



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Knox County Health Department

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Knox County Sheriff's Office, Illinois
Knox County, Illinois
Regional Office of Education #33
Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

A BIG THANK YOU TO

Knox County Farm Bureau for hosting 27 COVID-19 Clinics

A Message from the Administrator

Michele Gabriel, MPH, Public Health Administrator and CEO

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought newfound attention to the importance of public health and the debt of gratitude we owe to all our public health professionals across the U.S. and the World. I thank you, public health, and its partners, for all you do under even the most trying of circumstances to protect and improve the health of all communities.

Personally, and professionally, I am fortunate every day to work alongside the employees of the Knox County Health Department who embrace and embody our mission *"To serve Knox County by assessing health and environmental needs, developing policies, and assuring those needs are effectively addressed."* I'm surrounded by a team who strive to make a difference for the residents of Knox County, and who have, uninterrupted, for the past two years, tirelessly provide for each, and every Knox County resident, an exceptional expanse of services in the midst, of this tumultuous period in history, this Coronavirus Pandemic. I would like to say to the residents of Knox County, Illinois, you and I, we are both lucky to have the Knox County Health Department resources that we have, both for the past two years, as well as moving forward through the pandemic and beyond.

I appreciate every one of you and acknowledge your efforts and the impact that the past two years have had on your lives. Together we will keep moving forward through this.

Thank you, Michele Gabriel,

An Ongoing and Special Thank you!

We wish to extend a special thank you to our Board members who have guided us through unusual circumstances throughout 2021. Continuing to meet virtually this year continues to be a change these leaders have guided us through.

Knox County Board of Health

Dan Harris, President; Kevin Satsky, M.D., Vice President; Doug Gibb, Treasurer, DuRae Fletcher, Sr., Secretary; Robert Bondi, Knox County Board Liaison; Bruce Bobofchak, D.D.S.; Stephanie Grimes; Lorraine Garland, OB/GYN; and Susan Vinson.

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

COVID-19 continues to circulate through Knox County, Illinois. Although the virus has mutated, it spreads in the same manner: through respiratory droplets from person to person. You can lessen the risk to yourself and others and slow the spread of this virus by following simple prevention measures of correct and consistent mask use, social distancing of six feet from others, avoiding crowds and large gatherings, and washing your hands frequently. Additional critical and effective preventative actions that individual can take are getting vaccinated for COVID-19, staying home when you are sick, and getting tested for COVID-19 when you have symptoms or have been exposed.

VACCINE

COVID-19 Vaccine is one of our tools against the fight on COVID-19. The access to these vaccines has increased and the public health workers have strived to keep open and adequate clinics to each person in our community. Public health workers are trained to answer questions and provided resources available at the health department or within the Knox County community. Our vaccine team provides education and resources to help those in our community make the best decision on their COVID-19 vaccine needs.

The Knox County Health Department has implemented having at least 2 vaccine clinics per week available to all public and holding additional clinics as needs arise. The Knox County Health Department has since implemented the use of EMTrack (an online application that is designed to register participants into a clinic) for all their vaccine clinics.

CONTACT TRACING

The residents of Knox County have helped to slow the spread of COVID-19 through their cooperation with the Contact Tracing Team. The Contact Tracing Team completed well over 25,000 calls to community members in 2021, to help educate the public, deliver guidance, provide resources, and support our community during this unprecedented, difficult time. The information given and cooperation of those who were contacted by the Contact Tracing Team helped us learn about how the pandemic was affecting our residents and control the spread of the virus within workplaces, schools, and the community. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of our community in these efforts.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Held	2021	
COVID-19 Unified Command Vaccine Center	88	
COVID-19 Farm Bureau	27	
COVID-19 Silas Willard	4	
COVID-19 Remote Sites	48	
COVID-19 Knox County Health Department	2	
COVID-19 IDPH Partner Clinics	27	
Total Clinics	196	

COVID-19 Statistics for Knox County, IL	2021	2020
COVID- 19 Vaccinations	15,356	
COVID-19 Tests Administered	6,445	9,166*
COVID-19 Cases	4984	4,183
COVID-19 Deaths	56	133
COVID-19 Contacts	7739	5,877
COVID-19 Outbreaks	41	64
Contact Tracing Calls	26301	>20,000
Resources Requested (food, housing, etc.)	519	74
Education Presentation	5	12

*Testing five days a week

HEALTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS

Health Protection Programs provide for the four core services that all local health departments must provide to be certified in the State of Illinois. In addition to the core programs of food, water, onsite wastewater, and communicable disease surveillance, Health Protection also conducts West Nile Virus surveillance, childhood lead poisoning prevention, immunizations, STD testing, and Prep case management. The Program utilizes regulatory codes, best practices, education, enforcement, surveillance, and case management to prevent exposure, eliminate hazards, and provide treatments to protect every visitor and resident of Knox County, whether they are dining out, grocery shopping, drinking water, or participating in recreational activities.



FOOD PROTECTION	2021	2020*	2019
Licensed Food Establishments in Knox County	255	294	321
Routine Inspections Conducted	427	96	653
Re-Inspections Completed	78	37	185
Temporary Food Permits Issued in Knox County	204	100	333

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM	2021	2020*	2019
Sewage System Permits Issued in Knox County	33	36	42
Sewage Systems Installed in Knox County	26	32	24
Sewage Systems Inspected in Knox County	28	34	24

POTABLE WATER SAFETY	2021	2020*	2019
Water Well Permits Issued in Knox County	18	11	16
Water Wells Installed in Knox County	10	10	7
Water Wells Inspected in Knox County	4	7	9
Water Wells Sealed in Knox County	14	11	13

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION	2021	2020*	2019
Children Screened for Lead at Health Department	45	9	67
Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels in Knox County	23	25	31
Nurse Home Visits to Children with EBLL**	18	24	31
Environmental Investigations for Children with EBLL**	18	24	23

*Lower numbers reflect the changing priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**EBLL (Elevated Blood Lead Level)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE	2021	2020	2019
Tuberculosis Disease*	1	1	1
Tuberculosis Infection*	6	7	3
*Tuberculosis Testing Provided	98	117	278
Hepatitis A	2	0	1
Hepatitis B	6	7	3
Hepatitis C	23	78	16
Salmonellosis	6	4	12
Shigellosis	2	2	0
Legionellosis	0	0	0
Histoplasmosis	2	3	1
Lyme Disease	1	8	0
Malaria	0	0	0
MRSA Community Cluster	0	0	0
Streptococcal Disease Inv	2	1	2
Streptococcal Toxic Shock	0	0	1
Streptococcal Pneumonia	0	0	0
HIV	3	0	4



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE	2021	2020	2019
Chlamydia	289	283	231
Gonorrhea	116	135	88
Syphilis	13	17	20
STD Tests Provided through the Program	174	106	391
HIV Tests Provided through the Program	91	67	327

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	2021	2020*	2019
Children Served through the Program	371	253	540
Immunizations Provided to Children through the Program	853	570	1039
Adults Served through the Program	331	270	557
Immunizations Provided to Adults through the Program	421	334	650

*Lower numbers reflect the changing priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WELLNESS AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The Wellness and Health Promotion Programs promote good health within Knox County. As part of these efforts, health educators encourage healthy lifestyles through serving as a resource center for health education in presentations, social, print and radio media on a variety of topics throughout the community.

HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMING	2021**	2020*	2019
Health Education Presentations Provided in Community	2	33	86
Community Members Who Received Health Education	62	736	2,115

*Health education in schools from January-March only due to COVID-19.

**Health education in community due to COVID-19.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	2021	2020	2019
Applications Entered through the Program	2,982	2,358	2,680
Furnace Repaired or Replaced through the Program	16	6	10

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant is a source of funding which allows for local health department to respond during a public health emergency. Most efforts in 2021 have centered around Covid-19 response. In January of 2021, Covid-19 vaccine became accessible to priority groups, determined by Illinois Department of Public Health. Throughout the year, the Knox County Health Department, with assistance from industry, community partners and many community volunteers, distributed Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen to the community by providing vaccine clinics all over the county. KCHD Covid-19 Response Team remain active in efforts to keep Knox County safe.



FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS

The WIC [Women, Infants, and Children] Program is a supplemental nutrition program which provides food, healthcare referrals, breastfeeding education, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age to combat nutritional risks.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN [WIC]	2021	2020*	2019
WIC Clients Certified in Program	3926	3,012	3926
WIC Clients Receiving Nutrition Education	868	523	868
WIC Clients Receiving Breastfeeding Education	58	76	58
Farmer's Markets Vouchers Distributed to WIC Participants	131	301	131
Average Number of Clients Enrolled Monthly in WIC	628	597	628

The Family Case Management Program provides services to ensure that Knox County Babies are born healthy and remain that way after birth. The program assists women and infants up to one year of age with supportive personal contact, health education, assessment of needs, coordination of medical care, and referral to other social service agencies.

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	2021	2020*	2019
Face to Face Visits Completed with Program Clients	438	208	438
Home Visits Completed with High-Risk Program Clients	42	21	42

**No home, or face-to-face visits after mid-March due to COVID-19.*

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program [IBCCP] serves women and men between the ages of 35 and 64 living in Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties providing qualifying individuals with free screenings and treatment for breast and cervical cancer.

ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM	2021	2020*	2019
Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Participants	20	25	32
Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Services	36	52	58



KNOX COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED	2021	2020	2019
Medical Visits Provided	1684	1356	2,922
Medical Patients Who Received Care	820	699	1,365
Dental Visits Provided	3488	3304	5,277
Dental Patients Who Received Care	2126	2004	3,031
Behavioral Health Visits Provided	1966	3170	2,793
Behavioral Health Patients Who Received Care	436	578	566
Patients Who Utilized More Than One Center Service	337	398	--
Total Visits Provided	7138	7830	10,992
Total Patients Who Received Care	3045	2889	4,356

* Numbers presented for 2020 in this report have been updated and adjusted from those reported out in the 2020 annual report due to update in Uniform Data System output.

Community Health Center

- Received funding for a Capital Construction project to renovate Community Health Center to be ADA compliant and better serve patients with physical limitations.
- Received funding to employ one Health Care Navigator who can assist patients and community with enrolment on National Health Care Market Place.
- Hired a Community Outreach Coordinator to engage Knox County residents with Community Health Center services.

Medical

- Hired a full time Nurse Care Coordinator to assist patients with enabling services.
- Maintained Covid 19 testing for community health and safety three days per week.
- Administered 5,920 Covid 19 tests.

Dental

- Incorporated use of Hepa filtration systems for each operatory to ensure the air quality is void of contaminants from the utilization of dental equipment.
- Utilized high speed suctions to eliminate the microbes from getting released into the air, thereby maintaining a clean air environment for our staff and patients.
- Dental Hygienists utilized credentials as Public Health Dental Hygienists to increase operational capacity.
- Hired a new Dental Director

Behavioral Health

- Utilized Telehealth services for Behavioral Health appointments to achieve uninterrupted Behavioral Health counseling through the pandemic.
- One Behavioral Health Counselor (LCSW) became certified as a Clinical Trauma Professional.

Knox Community Health Center accepts Medicaid coverage through ANY Medicaid Managed Care Organization [MCO], and patients with private insurance coverage for medical, dental, and behavioral health care services through a variety of carriers. **Call for an appointment 309.344.2225!**

*El Departamento de Salud utiliza Language Line para ayudar a sus pacientes de habla Hispana.
Le ministère de la Santé utilise la ligne linguistique pour aider ses patients qui parlent Français.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FY21 Revenue Summary

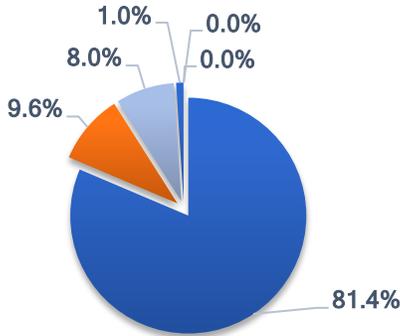
Federal and State Grants	\$6,910,873.77
Service Fees	\$822,308.40
Tax Levy	\$684,942.15
Miscellaneous	\$156,900.77
Interest	\$4,252.03
Account Transfer	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$8,579,277.12</u>

FY21 Expenses Summary

Personnel	\$836,583.75
Personnel (Grant Contingent)	\$3,085,963.93
Operating Expense	\$607,171.00
Grant Program Activities	\$3,954,851.13
Account Transfer	\$0.00
Building Construction	<u>\$4,275.00</u>
	<u>\$8,488,844.81</u>

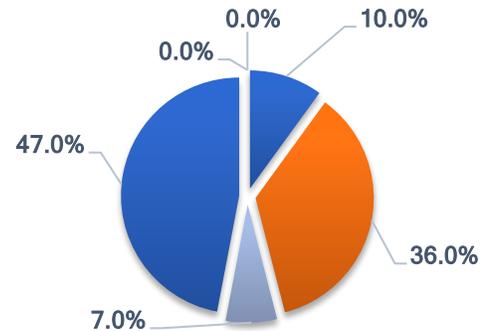
Revenue Summary

- A. Grants
- B. Service Fees
- C. Tax Levy
- D. Miscellaneous
- E. Interest
- F. Account Transfer

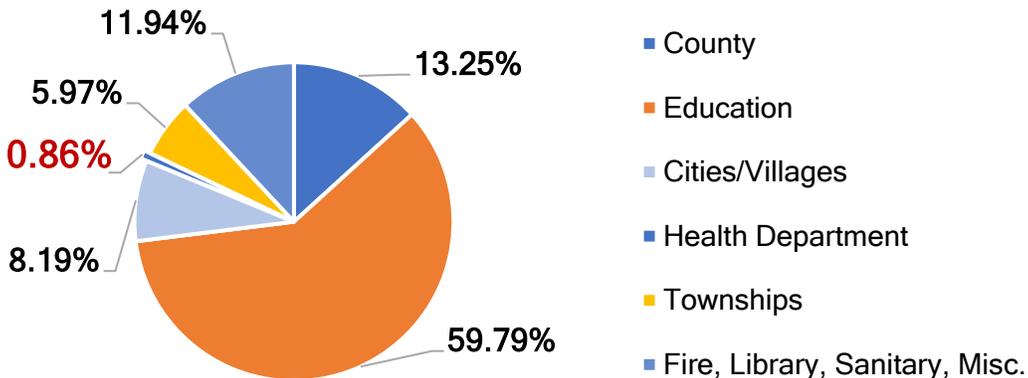


Expense Summary

- A. Personnel
- B. Personnel (Grant Ctgnt)
- C. Operating Expenses
- D. Grant Program Activities
- E. Account Transfer
- F. Building Construction

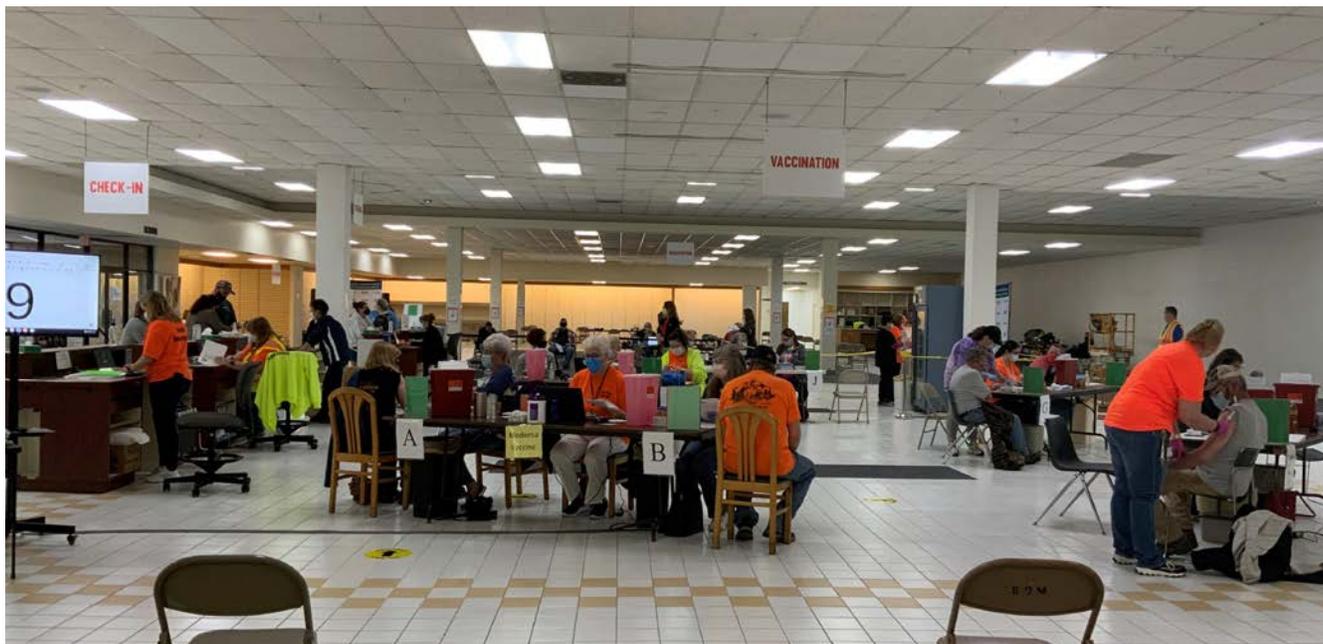


Distribution of Property Tax Tax Year 2020 Distributed in Knox County, 2021



2021 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- LIHEAP Program provided a record amount of funds to Residents to assist them with utility bills.
- Recognized by DCEO as one of the top three performers in LIHEAP applications completed and total monies distributed.
- Successfully completed the IBCCP 3-year Audit.
- Waived Food Safety Permit Renewal fees for existing food Service Establishments as an effort to support existing business during the pandemic.
- Partnered with the Knox County Farm Bureau to host first COVID Vaccine Clinics.
- Developed the Unified Command Vaccine Clinic Site holding 196 COVID Vaccine Clinics and providing 5,356 COVID Vaccines.
- Successfully passed VFC COVID Vaccine Audit with high praise from reviewers.
- Developed and held a FLU Vaccine Promotion Campaign and provided vaccine.
- Developed the COVID Vaccine and Testing Division; hiring a Director for the Position.
- Routinely achieved 95%-100% on all Contact Tracing Matrix IDPH monitored.
- Completed the Water and Onsite Wastewater program reviews passed both reviews.



Knox County Health Department staff and volunteer giving COVID 19 Vaccine at the Knox County Unified Command Vaccine Center in the former Bergner's building.

KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

"To serve Knox County by assessing health and environmental needs, developing policies, and assuring those needs are effectively addressed."

Vision Statement

"Healthy people in a healthy community"