



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 1, 2014 – NOVEMBER 30, 2015



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



Dear Residents of Iroquois County:

It has been a year and a half since the Iroquois County Public Health Department opened its doors to provide health services and programs to the citizens of our county. Enclosed is our annual report summarizing the activities for fiscal year 2015 which covers the period December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015.

As you review the report, you may be impressed with the number of residents receiving services through our local health department in the short time we have been in operation. You may also be surprised by the number and diversity of programs offered. What you cannot see in this report is the depth of compassion and dedication of the staff members making these programs possible. It is hard to imagine a team more focused on improving the lives of others, but

hopefully, you will agree that we are fortunate to have the team we do. You might associate the health department with the place to get a flu shot [which is true], but there is much, much more. Activities and programs within Senior Services, Environmental Health, and Community Health are detailed in the report to provide a snapshot of how your health department is striving to meet the challenges of health and wellness faced by our residents.

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is committed to serving you and your community. We encourage everyone to learn more about us and consider utilizing some of the programs and services to improve your overall health and wellness.

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Dee Ann Schippert, RN, BSN
Public Health Administration

Handwritten signature of John Shure in black ink.

John Shure
Board of Health President



About the Iroquois County Public Health Department . . .

A new era dawned on July 1, 2014, when the Iroquois County Public Health Department opened its doors to provide health services and programs to the residents of our county. The Iroquois County Public Health Department is located in the Iroquois County Administrative Center at 1001 East Grant Street in Watseka. We are committed to serving the residents of Iroquois County and strive to meet the challenges of health and wellness faced by the residents of Iroquois County.

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About our Health Programs & Services . . .

“A smile is contagious; be a carrier.”

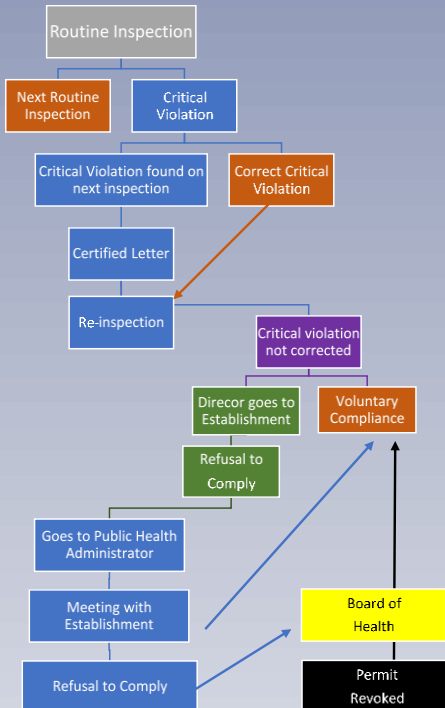
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

The Environmental Health Division's goal is protecting the residents of Iroquois County from contracting or transmitting disease or illness through water, food, or disposal of sewage. Environmental Health is comprised of: Food Protection, Potable Water, Private Sewage Disposal, Tanning, West Nile, Radon, and Nuisance.

Food Protection Program

This program is in place to protect every individual consuming food in Iroquois County from foodborne illness. This is achieved through inspections of food service establishments throughout the year. The Food Protection Program consists of:

Food Inspections:



Temporary Food Permits

- Needed when community events are serving food
- Valid for two weeks at one site
- Food must be prepared on site

Cottage Foods Industry

- Farmers Market inspections (baked goods, jellies, jams)
- Must register through the health department (no fee)

Boil Order

Establishments are provided with guidelines to follow in the event of a boil order.

Potable Water Program

The agency works to eliminate disease transmission and chemical poisons through the provision of a safe, potable, and adequate supply of water for drinking, culinary, and sanitary purposes for every individual within Iroquois County. Services include:

- Inspection of non-community water systems
- Inspection of newly constructed or repaired well
- Testing of private well water
- Issuance of permits for newly constructed wells
- Inspections of abandoned well sealings
- Surveying existing wells for loan/environmental surveys
- Issuance of permits for newly constructed geothermal wells
- Inspections of newly constructed geothermal wells
- Complaint inspections



Non-Community Public Water

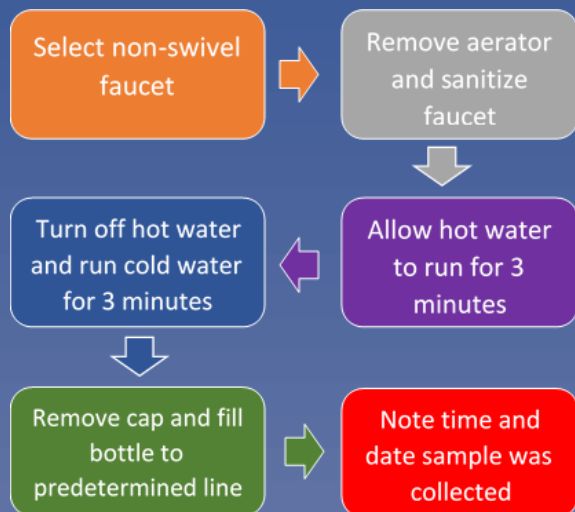
- Sampled annually for coliform, nitrate, and nitrite
- Surveyed biennially to ensure compliance



Water Sample Collection

Water sample bottles may be picked up at our office.

Water Sample Procedure



Private Sewage Disposal Program

The goal of this program is to protect individuals from the contraction and transmission of disease. Services include:



- Inspections of newly constructed or repaired septic systems
- Inspections of disposal sites
- Inspections of pumper trucks
- Issuance of

permits for newly constructed or repaired septic systems

- Surveying of existing septic systems for loan/environmental purposes
- Complaint inspections

Vector Control Program

This program works to decrease the incidence and spread of West Nile Virus by providing education, surveillance, and mosquito control in



Iroquois County through enforcement of the Nuisance Ordinance of Iroquois County.

The virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms include slight fever and headache, disorientation, tremors and convulsions. Those at highest risk for the disease are 50 years or older.



Tobacco Initiative

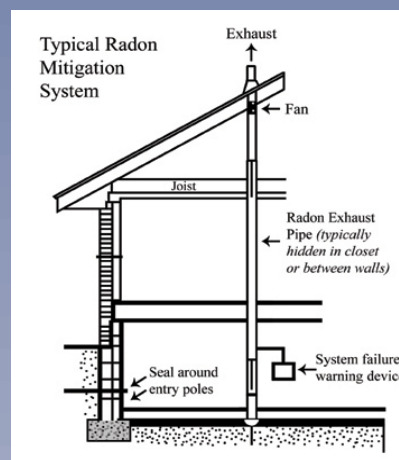
This program assists in the enforcement of the Smoke-free Illinois Act and educates the public regarding the Act. Additionally, it supports effective, school-based programs for tobacco use prevention in order to reduce initiation and encourage cessation of tobacco use among young people.

Environmental Toxicology

This program works to protect all residents of Iroquois County from the hazards of exposure to toxic substances such as radon.

Radon Program

This program raises public awareness regarding the dangers of radon and to increase the number of homes tested in Iroquois County by providing information and test kits to the public.



Tanning Program

The goal of this program is to protect the health of the public by ensuring that all new and existing tanning facilities are constructed and operated according to the Illinois Tanning Facilities Permit Act.

COMMUNITY HEALTH:

The goal of the Community Health Division is to promote and protect the health of our community through health services including prevention, education, investigation and implementation of control and health measures.

Clinical Services

Clinical services provided include:

- Hemoglobin Screenings - Regular testing is used to monitor nutritional iron levels. Early detection of low hemoglobin levels aids in the prevention of conditions associated with iron-deficiency anemia which may lead to learning disabilities, motor difficulties, and behavioral problems.
- Lead Screenings - Early detection of lead poisoning in children is important for the prevention of conditions such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, brain damage, blindness, muscle



weakness, or even death. The only sure way to detect lead poisoning is through testing.

- Paternity Testing – Paternity testing is provided for “Court Ordered Cases Only” and provides genetic screening for adult and infant clients identified by the Illinois Department of Human Services in need of establishing parentage.
- Pregnancy Testing - Early prenatal care has been proven to improve one's chances of having a healthy baby. Early testing allows the mother to start prenatal care and obtain referrals to agencies which provide prenatal and/or parenting education.

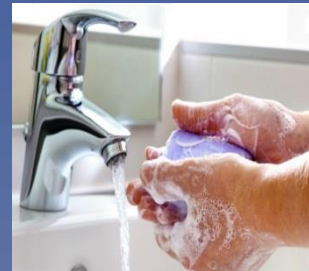
Communicable Disease Program

The Communicable Disease Program protects the community through disease surveillance, outbreak detection and investigation, the implementation of disease control and prevention measures, and the mandated reporting to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Educational and referral services are available to enhance community awareness and knowledge of signs, symptoms, treatment, and available resources for infectious diseases. Information regarding specific communicable diseases can be obtained at the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

Community Health Education Program

Education increases the public's awareness and knowledge of various life skills which improve health outcomes and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The Community Health Education Program provides preschool children through the adult population education which emphasizes health concerns appropriate to the age of the audience. Some of the topics that are included in the Community Health Education Program are:

- Puberty Program for Girls and Boys (4th-6th grade level)
- Nutrition
- Hand Washing
- Health Department Services
- STDs
- Disease Detectives
- Anatomy
- Heart Health
- Kindness Counts/Bullying Prevention
- Chronic Diseases
- Communicable Diseases



Dental Program

Dental education is provided throughout the county in an effort to reduce the incidence of cavities and gum disease. The Dental Sealant Program is provided through the Miles of Smiles program, in the schools throughout Iroquois County for students meeting income guidelines.

Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides free breast screenings to eligible women ages 40 to 64 and cervical cancer screenings to eligible women ages 35 to 64. The breast screening service includes a clinical office visit, breast exam, and a screening mammogram. If needed, other services such as a diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound, breast biopsy, and surgical consult are provided free by the program. The screening for cervical cancer includes a clinical office visit, pelvic exam, and pap smear. Other services such as colposcopy, surgical consult, and endocervical curettage are provided at no charge to the patient if deemed necessary. To be eligible for this program the woman:

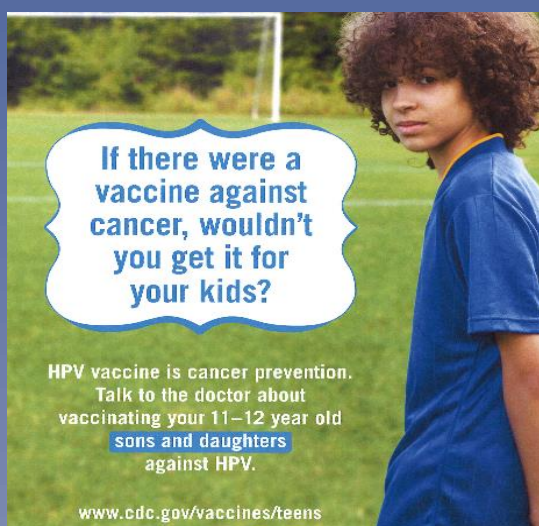
- Must be without medical insurance or under-insured and cannot be on Medicare Part B or Medicaid
- Must reside in Iroquois County



Immunization Program

The Immunization Program provides vaccines for children and adults which prevent the spread of infectious and vaccine-preventable diseases.

- Childhood Immunizations – Immunizations are needed to protect children from diseases that might otherwise be deadly. To obtain more information on childhood vaccines and the appropriate schedule for their administration, see the Illinois Department of Public Health website at: www.idph.state.il.us/about/pgci.htm. The program provides required immunizations at reduced cost for all children who meet federal eligibility guidelines as well as children with or without insurance.



- Adult Immunizations – Immunizations are provided to prevent the spread of infectious and vaccine-preventable diseases. Immunizations decrease morbidity rates and improve the quality of health. Adult immunizations include:
 - Flu
 - Pneumonia
 - Td (Tetanus and Diphtheria)
 - Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis [whooping cough])
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B)
 - Shingles (Must be ≥ 60 years of age)
 - Chickenpox
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
 - Meningitis

International Travel Program

The International Travel Program assists those who plan to travel outside of the United States. This information program helps travelers to obtain appropriate vaccinations, provides information on current health and medical concerns or outbreaks associated with the country they plan to visit, and provides information on travel measures to enhance health protection while visiting the destination country. To obtain more information on international travel, visit: www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations.

Jails and Institution Program

The Jails and Institution Program provides physical assessment, consultation (as needed), and referrals (as appropriate) for incarcerated individuals in Iroquois County, thus, identifying at-risk prisoners and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

School Nurse Program

The School Nurse Program reduces the morbidity and mortality of children and adolescents who are injured or become ill while attending school by providing various nursing services to schools in Iroquois County through contractual agreement. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Educational presentations
- Monitoring of appropriate immunizations
- Monitoring of required physical, dental, and eye exams
- Providing nursing services during illness or injuries at school

Tuberculosis Program

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

Vision and Hearing Screening Program

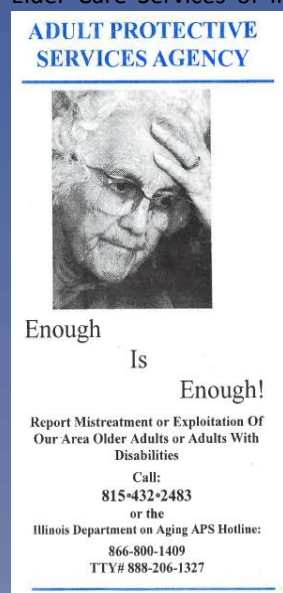
The Vision and Hearing Screening Program identifies preschool through high school children with suspect vision and/or hearing impairments through a screening process as established by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The program provides screening exams, appropriate referral, follow-up, and education.

SENIOR SERVICES:

The Senior Services program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by providing information about and access to a variety of services in Iroquois County.

Adult Protective Services (APS)

Elder Care Services of Iroquois County investigates reports of suspected abuse of older adults age 60 and over, and adults with disabilities age 18-59. Reports of any suspicions that an adult residing in a domestic setting is being injured, financially exploited, neglected, or otherwise mistreated are investigated. All reports are kept confidential. Reports are also investigated if concerns exist for cases of self-neglect.



Case Coordination/Community Care Program

The goal of this program is to help older adults live independently. Care coordinators assist individuals who are age 60 years of age or over in determining eligibility for programs and link them to services that will help them remain in their home for as long as possible. A care coordinator can go to the home at no cost to discuss needs and goals, and to help choose what services may be right to meet those needs. Services include In-Home Services, Emergency Home Response Services, and Respite Services at no cost to those who qualify. Service linkage can also be arranged by the care coordinator.



Respite Services

The Respite Program provides a caregiver with relief from the stresses and responsibilities of constant care of a functionally impaired, older person through the provision of a caretaker for the impaired, older adult.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:



A plan for preparedness and response to an overt threat or a suspected biological-weapons incident is part of the Iroquois County Public Health Department's overall emergency and disaster plan (All Hazards Plan) which addresses crisis and consequence management for all emergencies. The responsibility and authority for assuring that the plan is implemented, when necessary, belongs to the Iroquois County Public Health Department. In the event of a biological emergency, the Iroquois County Public Health Department would be delegated the responsibility for coordinating the distribution of strategic national-stockpile medication. The purpose is to establish policies, procedures, and guidelines for the mass dispensing of 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 in initiating this plan, coordination and support of multiple agencies and community partners will be necessary.



SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES:

Iroquois County Public Health Department subcontracts Family Case Management (FCM), Healthy Families Illinois Program (HFI), and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Services are provided at Iroquois Community Health & Social Services Center located at 850 South Fourth Street in Watseka, Illinois.

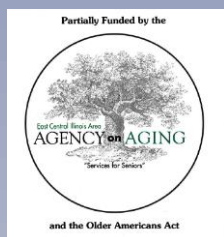
Family Case Management (FCM)

Family Case Management is a comprehensive case management program that monitors the health status of pregnant mothers and children. Clients enrolled in the program are assisted in receiving services necessary to insure a healthy start for children.



Healthy Families Illinois (HFI)

The Healthy Families Illinois Program is a voluntary home visitation program that works with expectant and new parents who may be at risk for problems in parenting, including child abuse/neglect. Through intensive home visiting, HFI works to strengthen the parent/child relationship, promote positive parenting, and healthy child growth and development. Home visits are offered weekly for the first six months and may continue for up to five years, with the length and frequency determined by the needs of the family. Home visitors model positive parenting skills and provide information on child growth, development, and safety.



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



The Women, Infants, and Children Program is a supplemental food program designed to insure that pregnant or

nursing women, infants, and children up to age five are supplied with food products and education which will contribute to a healthy and nutritional diet. WIC offers nutritious foods to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women who are income eligible. WIC also offers infant foods and formula (to formula fed infants), and nutritious foods and dairy for children to the age of five years.

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About our Service Activities . . .

“The secret to success is simple . . . TEAMWORK”

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

Food Sanitation

Inspections	437
Permits Issued	159
Re-inspections	81
Temporary Permits Issued	60
Boil Orders	7
Cottage Foods	6
Plan Submittals	5
Re-opening/Openings	23
Food Complaints	13
Farmers Market Inspections	6

Water Samples

Number of Kits	337
Unsatisfactory Samples (>1/100ml)	61
Non-Community	29
Environmental Surveys	6

Wells

New Well Inspections	34
Non-Community Well Surveys	27
Permits Issued for New Wells	25
Permits Issued for Sealed Wells	29
Sealed Well Inspections	24

Private Sewage Disposal

Inspections	41
Permits Issued	37
Disposal Site Inspections	5
Pumper Truck Inspections	6

Solid Waste

Garbage Waste Hauler Truck Inspection . . .	38
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West Nile Surveillance

Mosquito Samples	36
Positive Samples – Mosquitos	0
Bird Samples	6
Positive Samples – Birds	0

<u>Tobacco Compliance Inspections</u>	485
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Radon

Number of Kits	100
>4pCL/L	7

Complaints

Nuisance	12
Sewage	12
Water	0

<u>Tanning Inspections</u>	8
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<u>Body Art Inspections</u>	0
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COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Immunizations

Childhood Immunizations	838
Adult Immunizations	98
Flu Vaccines	649
Pneumonia	50

Reportable Communicable Disease Investigations

Animal Bites	55
Chlamydia	41
Cryptosporidiosis	1
Gonorrhea	3
Hepatitis B	4
Hepatitis C	18
Histoplasmosis	4
Influenza with ICU Admit	2
Legionellosis	1
Listeria Invasive Disease	1
MRSA Infant less than 61 days	1
Norovirus Outbreak	4
Rabies	23
Syphilis	0
Salmonella	4
Strep Pneumo Invasive <5.	1
Tularemia	0
Varicella.	2
West Nile	2



Tuberculosis Program

New Cases Investigated	2
Patients on Medication.....	0
Skin Tests Given: One-Step.....	111
Skin Test Given: Two-Step.....	10
X-Ray Referrals.....	2
Tests Not Read.....	7

Hypertension

Screenings.....	34
Education.....	33

Immigration Consultations.....

2

International Travel Consultations.....

3

Developmental Screenings Completed.....

45

Hemoglobins Screenings Completed.....

28

Lead Screenings Completed.....

163

Paternity Screenings Completed.....

2

Pregnancy Tests.....

15

Community Outreach Events

Educational Presentations.....	51
Flu Clinics.....	33
Health Fairs.....	1
Public Speaking Events.....	9
Press Releases.....	12

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

New/Renewal Case Management Clients ..	27
Clinical Breast Exams	28
Mammograms	21
Pap Tests	17
Diagnostic Services	21
RTTA (referral to treatment act)	1

Jail Program

Inmates Assessed	127
Inmates Referred for Follow-up	49

School Health Services

Students Served	1,682
Iliana Migrant Head Start	19

Vision Screening Program

Children Screened	1,946
Children Rescreened	328
Children Referred.....	240

Hearing Screening Program

Children Screened	2,238
Children Rescreened	164
Children Referred	43

Dental Program

Sealants Placed	292
Education Provided	270

SENIOR SERVICES:

Adult Protective Services

New Reports	54
On-going Cases Still Open	2
VOA (Self Neglect) Cases	14
Bank Trainings	8

Community Care Program

Annual/Need Based Reassessments.....	198
New Client Assessment	110
Nursing Home Pre and Post Screens	177
Intensive Casework	166
Intensive Monitoring	23
Total Clients on Services	152

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

Family Case Management

Persons Enrolled	365
Contacts and Visits	2,923
Consultations and Meetings.....	205

Healthy Families Illinois

Active Clients	32
Home Visits	1,021
Consultations and Meetings	414

Women, Infants and Children

Women Certified	229
Infants Certified	131
Children Certified	273
Education Contacts	1,174



About our Financials . . .

“Our financial standing is a true measure of our most valuable asset of all — people.”

	2015
REVENUE	
Tax Levy	\$398,769
Grants	356,403
Fee for Service	329,056
Contracts/Misc	93,431
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,177,659
EXPENDITURES	
Personnel Costs	\$604,500
Administrative Overhead	26,866
Travel	30,187
Program Expenses	434,364
Capital Improvements/Equipment	13,035
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,108,952
Fund Balance at 11/30/2015	\$663,039





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