

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2024 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Jefferson County Health Department is to **prevent illness, protect health,** and **promote wellness** through the assessment of needs, development of policy, provision of education and the assurances of services.

Established services 1993

To the Citizens of Jefferson County:

I am pleased to present the 2024 Jefferson County Health Department Annual Report. The annual report is a message to our community covering highlights from the previous year as well as goals for the future. It includes a brief synopsis of the programs and activities provided by JCHD. In addition to these programs, JCHD is very active in our community and works closely with many community partners throughout the year, participating in health fairs and many other outreach activities.

In addition to the services you will see later in this report, JCHD staff also sponsored and participated in some great trainings in 2024. In June staff participated in a training on responding to a potential county-wide foodborne illness outbreak. In December JCHD hosted a training titled "HIPAA Compliance for Healthcare Providers". The trainers were attorneys that specialize in this area from Hepler Broom LLC. Community partners and neighboring health departments were invited to join our staff for this important training.

Goals for 2025 include continuing to expand our outreach efforts throughout Jefferson County. We will also continue to ensure our staff is trained to deal with whatever public health situation might arise. The field of public health is constantly changing and expanding, and we must continue to grow with it.

The administration and staff of Jefferson County Health Department continue to strive to provide the very best in preventative health services for the residents of Jefferson County. We remain committed to our mission of preventing illness, protecting health, and promoting wellness.

The Jefferson County Board of Health is comprised of community members that dedicate their time without compensation, because they care about the health of the residents of Jefferson County. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and willingness to serve on our Board.

For more information on our programs and services, please visit our website at jeffersoncountyhealthdept.org.

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Public Health Administrator

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

JCHD Environmental Health staff work to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating food service establishments through inspections and education. They also issue permits and inspect on-site wastewater treatment systems and water wells. Other areas include solid waste and nuisance complaints, tanning and body art facility inspections, and seasonal mosquito surveillance to detect West Nile Virus.

Food Program

- 255 Regular food permits issued
- 374 Food service inspections conducted (440) Routine (54) Recheck
- 26 Temporary food permits
- 1 Summer food program site inspected
- 12 Food service plans reviewed
- 879 Consultations of food related issues
- 1 Fire inspections
- 24 Complaint investigations
- 0 Facility temporarily closed by JCHD due to imminent health threat
- 2 Voluntary closure
- 12 Cottage Food Vendors Registered

Sewage Program

- 118 Private sewage system permits issued
- 109 Systems installed
- 105 Sewage inspections
- 15 Complaint investigations
- 4 Subdivision plat reviews
- 398 Consultations on private sewage disposal problems and system design

Water Program

- 4 Water well permits issued
- 0 New well construction inspections
- 1 Closed Loop Well Inspections
- 0 Private water samples
- 0 Existing wells inspected / sampled
- 3 Abandoned wells sealed
- 4 Non-Community wells/vending machines monitored
- 28 Consultations on private water supply problems and new well construction

Solid Waste Program

- 4 Consultations
- 3 Jefferson Co SW Planning Mtgs Attended

Vector Program

- 30 Vector site surveys (trapping & testing of mosquitoes)
- 5 Complaint investigated
- 87 Consultations
- 115 Larvacide treatments to catch basins
- 16,700 Linear feet treated with larvacide
- 1 Bird Tested
- 2 Tick Drags

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DIVISION

Our Nursing Division provides a wide range of preventive health services, both at Jefferson County Health Department and in the community.

Communicable Disease Control

- **Communicable Disease Program:** investigates reports of communicable diseases, initiates surveillance, and provides reporting requirements to area medical providers, schools, and childcare centers. Timely investigation of such occurrences can isolate sources of contamination, halt further spread of disease and allow for appropriate treatment of those who may have already been exposed. Public health education in prevention of communicable disease transmission is also offered.
 - 137 Cases of infectious disease investigated
- **STI (sexually transmitted infection) Program:** testing, treatment, education counseling, and referral for clients and their partners.
 - 175 Confirmed STI – including Chlamydia (135), Gonorrhea (26) and syphilis (14)
 - 28 STI tests performed
- **Tuberculosis Control:** testing and providing treatment to clients diagnosed as having active and latent tuberculosis.
 - 337 Tuberculosis skin tests
 - 17 Latent cases
 - 0 Active Tb Disease
- **Immunization Program** provides both childhood and adult immunizations available at the health department. In addition, clinics are scheduled at community sites, and several seasonal flu clinics were held.
 - 815 Vaccines administered

Maternal Child Health

- **Family Case Management (FCM)** is a statewide case management program that promotes wellness and healthy lifestyles to income eligible pregnant women, infants, and their families. Services are offered to meet medical, social, emotional, nutritional, environmental, safety, financial, educational and vocational needs.
 - 276 Average assigned caseload
- **Healthworks** provides medical case management for foster children. This program ensures that these children receive medical attention within the first 24 hours of becoming a DCFS ward. These children also receive a Comprehensive Health Evaluation during the first 21 days of custody. Children's health history continues to be monitored and updated until age 6.

- 60 Average monthly caseload
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program** is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program providing education, health assessment and food packages to income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, and infants & children up to age five. Lead screening and immunizations are provided to children as needed.
 - 716 Average assigned monthly caseload
- **Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program** is an extension of the WIC program. The peer counselor works together with the WIC staff to promote and support moms-to-be and new moms on breastfeeding. Each peer counselor must have been a successful breastfeeding mom herself and complete required additional breastfeeding training. She uses her breastfeeding experiences and knowledge to mentor new moms on breastfeeding. She is available during work hours and after hours to assist the new moms with breastfeeding questions or concerns. The peer counselor makes hospital visits and home visits as needed by the new mom.
- **Tobacco Prevention** Education supports anti-tobacco policies, prevents youth initiation of tobacco products, promotes smoking cessation programs and educates our community about the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. We have the IDPH Illinois Tobacco Free Communities (ITFC) grant to help our community promote cessation, prevention, and education. Staff does periodic inspections of area businesses to ensure compliance with the Smoke Free Illinois Act.
 - 69 Compliance checks at non-food service businesses (food service facilities are checked for compliance at routine food inspections)

Other Nursing Services

- **Genetic screening, educational and referral services** for many genetic conditions, including sickle cell disease. Early assistance with genetic conditions will often prevent future major health problems. A Genetics Clinic was started in 2003 with a doctor specializing in Genetics and a Genetics counselor from Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri present at JCHD one day every other month.
 - 4 Screenings
 - 2 Clinic Days
- **Childhood lead poisoning prevention** offers screening of children to rule out harmful lead exposure. Children with elevated lead results are provided education, follow-up, referrals to physicians and community resources and may require a home visit.
 - 65 Lead tests administered

Other Services:

- 10 Pregnancy tests
- 642 Developmental screenings
- 400 Post-Partum Depression Screenings

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

REVENUES:

Medicare	\$	1,176
Medicaid	\$	31,483
Private Pay (Fee for Service, misc income, donations)	\$	107,300
Grant	\$	712,170
County	\$	255,408
Other - Sale of property	\$	14,206
Subtotal Gross Revenue	\$	1,121,743
Revenue Reduction	\$	-
TOTAL NET REVENUES:	\$	1,121,743

EXPENSES:

Direct Program

Salaries	\$	777,632
Fringe: FICA	\$	46,511
Fringe: MCR	\$	11,230
Fringe: Health Insurance	\$	61,006
Fringe: IMRF	\$	18,590
Fringe: W/Comp., Unemployment	\$	7,460
Travel	\$	7,133
Subtotal Direct Expenses:	\$	929,563

Indirect Program:

Commodities	\$	43,053
Contractual	\$	55,030
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	5,731
Equipment	\$	-
Interest	\$	14,630
Medical Supplies	\$	26,599
Patient Care	\$	-
Postage	\$	881
Printing	\$	-
Building Maintenance	\$	-
Telephone	\$	15,726
Utilities	\$	11,591
Liability Insurance		
Subtotal Indirect Expenses	\$	173,241

