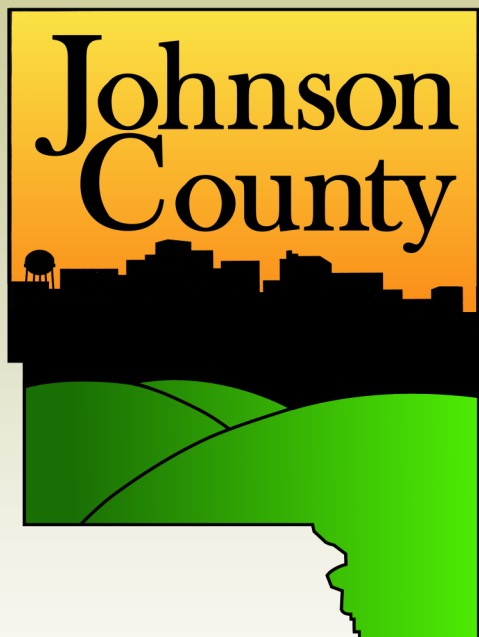


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Our Vision

*A healthful and supportive environment
where all people of Johnson County can
achieve optimal physical, mental, and social
well-being.*

Johnson County Public Health

Annual Report FY2015

855 S. Dubuque Street

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Director, Douglas E. Beardsley



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Mission Statement

Johnson County Public Health works to assure a healthy community through community assessment and health planning, policy development and enforcement, health education, access to quality services, preventing epidemics, protecting the environment, and responding to disasters.



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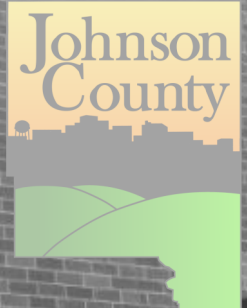
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Striving for Excellence

Letter from the Director:



To the residents and visitors of Johnson County,

I hope you found FY 2015 as exciting and challenging as we did here at JCPH. We continue to make progress in preparing to become accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) by meeting all 98 measures of the 31 Standards across the 12 Domains of PHAB. This means we are looking at the details of how we provide essential public health services to people in Johnson County. Not just what we do, but how we do it, so we can move from believing we do great work and give it our best to, documenting and showing that we do great work and give it our best. As our Annual Report Committee was discussing changes in format from previous years and what primary messages we wanted to get across, we determined that “Striving For Excellence” encompassed our efforts. Meeting standards and showing good work is not enough. We have learned that there is always some improvement in some facet of our operations that can and should be improved upon. Excellence is not about arriving at an endpoint or completing a checklist of standards. Excellence is the journey. It never ends. There is always one more curve in the road and one more hill to climb which will open up our view to new areas we haven’t been before. We welcome the public’s input and company on the journey. After all, we are the Public Health Department and your good health and comfort is our journey. On behalf of all the staff of Johnson County Public Health, thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Sincerely,
Douglas E. Beardsley, MPH
Director



Johnson County Board of Health Members 2015

Front Row: Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA; Mary Jo Meggers, RN; **Back Row:** Michael P. McLaughlin, PHD,; Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Victoria Sharp, MD, MBA



Administration Division

Administration provides customer service, general reception to the public, and supports the Board of Health through general support activities. Administration is responsible for fiscal management, personnel functions, and coordinates grant fund processing. Because Johnson County Public Health often collaborates with other agencies, funding from various grant sources requires administrative processes including tracking grant related correspondence, fiscal transactions, and archiving appropriate fiscal documents. The Administrative Division is fully responsible for the Local Public Health Services Contract that provides funds for Disease Outbreak Investigations, Healthy Aging, Community Needs Assessment, Public Health Nursing, Home Care Aide, and Modernization.

General Administration	FY 15	FY14
Department Program Areas	35	35
Local Public Health Services Contract	FY 15	FY14
Modernization Hours	333	116
Home Care Aide Hours*	2,858.21	3,988
<small>Subcontracted through Visiting Nurse Association of Johnson County</small>		
Public Health Nursing Visits*	412	355
<small>Subcontracted through Visiting Nurse Association of Johnson County</small>		
Community Needs Assessment	578	240
Disease Outbreak Investigation Hours	3,541	1,004
Health Hazard Investigation Hours	—	99

FY 15 Grants	
Breastfeeding Peer Counseling	\$30,000
Community Transformation	\$65,500
Community Transformation-MCH	\$31,708
Grants-to-Counties	\$30,612
HIV CTR & Hepatitis	\$28,000
Immunization Billing	\$25,403
Immunization Services	\$21,687
IPCA-Obesity	\$10,000
Local Public Health Services	\$263,727
Maternal and Child Health	\$229,705
Medical Reserve Corps	\$3,750
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$158,788
School Based Dental Sealant Program	\$25,000
Tobacco	\$97,685
Tuberculosis	\$13,775
WIC	\$447,262



Community Health Division

Community Health: Community Health programs create an environment that assists people in making healthy choices where they live, learn, work, and play. Through promotion, education, and regulation we strive to prevent diseases and promote health. **Emergency Preparedness:** Emergency Preparedness program activities focus on improving public health response capabilities and communication systems in order to plan for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies in Johnson County. **Communicable Disease (CD):** CD Follow-Up is a county responsibility per Iowa Code. The program investigates cases of infectious diseases and institutes prevention measure to limit the spread of disease.

Communicable Disease	FY15	FY14
Disease Consultants	108	212
Reportable Disease Investigations	216	227
Hours Spent on Disease Investigations	1059	1,004
Contacts requiring Follow-Up (Individuals that were exposed to an infected person)	53	298
Food Illness Complaints	18	31
Food Illness Outbreak Investigations	3	1
Other Illness Outbreak Investigations	6	1
New Clients Receiving TB Services	47	50
New TB Disease Cases	6	10
New Latent TB Infection Clients	41	40
Hours Spent on TB Services	482	632
Immunization audits in pre-schools, day-care centers, and K-12 schools programs reviewed	133	101
Immunization Records Reviewed	22,981	20,979
Animal Bites Investigated	59	88
Vaccinations (not counted elsewhere)	6	25

Health Promotion	FY15	FY14
Number of Employees who participated in Worksite Wellness Programs	331	336
Participation Rate	58%	61%
HIV and Hepatitis C counseling, testing, and referrals	798	691
Hepatitis vaccinations given	14	65
HIV Outreach Contacts	804	855
Mpowerment Outreach Contacts	1,857	2,474



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Through Johnson County Public Health's Tobacco Prevention and Control grant, education about the dangers of emerging tobacco/nicotine products like electronic cigarettes was provided to county and city elected officials. This outreach resulted in Johnson County Supervisors adding the use of e-cigarettes to the county's buildings and grounds tobacco-free policy and the Iowa City Council becoming the first city in Iowa to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in all public places where traditional smoking is prohibited.



NO SMOKING

A salmonella outbreak which sickened several people in multiple counties, including Johnson County, was identified and traced back to a specific restaurant. Together, Community Health and Environmental Health conducted testing on samples from both the sick individuals and the restaurant, and were able to confirm the restaurant as the probable source. The restaurant conducted a thorough cleaning and sanitizing of all areas of concern, and the outbreak was successfully halted.



Recently, there has been a significant increase in the number of men who have sex with men (MSM) testing positive for Syphilis infection. In response to this increase, and because untreated Syphilis infection greatly increases the risk for HIV acquisition, Johnson County Public Health worked with the Iowa Department of Public Health to begin offering Syphilis screenings to individuals identified as high-risk. This service was rolled-out in March of 2015. At the end of FY15, JCPH had provided this screening to 24 high-risk individuals. The offering of Syphilis screenings has now been fully integrated into JCPH's HIV CTR program – and all individuals being screened for HIV who are also high-risk for Syphilis infection are offered the option of screening.



Environmental Health Division

Johnson County Environmental Health programs seek to prevent or control the spread of infectious disease and to protect our environment through regulation, education, case follow-up activities, and consultation.

Program activities primarily fall under three categories:
Watershed Protection, Food Protection, and Community

Watershed Protection	FY 15	FY14
Onsite Wastewater Permits Issued	154	114
Onsite Wastewater System Inspections Conducted	547	341
Private Water Well Permits Issued	57	66
Private Water Well Inspections Conducted	109	117
Transient Non-Community Wells Inspected	39	44
Time of Transfer Inspections Conducted	184	167
Grants to Counties	FY 15	FY14
Plugged Wells	18	21
Renovated Wells	3	1
Water Samples	154	138
Zoning	FY15	FY14
Zoning & Subdivision Staff Reports Submitted	42	62
Conditional use staff reports submitted	10	16

Environmental Protection	FY15	FY14
Tattoo Facility Inspections	4	12
Tanning Facility Inspections	20	32
Pool/Spa Facility Inspections	65	45
Hotel/Motel Facility Inspections	2	31
Nuisance Investigations	157	141
Radon Test Kits Provided	157	141
Food Protection	FY15	FY14
Food Licenses Issued	1,090	1,068
Food Facility Inspections	1,147	1,803



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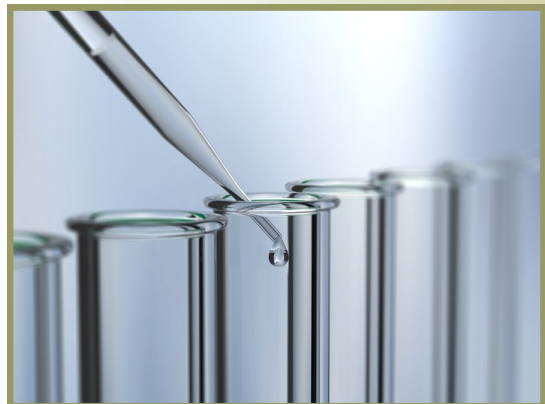


The Food protection program is a contractual program in which the authority to enforce the Iowa Food Code has been delegated to Johnson County Public Health by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Johnson County Public Health licenses and inspects a variety of food facilities to ensure compliance with the Food Code.



The Grants to Counties program will now cover testing private water wells for arsenic. Arsenic occurs naturally. Varying levels have been found in every major aquifer in Iowa.

Private water well owners will be able to have their wells tested for arsenic free of charge. If arsenic is detected above the maximum contaminant level, proper steps can be taken to determine a treatment solution. Well owners will not be under any obligation to treat the water if arsenic is found. Johnson County Public Health will work with individuals to help determine the best options available.



WIC/Maternal and Child Health Division


The WIC/MCH Division advocates for and serves high-risk, low-income families. Services available include the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), breastfeeding peer counseling, Child Health, Maternal Health, immunizations, the I-Smile Oral Health Program, Head Start nursing services, obtaining medical insurance, and establishing medical/dental homes. Multiple counties are served based upon the service area designations from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Programs are focused on provisions of or access to preventative health services. High-risk families are assisted with locating and accessing health services based upon individual family resources and program eligibility. Successfully accessing these services promotes health and stability within the family. Healthy families contribute to a positive and thriving community


WIC	FY15	FY14	Immunization Services	FY15	FY14
WIC Averages mo. Caseload in Johnson, Washington, Iowa, & Cedar Counties	2,768	2,645	Children immunized in Johnson County	360	309
Breastfeeding Peer Counseling	FY15	FY14	Adults immunized in Johnson County	47	---
No. of women who received breastfeeding peer counseling in Johnson, Washington, Iowa, & Cedar Counties	337	216	Number of vaccines administered	1291	960
Child Health Program	FY15	FY14	Head Start	FY15	FY14
CH services including: Lead, developmental, vision & hearing screenings, care & dental coordination, and transportation in Johnson & Iowa Counties	13,511	10,999	Children served in Johnson County	250	239
Children on Medicaid in Johnson County eligible for JCPH services	7,499	7,145	Iowa County	20	22
Iowa County	1,276	1,133	Healthy & Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i)	FY15	FY14
Maternal Health Program	FY15	FY14	Children receiving hawk-I services in Johnson County	837	788
Services received including: dental, health education, care coordination, social work, nutrition, Medicaid risk assessment, Presumptive Medicaid, and transportation to Johnson & Iowa Counties	765	701	Iowa County	281	310
Maternal Health Clinic caseload for Johnson & Iowa Counties	174	153	Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility Applications complete under hawk-I in Johnson & Iowa Counties	274	108
Nutrition Education Classes	FY15	FY14	I-Smile Dental Home Program	FY15	FY14
Number of Nutrition Education Classes offered in Johnson County	71	64	Children Receiving direct dental services in Johnson & Iowa Counties	1,367	1,627
			Direct Services performed in Johnson & Iowa Counties	5,789	6,026
			Dental Sealant Program	FY15	FY14
			Children receiving sealants in Johnson/Iowa Counties	202	211
			Sealants Applied to teeth	1,148	146

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WIC Participation

 **8%**
Increase in WIC Participation

 **2836**
WIC caseload high

Lead Screenings increased 19.3% from 2014 (689) to 2015 (822)

Number of pregnant women who applied for Presumptive Medicare insurance increased 73% from 2014 (59) to 2015 (102)

VFC vaccines administered increased 34% from 2014 (950) to 2015 (1272)

Number of children who applied for Presumptive Medicaid Insurance increased 154% from 2014 (108) to 2015 (274)



Thank you for taking the time to help us out with ~~or~~ our urgent situation. You went above and beyond the call of duty to make this happen. We appreciate it very much Tommy can safely go on his trip and I will be able to sleep soundly.

The Johnson County Health and Human Services employees are awesome!
Thank you!
Tommy Mallon
and Jonda Mallon

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8:00 am-6:00 pm, Monday and Wednesday

8:00 am-12:00 pm, second Saturday of each month

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