal and state partners to understand TB risk through international travel, congregate settings, and health care entities. Case management includes case investigations, assessments, education, treatment and follow up. Several case investigations occurred to identify suspect or active cases in our local county.

<u>TB Statistics</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
TB skin tests	36	104	123	111
TB blood tests	3	1	2	1

### Lab Draw Program:

The partnership with the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System Reference Laboratory to provide low-cost lab collection services to the community. Common blood draws local medical providers prescribe can be completed by the nurses in-house for extremely discounted prices. Results are reported back to the physician or mid-level provider within 3 business days. Laboratory services start at \$35.00. The clinic has assisted many county employees and community members with this service. Sharing the benefits and cost savings for the community will help support this program for the upcoming year.



Although COVID-19 did have an impact on the ability to continue to grow this program we continued to service the needs and request for this service throughout the COVID-19 response.

<u>Lab Statistics</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Clients	17	20	NA	NA
Tests completed	48	43	NA	NA

## Car Seat Checks and Safety

The Woodford County Health Department applied and received funding from Illinois Department of Transportation Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Grant. This grant provided funds to purchase car seats for residents meeting certain economic guidelines. The Health Department was able to purchase 28 car seats for eligible residents in 2020. Due to the pandemic, in-person seat fittings were not able to be conducted at WCHD for most of the year. The seats will be shared with area car seat fitting stations that serve Woodford residents and be given out in the future at WCHD. The grant allows the Child Passenger Safety Technician to educate and answer questions regarding car seat installation. Approximately 30 hours of training is required every year for CPS Technician certification. The Woodford County Health Department offers Car Seat Safety Checks by appointment.

In 2020, the WCHD Child Passenger Safety Technician installed 5 car seats and conducted 6 additional educational sessions with clients. Two car seats were provided to qualified community residents. Pamphlets detailing car seat safety were handed out to all WIC participants served during the pandemic in lieu of in-person education sessions.

## Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing

The Woodford County Health Department partnered with Eureka College to provide education, resources, and a location for students to receive testing. The college provided students with a free voucher to be submitted with their specimen. This offered the students a close and confidential location to receive testing, treatment, and education. The Woodford County Health Department provided a presentation at the college in February to promote this partnership as well as education and resources. STI testing and treatment is available to all residents by appointment.

<u>STI Testing Statistics</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Testing with Counseling	3	13	7	15
Urine Collection Only/ "grab bag" testing	3	13	5	42
Blood Testing	5	8	N/A	N/A
Treatment only	0	0	2	N/A
Education Sessions (Presentations)	1	0	1	2

## Partnership for a Healthy Community



Woodford County Health Department continues to participate in the Partnership for a Healthy Community (PFHC), a community driven collaboration to improve health and wellness in the tri-county area. In order to be a certified health department, an Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) is required to be completed every three years. WCHD being a part of the Partnership for a Healthy Community continues to assist with this requirement.

For the years 2020-2022, the hospitals and health departments in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties have adopted the same Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This is different than the last cycle as one single CHNA and CHIP were completed compared to the last cycle when the hospitals and health departments completed separate implementation plans.

On February 5th, 2020, PFHC held their third annual meeting to address all of the successes of the past year as well as to discuss the 2020-2022 cycle. Mental Health, Substance Use, Healthy Eating/Active Living, and Cancer (Breast/Lung/Colorectal) are the priority areas that will be focused on in 2020-2022.

Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, in person meetings for action teams transitioned to virtual meetings in March of 2020. For more information about action team meetings, implementation plans, including goals and objectives for each priority, visit [www.healthyhoi.org](http://www.healthyhoi.org).

## Health Department Fiscal Report

### Revenues

Food Program Fees	\$ 32,445.00	Childhood Lead Grant	\$ 6,715.16
Health Protection Grant	\$ 66,257.00	Child Passenger Safety	\$ 1,724.33
COVID Contact Tracing	\$ 204,408.00	Immunizations	\$ 16,570.00
Illinois Tobacco Free Grant	\$ 36,000.00	Labs	\$ 775.00
Non-Community Water Grant	\$ 1,725.00	STI Testing Fees	\$ 170.00
Rabies Testing	\$ 308.16	TB	\$ 540.00
Radon Kits	\$ 375.00	WIC Program	\$ 53,664.54
Tanning	\$ 500.00	Medicaid	\$ 1,177.89
Vector Control Grant	\$ 14,691.00	Medicare	\$ 1,758.25
Water & Septic Fees	\$ 28,880.00	Third Party Billing- Private	\$ 8,056.71
Admin	\$ 55.32	Third Party Billing- Managed Care	\$ 4,313.85
TIF Settlements	\$ 144.07	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant	\$ 34,580.24
Property Taxes	\$ 142,466.85	Census Grant	\$ 15,000.00
Plan review	\$ 400.00	PH Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 47,266.74
Interest Income	\$ 6,326.54	Covid Crisis Grant	\$ 44,771.00
NACCHO	\$ 2,500.00	SPAN	\$ 5,056.40
Maurice Elbert Award	\$ 1,548.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>\$ 781,170.05</b>

### Expenditures

Department Head Salary	\$ 97,616.20		
Full Time	\$ 353,621.36		
Part Time	\$ 42,073.08		
New Equipment	\$ 29,372.92		
Contingent	\$ -		
TB Services	\$ 2,436.35		
Contractual	\$ 224,543.72		
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 749,663.63</b>

<b>6 Month Certificate of Deposit</b>	<b>\$509,670.97</b>
<b>Pooled Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$364,149.92</b>
<b>Fund Balance 11/30/2019</b>	<b>\$873,820.89</b>