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.

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# 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

**WHAT WE STARTED**
- Low or No Cost STI Testing and Treatment for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, with walk-in testing clinics
- Resumed Jersey County Interagency Group meetings to share information with other community service providers
- One Registered Nurse and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor became Certified Lactation Counselors

**By The Numbers...**
- 2,184 Children's Immunizations Given
- 101 Lead Screenings Completed
- 25 Pregnancy Tests Given
- 16 DNA Tests Performed
- 5 Teen Births
- 56 Chlamydia Cases
- 4 Gonorrhea Cases
- 1 Syphilis Case
Communicable Disease/Preparedness

**WHAT WE CONTINUED**

- Fielding questions from the public, community partners, and businesses on recommended COVID-19 mitigation strategies
- Collaborating with schools in providing information to help them determine their response
- 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**

- Shifted team members from a contact tracing response to a vaccination-focused response
- Provided COVID-19 testing via drive-thru clinic with no appointment required
- Electronic record keeping for immunization consent forms
- COVID-19 vaccination clinics in LTC facilities

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**By The Numbers...**

- **6,649** Adult Immunizations Given
- **4,007** COVID-19 Cases
- **4** Hepatitis C Cases
- **4** Salmonella Cases
- **1** Rabies PEP Given
- **1** Latent Tuberculosis Case
- **2** Haemophilus Influenzae Cases
- **1** Lyme Disease Case
- **1** Campylobacter Case
- **1** Histoplasmosis Case
Home Health

WHAT WE CONTINUED

- Working on star ratings
- Increasing scores on QAPI projects
- Marketing to increase census
- Maintaining communications with referral sources

WHAT WE STARTED

- Home Health Aides went to electronic charting
- Therapies went to electronic charting
- Transitioning to all electronic filings
- Re-aligning the billing department so additional employees can aid in the process
- Training for OASIS-E & HHVBP

By The Numbers...

- **569** Total Admissions
- **2,488** Home Health Nursing Visits
- **933** Home Health Aide Visits
- **1,535** Total Therapy Visits
- **1,567** Total Home Maker Visits
**Environmental Health**

**WHAT WE CONTINUED**

- Food Sanitation inspections
- Private Sewage inspections
- Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance
- Complaint investigations for the Food Safety, Private Sewage Disposal and SFIA Programs
- West Nile Virus monitoring
- 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

**WHAT WE STARTED**

- Sanitarian training for our newly added inspector
- Electronic inspection filing systems
- Electronic food inspection reports
- Electronic permit applications
- Increased permit fees
- FDA Standardization (completed by the Director of Environmental Health) and plans to standardize other counties in the Metro-East Region

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**By The Numbers...**

- **192** Food Sanitation Inspections
- **80** Food Sanitation Recheck Inspections
- **16** Food Sanitation Complaint Investigations
- **36** Private Sewage Inspections
- **17** Private Sewage Complaint Investigations
- **125** Mosquito Tests
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

- Relocating of staff to operate more cohesively as a team
- Realigning of roles to be based on skills and interests
- Transitioning to Electronic Remittance Advice
- Integrated new HRIS system

By The Numbers...

Beginning Balance on 12/1/2021: $973,294

Receipts:
- Federal Funds ..................................... $1,358,390
- Ill. Dept. of Public Health .................... $213,644
- Ill. Dept. of Human Services ............... $69,033
- Ill. Dept. of Family Services ................ $44,384
- Area Agency on Aging........................ $17,821
- County Tax Levy ................................. $36,844
- Fees, Contracts, Misc. ........................ $585,481
- IMRF/SS Paid by County ................... $223,963

Total Receipts ................................... $2,549,561
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance.. $3,522,854

Disbursements:
- Salaries, Wages & Benefits................. $1,482,071
- IMRF/SS Paid by County ................... $223,963
- Operating Expenses ......................... $943,606

Total Disbursements ......................... $2,649,640
Ending Balance 11/30/2022 ............... $873,214

*Pre-audit figures
Mortgage Debt ................................. $21,263