

UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL REPORT

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PUBLIC HEALTH IN UNION COUNTY

Mission

To preserve, protect, and promote optimal health for all individuals of Union County.

Essential Services of Public Health

- Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.
- Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.
- Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.
- Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.
- Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.
- Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.
- Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.
- Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.
- Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.
- Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

BOARD OF HEALTH

For over 55 years, the Union County Health Department has provided the citizens of Union County with the very best public health services possible. Today, those services have expanded into areas our predecessors never imagined, challenging us to keep pace with the demands of an ever-changing environment and population.

Members of the Board of Health have roots in medicine, business, ministry, and social services and are appointed by the County Commissioners.

Laurie West, R.N., Chair

David M. Miller, Vice-Chair

Jeffrey Haist, M.D.

Katie Marker, FNP-C

Carrie Rosenberger

Jonathon Rigney, LPN

Colleen Thompson

UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Susan Bantz, M.D., Health Officer

Kimberly Klein, R.N., Public Health Nurse - Administrator

Jeffrey King, Environmental Health Specialist

Beth Lang, School Liaison

Diann Timberman, Vital Records - Financial

Alvin Day, PHP Coordinator

Sarah Spoonamore, Administrative Assistant

Nursing Division

The Nursing Division participates in the following programs:

- Vaccines for Children Program and Private Pay Vaccines that are processed through Vax Care
- Adult Vaccine Program to provide immunizations for adults with no insurance or insurance that does not cover vaccines
- Lead Screening for Children and Adults at Risk for Lead Exposure
- Communicable Disease Investigations and Reporting
- TB Skin Testing
- Pregnancy Testing
- School Liaison Program

Personal Health Services

Children Vaccines	613	Adult Vaccines	925
Sport Physicals	54	Toe Nail Trims	9
Evening Immunization Clinic	13	TB Tests	59
Lead Testing	18	B-12	18
Well Baby Visits (Head Start)	3	Communicable Disease	27
Pregnancy Tests	9	STD Testing	2
Lab Draws	6	COVID Testing	47
Smoking Cessation	8	Influenza Testing	18
Lead Home Visits	6	Seminars/Training	66

Vital Records

The Vital Records Division has the responsibility to

- Maintain a system that accurately records all births and deaths
- Efficiently issue certified copies of records
- Issue provisional notification of death-burial transit permits
- Work with funeral homes in filing death certificates
- Assist customers in genealogy searches

Births Reported	0	Birth Certificates Issued	4
Death Reported	56	Deaths Certificates Issued	276

Office Manager

The Office Manager is responsible for

- The daily activities in the office such as answering the phone, preparing financial reports, preparing claims for accounts payable, issuing receipts, preparing collection reports, preparing state reports concerning grants and grant reviews, making daily deposits at bank, verifying patient's insurance and filing claims for medical billing, creating the agenda for the Health Board meetings and preparing Annual Reports
- Assisting with immunization clinics

Financial Report

County Health -1159 - Beginning Balance	\$180,736.84
Tax Collections	51,930.56
Receipts	25,272.86
Matching Funds	32,248.29
Expenditures	94,037.23
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$196,151.32
Health First Indiana Nursing/Vital Funding – 1161-000	\$ 88,066.00
Additional HFI Grant Funds	1,869.88
Total HFI Grant 2024	89,935.88
Expenditures	82,414.47
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 7,521.41
Health First Indiana Environmental Funding – 1161-001	\$ 60,014.00
Additional HFI Grant Funds	85.00
Total HFI Grant 2024	60,099.00
Expenditures	50,963.73
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 9,135.27
Local Health Maintenance Fund – 1168	\$ 66,357.70
Local Income	135.00
Expenditures	16,009.43
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 52,483.27
LHD Trust Account - 1206	\$ 73,406.60
Expenditures	6,996.00
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 66,410.60
Public Health Coordinator Grant/Unemployment – 9816	\$ 8,297.72
Expenditures	0.00
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 8,297.72

Public Health Preparedness Emergency Response Grant – 23/24 - 9815	\$ 25,000.00
Expenditures	23,916.01
Balance as of 6/30/2024	\$ 1,083.99
Public Health Preparedness Emergency Response Grant – 24/25 – 9815	\$ 25,000.00
Expenditures	9,612.84
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 15,387.16
CRI Grant (24/25) - 9807	\$ 13,987.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 13,987.00
Heart Grant – Foundation - 9828	\$ 6,000.00
Expenditures	5,402.04
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 597.96
State Health COVID Grant - 9843	\$ 39,977.80
Expenditures	23,813.16
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 16,164.64
Crisis Co Ag Supplemental Workforce in Schools Grant - 9844	\$174,244.01
Income	82,500.00
Expenditures	59,056.05
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$197,687.96
Crisis Co Ag COVID Supplemental (Testing) Grant - 9845	\$ 50,000.00
Expenses	\$ 3,084.08
Balance	\$ 46,915.92
Immunization Grant – 9852	\$ 8,621.41
Expenditures	5,031.06
Balance	\$ 3,590.35
Immunization Grant – 9853	\$ 5,068.34
Expenditures	3,568.41
Balance	\$ 31,499.93
Diabetes Grant – 9854-000	\$ 5,000.00
Expense	1,686.89
Balance 6/30/24	\$ 3,313.11
Diabetes Grant – 9854-001	\$ 5,000.00
Expenses	500.89
Balance 9/30/2024	\$ 4,499.11

Environmental Health Division

The Environmental Division protects public health and the environment by ensuring conformance with state laws and county ordinances. Much of this work is accomplished by performing routine inspections and investigations and taking enforcement action when warranted.

- Food Safety
 - Planning of new and remodeled retail food establishments
 - Inspecting fairs and festivals in Union County
 - Licensing and inspecting of all retail food establishments within Union County
 - Work with ISDH on any food recalls and food borne illnesses
 - Promoting food safety education and fostering understanding, communication, and cooperation among regulators, industry and consumers

- Wastewater Management Program
 - An on-site system is one which treats the sewage in a septic tank so that most of the sewage becomes effluent and is disposed of in an area close to the house or buildings (septic tank and leach drains)
 - The planning, installation, and repair of on-site disposal systems must be reviewed and inspected by the Environmental Health Specialist
 - Review of soil scientist reports
 - Drawing of installed systems for department records
 - Giving recommendations for proposed subdivisions

- Body Art Safety Program
 - Ensure the safe and proper operation of the licensed body art establishments in Union County
 - Educate operators, evaluate plan reviews, and perform opening inspections on new or remodeled body art establishments
 - Ensure the general safety and sanitation standards and proper disposal methods of infectious waste

- Public Health Complaints
 - Mold
 - Bed Bugs
 - Rodents
 - Roaches
 - Animal Feces
 - Meth Lab Clean Up
 - Surfacing Sewage
 - Human Feces
 - Collaborate with other agencies such as Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Building Inspector, and City and County Law Enforcement

- Swimming Pools
 - Inspection and review of bacteriological reports of swimming and wading pools

Sanitary Engineering Activities

Food Facility Inspections	3	Food Service Inspections	37
Temporary Food Inspections	31	Food Recall Notifications	190
Complaints	21	Site Inspections	25
Sewage Disposal Permits	8	State Inspections	5
New Construction	7	Tattoo Parlor & Facility Inspections	3
Commercial	1	Training Sessions/Seminars	12
Final Inspections	11	Meetings/Conferences	17
Water Related Inspections	0	Animal Bites	7
Dye Testing	0	Rabies Testing	0
Environmental Inspections	4		

Public Health Preparedness

Public Health Preparedness has the responsibility to:

- Lessen the effects of all-hazard emergencies
- Safeguard the health and lives of residents, businesses and partner agencies
- Prepare for and respond to public health threats by providing direction, coordination and support through an all-hazard approach.

Cities Readiness Initiative

The Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) provides funding, program guidance, and technical assistance to improve communities' ability to rapidly provide life-saving medications in response to a large-scale bioterrorist attack, naturally occurring disease outbreak, or other public health emergency.

