

**Iroquois County
Public Health Department**

**Annual
Report
2020**



December 1, 2019-November 30, 2020

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IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (FY 2020)

BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Philip Zumwalt, Chairman
Lisa Breymeyer, Vice-Chairman
Marvin Stichnoth



An eight member Board of Health governs the Iroquois County Public Health Department. The Iroquois County Board Chairman appoints members for a three-year term.

(55 ILCS 5/5-25013)

The Board of Health shall prescribe the powers and duties of all officers and employees, fix their compensation, and authorize payment of the same and all other department expenses from the County Health Fund of the county or counties concerned.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR



On behalf of the Iroquois County Board of Health and the Iroquois County Public Health Department staff, we are pleased to present the Iroquois County Public Health Department's (ICPHD) fiscal year 2020 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of the numerous programs and services offered by ICPHD to protect and promote the health of our community. We hope the 2020 Annual Report helps the residents of Iroquois County to become more aware of our services and our impact in the community.

This year has been all about true public health service. The COVID-19 pandemic brought numerous challenges in public health across the United States. Mitigation efforts, prevention and control measures, case investigations, contact tracing, daily monitoring of cases, and continued public health education were extremely challenging due to the ever-changing recommendations and mandates. While these tasks were difficult, many opportunities arose to strengthen relationships within our own community.

Through cooperation and collaboration, along with creativity, ICPHD and our community partners found innovative ways to provide quality services, continual mitigation efforts and best practices recommendations for Iroquois County at large.

As we reflect on the year 2020, the word commitment comes to mind. As you review the report, you may be impressed with the number of residents receiving services through our local health department. You may also be surprised by the number and diversity of programs offered. What you cannot see in this report is the depth of commitment and compassion of the staff members making these programs possible. It is hard to imagine a team more dedicated to the improvement of lives and health of others. We are confident you will agree, we are fortunate to have the team we do. The Iroquois County Public Health Department is committed to serving our community.

We would like to thank the Iroquois County Board of Health, the Iroquois County Board, our community partners and the residents of Iroquois County for their continued support of our efforts to ensure that Iroquois County citizens have a safe living environment, safe food to eat, safe water to drink, and are as free as possible from communicable and chronic diseases. Let us know how we can serve you better.

Dee Ann Schippert *Michelle Fairley*

DEE ANN SCHIPPERT, RN, BSN

Public Health Administrator

MICHELLE FAIRLEY, RN

Board of Health President

ICPHD STAFF

The staff of the Iroquois County Public Health Department consists of 28 individuals including 10 registered nurses and 1 licensed environmental health practitioner. This 28 person staff consists of 17 full-time, 3 part-time, and 8 PRN employees. ICPHD is proud to have a team with diverse talent and experience to operate its 5 departments and numerous programs to serve Iroquois County.

ADMINISTRATION

Dee Ann Schippert, RN, BSN	<i>Public Health Administrator</i>
Sandra Sikma	<i>Financial Officer</i>
Taylor Eades	<i>Executive Assistant</i>

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Ryan Wheeler, MPH, LEHP	<i>Director of Environmental Health</i>
Kate Mueller, BS	<i>Associate Sanitarian</i>
Ryan Torbet, BS	<i>Associate Sanitarian</i>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Eric Ceci, BA, IPEM	<i>Director of PH Emergency Preparedness</i>
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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Vonda Pruitt, RN	<i>Former Director of Nursing Services</i>
Jane Newell, RN, BSN	<i>Director of Clinical Nursing Services</i>
Anne Romadka RN, BSN	<i>Director of Community Health Nursing Services</i>
Kim Bithos	<i>Receptionist</i>
Teresa Castonguay, RN, BSN	<i>Staff Nurse/School Nurse</i>
Gina Greene, MS, ATC	<i>Contact Tracer</i>
Aubrey Irwin, RN	<i>Staff Nurse</i>
Debra Longest, RN, BSN	<i>Staff Nurse</i>
Judy McCann	<i>Receptionist/Vision and Hearing Tech</i>
Chelsea McCray, RN	<i>Staff Nurse</i>
Melissa McEwen, RN	<i>Staff Nurse/School Nurse</i>
Vanessa Pizano	<i>Contact Tracer</i>
Megan Schippert	<i>Client Support Advocate</i>
Taylor Schippert	<i>Client Support Advocate</i>
Alissa Stevens	<i>Receptionist/Contact Tracer</i>
Kadyn Stevens	<i>Client Support Advocate</i>
Patricia Ward	<i>Client Support Advocate/Receptionist</i>
Briana Wheeler	<i>Client Support Advocate</i>

SENIOR SERVICES

Emily Shay, RN	<i>Director of Senior Services</i>
Kellee Ward	<i>Senior Services Professional</i>
Caleb Parker, BS	<i>Senior Services Professional</i>

NEW ICPHD STAFF 2020

In 2020, ICPHD had an increased staffing need in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Four full-time and six PRN staff members joined ICPHD to assist with COVID-19 mitigation. Additionally, one individual was hired in the Environmental Health division of ICPHD. Their diverse knowledge and capabilities serve as an excellent addition to the ICPHD team.



Aubrey Irwin, RN
Staff Nurse



Gina Greene, MS, ATC
Contact Tracer



Vanessa Pizano
Contact Tracer



Anne Romadka, RN, BSN
Director of Community
Health Nursing Services



Megan Schippert
Client Support Advocate



Taylor Schippert
Client Support Advocate



Alissa Stevens
Vision & Hearing Tech
/Receptionist



Kadyne Stevens
Client Support Advocate



Ryan Torbet
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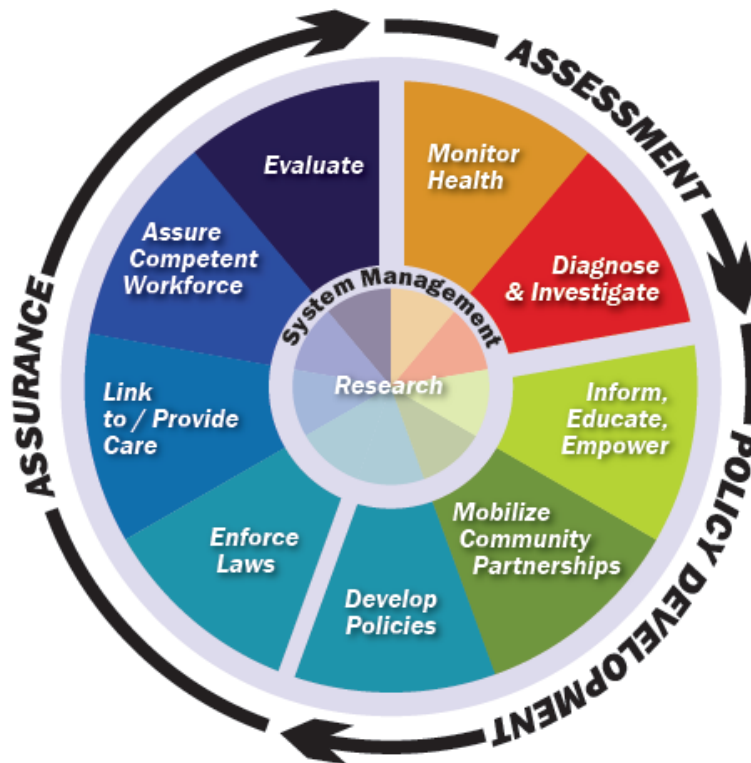


Briana Wheeler
Client Support Advocate



PUBLIC HEALTH

TEN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



CORE FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ASSESSMENT - Monitor environmental and health status to identify and solve community environmental health problems, and diagnose and investigate environmental health problems and health hazards in the community.

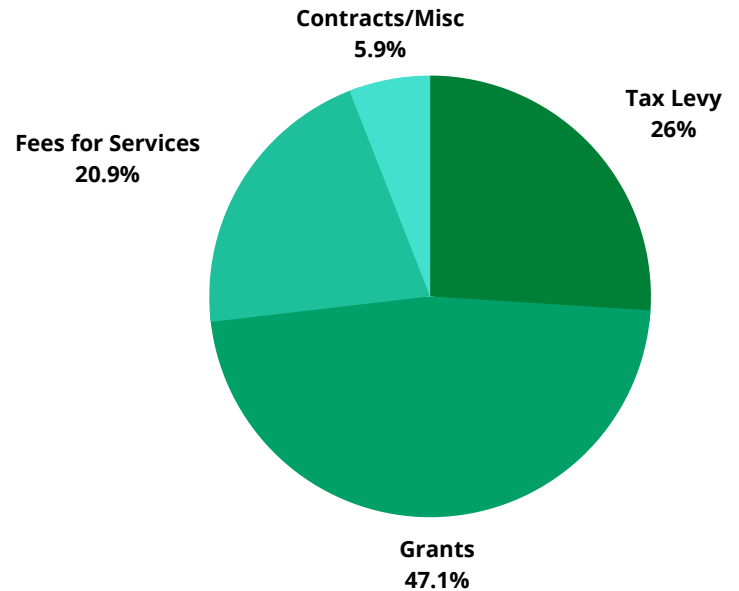
POLICY DEVELOPMENT - Inform, educate, and empower people about environmental health issues, mobilize community partnerships and actions to identify and solve environmental health problems, and develop policies and plans that support individual and community environmental health efforts.

ASSURANCE - Enforce laws and regulations that protect environmental health and ensure safety, link people to needed environmental health services and assure the provision of environmental health services when otherwise unavailable, assure a competent environmental health workforce, evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based environmental health services, and research for new insights and innovative solutions to environmental health problems.

2020 REVENUES & EXPENSES (SUMMARIZED)

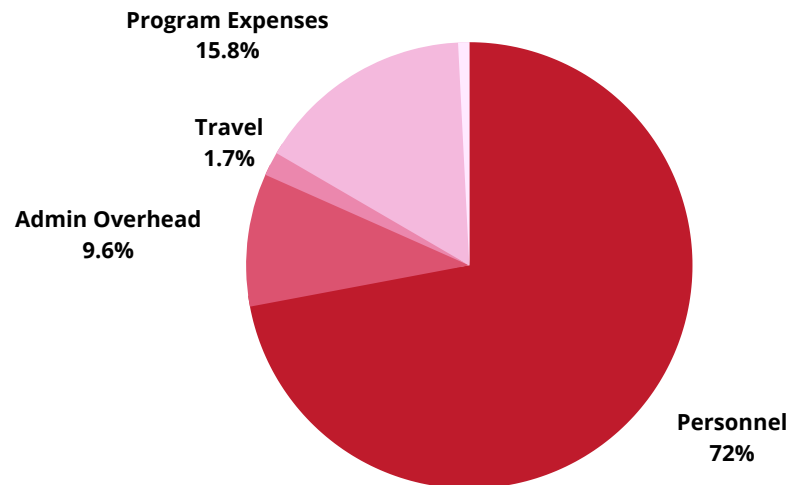
REVENUE

Tax Levy	\$315,044
Grants	\$571,047
Fees for Service	\$253,146
Contracts/Misc	\$72,015
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,211,252



EXPENDITURES

Personnel Costs	\$941,159
Administrative Overhead	\$125,600
Travel	\$22,697
Program Expenses	\$206,476
Capital Improvements/ Equipment	\$10,527
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,306,459



FUND BALANCE (11/30/2020)
\$750,170

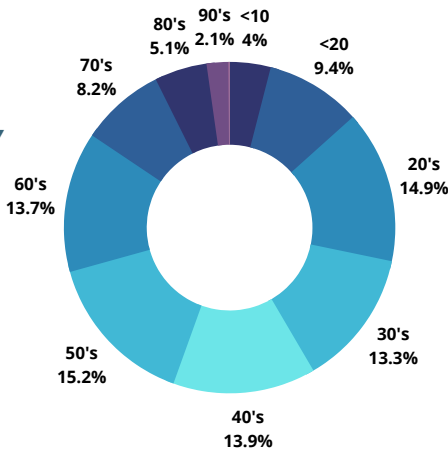
COVID-19 PANDEMIC (FY 2020)

COVID-19 is a dangerous and highly contagious disease caused by a virus discovered in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. This disease quickly spread throughout the world and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak a global pandemic. Iroquois County saw its first documented case of COVID-19 in March of 2020. The ICPHD staff worked diligently throughout 2020 to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

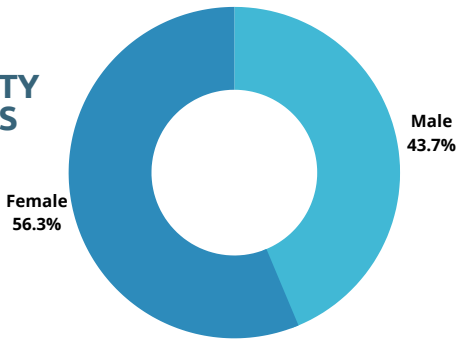
According to the CDC, COVID-19 most often causes respiratory symptoms that can feel much like a cold, flu, or pneumonia, but COVID-19 can also harm other parts of the body. Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild symptoms, but some people become severely ill. Older adults and those who have certain underlying medical conditions are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Iroquois County COVID-19 Cases.....	1702
Iroquois County COVID-19 Outbreaks.....	22
Iroquois County COVID-19 Deaths.....	29

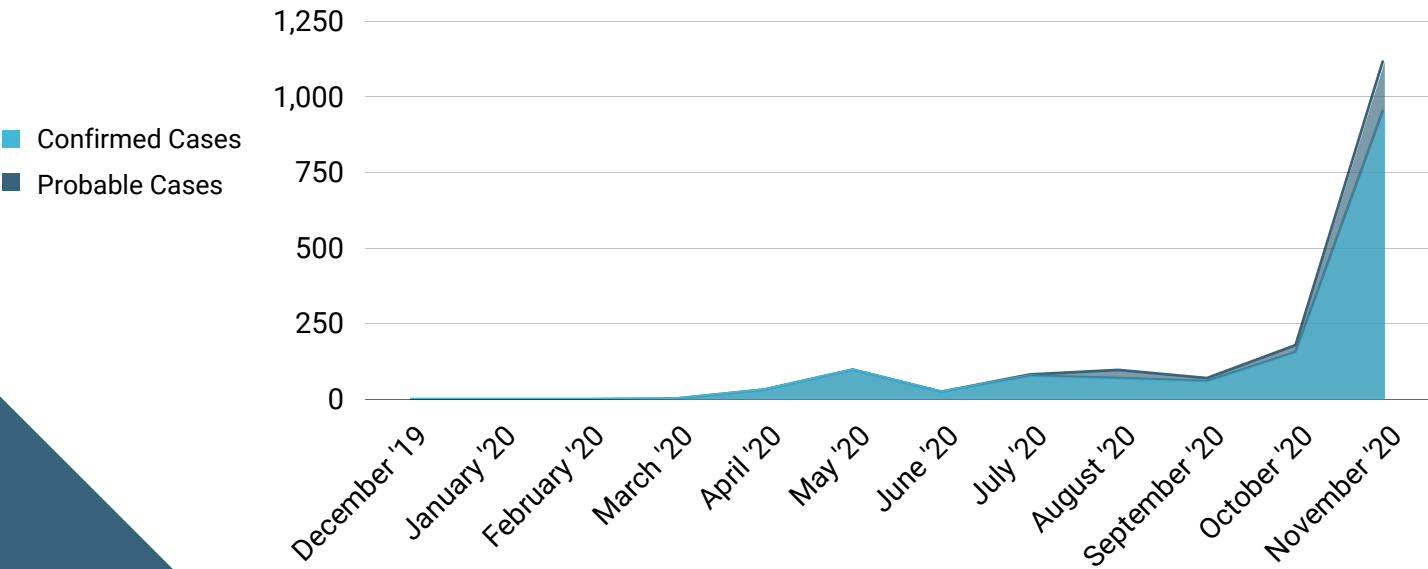
IROQUOIS COUNTY COVID-19 CASES BY AGE



IROQUOIS COUNTY COVID-19 CASES BY GENDER



FY 2020 IROQUOIS COUNTY COVID-19 CASES PER MONTH



ICPHD PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



268

Food Services
Inspections



52

Water Well/Sealing
Inspections



166

Water Sample Test Kits
17% Unsatisfactory



93

Vector Surveillance
Investigations



49

Radon Test Kits
Distributed



37

Private Sewage
Disposal Inspections



50

Lead Poisoning
Screenings



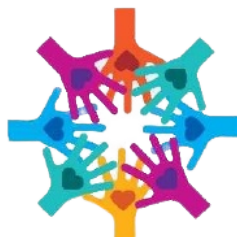
2,039

Immunizations
Given



1,884

Communicable
Disease Investigations



284

Community Care
Assessments/Reassessments



178

Press Releases



62

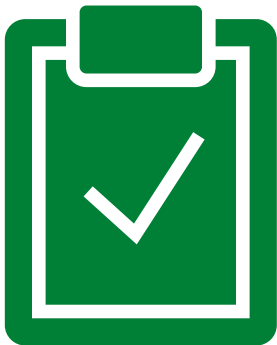
Tuberculosis Tests
Given

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the places we work and the homes we live in all have an impact on our health.

As a certified health department, the Environmental Health staff conduct programs to help ensure safe food is served at local establishments, private on-site wastewater systems properly dispose sewage, and safe drinking (potable) water is provided by new and existing water wells.

BODY ART INSPECTIONS



Iroquois County Public Health Department contracts with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct body art facility inspections in Iroquois County. All establishments providing body art services such as tattooing, piercing, branding or scarification are required to be registered. Upon receipt of a completed registration application, Environmental Health staff conducts an inspection to monitor compliance with IL Administrative Code 77.797. Renewal inspections are conducted annually.

Compliance Inspections.....3

COMPLAINTS

Complaints are investigated per the Iroquois County Nuisance Ordinance. The term “nuisance” is defined as the unreasonable or unlawful use by a person of their real or personal property, or the unreasonable, indecent or unlawful personal conduct which materially interferes with or jeopardizes the health, safety, prosperity, quiet enjoyment of property or welfare of others, offends common decency, or is offensive to the senses.



Nuisance.....18
Sewage.....10
Water..... 4

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD SANITATION

Under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Governing Food and Sanitation and IDPH, Environmental Health staff are responsible for protecting individuals consuming foods in Iroquois County from food-borne illnesses. Activities include issuance of permits, inspections, destruction of unwholesome food, and complaint investigations.



Food Establishment Inspections.....	227
Permits Issued.....	197
Re-inspections.....	41
Temporary Permits Issued.....	31
Boil Orders.....	23
Cottage Food Permits.....	7
Plan Submittals.....	19
Re-opening/Openings.....	18
Complaints.....	20
Farmers Market Inspections.....	1

POTABLE WATER PROGRAM

Potable water is water that is safe to drink or to use in food preparation. Under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Governing Water Wells and Water Supplies in Iroquois County and IDPH, Environmental Health focuses on reducing the risk for transmission of communicable disease by promoting the proper design, construction, and sealing of drinking water wells. A major consideration in constructing water wells is to prevent contamination from surface or shallow ground water, sewage disposal systems and other hazardous sources, from entering the well.

Water Sample Kits Distributed.....	166
Unsatisfactory Samples.....	31
Non-Community Samples.....	40
Environmental Surveys.....	0
New Well Inspections.....	24
Non-Community Well Surveys.....	18
Permits Issued for New Wells.....	31
Permits Issued for Sealed Wells.....	31
Sealed Well Inspections.....	28



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

the Private Sewage Disposal Program operates under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Private Sewage, Disposal Systems of Iroquois County, and IDPH. Environmental Health staff are responsible for protecting residents from serious health hazards caused by malfunctioning or improperly constructed private sewage disposal systems.



Inspections.....	37
Permits Issued.....	41
Disposal Site Inspections.....	9
Pumper Truck Inspections.....	4

RADON PROGRAM

Radon is a natural radioactive gas that is released in rock, soil, and water from the natural decay of uranium. Radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. The only way to tell if you have radon gas in your home is to test for it. Through this program, individuals are able to receive a free radon test kit.



The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Radon Program and the Illinois Department of Public Health recommend if levels exceed 4.0 pCi/L, radon mitigation should be used to reduce the radon level and decrease the risk of lung cancer. The U.S. Surgeon General warns that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking and the number one cause of lung cancer in non smokers.

Number of Kits.....	49
>4pCi/L.....	4

SOLID WASTE INSPECTIONS



ICPHD Environmental Health staff inspect all garbage waste hauler trucks in Iroquois County.

Inspections.....	38
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITIES



IDPH provides funding to ICPHD to implement strategies for prevention of youth tobacco initiation, secondhand smoke elimination, including promotion and enforcement of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, and tobacco cessation, including promotion of and referral to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act (Public Act 95-0017) protects the public from the harmful effects of exposure to tobacco smoke by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment and within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, windows that open, or ventilation intake of a public place or place of employment. Funding is provided to certified local health departments to conduct compliance inspections.

Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance Inspections.....295

TANNING INSPECTIONS

Iroquois County Public Health Department contracts with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct tanning facility inspections in Iroquois County. Upon receipt of a completed registration application, Environmental Health staff conduct an inspection to monitor compliance with the IL Administrative Code. Renewal inspections are conducted annually.



Tanning Inspections.....4

VECTOR CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Illinois Department of Public Health awards annual grants to local health departments to conduct vector surveillance and control measures. Environmental Health staff trap mosquitoes to track the presence of West Nile Virus. The trap is filled with an organic liquid, that contains larvicide, where the mosquito lays its eggs. The adult mosquitoes are drawn into the trap and are caught in the net. The net is gathered and taken to the health department and frozen. The frozen mosquitoes are counted and ground for testing. The test for detecting West Nile Virus take approximately 10 minutes.

A mosquito becomes infected with West Nile Virus by biting a bird that carries the virus. It is then spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Environmental Health Staff also collect dead “perching birds,” such as blue jays, crows, and robins, for West Nile Virus testing. Perching birds are more susceptible, with a higher rate of testing positive for West Nile Virus. These birds are frozen and sent to the state lab for further testing.

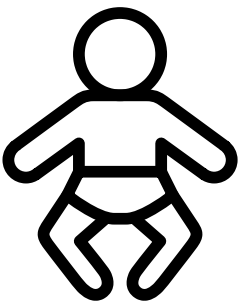
Mosquito Samples (0 positive).....91
Bird Samples (0 positive).....2

The Iroquois County Public Health Department aims to help all Iroquois County residents reach their maximum health potential. As a certified health department, the Community Health staff works to prevent disease outbreaks and chronic disease conditions through immunizations, testing, investigations and education.

CLINICAL SERVICES

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Community Health nurses can complete developmental screenings on children two to sixty months of age. These screenings can help identify potential health concerns or delays, allowing the nurses to educate and make appropriate referrals.



Screenings Completed.....48

HEMOGLOBIN SCREENINGS

Screenings are offered at any age (children or adult) to detect or monitor low hemoglobin levels.

Screenings Completed.....42

HYPERTENSION SCREENINGS



Blood pressure checks are offered at no cost during normal business hours. Regularly monitoring your blood pressure reduces your chance of heart disease or stroke.

Screenings Completed.....17
Education.....17

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CONSULTATION

A pre-travel consultation is recommended to prepare travelers for health concerns and to provide immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases.

Consultations Completed.....6

LEAD SCREENINGS

Lead screenings are completed on children over the age of one. Early detection of lead poisoning is important in the prevention of learning disabilities, behavioral problems, brain damage, muscle weakness, or even death.

Screenings Completed.....50



COMMUNITY HEALTH

PATERNITY SCREENINGS

Paternity testing is provided for “Court Ordered” cases only.

Screenings Completed.....7

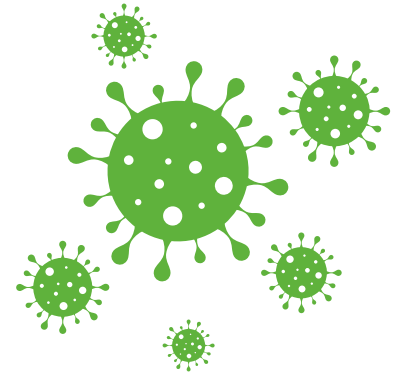
PREGNANCY SCREENINGS

A urine sample pregnancy test is conducted. Early testing allows the mother to start prenatal care and obtain referrals to agencies which provide prenatal and/or parenting education.

Tests Completed.....10

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Health departments are required to investigate communicable (infectious) diseases. Community Health nurses investigate and mitigate communicable diseases reported by mandated reporters, such as health care providers, hospitals, and laboratories. These diseases are mandated to be reported because they are considered to be contagious, infectious, communicable and dangerous to the public’s health. For 2020, ICPHD conducted the following investigations:



Animal Bites.....	45	Syphilis.....	5
Chlamydia.....	33	Salmonella.....	2
Campylobacteriosis.....	5	Shiga Toxin- E coli.....	2
COVID-19.....	1,702	Strep Disease Group A.....	4
Gonorrhea.....	14	Rabies.....	19
Haemophilus Influenza Invasive.....	3	Norovirus Outbreak.....	2
Hepatitis B.....	2	Influenza with ICU admit.....	3
Hepatitis C.....	30	Varicella.....	1
Histoplasmosis.....	3	Vibriosis-Unspecified.....	2
Lyme Disease.....	3	Influenza Like Illness Outbreak.....	3
Mumps.....	1		

Note: An investigation does not indicate a confirmed case.

For a complete listing of reportable diseases, please refer to the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Information and education increase public awareness and knowledge, and help to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. ICPHD utilizes several outreach methods and events to disseminate important information to keep Iroquois County residents safe.

Educational Presentations.....	8
Flu Clinics.....	4
Health Fairs.....	0
Public Speaking Events.....	6
Press Releases.....	178

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

ICPHD contracts Miles of Smiles to administer the Dental Sealant Program in schools throughout Iroquois County for students meeting required guidelines. Due to the pandemic, schools limited visitors, therefore this program was temporarily suspended.



FIT TESTING

The Iroquois County Public Health Department offers Colorectal Cancer Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kits for individuals 50 to 75 years of age who have not had a colonoscopy in the last 10 years, a sigmoidoscopy in the last 5 years, or a history of colon cancer or prior resection. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States and is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., but it is also largely preventable.

FIT Testing.....	2
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ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

ICPHD is a sub-grantee of Livingston County Health Department for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program grant. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program offers free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap tests to eligible women. Even if a woman has already been diagnosed with cancer, she may receive free treatment if she qualifies. Approval of male client breast services are determined on a case by case basis.

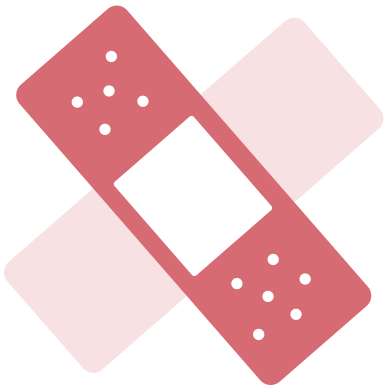


New/Renewal Case Management Clients.....	24
Clinical Breast Exam.....	17
Mammogram.....	18
Pap Test.....	6
Diagnostic Services.....	5

COMMUNITY HEALTH

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS



Regardless of age, immunizations protect against serious and deadly diseases. Protection from vaccines received as a child can wear off over time, placing adults at risk for new and different diseases. ICPHD starts providing flu shots in September. Getting the flu shot is the best way to reduce the chance of getting the seasonal flu and spreading it to others. It takes approximately two weeks after vaccination for the body to develop protection against the flu.

Adult Immunizations.....	98
Flu Shots.....	317
Pneumonia Vaccines.....	39

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

ICPHD offers Illinois' Vaccines for Children (VFC), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and private pay vaccines for children. The VFC Program helps provide vaccines to children who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid eligible, or are American Indian or Alaskan Native. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides no-cost or low-cost health coverage for eligible children in Illinois. These programs help ensure all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule.

VFC Immunizations.....	1371
CHIP Immunizations.....	39
Private Pay Immunizations.....	172



Immunizations for children and adults are available by appointment. ICPHD does accept some private insurances.

JAIL AND INSTITUTION PROGRAM

ICPHD Community Health staff provides physical assessment, consultation (as needed), and referrals (as appropriate) for incarcerated individuals in the Iroquois County jail, thus identifying at-risk prisoners and reducing the spread of infectious disease.

Inmates Assessed.....	66
Inmates Referred for Follow-Up.....	16

COMMUNITY HEALTH

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM



ICPHD Community Health staff currently provides school health nursing services for Milford Area Public Schools #124 and Iroquois County Community Unit School District #9 schools. School nurses are responsible for caring for students who become ill or injured during school hours, taking vital signs, recording symptoms, administering basic medical aid, and maintaining compliance with state school requirements. They also care for students with asthma, diabetes, head lice, allergies, and more. The school nurses provide health education to students regarding STDs, nutrition, bullying prevention, and much more.

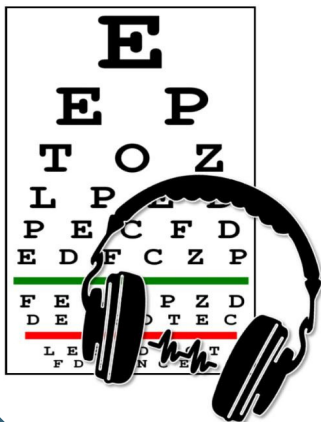
Students Served.....	1388
Illiana Migrant Head Start Students.....	0

TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

Although tuberculosis is an old disease, it remains a current threat throughout the world. The Tuberculosis Program reduces the incidences of this infectious disease in Iroquois County by providing screening, investigation, education, referral, and treatment of active and latent tuberculosis cases for Iroquois County residents. TB skin tests are available at the health department on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays with the exception of holidays.

New Cases Investigated.....	4
Patients on Medication.....	0
Skin Test Given: One-Step.....	45
Skin Test Given: Two-Step.....	17
Tests Not Read.....	6
X-Ray Referrals.....	0

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS



ICPHD’s Certified Vision and Hearing Technicians screen preschool through high school students in Iroquois County through the screening process established by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The program provides screenings, appropriate referrals, follow-up, and education.

Vision Screenings.....	629
Vision Rescreens.....	90
Vision Referrals.....	58
Hearing Screenings.....	718
Hearing Rescreens.....	31
Hearing Referrals.....	7

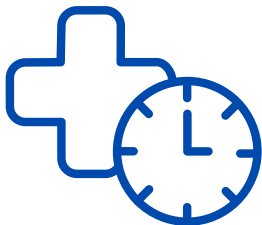
COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

The Community Care Program assists senior citizens who might otherwise require nursing home care. This program assists seniors to maintain their independence by providing cost effective alternatives to nursing home placement such as automated medication dispensing and emergency home response along with in-home and community-based services. Eligibility for the program includes people who are: 60 years old or older, a U.S. citizen or legal alien and a resident of Illinois, with non-exempt assets of \$17,500 or less (your home, car, or personal furnishings are classified as exempt assets).

Annual/Needs Based Reassessments.....	196
New Client Assessments.....	88
Nursing Home Pre/Post Screens.....	119
Intensive Casework.....	42
Intensive Monitoring.....	9



RESPIRE SERVICES



Respite is short-term services that help families take a break from the daily routine and stress of caring for a loved one through the provision of a caretaker.



**Through the IDOA,
the Senior Services
team at the Iroquois
County Public
Health Department
is dedicated to
serving citizens, age
60 or older, by
providing services
that facilitate
healthy living.**

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is charged with providing the citizens of Iroquois County with a plan that will ensure public health response to any overt threat whether natural or man-made. Emergency preparedness includes identifying the crisis at hand, as well as providing education and media information as appropriate to the public.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is not a steady state; it requires continuous improvement, including frequent testing of plans through drills and exercises and the formulation and execution of corrective action plans. All staff members of ICPHD are NIMS (National Incident Management System) trained.

POWER OF PREPAREDNESS: PREPARE YOUR HEALTH



In the event of a biological emergency, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) personnel would be delegated the responsibility of coordinating the response. A plan for the distribution of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) materials has been developed. The purpose is to establish policies, procedures and guidelines for the dispensing of mass medications and/or vaccinations to the residents of Iroquois County and to anyone who may be traveling through the county in the event of a bioterrorist attack, disease outbreak, or other natural or man-made disaster. In order to respond to an actual event, coordination and support of multiple agencies and community partners are necessary.

IROQUOIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The mission of the Iroquois County Public Health Department is to **“fulfill society’s interest in assuring conditions in which people can reach their maximum health potential.”** No matter their station in life, the health department focuses on education and services to help people achieve the highest level of wellness possible for the individual as well as the community.

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