

2024 Annual Report

The year 2024 saw a significant change to the funding and operation of local health departments across the State of Indiana. This year marked the introduction of **Health First Indiana (HFI)** and its associated state-to-local funding. Billed as "A State Investment in Local Public Health", HFI transformed public health through a state and local partnership, assisting local health departments to deliver services at the county level.

Indiana counties were provided the option to opt-in to the new funding and to provide the core public health services, including trauma and injury prevention, chronic disease prevention, maternal and child health and more. The Delaware County Health Department and Delaware County Board of Health chose to opt-in, receiving over \$1.3 million dollars in year one.

The goal of HFI as a statewide initiative is to ensure that every Hoosier has access to the core public health services that allow them to achieve their optimal health and well-being. Delaware County agrees that good health is the foundation of our ability to thrive, from schools to the economy. With the expansion in funding, DCHD was able to increase staffing, including the revival of our Community Health Division consisting of a Health Educator and a Community Health Worker. Available positions increased from 12 to 18 in 2024. In addition to this, the increased funding allowed the department to engage with community partners to increase and improve the services being offered in our community. \$459,000.00 was distributed from this first year's HFI funding, directly to local partners to assist with the delivery of needed health services in our community.

Major Funding

2024 Health Department Budget 1159 (Annual local tax supported fund)

- \$848,162.00 budgeted
- \$778,506.53 total expenditures

2024 Health Department Budget 1161 (State funding- First year received)

- \$1,362,344.31 budgeted and received
- \$1,172,407.58 total expenditures (including \$459,000 distributed in local Public Health initiative partnership funding)

2024 Health Department Budget 4901 ("Vaccine Fund")

- Beginning balance: \$363,838.95
- Expenditures: \$120,562.46

Revenue from Fees (includes Vaccine Fund revenue)

- \$506,908.16

Partnership Funding Issued

- Recovery Café Muncie - \$83,000.00
- Muncie Mission Medical Clinic - \$25,000.00
- Muncie Police Department - \$7,500.00
- Delaware County Sheriff's Office - \$7,500.00
- IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital - \$145,000.00
- Ball State University - \$101,000.00
- Open Door Health Services - \$65,000.00
- Tobacco Free Coalition of Delaware County - \$10,000.00
- YMCA of Muncie - \$15,000.00

Department Activity

Tattoo/Piercing:

- Tattoo Establishment Permits – 35
- Tattoo Artist Permit – 55
- Guest Artist Permits – 6
- Temporary Permits – 1
- Tattoo/Piercing/Permanent Makeup Inspections Conducted – 67

Housing/General Environmental

- 341 total complaints received
- 341 total complaints investigated

Food Safety

- Total Permits issued (All types) – 697
- Inspections conducted – 921

Onsite Sewage Systems

- Permits issued – 31
- Inspections conducted – 175

Pools and Spas

- Permits issued - 33
- Inspections conducted – 86

Immunizations

- Childhood vaccines administered – 956
- Adult vaccines administered -599
- Travel related vaccines administered – 252

Vital Records

- Births – 1342
- Deaths – 1576
- Birth Certificates issued – 4097
- Death Certificates issued - 6655