

**FEES**

BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$10 ea
DEATH CERTIFICATES	\$10 ea
SEPTIC PERMITS	\$60
SEPTIC RENEWALS	\$25
FOOD PERMITS	
HIGH RISK	\$100
LOW RISK	\$70
TEMP PERMITS	\$35/\$50
TB TESTING	\$10
IMMUNIZATIONS -	
18 AND UNDER	\$2 ea
MAX PER CHILD	\$6
MAX PER FAMILY	\$10

CALL FOR ADULT VACCINE AVAILABILITY

DUE TO CHANGES IN STATE FUNDED VACCINES, AS OF FEBRUARY 2012 THE STARKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS FOR ANYONE THAT HAS PRIVATE INSURANCE THAT COVERS VACCINES. CONTACT THE HEALTH DEPT. TO FIND OUT IF YOUR CHILD QUALIFIES UNDER THESE GUIDELINES.



**STARKE COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**Starke County  
Health  
Department**

**2024 Annual Report**



To promote and preserve the health of Starke County residents and visitors through: disease prevention; healthy life style promotion; safe food and a safe environment.

As a functional local health department, the Starke County Board of Health and staff work around a set of essential services. These services are linked to the activities and programs the department provides in the community.

**Starke County Health Department:**

- Investigates health problems and health threats
- Prevents, minimizes, & contains adverse health effects from communicable diseases, chronic diseases, environmental hazards, injuries, & risky health behaviors
- Engages the community to address public health issues
- Develops partnerships... to collectively identify, alleviate, & act on the sources of public health problems
- Strategically plans its services and activities, evaluates performance and outcomes, and makes adjustments as needed to continually improve its effectiveness, to enhance the community’s health status & meet the community’s expectations.

**Infectious Disease**

Immunization clinics: Immunizations of children at the recommended ages protect the child during the time when preventable communicable diseases do the greatest damage to the growing body. Currently around the world and in the U.S., we are seeing a re-emergence of several vaccine-preventable diseases such as pertussis and measles which puts children and adults alike in our community at risk.

Communicable Diseases: This program conducts investigations for follow-up, and prevention. Surveillance of disease occurrences and prompt recognition helps disrupt the chain of disease; therefore, preventing further spread in our community.

Tuberculosis screening: Testing for tuberculosis and follow-up/referrals are available to Starke County residents.

**Emergency Preparedness**

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) is responsible for coordination of the planning activities that allow for a safe and prepared community. Emergency Preparedness coordinates with community partners in developing plans to help protect the community against threats such as pandemic influenza, biological or chemical agents, and natural disasters.

**Environmental Health**

Food Safety

The purpose of the Starke County Food Safety Program is to identify, reduce, and whenever possible, eliminate factors in food service operations which have the potential to create food borne illness. The Division of Environmental Health focuses on prevention and enforcement as a means of achieving this goal within the County. By conducting unannounced inspections, licensing of facilities, and providing educational programs, the Health Department works to ensure food safety within our community.

Onsite Wastewater Disposal

The goals of the Starke County Onsite Wastewater Disposal Program are to minimize the risk of disease transmission as well as reduction of adverse environmental conditions created by the improper disposal of domestic sewage. Program services include:

- Issuance of Onsite Wastewater Disposal Permit Application
- Inspections of new or existing private onsite wastewater disposal systems
- Complaint investigations
- Water testing offered through private lab service. Call for pricing.

Vital Records

Keeping up to date birth and death records for the citizens of Starke County.

2024 BUDGET

**REVENUES**

TAXES.....	\$187,103.67
GRANTS.....	\$263,825.27
FEES .....	\$35,072.50

TOTAL \$ 486,001.44

**EXPENSES**

SALARIES.....	\$195,557.36
ADMINISTRATIVE.....	\$47,901.07
OPERATIONAL .....	\$33,647.28
BUILDING .....	\$26,000.00

TOTAL \$ 303,105.71

IMMUNIZATIONS	357
TB TESTS	69
ANIMAL BITES	34+
RETAIL FOOD INSPECTIONS	267
SEPTIC PERMITS	84
COMPLAINTS	28
BIRTH CERTIFICATES	354
DEATH CERTIFICATES	1208
CARSEATS 5 TO RESIDENTS and 3 TO EMS	

- PROVIDED “GO BAGS” TO STARKE COUNTY YOUTH CLUB FOR ALL THREE LOCATIONS
- PROVIDED DEFIBRILATORS TO NJSP SCHOOLS
- PROVIDED A DEFIBRILATOR TO HAMLET FIRE FOR COMPATABILITY WITH STARKE EMS
- PROVIDED NEW HEARING SCREENING EQUIPMENT AND HEMOGLOBIN SCREENING UNIT TO STARKE COUNTY HEAD START.
- PROVIDED FIRST AID SUPPLIES TO STARKE COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL.