

BLACKFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Blackford County Board of Health was originally established in December 1966. Dr Lori Skidmore was appointed health officer in January 2012. Her term expires December 31, 2027.

Blackford County Board of Health 2024

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Thomas Lee, MD	11-1-21 - 12-31-28
Amy Payne	1-1-15 - 12-31-28
Nickey Wilson	8-1-24 - 12-31-27
Helen Borgenheimer, MD	1-1-24 - 12-31-27
Sherrie Chapman	11-1-21 - 12-31-26
Tod Waters	1-1-21 - 12-31-28

VITAL RECORDS

The concern of the county vital records system is the accurate recording of all births, deaths and fetal deaths occurring in Blackford County. Current statutes, rules and regulations must be observed to maintain and protect the integrity of these records. It is the duty of the registrar to collect, record, index and preserve the vital factual data taken from the original certificates and then electronically forward these certificates to the State Department of Health via the Electronic Birth & Death Registration System (D.R.I.V.E.)

In December of 2000 the local hospital closed their OB department, thus the only live births to be recorded henceforth will be home births and/or emergency deliveries. **Number of 2024 Births: 4**

Certified copies of birth and death records are issued in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Indiana State Department of Health.

Certified Birth Certificates Issued: 202 Certified Death Certificates Issued: 538

DEATHS BY CAUSE (103 deaths)

Accident: 3	Heart & Circulation: 38	Mixed Drug: 2	Pancreas: 2
Alzheimer/Dementia: 7	Cancer: 14	Colon: 1	Kidney: 3
Lung: 25	Liver: 2	Sepsis/Blood: 1	SIDS: 1
Suicide: 2	Neuro: 2	Homicide: 0	

NURSING PROGRAM

The Health Department nurses provide a variety of services and resources for the community.

- Child & Adult Immunizations
- Lead Testing
- TB Testing
- Free Blood Pressure Screenings
- Free HCV/HIV Screenings
- Communicable Disease Case Management
- Community Outreach & Events
- Harm Reduction
- Trauma & Injury Prevention

2024 List of services are followed:

Screening

- TB Tests: 108
- HIV Tests: 3
- Lead Tests: 3
- Blood Pressures in office: 10
- Blood Pressures at offsite clinics: 180+

Immunizations

- Private: 182
- VFC Medicaid: 444
- VFC Uninsured/Underinsured:55
- 317 Uninsured Adults: 17

Communicable Disease Case Management

(Confirmed case status only, not probable)

- HCV:
- Pertussis:
- Campylobacteriosis: 1
- Salmonellosis: 3

- Legionellosis: 1
- LTBI: 3
- Elevated Lead: 3

Events

- Blackford County Fair
- Montpelier Jamboree
- BIS Mental Health Event
- BJSHS Health Fair
- BPS Apple Crunch
- Fourth Fridays at 4h
- Back to School Bash
- BJSHS Career Fair
- Several Community Walks
- Senior Center Monthly
- Senior Safety Net
- Food Drive Fundraiser
- Safety Fair
- Trunk or Treat
- Saturday in the Park
- Alive and Well Program for BJSHS
- Matter of Balance Classes
- VA Suicide Community Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Registered Environmental Health Specialist’s (REHS) primary duties include the investigation and correction of conditions within the county, which influence the health and safety of the community. Performance is based upon information received and interpretation of Indiana Administrative Codes, regulations and local ordinances. As agent of the local health authority (health officer), the REHS responds to these conditions to ultimately correct health and safety issues within the community.

INSPECTIONS AND DUTIES

Food service establishments (restaurants, food markets, schools, bed & breakfast, fraternal organizations, local jail, food establishment reviews, and temporary food establishments), septic systems (new, replacements, remodel), complaints (raw sewage, animals, food establishments, insects, water, air, land, garbage, housing, etc.), monitoring and compliance duties: meth labs, swimming pools, potable water quality, septic systems).

INVESTIGATIONS

Animal bites: 39 Soil Analysis: 24 Rodent Control: 1 Bat sample sent to IDOH: 2

PERMITS & LICENSES

Food Permits: 79 Temporary Food Permits: 36
 Contractors Licenses: 8 Septic Permits: 24 Tattoo Parlor: 1 Tattoo Artists: 2
 Penalty for Late Food Permits: \$1,050.00 (total collected)

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE GRANT

The Local Health Maintenance Fund and the Master Trust fund were established to provide local health Departments with funds to provide public health services. The programs were administered by the ISDH and funds were allocated to the counties based on population. These two funds were discontinued in 2024 as the Health First Indiana has taken their place. When the following funds are depleted, the funds will be closed.

1168 LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance: \$66,303.39
 Revenue: \$0.00
 Disbursements: \$29,602.91
 End Balance: \$36,700.48

9107 MASTER TRUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning roll over balance: \$45,666.45
 Revenue: \$0.00
 Disbursements: \$3,365.33
 End Balance: \$42,301.12

HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUND

Indiana Department of Health created the HFI fund in 2024 to replace the LHM fund and the MTF (listed above) funds allocated to each county are based on population and the number of other counties participating in HFI. The fund is to be used to improve the health of our residents. All counties are to report KPI's to the state regularly showing improvements.

1161 HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance: \$0.00
Revenue: \$169,848.67
Disbursements: \$47,915.54
End balance: \$121,933.13

BASE PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Indiana State Department of Health provided each county with a grant to support the operations of county preparedness. The grant is a *mid-year reimbursable* grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Any funds left over during grant year will revert to ISDH. Grant period runs July 1, 2024, through 6-30-2025. Blackford County opted to fund a Public Health Coordinator (PHC) on a contract services basis. Duties of the position include preparedness, plan updates, training staff, exercising plans & serving as liaison with other response agencies. The PHC is paid \$1,100.00 Monthly. Our local Health Department invoices monthly and the state issue an ACH transfer to the Auditor's office.

EBOLA/UNOBLIGATED FUNDS

In 2016-2017 a supplemental Ebola Grant was established. Monies were classified as unobligated and could be used for many causes as long as grant guidelines were followed. Monies roll over each year if any remain. Also, in 2017 a Special Project Grant to battle Hepatitis C was awarded by Indiana State Department of Health in the amount of \$50,000. Funds were also unobligated and were combined with like funds of the Ebola Unobligated Grant.

8116 EBOLA GRANT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance: \$18,024.09
Revenue: \$0.00
Disbursements: \$1,311.25
End balance: \$ 16,712.84

STANDARD HEALTH BUDGET

The health budget funds are obtained through taxes from the county residents and are replenished yearly. Other monies for this account are from sales of birth and death certificates, food establishment permits, septic permits, immunizations etc.

1159 STANDARD HEALTH FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance \$ 162,724.12
Revenue: \$232,079.55
Disbursements: \$256,657.44
End balance: \$138,146.23

8901 COVID TESTING FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance \$35,254.06
Revenue: \$0.00
Disbursements: \$3,792.34
End balance: \$31,461.72

8124 CONTINUED COVID TESTING FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance: \$84,532.00
Revenue: \$0.00
Disbursements: \$0.00
End balance: \$84,532.00

HEA COOP AGREEMENT SURVEY

This small fund was paid to our establishment for taking the “Workforce Assessment Survey” and had little to no requirements for spending. Our office used this fund to purchase personalized work shirts for all employees.

8127 HEA COOP AGREEMENT SURVEY REPORT

Beginning balance: \$1,000.00

Revenue: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$611.88

End balance: \$388.12

BLACKFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOTALS FOR 2024

The following breakdown covers ALL funds and grants:

Beginning balance: \$413,504.11

Revenue: \$401,928.22

Disbursements: \$343,256.69

End balance: \$472,175.64

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