



**Public Health**  
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**Jo Daviess County Health Department**

# **FY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**December 1, 2022 *through* November 30, 2023**

Summary of Services  
Retail Food Program  
Potable Water Supply Program  
Private Sewage Disposal Program  
Environmental Health Program  
Infectious Diseases Program  
Maternal & Child Health Services  
Emergency Preparedness Program  
Animal Control

## **Mission**

The mission of the Jo Daviess County Health Department is to prevent disease, promote a healthy environment, and protect the citizens of Jo Daviess County through an organized, comprehensive, county-wide health effort.

## **Jo Daviess County Board of Health**

*(2023)*

***Board of Health Mission Statement:*** The Jo Daviess County Board of Health exists to provide leadership in planning and policy development for the Jo Daviess County Health Department to implement a coordinated, prevention-oriented program that promotes and protects the health of all Jo Daviess County residents.

*Board of Health Members:* Merri Berlage, Peg Dittmar, Tracy Bauer, Lisa Haas, Don Hill, Dr. Barbara Kepner, Violet Naese, Tara Redfearn, John Creighton (County Board Liason)

## **Directors and Administration**

*(2023)*

Sandra Schleicher, BA, LEHP  
*Public Health Administrator*  
*Director of Environmental Health*

Lori Stangl, RN, BSN  
*Director of Clinical Services*

Gwen Stewart, AAS  
*Animal Control Officer*

## **Summary of Services**

### **2023 Highlights**

#### **Health Department**

The Jo Daviess County Health Department and Board of Health continue to plan to responsibly offer additional services to county residents. In 2023, the primary focus for the majority of the staff continued to be the Covid-19 pandemic response following CDC and IDPH guidelines.

**Clinical Services Department** - The COVID-19 response shifted to mainly assisting long term care facilities during outbreaks and providing COVID-19 vaccines. The department continued to provide childhood vaccinations, adult flu vaccinations, communicable disease surveillance, investigations, and the lead prevention program adhering to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Vaccine for Children Program. The lab draw program has been well received by the community this year as it assists individuals in being proactive in preventative screening, early detection, and chronic disease monitoring. The Clinical Services department initiated blood pressure screening and dental fluoride varnish programs this year. The department provided poison prevention and handwashing presentations to some schools and preschools in the county.

**Environmental Health Department** – Environmental Health staff completed inspections at retail food establishments and worked with operators to correct issues that may have gone unaddressed during the pandemic. Well and septic inspections and sanitary evaluations were conducted. Staff have been working to implement new regulations regarding farmers' market licensing and cottage food registrations and also worked with the Board of Health to discuss shared kitchen licensing.

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** – The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program continues to assess, prioritize, build, and exercise functions of the CDC's 15 Public Health Preparedness and Response Capabilities to prevent, mitigate, and recover from hazards. The department continues to fulfill all the components of the PHEP grant following IDPH guidelines. The department also continues to work with community partners including Jo Daviess County Medical Reserve Corps to prepare Jo Daviess County for public health emergencies.

**Animal Control** - The Jo Daviess County Animal Control Department has continued the extensive process of bringing pet registration back in house for better communication and customer service for our residents. In addition, the Animal Control Officer handled over 260 cases including strays, neglect, running at large, bites, and noise complaints.

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<b>RETAIL FOOD PROGRAM</b>																		
<b><i>Food Program Activity by Risk Category</i></b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Current Number of Food Establishments	87	115	42	244	90	115	45	250	88	117	45	250	85	112	45	242		
Routine Inspections	40	4	2	46	70	45	0	160	47	20	4	71	29	25	8	62	<b>339</b>	
Re-Inspections	24	2	0	26	31	12	45	88	26	16	0	42	12	4	1	17	<b>173</b>	
Pre-Operational Inspections	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	1	2	4	<b>13</b>	
Temporary Food Permits Issued	2	6	0	8	12	13	0	25	19	0	62	81	33	0	39	72	<b>186</b>	
Temporary Food Establishment Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	14	18	<b>18</b>	
Farmers' Market Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	<b>6</b>	
Farmers' Market Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Cottage Food Registration	0	3	0	3	0	12	0	12	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	<b>20</b>	
Foodborne Illness (FBI) Complaints Evaluated / Investigated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Non-FBI Complaints Evaluated / Investigated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Compliance Proceedings (Conferences, Hearings, Court)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Holds / Embargoes Placed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	

<b><i>Food Program Educational Services</i></b>															
Number of Presentations (Group Events)	7			0			0			5			12		
Number of Participants / Audience (Group Events)	190			0			0			94			284		
Number of Consultations / Counseling Provided	102			75			45			28			250		
Number of Media Contacts	0			0			0			0			0		
Plan Review	4			2			4			3			13		
On-Site Consultation High Risk	24			14			2			1			41		
On-Site Consultation Medium Risk	2			17			1			3			23		
Educational Handouts	72			96			65			62			295		
Food Training	0			0			0			2			2		

<b>POTABLE WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM</b>															
<b><i>Water Program Permits &amp; Inspections</i></b>															
Water Well Plan Review / Permits Issued	2			3			6			6			17		
New Water Well Sample / Re-Sample Taken	1			0			0			17			18		
New Water Wells Inspected	1			0			1			6			8		
Existing Water Well Sample Taken	2			8			1			2			13		
Existing Water Well Inspected	2			7			1			2			12		
Mortgage Loan Inspection / Sample Taken	14			3			3			1			21		
Comprehensive Well Inspection	0			0			0			0			0		
Non-Community Water Sample Taken	0			0			17			0			17		
Non-Community Water Sanitary Survey	0			0			0			0			0		

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Geothermal Plan Review / Permit Issued	0	0	0	0	0
Geothermal System Inspected	0	0	0	0	0
Abandoned Well Depth Measurement	1	2	3	2	8
Abandoned Wells Sealed / Inspected	1	2	4	2	9
Abandoned Cisterns Sealed / Inspected	0	0	0	0	0
Abandoned Geothermal System Depth Measurement	0	0	0	0	0
Abandoned Geothermal System Sealed / Inspected	0	0	0	0	0
Geothermal System Consultation/Counseling	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Water Program Educational Services</b>					
Group Presentations	0	0	0	0	0
Participants / Audience (Group Events)	0	0	0	0	0
Consultations / Counseling Provided	14	31	12	39	96
Media Contacts	0	0	0	0	0
Water Educational Material Distributed	18	36	57	51	162
Water Training	2	2	0	0	4

<b>PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM</b>									
<b>New and Renovated Sewage Systems</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Repair</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Repair</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Repair</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Repair</b>	
Sewage System Plan Review / Permits Issued	8	6	22	14	25	8	15	13	111
Sewage Systems Inspected	4	0	20	1	28	3	22	4	82
Sewage Systems Re-Inspected	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	7

<b>Sewage Program Inspections &amp; Complaints</b>					
Mortgage Loan Inspection	16	18	15	14	63
Inspection of a Failed Septic System	0	2	0	0	2
Probing for Existing Septic System	0	0	0	0	0
Septic On-Site Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Soil Test Hole Inspection	0	0	0	0	0
Septage Disposal Sites Approved	6	6	6	6	24
Septage Disposal Sites Inspected	2	3	4	5	14
Pumper Truck Inspection	0	0	0	6	6
Subdivision Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0
Subdivision Site Visit	0	0	0	0	0
Sewage Complaints Received (Existing Systems / Septage Disposal)	0	3	3	2	8
Inspections as a Result of a Complaint	0	3	3	2	8

<b>Sewage Program Educational Services</b>
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Group Presentations	0	0	1	0	1
Participants / Audience (Group Events)	0	0	34	0	34
Consultations / Counseling Provided	59	60	52	22	193
Media Contacts	0	0	0	0	0
Sewage System Educational Material Distributed	98	78	99	68	343
Sewage Training	0	0	0	0	0

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

***Nuisance***

Nuisance Complaint Received	1	3	3	0	7
Nuisance Complaint Investigated	1	3	3	0	7
Nuisance Complaint Re-Investigation	1	2	2	0	5
Illegal Dump Inspection	0	0	0	0	0

***Vector***

Vector Control Administration	1	2	6	3	12
Vector Site Visit / Surveillance	0	0	0	0	0
Vector Site Clean Up	0	0	0	0	0
Vector Control Educational Material Handouts	12	10	42	22	86

***Housing & Indoor Air Quality***

Housing Complaint / Consultation	0	1	0	0	1
Housing Indoor Air Quality	0	0	0	0	0
Radon Test Kits Distributed / Consultation	4	2	6	0	12
Mold Consultation	0	1	0	0	1

***Bed & Breakfast***

Contracted Bed & Breakfast / Small Inn / Guest Accomodations Inspections	0	60	0	0	60
Non-Contracted Bed & Breakfast Inspections	0	0	0	0	0

***Tanning***

Routine Inspections	0	0	0	0	0
Re-Inspections	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-Operational Inspections	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint Invesigation	0	0	0	0	0
Consultation / Counseling	0	0	0	0	0

***Tattoo***

Routine Inspections	0	0	3	0	3
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Re-Inspections	0	0	0	0	1
Pre-Operational Inspections	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint Investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Consultation / Counseling	0	0	3	0	3

<b>GIS</b>					
Septic / Well Maps Created	0	6	9	21	36

<b>County Planning</b>					
Planning Commission Staff Review	3	12	9	2	26
Planning Commission Staff Review Meeting	0	0	0	0	0
Planning Commission Site Visit	0	0	0	0	0
Guest Accomodations Checklist	7	13	2	7	29

<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Freedom of Information Act Request, Grant Writing, Interviews, Budget, Board of Health / Committees, County Board / Committees, Updating Webpage	1	3	1	0	5
Environmental Health Consultation/ Counseling	80	62	46	0	188

<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES PROGRAM</b>					
<b>Reportable Disease / Condition</b>					
BinaxNOW/ Rapid COVID antigen tests admin.	7	2	3	56	68
SHIELD COVID-19 testing	1	5	0	0	6
BinaxNOW/Celltrion Rapid COVID antigen tests (boxes) distributed to local agencies (ea. box has 25 or 40 tests)	420	150	0	0	570
Anaplasmosis		4	1	1	6
Suspected Bioterrorist Threat					0
Unusual Case or Cluster of Cases That May Indicate A Public Health Hazard					0
Anthrax					0
Arboviruses (Including West Nile Virus / Zika)					0
Babesiosis			1		1
Botulism - Foodborne					0
Botulism - Infant, Wound, Other					0
Brucellosis					0
Campylobacteriosis	3	1	1	4	9
Chancroid					0
Chlamydia	6	19	9	10	44



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Cholera					0
Coronavirus Novel 2019 (COVID-19)	223	120	62	201	606
Creutzfeldt - Jakob Disease					0
Cryptosporidiosis		1	2		3
Cyclosporiasis					0
Diphtheria					0
Drug - Resistant Organism (Extensively)					0
Ehrlichiosis		1			1
Enteric E. coli Infections (STEC, O157:H7, ETEC, EPEC, EIEC)		1		1	2
Foodborne or Waterborne Outbreaks					0
Gonorrhea	4	4	2	2	12
Haemophilus influenzae (Invasive)					0
Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome					0
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (Post Diarrheal)					0
Hepatitis A					0
Hepatitis B Chronic					0
Hepatitis C Chronic Infection	1			1	2
Hepatitis D					0
Histoplasmosis					0
HIV Infection					0
Influenza (Death in <18 Year Olds)					0
Influenza A (Variant)					0
Influenza (ICU Admissions)					0
Legionellosis					0
Leprosy					0
Leptospirosis					0
Listeriosis					0
Lyme Disease	1	4	11	4	20
Malaria					0
Measles					0
Mumps					0
Neisseria meningitidis (Invasive)					0
Ophthalmia neonatorum (Gonococcal)					0
Outbreaks of Public Health Significance					0
Pertussis or Whooping Cough					0
Plague					0
Poliomyelitis					0
Psittacosis					0
Q Fever					0

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Rabies (Human & Potential Human & Animal Exposure) PEP given		1	2	1	4
Reye Syndrome					0
Rubella					0
Salmonellosis (Other Than Typhoid)				2	2
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)					0
Shigellosis			1	1	2
Smallpox (Complications of Vaccination)					0
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis					0
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) (Clusters in a Community Setting)					0
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) (In Infants <61 Days Old)					0
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) (With Intermediate or High Levels of Resistance to Vancomycin)					0
Streptococcal Infections (Group A, Invasive Including STSS & Necrotizing Fasciitis)	1				1
Streptococcus pneumoniae (Invasive in Those <5 Years Old)					0
Syphilis					0
Tetanus					0
Toxic Shock Syndrome (Due to Staphylococcus aureus)					0
Trichinosis					0
Tuberculosis					0
Tularemia					0
Typhoid Fever					0
Typhus					0
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1				1
Vibriosis (Non-Cholera)					0
Yersiniosis					0
Vaping Resp Sx					0
<b><i>Tuberculosis Program</i></b>					
Tuberculin skin tests given	0	2	1	6	9
Treating Latent Tuberculosis	1	0	1	3	5
Positive Test Results	0	0	1	2	3

**MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH SERVICES**

<b><i>Immunization Program</i></b>					
<b><i>Children 0-18 Years old receiving vaccines</i></b>	25	18	26	41	110
Vaccine for Children (VFC) - total Given	59	39	80	109	287
Childrens Health Ins Plan (CHIP) - total given	no longer separate	no longer separate	no longer separate	no longer separate	0

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<b>Clinics: Adults (&gt;19 Years Old)</b>					
Total Adults Receiving Immunizations					
COVID-19 Vaccinations(adults+children)	31	17	12	17	77
Influenza	1			11	12
Hepatitis B					0
TDaP (Boostrix)				1	1
STI Testing					0

<b>LEAD PROGRAM</b>					
# of new confirmed venous cases (children)	2	1	1	3	7
# of new confirmed venous cases (pregnant)	0	0	0	0	0
# of persons receiving services(children)	6	7	6	6	0
# of persons receiving services(pregnant))	0	0	0		0
# of persons closed from services	3	2	1	1	7
total number of PH Nurse home visits	2	0	0	2	4

<b>BLOOD DRAW PROGRAM</b>					
Number of Blood Draws	8	20	15	20	63

<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM</b>					
<b>Planning &amp; Response</b>					
Activation of Emergency Phone Tree For Staff	4	1	0	1	6
Activation of Phone Tree / Emergency For Medical Reserve Corps	1	2	1	1	5
Drills, Exercises / Trainings	33	15	14	25	87
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System Requests / Drills	1	1	2	6	10
Starcom Drills	2	2	2	4	10
Regional Conference Calls / Meetings	7	5	6	6	24
Public Health Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps Meetings Local / Regional / State	8	3	3	9	23
Meetings With Emergency Partners	40	34	26	40	140
In-House Public Health Emergency Planning Meetings	2	4	3	3	12

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM</b>					
<b>Dog Registrations</b>					
1 Year	309	723	617	392	2041
3 Year	142	270	280	199	891

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	
Bites	9	4	14	1	15	6	15	4	68

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Impounded	1	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	<b>12</b>
Stray Pickup	4	4	5	0	4	8	13	1	<b>39</b>
Citations	8	0	6	0	10	0	9	0	<b>33</b>
Night Stays in Galena Kennel	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>5</b>
Owner Relinquish	5	2	1	26	0	5	1	4	<b>44</b>