



# 2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

**JERSEY COUNTY  
HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

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# Our Mission & Philosophy

The Jersey County Health Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for Jersey County residents by reducing morbidity and mortality through the prevention and/or control of disease, provision of public and professional education, and coordination and/or provision of care.

Programs are conducted in the following areas: Chronic Disease, Home Health Services, Maternal & Child Health, Communicable Disease Prevention, Private Sewage Disposal, Food Safety, Private Water Supply, Vector Control and Nuisance Abatement, and other programs which are reasonably within the scope of the Jersey County Health Department.



## Leadership

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Public Health Administrator  
Director of Communicable Disease  
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### **Dr. Leo Dizon, M.D.**

Medical Director

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Home Health Supervisor

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## Board of Health

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Board Member

### **Dr. Timothy Ruff, M.D.**

Board Member

# Programs & Services

## FAMILY HEALTH / COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Communicable Disease surveillance, investigation and control
- Investigation of animal bites
- Immunizations, T.B. Skin Tests, B12, and Allergy Injection Clinics
- Tuberculosis Case Management
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic
- Public Health Preparedness
- Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children
- Family Case Management
- Breastfeeding Support

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Food Safety Program
- Private Water Supply Program
- Private Sewage Disposal Program
- Smoke-Free Illinois Act Enforcement
- Certified Food Manager Course and Exam Proctoring
- Well Water Testing
- Vector Control and Nuisance Abatement

## HOME HEALTH CARE

- Skilled Nursing, Therapy, and Home Aide Services
- Respite Care
- Access Assistance
- Private Pay Homemakers

# Family Health

## WHAT WE CONTINUED

- WIC, Family Case Management, and High-Risk Infant Follow-up grant services
- HealthWorks Medical Case Management for DCFS wards under 6 years old
- Breastfeeding education and support
- Pediatric Developmental Screenings, Physical Exams, and Dental Varnish
- Perinatal Depression Screenings
- Pediatric Immunization Clinics
- Lead Screenings for pregnant women and children with investigation and case management for elevated levels
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- STI case follow-up for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis
- Free condom distribution
- Referrals to other community services
- Low or No Cost STI Testing and Treatment for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, with walk-in testing clinics
- Jersey County Interagency Group meetings to share information with other community service providers

## WHAT WE STARTED

- One Registered Nurse became an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant
- Began Jersey County Recovery Council with other agencies to address the needs of those in recovery / non-substance use.



## By The Numbers...



**1,545** Children's Immunizations Given



**129** Lead Screenings Completed



**25** Pregnancy Tests Given



**12** DNA Tests Performed



**4** Teen Births



**54** Chlamydia Cases



**4** Gonorrhea Cases



**2** Syphilis Cases

# Communicable Disease/Preparedness

## WHAT WE CONTINUED

- Fielding questions from the public, community partners, and businesses on recommended respiratory virus mitigation strategies
- Collaborating with long-term care and assisted living facilities in providing information to help them determine their response to outbreaks
- Weekly Drive-thru immunization clinics with no appointments necessary
- Off-site immunization clinics including COVID-19 vaccines
- TB investigations and communicable disease follow up

## WHAT WE STARTED

- Administering and educating on the RSV vaccine
- Free Narcan distribution
- Provided free COVID-19 at-home tests
- Provided free FIT kits and testing

## By The Numbers...



**3,065** Adult Immunizations Given



**731** COVID-19 Cases



**4** Hepatitis C Cases

**1** Hepatitis A Case



**1** E. Coli Case



**2** Rabies PEP Given



**1** Latent Tuberculosis Case



**1** Haemophilus Influenzae Cases



**1** Varicella Case



**4** Campylobacter Cases



**1** Flu case with ICU Admission

# Home Health

## WHAT WE CONTINUED

- Working on star ratings
- Increasing scores on QAPI projects
- Marketing to increase census
- Maintaining communications with referral sources
- Electronic Charting / Filings
- Re-alignment of the billing department
- Training for OASIS E & HHVBP

## WHAT WE STARTED

- New therapy contract with Boyd Healthcare
- Re-aligning interoffice processes
- Introduction of electronic process guidance for nurses and aides to eliminate paper use
- Upgrading electronic medical record system



## By The Numbers...



**569** Total Admissions



**2,280** Home Health Nursing Visits



**551** Home Health Aide Visits



**1,038** Total Therapy Visits



**1,409** Total Home Maker Visits

# Environmental Health

## WHAT WE CONTINUED

- Food Sanitation inspections
- Private Sewage inspections
- Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance
- Complaint investigations for all programs
- Monitoring West Nile Virus within the county
- Working towards meeting all 9 of the FDA National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards
- Attending continuing education opportunities for Food Safety, Private Sewage Disposal and Private Water Supply programs
- Body Art and Tanning Salon Inspections
- Electronic filing
- FDA Standardization

## WHAT WE STARTED

- Implemented new Food Sanitation Ordinance to align with the FDA National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards
- Conducted a risk-factor study on Foodborne Illness Risk Factors in food establishments
- Created a plan review application for new food establishments to ensure compliance
- Increased late fees for annual permits



## By The Numbers...



**196** Food Sanitation Inspections



**98** Food Sanitation Recheck Inspections



**14** Food Sanitation Complaint Investigations



**41** Private Sewage Inspections



**15** Private Sewage Complaint Investigations



**79** Mosquito Tests

# Fiscal & Administrative

## WHAT WE CONTINUED

- State and local grant billing and administration
- Fiscal processing – payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payment processing
- Answering and routing incoming phone calls to departments
- Supporting COVID-19 vaccination clinics

## WHAT WE STARTED

- Digitizing immunization records from the 1980's – current
- Joined forces with Jersey County to provide more affordable health insurance for employees and their families
- Seeking out additional grant opportunities to accomplish higher employee retention

## By The Numbers...

Beginning Balance on 12/1/2022: \$ 873,214

### RECEIPTS:

Federal Funds.....	\$ 953,557
Il. Dept. of Public Health .....	\$ 333,394
Ill. Dept. of Human Services .....	\$ 67,268
Ill. Dept. of Family Services .....	\$ 47,121
Area Agency on Aging.....	\$ 20,412
County Tax Levy .....	\$ 34,860
Fees, Contracts, Misc. ....	\$ 671,130
IMRF/SS Paid by County .....	\$ 150,936
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,278,678</b>
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Beginning Balance..</b>	<b>\$ 3,151,892</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries, Wages & Benefits.....	\$ 1,150,055
IMRF/SS Paid by County .....	\$ 150,936
Operating Expenses.....	\$ 853,341
<b>Total Disbursements.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,154,332</b>
<b>Ending Balance 11/30/2023 .....</b>	<b>\$ 997,560</b>
*Pre-audit figures	
<b>Mortgage Debt .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,262</b>

