

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Iroquois County Public  
Health Department







# PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR

On behalf of the Iroquois County Board of Health and the Iroquois County Public Health Department staff, we are pleased to present the Iroquois County Public Health Department's (ICPHD) fiscal year 2019 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of the numerous programs and services offered by ICPHD to protect and promote the health of our community. We hope the 2019 Annual Report helps the residents of Iroquois County to become more aware of our services and our impact in the community. The Environmental Health, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Community Health, and Senior Services divisions of the Iroquois County Public Health Department strive daily to meet the challenges of health and wellness faced by our residents.

As we reflect on the year 2019, the word commitment comes to mind. As you review the report, you may be impressed with the number of residents receiving services through our local health department. You may also be surprised by the number and diversity of programs offered.

What you cannot see in this report is the depth of commitment and compassion of the staff members making these programs possible. It is hard to imagine a team more dedicated to the improvement of lives and health of others. We are confident you will agree, we are fortunate to have the team we do. The Iroquois County Public Health Department is committed to serving our community.

We would like to thank the Iroquois County Board of Health, the Iroquois County Board, our community partners and the residents of Iroquois County for their continual support of our efforts to ensure that Iroquois County citizens have a safe living environment, safe food to eat, safe water to drink, and are free from communicable and chronic diseases. Let us know how we can serve you better.

*Dee Ann Schippert*

**DEE ANN SCHIPPERT, RN, BSN**

*Public Health Administrator*

*Michelle Fairley*

**MICHELLE FAIRLEY, RN**

*Board of Health President*



# IROQUOIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Iroquois County Public Health Department is to **“fulfill society’s interest in assuring conditions in which people can reach their maximum health potential.”** No matter your station in life, the health department focuses on education to help you achieve the highest level of wellness possible for the individual as well as the community.



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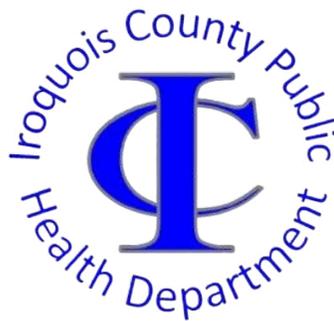
## BOARD OF HEALTH

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<b>V. Aravind Reddy</b> , MD, Vice-President	February 2022
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## BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**An eight member Board of Health governs the Iroquois County Public Health Department. The Iroquois County Board Chairman appoints members for a three-year term.**

### **(55 ILCS 5/5-25013)**

The Board of Health shall prescribe the powers and duties of all officers and employees, fix their compensation, and authorize payment of the same and all other department expenses from the County Health Fund of the county or counties concerned.

# ICPHD STAFF



(Not Pictured: Kellee Ward, Kim Bithos)

The staff of the Iroquois County Public Health Department consists of 19 individuals including 8 registered nurses and one licensed environmental health practitioner. This 19 person staff consists of 12 full-time, 5 part-time, and 2 PRN employees. ICPHD is proud to have a team with diverse talent and experience to operate its 5 departments and numerous programs to serve Iroquois County.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dee Ann Schippert, RN, BSN *Public Health Administrator*  
Sandra Sikma *Financial Officer*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF

Ryan Wheeler, MPH, LEHP *Director of Environmental Health*  
Kate Mueller, BS *Associate Sanitarian*  
Julia Niziolek, BS *Associate Sanitarian*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STAFF

Eric Ceci, BA, IPEM *Director of PH Emergency Preparedness*

## COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF

Vonda Pruitt, RN *Director of Nursing Services*  
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Debra Longest, RN, BSN *Staff Nurse PRN*  
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Judy McCann *Vision & Hearing Technician*  
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Jane Newell, RN, BSN *Staff Nurse*

## SENIOR SERVICES STAFF

Emily Shay, RN *Director of Senior Services*  
Kellee Ward *Senior Services Professional*  
Caleb Parker, BS *Senior Services Professional*

# ICPHD PROGRAMS 2019

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

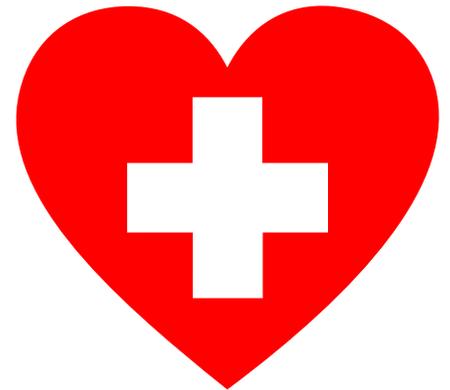
- Body Art Inspections
- Food Sanitation
- Potable Water Program
- Private Sewage Program
- Radon Program
- Smoke-Free Illinois
- Solid Waste Inspections
- Tanning Inspections
- Vector Control & Surveillance
- Complaint Investigations

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Clinical Services
- Communicable Disease
- CPR Program
- Investigations
- Community Outreach
- Dental Sealant Program
- FIT Testing
- Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
- Immunization Program
- Jail and Institution Program
- Lead Program
- School Health Services
- Tuberculosis Program
- Vision and Hearing Screening Program

## SENIOR SERVICES

- Adult Protective Services
- Care Coordinator Services
- Respite Services

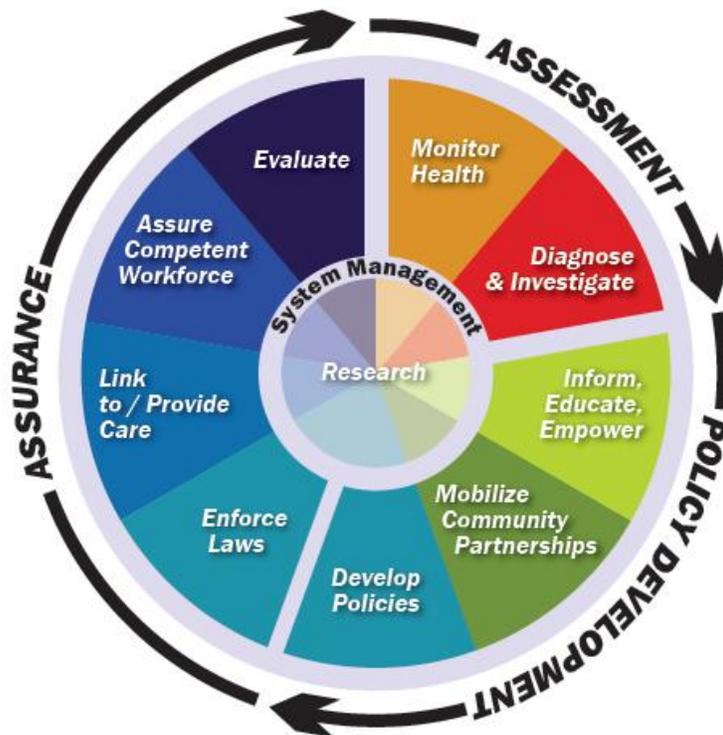


## PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



# PUBLIC HEALTH

## TEN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



## CORE FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**ASSESSMENT** - Monitor environmental and health status to identify and solve community environmental health problems, and diagnose and investigate environmental health problems and health hazards in the community.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT** - Inform, educate, and empower people about environmental health issues, mobilize community partnerships and actions to identify and solve environmental health problems, and develop policies and plans that support individual and community environmental health efforts.

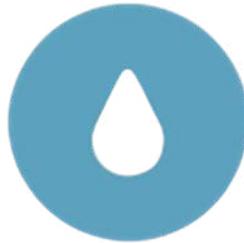
**ASSURANCE** - Enforce laws and regulations that protect environmental health and ensure safety, link people to needed environmental health services and assure the provision of environmental health services when otherwise unavailable, assure a competent environmental health workforce, evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based environmental health services, and research for new insights and innovative solutions to environmental health problems.

# PROTECTING RESIDENTS AT A GLANCE



479

Food Services  
Inspections



88

Water Well/Sealing  
Inspections



163

Water Sample Test Kits  
17% Unsatisfactory



63

Vector Surveillance  
Investigations



149

Radon Test Kits  
Distributed



58

Private Sewage  
Disposal Inspections



68

Lead Poisoning  
Screenings



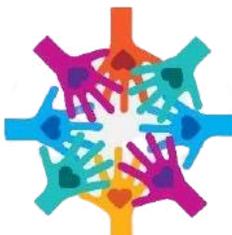
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Immunizations  
Given



178

Communicable  
Disease Investigations



268

Community Care  
Assessments/Reassessments



25

Press Releases



99

Tuberculosis Tests  
Given

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the places we work and the home we live in all have an impact on our health.

As a certified health department, the Environmental Health staff conducts programs to help ensure safe food is served at local establishments, private on-site wastewater systems properly dispose sewage, and safe drinking (potable) water is provided by new and existing water wells.

## BODY ART INSPECTIONS

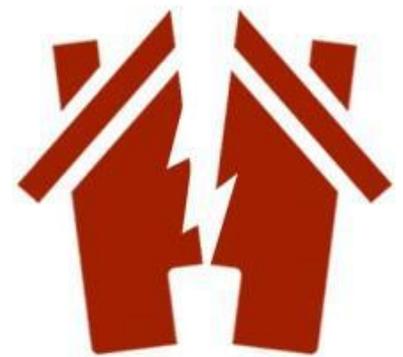


Iroquois County Public Health Department contracts with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct body art facility inspections in Iroquois County. All establishments providing body art services such as tattooing, piercing, branding or scarification are required to be registered. Upon receipt of a completed registration application, Environmental Health staff conducts an inspection to monitor compliance with IL Administrative Code 77.797. Renewal inspections are conducted periodically.

Compliance Inspections.....2

## COMPLAINTS

Complaints are investigated per the Iroquois County Nuisance Ordinance. The term “nuisance” is defined as the unreasonable or unlawful use by a person of their real or personal property, or the unreasonable, indecent or unlawful personal conduct which materially interferes with or jeopardizes the health, safety, prosperity, quiet enjoyment of property or welfare of others, offends common decency, or is offensive to the senses.



Nuisance.....	10
Sewage.....	11
Water.....	3

# FOOD SANITATION

Under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Governing Food and Sanitation and IDPH, Environmental Health staff is responsible for protecting individuals consuming foods in Iroquois County from food-borne illnesses. Activities include issuance of permits, inspections, destruction of unwholesome food, and complaint investigations.



Food Establishment Inspections.....	479
Permits Issued.....	194
Re-inspection.....	259
Temporary Permits Issued.....	72
Boil Orders.....	19
Cottage Food.....	5
Plan Submittal.....	5
Re-opening/Openings.....	18
Complaints.....	14

# POTABLE WATER PROGRAM

Potable water is water that is safe to drink or to use in food preparation. Under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Governing Water Wells and Water Supplies in Iroquois County and IDPH, Environmental Health focuses on reducing the risk for transmission of communicable disease by promoting the proper design, construction, and sealing of drinking water wells. A major consideration in constructing water wells is to prevent contamination from the ground surface or shallow ground water, sewage disposal systems and other hazardous sources, from entering the well.



Water Sample Kits Distributed.....	163
Unsatisfactory Samples.....	28
Non-Community Samples.....	47
Environmental Surveys.....	5
New Well Inspections.....	47
Non-Community Well Surveys.....	34
Permits Issued for New Wells.....	43
Permits Issued for Sealed Wells.....	45
Sealed Well Inspections.....	41

# PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Under the provisions set forth in the Iroquois County Ordinance Private Sewage, Disposal Systems of Iroquois County and IDPH, Environmental Health protects residents from malfunctioning or improperly constructed and maintained private sewage disposal systems which can pose serious health hazards.



Inspections.....	58
Permits Issued.....	54
Disposal Site Inspections.....	12
Pumper Truck Inspections.....	4

# RADON PROGRAM

Radon is a natural radioactive gas that is released in rock, soil, and water from the natural decay of uranium. Radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. It is not usually a question of “Is there radon?” but rather “How much radon is there?” The only way to tell if you have radon gas in your home is to test for it. The U.S. Surgeon General warns that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking and the number one cause of lung cancer in non smokers.



The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Radon Program and the Illinois Department of Public Health recommend if levels exceed 4.0 pCi/L, radon mitigation should be used to reduce the radon level and decrease the risk of lung cancer.

Number of Kits.....	149
>4pCL/L.....	22

Are Your Radon Levels Safe?

# SOLID WASTE INSPECTIONS



The Environmental Health staff inspects all garbage waste hauler trucks in Iroquois County.

Inspections.....	25
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# SMOKE-FREE ILLINOIS ACT



The Smoke-free Illinois Act (Public Act 95-0017) protects the public from the harmful effects of exposure to tobacco smoke by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment and within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, windows that open, or ventilation intake of a public place or place of employment. Funding is provided to certified local health departments to conduct compliance inspections.

Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance Inspections.....652

# TANNING INSPECTIONS

Inspections of tanning facilities located within Iroquois County are conducted annually.

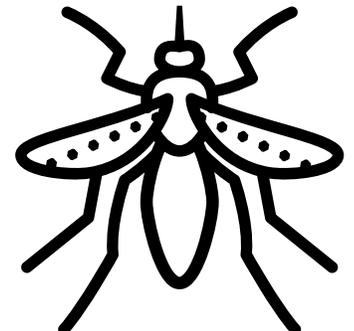


Tanning Inspections.....5

# VECTOR CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Illinois Department of Public Health awards annual grants to local health departments to conduct vector surveillance and control measures. Environmental Health staff traps mosquitoes to track the West Nile virus. The trap is filled with an organic liquid, that contains larvicide, where the mosquito lays its eggs. When the adult mosquitoes start to fly up the trap, they are caught in the net. The net is gathered and taken to the health department and frozen. The frozen mosquitoes are counted and dumped into a tray for grinding and testing. ICPHD will know within 10 minutes if the West Nile virus is present. The mosquitoes are divided up as only certain species carry West Nile virus. Any Aedes mosquitoes are submitted to Champaign-Urbana Public Health District for Zika testing, as ICPHD does not have the necessary equipment to test for Zika.

A mosquito becomes infected by biting a bird that carries the West Nile virus. It is then spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Environmental Health Staff also collects dead “perching birds,” such as blue jays, crows, and robins, for testing. Perching birds are more susceptible with a higher rate of testing positive for West Nile virus. These birds are frozen and sent to the state lab for further testing.



Mosquito Samples (0 positive).....60  
 Bird Samples (0 positive).....3

# COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Iroquois County Public Health Department aims to help all Iroquois County residents reach their maximum health potential. As a certified health department, the Community Health staff works to prevent disease outbreaks and chronic disease conditions through immunizations, testing, investigations and education.

## CLINICAL SERVICES

### *DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS*

Community Health nurses complete developmental screenings on children two to sixty months of age. Early diagnosis can help give a child the best opportunity to reach his/her full potential.

Screenings Completed.....157



### *HEMOGLOBIN SCREENINGS*

Screenings are offered at any age (children or adult) to detect or monitor low hemoglobin levels.

Screenings Completed.....44

### *HYPERTENSION SCREENINGS*

Blood pressure checks are offered at no cost during normal business hours. Regularly monitoring your blood pressure reduces your chance of heart disease or stroke.

Screenings Completed.....57

Education.....57



### *INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CONSULTATION*

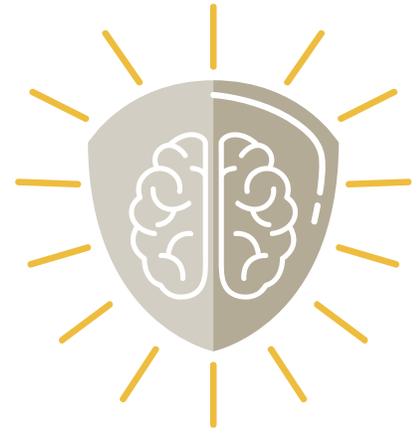
A pre-travel consultation is recommended to prepare travelers for health concerns and to provide immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases.

Consultations Completed.....18

## LEAD SCREENINGS

Lead screenings are completed on children over the age of one. Early detection of lead poisoning is important in the prevention of learning disabilities, behavioral problems, brain damage, muscle weakness, or even death.

Screenings Completed.....68



## PATERNITY SCREENINGS

Paternity testing is provided for “Court Ordered” cases only.

Screenings Completed.....16

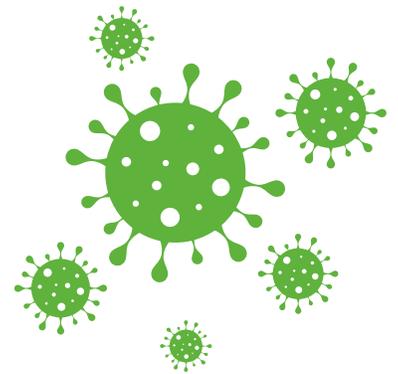
## PREGNANCY SCREENINGS

A urine sample pregnancy test is conducted. Early testing allows the mother to start prenatal care and obtain referrals to agencies which provide prenatal and/or parenting education.

Tests Completed.....19

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Health departments are required to investigate communicable (infectious) diseases. Community Health nurses investigate and mitigate communicable diseases reported by mandated reporters, such as health care providers, hospitals, and laboratories. These diseases are mandated to be reported because they are considered to be contagious, infectious, communicable and dangerous to the public’s health. For 2019, ICPHD investigated the following cases:



Animal Bites.....	56	Measles.....	1
Chlamydia.....	34	Mumps.....	1
Campylobacteriosis.....	2	Pertussis.....	6
Cryptosporidiosis.....	1	Syphillis.....	4
Gonorrhea.....	15	Salmonella.....	8
Haemophilus Influenza Invasive.....	1	Shinga Toxin- E coli.....	3
Hepatitis A.....	1	Strep Pneumo Invasive <5 .....	2
Hepatitis B.....	6	Rabies.....	16
Hepatitis C.....	38	Norovirus Outbreak.....	2
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome.....	1	Influenza with ICU admit.....	8
Histoplasmosis.....	6	Vaping.....	1
Legionellosis.....	1	Varicella.....	5
Lyme Disease.....	3	West Nile Virus.....	2

**Note: An investigation does not indicate a confirmed case.**

For a complete listing of reportable diseases, please refer to the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Information and education increase public awareness and knowledge, and helps to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. ICPHD utilizes several outreach methods and events to disseminate important information to keep Iroquois County residents safe.

Educational Presentations.....	18
Flu Clinics.....	19
Health Fairs.....	5
Public Speaking Events.....	1
Press Releases.....	25

# DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

ICPHD contracts Miles of Smiles to administer the Dental Sealant Program in schools throughout Iroquois County for students meeting required guidelines.



Sealants Placed.....	2
Education Provided.....	42

# FIT TESTING

The Iroquois County Public Health Department offers Colorectal Cancer Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kits for individuals 50 to 75 years of age who have not had a colonoscopy in the last 10 years, a sigmoidoscopy in the last 5 years, or a history of colon cancer or prior resection. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States and is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., but it is also largely preventable.

Sealants Placed.....	0
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# ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

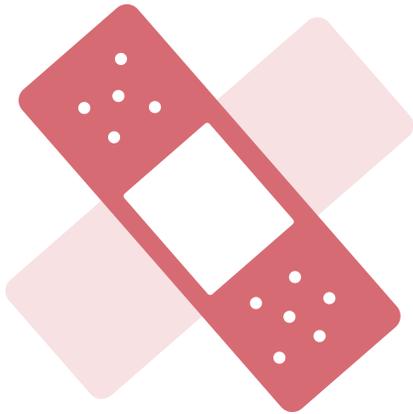
ICPHD is a sub-grantee of Livingston County Health Department for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program grant. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program offers free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap tests to eligible women. Even if a woman has already been diagnosed with cancer, she may receive free treatment if she qualifies. Approval of male client breast services are determined on a case by case basis.



New/Renewal Case Management Clients.....	22
Clinical Breast Exam.....	17
Mammogram.....	24
Pap Test.....	9
Diagnostic Services.....	9

# IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

## ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS



Regardless of age, immunizations protect against serious and deadly diseases. Protection from vaccines received as a child can wear off over time, placing adults at risk for new and different diseases. ICPHD starts providing flu shots in September. Getting the flu shot is the best way to reduce the chance of getting the seasonal flu and spreading it to others. It takes approximately two weeks after vaccination for the body to develop protection against the flu.

Adult Immunizations.....	151
Flu Shots.....	556
Pneumonia Vaccines.....	79

## CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

ICPHD offers Illinois' Vaccines for Children (VFC), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and private pay vaccines for children. The VFC Program helps provide vaccines to children who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid eligible, or are American Indian or Alaskan Native. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides no-cost or low-cost health coverage for eligible children in Illinois. Both programs help ensure all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. ICPHD continued to see an increase in the number of child immunizations given in fiscal year 2019.



VFC Immunizations.....	1371
CHIP Immunizations.....	39
Private Pay Immunizations.....	172

*Immunizations for children and adults are available by appointment. ICPHD does accept some private insurances.*

# JAIL AND INSTITUTION PROGRAM

ICPHD Community Health staff provides physical assessment, consultation (as needed), and referrals (as appropriate) for incarcerated individuals in the Iroquois County jail, thus identifying at-risk prisoners and reducing the spread of infectious disease.

Inmates Assessed.....	104
Inmates Referred for Follow-Up.....	48

# SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM



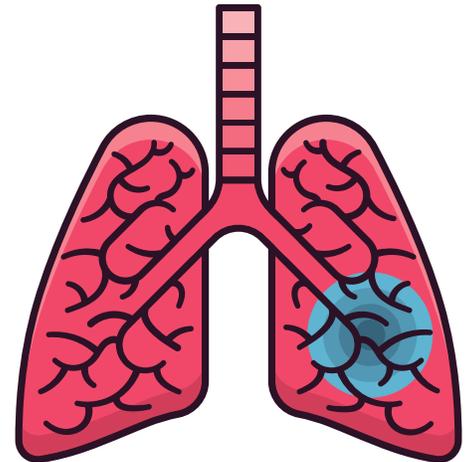
ICPHD Community Health staff currently provides school health nursing services for Milford Area Public Schools #124 and Iroquois County Community Unit School District #9 schools. School nurses are responsible for caring for students who become ill or injured during school hours, taking vital signs, recording symptoms, administering basic medical aid, and maintaining compliance with state school requirements. They also care for students with asthma, diabetes, head lice, allergies, and more. The school nurses provide health education to students regarding STDs, nutrition, bullying prevention, and much more.

Students Served.....	1503
Illiana Migrant Head Start Students.....	7

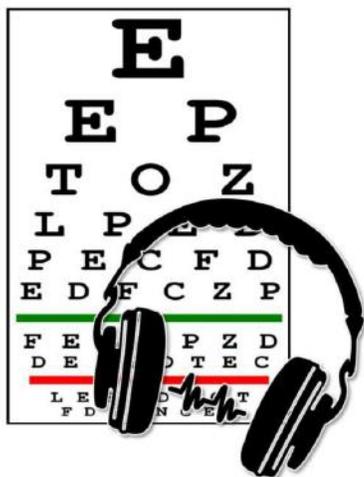
# TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

Although tuberculosis is an old disease, it remains a current threat throughout the world. The Tuberculosis Program reduces the incidences of this infectious disease in Iroquois County by providing screening, investigation, education, referral, and treatment of active and latent tuberculosis cases for Iroquois County residents. TB skin tests are available at the health department on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays with the exception of holidays.

New Case Investigated.....	7
Patients on Medication.....	0
Skin Test Given: One-Step.....	79
Skin Test Given: Two-Step.....	20
Tests Not Read.....	3
X-Ray Referrals.....	0



# VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS



ICPHD’s certified vision and hearing technician screens preschool through high school students in Iroquois County through the screening process established by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The program provides screenings, appropriate referrals, follow-up, and education.

Vision Screenings.....	2128
Vision Rescreens.....	347
Vision Referrals.....	197
Hearing Screenings.....	2461
Hearing Rescreens.....	88
Hearing Referrals.....	24

# SENIOR SERVICES

Through the IDOA, The Senior Services team at the Iroquois County Public Health Department is dedicated to serving citizens, age 60 or older, by providing services that facilitate healthy living.

## ADULT PROTECTIVE CARE SERVICES

Adult Protective Service (APS) caseworkers investigate reports of suspected neglect or abuse of older adults age 60 and over, and adults with disabilities age 18-59. APS caseworkers advocate for individuals suspected of being injured, financially exploited, neglected or otherwise mistreated.

APS Reports.....	47
Vulnerable Adult Reports (VAR)- Self Neglect Intakes.....	9
Bank Trainings (Every 3 years).....	0

## COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

The Community Care Program assists senior citizens who might otherwise require nursing home care. This program assists seniors to maintain their independence by providing cost effective alternatives to nursing home placement such as automated medication dispensing and emergency home response along with in-home and community-based services. Eligibility for the program includes people who are: 60 years old or older, a U.S. citizen or legal alien and a resident of Illinois, with non-exempt assets of \$17,500 or less (your home, car, or personal furnishings are classified as exempt assets).



Annual/Needs Based Reassessments.....	178
New Client Assessments.....	90
Nursing Home Pre/Post Screens.....	144
Intensive Casework.....	78
Intensive Monitoring.....	3

## RESPIRE SERVICES

Respite is short-term services that help families take a break from the daily routine and stress of caring for a loved one through the provision of a caretaker.

# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is charged with providing the citizens of Iroquois County with a plan that will ensure public health response to any overt threat whether natural or man-made. Emergency preparedness includes identifying the crisis at hand, as well as providing education and media information as appropriate to the public.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is not a steady state; it requires continuous improvement, including frequent testing of plans through drills and exercises and the formulation and execution of corrective action plans. All staff members of ICPHD are NIMS (National Incident Management System) trained.

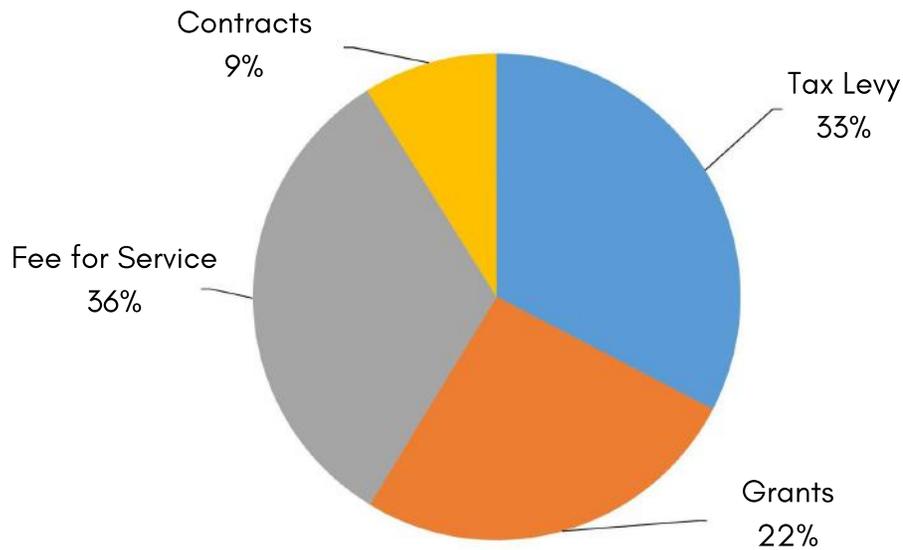
## POWER OF PREPAREDNESS: PREPARE YOUR HEALTH



In the event of a biologic emergency, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) personnel would be delegated the responsibility of coordinating the response. A plan for the distribution of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) materials has been developed. The purpose is to establish policies, procedures and guidelines for the dispensing of mass medications and/or vaccinations to the residents of Iroquois County and to anyone who may be traveling through the county in the event of a bioterrorist attack, disease outbreak, or other natural or man-made disaster. In order to respond to an actual event, coordination and support of multiple agencies and community partners is necessary.

# 2019 REVENUES & EXPENSES (SUMMARIZED)

## REVENUE



## REVENUE

Tax Levy	\$314,935
Grants	\$210,004
Fees for Service	\$338,805
Contracts/Misc	\$86,427
Miscellaneous	\$32
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$950,202</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Personnel Costs	\$773,485
Administrative Overhead	\$58,788
Travel	\$152,572
Program Expenses	\$35,914
Capital Improvements/ Equipment	\$18,368
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,039,126</b>

**FUND BALANCE (11/30/2019) \$845,944**



# JUDY CULTRA & TERRY EIMEN RETIRE

The Iroquois County Public Health Department extends best wishes to two of their own, who have served the residents of Iroquois County well for several decades. Judy Cultra and Terry Eimen both retired from public health service in June of 2019.

During her 27 years of service as a staff nurse, Judy has been a tremendous asset to Iroquois County residents through her expertise in the prevention and control of communicable diseases, vaccine administration, lead screenings, blood pressure screenings, and numerous other public health services. She has provided countless medical screenings and tuberculosis skin tests to Iroquois County residents.

Just imagine the number of immunizations and flu vaccines she has given to both children and adults during her 27 years of quality care. Judy has touched many lives. Her positive attitude at ICPHD has been contagious, and she always served with kindness and compassion for others.

During his 32 years of public health service in environmental health, Terry has been a key part of the comprehensive public health system. Terry has worked diligently to advance policies, ordinances and programs to reduce chemical, biological and environmental exposures in water, soil, air, and food. The residents of Iroquois County are able to drink safe water, eat safe food at a restaurant or school, and are assured of properly disposed sewage without worry of illness because Terry has worked behind the scenes to keep these activities safe.

There is no way to measure the number of food-borne outbreaks, illnesses or communicable diseases that Terry has prevented or controlled in our jurisdiction through activities such as: food establishment inspections, private sewage disposal inspections, well inspections, water sampling, radon testing, vector control measures, nuisance complaint investigations and numerous other environmental health services.

Judy and Terry have been valuable members of our team and the Iroquois County Public Health Department is grateful for their hard work and devotion to the health and safety of Iroquois County residents. We, at ICPHD, are extremely fortunate and blessed to have worked alongside these two dedicated individuals. Their careers have been focused on improving the lives and health of others. Both will be missed tremendously.



