



Board of Health
Options in Providing
Services



Bi-County and
Multi-County Health
Departments



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Insight

Illinois County Health Departments

Every day, county health departments in Illinois work to strengthen communities by protecting people from health threats, preventing illness, responding to emergencies and enforcing laws to keep people safe. The work of county health departments too often goes unnoticed. Broadly speaking, in addition to administering specific programs and rendering direct service, local health departments are accountable to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and assist federal agencies in the development and maintenance of an organized health system.

An agency of local government, a county health department (CHD) develops and administers programs and services that are aimed at maintaining a healthy community. To ensure that these efforts address a community's most important health problems and concerns, the county health department encourages residents to participate in assessing public health needs and in formulating a

community health plan. It also works with other community organizations to assure that needed services and programs are available.

A county board of health initiates and carries out programs and activities necessary or desirable for the promotion and protection of health and control of disease. It may make and adopt rules to protect and improve the public health of residents

in the county. A board of health reports to the county board.

Board of health members are appointed by the chair of the county board. By law, the board must be composed of two physicians, one dentist, one county board member and four citizens-at-large. It is the policy of the IDPH to recognize and certify new health departments that serve no less than a county.



County Board of Health

Once a board of health is established and the county board appoints members, the board of health has four options for providing public health services for the citizens of its county. They are:

Option 1

Develop a single county health department that will provide programs and services to address the public health needs of the citizens it serves. This is being done in most Illinois counties.

Option 2

Develop a bi- or multi-county health department by joining with one or more counties to provide programs and services that address the public health needs of all citizens within all of the counties served.

Option 3

Contract with an entity within the county, such as a hospital, to provide programs and services to address the public health needs of county residents.

Option 4

Contract with an existing local health department in a neighboring county to provide programs and services to address the public health needs of the county residents. Currently:

- Marshall County contracts with Peoria City/County Health Department
- Putnam County contracts with Bureau County Health Department
- Stark County contracts with Henry County Health Department
- Menard County contracts with Sangamon County Department of Public Health
- Champaign County contracts with Champaign-Urbana Public Health District.

Services and programs available through county health departments include:



While the health of a community depends on many different organizations and professions, county health departments provide the most basic public health services in a community.

- Vision/hearing testing (preschool and school-age children)
- Immunizations
- Communicable disease investigations
- Consulting and permits for private sewage systems
- Issuing water well permits
- Health awareness information
- Case management
- Health screenings (blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes)
- Dental sealants
- Well-baby clinics
- Breast cancer awareness
- AIDS counseling and testing
- Restaurant inspections
- Training for food service workers
- Foodborne illness investigations
- Screening/testing of water samples
- Well inspections and surveys
- Investigation of solid waste, insect, rodent and nuisance complaints
- Referrals to other agencies



In coordination with the IDPH, many county health departments support food service training for workers. The courses and educational tools enhance public safety by informing food service workers about major risk factors that contribute most to foodborne illness.

Counties are authorized by statute to perform a number of public health functions including operating public health departments, hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. All of these functions are optional and are adopted by vote of the county board or by referendum. If a health department is established by county board resolution, it may be discontinued by resolution. If established by referendum, it must be discontinued by referendum.



Bi-county or multi-county health departments Organization and funding

Bi-county or multi-county health departments are like single-county health departments except they serve a larger area and are responsible to more than one county board. Several Illinois local health departments are bi-county or multi-county. With this arrangement, a board of health is created by resolution of each county board or by voter approval in county-wide referenda. The board has representatives from each county. Revenues and expenses are shared proportionally.

Successful examples are:

- DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department
- Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department
- Southern Seven Health Department (Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties)
- Egyptian Health Department (Gallatin, Saline and White counties)

Illinois statute (55 ILCS 5/5-25012) sets forth the number of members on the county or multi-county board of health, terms of office and compensation. Some boards require specific health practitioners to be appointed to the board. These provisions vary by the size of the county.

How are health departments funded?

County health departments are funded from a combination of sources including monies from local fee-for-services, local tax support, state funding from IDPH, other state agencies, federal resources and non-governmental grant sources.

A county has options in providing financial support for local health services:

- If the local board of health was created by county board resolution, financial support may come from the county's general fund.
- If the board of health was created by county wide referendum, a separate tax of up to \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed property valuation may be levied.
- The county board may convert the county's existing tuberculosis tax levy to support public health programs. A county board may dissolve its tuberculosis board by resolution, establish a board of health, and convert the tuberculosis levy (up to \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed property value) to support public health services, including tuberculosis services, for the county.
- The county board of any county having less than 1 million inhabitants may provide for a mental health program within the county health department. Statute provides for a tax of .05 percent after referendum approval and an additional .05 percent if approved by an additional referendum.

No matter what method is used to provide local support, the board of health reports to the county board, which has full budgetary approval authority.

Authority and Jurisdiction

The major duty of the board of health is to enforce, within its jurisdiction, all state laws pertaining to the preservation of health and all county ordinances relating to health matters.

Each county or multi-county public health department has jurisdiction throughout its entire territory except within:

- any public health district;
- any city or cities which maintain a full-time public health department;
- cities over 500,000.

In counties without a civil service system, the board of health has the exclusive right to employ and discharge its officers and employees. In counties with civil service, the employees of the health department are subject to the rules and regulations under that system.

A main responsibility of a board of health is to investigate and adopt measures to control infectious diseases and make health inspections. Illinois statute (5/5-1115) provides the county board in counties having a board of health may license and regulate all food service establishments in its jurisdiction and impose reasonable fees. County boards of health are not required to provide schools with services, but if it does, it can charge for services. **NOTE:** Fees may be waived for schools and other units of local government.

Emergency Boards of Health

The board of county commissioners in counties not under township organization, and the supervisor, assessor and township clerk of every township in counties under township organization, shall constitute a board of health in counties without public health departments. Upon an outbreak of any dangerously communicable diseases in the county, the board may make and enforce such rules and regulations tending to check the spread of the disease within the limits of the county as may be necessary.

BOARD OF HEALTH POWERS AND DUTIES

A board of health may make and adopt rules for its own guidance and for the government of the health department as may be deemed necessary to protect and improve public health.

A board of health is required to hold a meeting prior to the end of each operating fiscal year, at which time officers are to be elected for the ensuing operating fiscal year. A board of health shall hold meetings at least quarterly. Special meetings shall be held upon a written request signed by two members and filed with the Secretary or on request of the medical health officer or public health administrator. A board of health must also provide, equip and maintain suitable offices, facilities and appliances for the health department.

Annual Report

Within 90 days after the end of the county's operating fiscal year, the board of health shall publish an annual report showing the condition of its trust on the last day of the most recently completed operating fiscal year, the sums of money received from all sources, giving the name of any donor, how all moneys have been expended and for what purpose, and such other statistics and information in regard to the work of the health department as it may deem of general interest. The report must be published in pamphlet form and made available for free distribution.



Within its jurisdiction, and professional and technical competence, a board of health shall make all necessary sanitary and health investigations and inspections.

A board of health shall enforce and observe all State laws pertaining to the preservation of health and all county ordinances.

In addition to making health inspections, county health departments investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and adopt measures to arrest the progress. The departments also carry out programs and services in mental health, including intellectual disabilities, and alcoholism and substance abuse.

Executive officers and employees

The board of health shall appoint a medical health officer or a public health administrator as the executive officer for the department, who shall be a citizen of the United States and shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the State Department of Public Health. As provided, the board of health shall make available medical supervision which is considered adequate by the Director of Public Health. In addition, the board of health shall appoint such professional employees as may be approved by the executive officer who meet the qualification requirements of the State Department of Public Health for their respective positions. In those health departments temporarily without a medical health officer or public health administrator approval by the State shall suffice.

Other officers and employees may be appointed as necessary. 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. The board of health must submit an annual report to the county board or boards, explaining all of its activities and expenditures.

In consultation with other private and public health agencies in the county, the board of health develops local plans for the most efficient delivery of health services.



The board of health of each county or multi-county health department “may” also:



- ➔ Initiate and carry out programs and activities of all kinds, not inconsistent with law, that may be deemed necessary or desirable in the promotion and protection of health and in the control of disease, such as immunization clinics.
- ➔ Receive contributions of real and personal property.
- ➔ Recommend to the county board or boards the adoption of such ordinances and of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the promotion and protection of health and control of disease.
- ➔ Enter into contracts with the State, municipalities, other political subdivisions and non-official agencies for the purchase, sale or exchange of health services.
- ➔ Enter into multiple year employment contracts with the medical health officer or public health administrator as may be necessary for the recruitment and retention of personnel and the proper functioning of the health department.
- ➔ Enter into contracts with municipal health departments, county health departments, other boards of health, private or public hospitals, and not-for-profit entities to provide public health services outside of a board of health’s own jurisdiction in order to protect the public health in an effective manner.
- ➔ Hire attorneys to represent and advise the department concerning matters that are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State’s Attorney or one of the counties that created the department. **NOTE:** *Applies to a board of health of a multi-county health department.*

Any county health department may be discontinued by resolution of the county board(s), if established in such manner or if established by referendum, then by a referendum initiated by petition and submitted to vote in the same manner as for adoption. After the payment of all obligations, the money in the “County Health Fund” shall become a part of the general funds in the county treasury. All other property shall be devoted to such county purpose as the county board(s) determine.



Dental Clinics and Care

Oral health is an important part of overall physical health. A board of health may choose to appoint a medical and dental advisory committee to the county health department.

Dental clinics operated by county health departments primarily serve Medicaid eligible children and adults free of charge and uninsured or underinsured children and adults on a sliding fee basis. Preventative care includes complete exams, x-rays, and hygiene service. While restorative dental care includes fillings, extractions, dentures and crowns for children.

In some counties, the dental clinic team visits county schools to provide dental exams and cleanings.

Service Fees

The board of health may set fees it deems reasonable and necessary:

- to provide services or perform regulatory activities;
- when required by State or federal grant award conditions;
- to support activities delegated to the board of health by the IDPH, or;
- when required by an agreement between the board of health and other private or governmental organizations, unless the fee has been established as a part of a regulatory ordinance adopted by the county board, in which case the board of health shall make recommendations to the county board concerning those fees.

Revenue generated from fees shall be deposited in the County Health Fund or to the account of the multiple-county health department.

certification

Once a local health department is established and able to meet all certification requirements, it is granted certification by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Certified local health departments are eligible for IDPH categorical grants to address specific health needs. State and federal funds are also awarded annually by IDPH.

Certification makes a local health department eligible for the Local Health Protection Grant. This grant, with award amounts determined according to a need-based formula, provides state financial support for local health protection programs including, but not limited to, infectious diseases, food protection, potable water supply and private sewage disposal. A minimum annual award is established. Also, a county's population, per capita income and assessed property valuation are factors in determining grant amounts.



HOW DO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS BECOME CERTIFIED?

Local health departments apply to the IDPH for certification. IDPH may award either provisional certification or certification. Provisional certification is granted to newly formed local health departments that serve one or more counties and make a commitment to complete a comprehensive planning process within two years.

Certification is granted to local health departments that meet the IDPH's requirements for employing a qualified executive officer and public health practice standards (completion of an internal organizational capacity assessment and a community health needs assessment, development of a community health plan and compliance with required activities).

Requirements for provisional certification and certification are contained in the Certified Local Health Department Code, 77 Il. Adm. Code 600.

Requirements for staff, facilities, population served, etc.

There are few requirements for establishing a local health department. There is no minimum number of staff, there is no requirements for buildings and infrastructure; and there is no minimum size population to serve. A county must maintain a full-time health department that is administered by a board of health. The board must appoint a qualified medical health officer or public health administrator to act as the executive officer for the health department. The number of staff and type of facility are local decisions and are dependent on how the health department is organized, what types of programs are offered and what is required by specific grants.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN A COUNTY BY ANOTHER PROVIDER

Once a board of health or department are established, both will coordinate public health services with the services offered by other community agencies to make sure the community's needs are met. In counties where some public health services exist, the services could continue to be provided by the current providers. From IDPH's perspective, a local health department does not have to provide all of the essential health programs itself. Rather, the board of health and the local health department must assure these services are provided to the citizens within its jurisdiction.

What public health services does Illinois provide in counties not served by a health department?

Currently, IDPH provides very limited direct environmental health services through some of its regional offices. IDPH staff only respond to complaints about food service establishments; no routine inspections are provided to promote quality food handling practices in restaurants. While IDPH does provide some permits and sporadic inspections for potable water and private sewage, these services do not favorably compare with the environmental health services that could be provided by a local health department. IDPH provides no direct personal health services. A local health department is essential because it gives the community better accessibility, more continuity and uniformity of services, knowledge of local concerns and practices and improved services.

A health department is the focal point in the development of a comprehensive system of preventive health and primary care, especially in a rural area.

Illinois county health departments employ local people in the worthwhile jobs of nursing, environmental health, administration and clerical service. These local government employees are dedicated people who are committed to improving and assuring the safety and health of their fellow county residents.



ILLINOIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SPECTRUM OF SERVICES

ADOLESCENT AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

- Hearing and Vision Screenings
- Immunizations
- Influenza Vaccines
- Dental Clinics and Exams
- Outpatient Behavioral Health
- Family Counseling
- Developmental Screenings
- Therapeutic Services
- School and Sports Physicals
- Sick Visits and Injury Evaluations
- Daycare Inspections



Lead exposure screening and testing is another child health service often provided to families through county health departments. Lead poisoning, the number one environmental illness of children, is caused primarily by lead-based paint in older homes.

ADULT AND SENIOR HEALTH SERVICES

- Adult Health Screenings
- Physical Exams
- Communicable Disease Control
- Health Education
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Testing
- TB Surveillance and Testing
- Travel Immunizations
- Tobacco-Free Community Initiatives
- Vision and Hearing Testing
- Diabetes Education
- Optometry Services and Exams
- Elder Abuse Hotline



County health departments administer harm reduction programs for several types of adult substance use disorders. They range from needle exchange sites to managed alcohol programs to drug-testing kits, in addition to opioid abuse prevention and Narcan training.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Crisis Intervention and Counseling
- Addictions Treatment and Substance Abuse Programs
- Psychological Assessment
- Outpatient Mental Health Services
- Case Management and Care Coordination
- Family Support Services



County health departments often provide services for those adults who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with a severe mental illness or a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

This list is not all-inclusive. Services provided by county health departments vary based on community needs, funding and resources.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

- Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance
- Medicine Disposal (RxBox)
- Health Safety Donations (e.g. face coverings)
- Public Pool Inspections

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Infectious Disease Control
- Natural Disaster Response and Recovery
- Bioterrorism Preparedness and Community Coordination
- Emergency Food and Water Safety
- Emergency Pharmaceutical Distribution

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Food Safety and Inspections
- Bacterial Screens and Counts
- Water Quality Checks
- Private Well and Septic Permits and Inspections
- Well Sealings/Tank Abandonment
- Radon Education and Test Kits
- West Nile Virus Surveillance



County health departments investigate public health nuisance complaints such as illegal dumping, scrap tires, open burning, demolition debris or sewage discharge.

MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Prenatal Care
- Breastfeeding Education
- WIC Application Assistance
- Baby Well Exams
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings



County health departments may also distribute Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons to eligible women, infants and children (WIC) participants. These coupons can be used to buy fresh foods from farmers' markets or roadside stands that have been approved by the state to accept the coupons.

TEEN CLINIC SERVICES

- Family Planning and Birth Control Access
- Pregnancy Testing and Counseling
- STD Primary Care, Testing and Treatment

directory

County Health Department	Est.	Telephone	Website	Location
• Adams County Health Dept.	1944	(217) 222-8440	co.adams.il.us/health	Quincy
• Bond County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 664-1442	bchd.us	Greenville
• Boone County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 544-2951	boonecountyil.org/department/health	Belvidere
• Brown County Public Health Dept.	1978	(217) 773-2714	browncoil.org/publichealth	Mt. Sterling
• Bureau County Health Dept.	1991	(815) 872-5091	bchealthdepartment.org	Princeton
• Calhoun County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 576-2428	calhouncountyhealth.net	Hardin
• Carroll County Health Dept.	2003	(815) 244-8855	ccphd.org	Mt. Carroll
• Cass County Health Dept.	1980	(217) 452-3057	casscohealth.org	Virginia
• Champaign County Public Health Dept.	1996	(217) 352-7961	c-uphd.org	Champaign
• Christian County Dept. of Public Health	1966	(217) 824-4113	christiancountyhealth.net	Taylorville
• Clark County Health Dept.	1996	(217) 382-4207	clarkhd.org	Martinsville
• Clay County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 662-4406	claycountyillinois.org/health-department	Flora
• Clinton County Health Dept.	1995	(618) 594-2723	clintoncountyhealth.com	Carlyle
• Coles County Health Dept.	1976	(217) 348-0530	co.coles.il.us/cchd/index.html	Charleston
• Cook County Dept. of Public Health	1945	(708) 633-4000	cookcountypublichealth.org	Oak Forest
• Crawford County Health Dept.	1991	(618) 544-8798	cchd.net	Robinson
• Cumberland County Health Dept.	1983	(217) 849-3211	cumberlandhealth.org	Toledo
• DeKalb County Health Department	1966	(815) 758-6673	health.dekalbcounty.org	DeKalb
• DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Dept.	1945	(217) 935-3427	dewittpiattthehealth.com	Clinton
• Douglas County Health Dept.	1966	(217) 253-4137	dchealthdept.org	Tuscola
• DuPage County Health Dept.	1944	(630) 682-7400	dupagehealth.org	Wheaton
• Edgar County Public Health Dept.	1994	(217) 465-2212	ecphd.org	Paris
• Effingham County Health Dept.	1946	(217) 342-9237	effcohealth.org	Effingham
• Egyptian Health Dept. <i>(Gallatin, Saline and White Counties)</i>	1950	(618) 273-3326	egyptian.org	Eldorado
• Fayette County Health Dept.	1976	(618) 283-1044	fayettehealthdept.org	Vandalia
• Ford County Health Dept.	1980	(217) 379-9281	fordcountyphd.org	Paxton
• Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Dept.	1958	(618) 993-8111	bicountyhealth.org	Marion
• Fulton County Health Dept.	1946	(309) 647-1134	fultoncountyhealth.com	Canton
• Greene County Health Dept.	1969	(217) 942-6961	greencountyhealth.com	Carrollton
• Grundy County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 941-3113	grundyco.org/health	Morris
• Hamilton County Health Dept.	1990	(618) 643-3522	hchdil.com	McLeansboro
• Hancock County Health Dept.	1977	(217) 357-2171	hancockcountyhealth.info	Carthage
• Henderson County Health Dept.	1978	(309) 627-2812	hendcohealth.com	Gladstone
• Henry County Health Dept.	1966	(309) 852-0197	henrystarkhealth.com	Kewanee
• Iroquois County Public Health Dept.	2014	(815) 432-2483	co.iroquois.il.us/health-department	Watseka
• Jackson County Health Dept.	1948	(618) 684-3143	jchdonline.org	Murphysboro
• Jasper County Health Dept.	1975	(618) 783-4436	jasperhealth.org	Newton
• Jefferson County Health Dept.	1992	(618) 244-7134	jeffersoncountyillinois.com	Mt. Vernon
• Jersey County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 498-9565	jerseycountyhealth.org	Jerseyville
• Jo Daviess County Health Dept.	1948	(815) 777-0263	jodaviess.org/health	Galena
• Kane County Health Dept.	1985	(630) 208-3801	kanehealth.com	Aurora
• Kankakee County Health Dept.	1985	(815) 802-9400	kankakeehealth.org	Kankakee
• Kendall County Health Dept.	1966	(630) 553-9100	kendallhealth.org	Yorkville
• Knox County Health Dept.	1992	(309) 344-2224	knoxcountyhealth.org	Galesburg
• Lake County Health Dept.	1956	(847) 377-8000	lakecountyil.gov/health	Waukegan

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• LaSalle County Health Dept.	1986	(815) 433-3366	lasallemounty.org/hd	Ottawa
• Lawrence County Health Dept.	1958	(618) 943-3302	lchealth.com	Lawrenceville
• Lee County Health Dept.	1946	(815) 284-3371	lchd.com	Dixon
• Livingston County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 844-7174	lchd.us	Pontiac
• Logan County Health Dept.	1970	(217) 735-2317	lcdph.org	Lincoln
• Macon County Health Dept.	1962	(217) 423-6988	maconcountyhealth.org	Decatur
• Macoupin County Health Dept.	1983	(217) 854-3223	www.mcphd.net	Carlinville
• Madison County Health Dept.	1994	(618) 692-8954	co.madison.il.us/departments/health	Wood River
• Marion County Health Dept.	1993	(618) 548-3878	marioncountyhealthdept.org	Salem
• Marshall County Health Dept.	1985	(309) 246-8074	bchealthdepartment.org	Lacon
• Mason County Health Dept.	1978	(309) 210-0110	masoncohealth.com	Havana
• McDonough County Health Dept.	1975	(309) 837-9951	mchdept.com	Macomb
• McHenry County Dept. of Health	1966	(815) 334-4510	co.mchenry.il.us	Woodstock
• McLean County Health Dept.	1946	(309) 888-5450	health.mcleancountyil.gov	Bloomington
• Menard County Health Dept.	1966	(217) 535-3100	menardcountyil.com/departments	Petersburg
• Mercer County Health Dept.	1989	(309) 582-3759	mercercountyil.org/departments	Aledo
• Monroe County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 939-3871	monroecountyhealth.org	Waterloo
• Montgomery County Health Dept.	1945	(217) 532-2001	montgomeryco.com/health	Hillsboro
• Morgan County Health Dept.	1944	(217) 245-5111	morganhd.com	Jacksonville
• Moultrie County Health Dept.	1998	(217) 728-4114	moultriecountyil.com/departments	Sullivan
• Ogle County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 562-6976	oglecounty.org/departments	Oregon
• Peoria City/County Health Dept.	1974	(309) 679-6000	pcchd.org	Peoria
• Perry County Health Dept.	1977	(618) 357-5371	perryhealth.net	Pickneyville
• Pike County Health Dept.	1966	(217) 285-4407	pikecountyil.org/health	Pittsfield
• Putnam County Health Dept.	1985	(815) 925-7326	bchealthdepartment.org	Hennepin
• Randolph County Health Dept.	1966	(618) 826-5007	randolphco.org	Chester
• Rock Island County Health Dept.	1966	(309) 793-1955	richd.org	Rock Island
• Sangamon County Health Dept.	1988	(217) 535-3100	scdph.org	Springfield
• Schuyler County Health Dept.	1983	(217) 322-6775	schuylercountyhealth.com	Rushville
• Scott County Health Dept.	1998	(217) 742-8203		Winchester
• Shelby County Health Dept.	1946	(217) 774-9555	shelbyhealth.net	Shelbyville
• Southern Seven Health Dept. <i>(Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties)</i>	1979	(618) 634-2297	southern7.org	Ullin
• St. Clair County Health Dept.	1985	(618) 233-7703	health.co.st-clair.il.us	Belleville
• Stark County Health Dept.	1990	(309) 852-0197	henrystarkhealth.com	Kewanee
• Stephenson County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 235-8271	co.stephenson.il.us/health	Freeport
• Tazewell County Health Dept.	1970	(309) 925-5511	tazewellhealth.org	Tremont
• Vermilion County Health Dept.	1952	(217) 431-2662	vchd.org	Danville
• Wabash County Health Dept.	1983	(618) 263-3873	wabashhealth.org	Mt. Carmel
• Warren County Health Dept.	2006	(309) 734-1314	warrencohealth.com	Monmouth
• Washington County Health Dept.	1991	(618) 327-3644	washingtonco.illinois.gov/health-department	Nashville
• Wayne County Health Dept.	1988	(618) 842-5166	wchdil.com	Fairfield
• Whiteside County Health Dept.	1966	(815) 772-7411	whitesidehealth.org	Morrison
• Will County Health Dept.	1946	(815) 727-8480	willcountyhealth.org	Joliet
• Winnebago County Health Dept.	1970	(815) 720-4000	wchd.org	Rockford
• Woodford County Health Dept.	1990	(309) 467-3064	woodfordhealth.org	Eureka

RESOURCES



Illinois Department of Public Health www.dph.illinois.gov

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For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health's State/Local Liaison Unit at (217) 785-3164.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) www.hhs.gov

The U.S. Government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. HHS is responsible for almost a quarter of all Federal outlays and administers more grant dollars than all other Federal agencies combined.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) www.nih.gov

NIH, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov

The Nation's leading science-based, data-driven, service organization that protects the public's health. CDC has a broad mandate and specific directives from Congress, working to address pandemics and other health threats.

Health Resources and Services Administration www.hrsa.gov

Primary federal agency for improving healthcare for people who are geographically isolated and those who are economically or medically vulnerable.

HEALTH REGIONS AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



The majority of Illinois citizens have public health services available to them and delivered by a county health department. Presently, two Illinois counties (Edwards and Richland) do not have a local health department. To learn more about your region, visit the IDPH interactive map at www.idph.state.il.us/LHDMAP/HealthRegions.

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