



Scott County Health Department

600 W. 4th Street | Davenport, IA 52801-1003 | P. 563-326-8618 | F. 563-326-8774
health@scottcountyiowa.gov | www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health

Director's Report to the Board of Health October 15, 2021

Director's Attended Meetings – September 2021

1. Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (5)
2. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (4)
3. Quad City Health Initiative
4. Scott County Board of Supervisors (2)
5. Quad City Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Institute (4)
6. Local Public Health Administrators (2)
7. Iowa Department of Public Health Testing Needs Discussion
8. Tobacco Ordinance in Unincorporated Scott County with Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, and Staff
9. COVID-19 Update with Scott County School Leadership (4)
10. Scott County Board of Supervisors Agenda Review (2)
11. Runge Mortuary
12. Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator and Jeremy Kaiser, Juvenile Detention Director
13. Iowa Health and Human Service Alignment Town Hall Meeting for Local Public Administrators
14. Quarterly Consult for World Relief
15. Iowa Department of Public Health Monoclonal Antibody Allocation Process
16. Marci Zogg, United Way Regarding Impact Council
17. Area 5 HealthCare Coalition Meeting
18. Scott County Board of Supervisors Special Committee of the Whole Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act Funding
19. EMS Physician's Advisory Board
20. Live Lead-Free Quad Cities
21. Scott County Department Heads
22. 2021 Quad Cities Community Health Assessment Results Presentation & Prioritization

I would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service with the Department:

Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician	3 years	October 22
Katie DeLaRosa, Medical Assistant	5 years	October 3
Leah Kroeger, I-Smile™ Coordinator	5 years	October 31
Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator	5 years	October 31
Michelle Dierickx, Office Assistant	8 years	October 28
Brenda Schwarz, Senior Office Assistant	13 years	October 27
Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist	31 years	October 1

I would like to share the following transfers:

Heath Johnson from Community Health Interventionist to Disease Intervention Specialist effective October 1, 2021

Assessment

Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets

Community Health Assessment Work Continues

The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee compiled the results of the focus group sessions and demographic survey, and received preliminary data from Professional Research Consultants from the community survey. The results will be presented during a series of virtual meetings in October to the Community Health Assessment Stakeholder committee, board members, and other focus group participants. On October 26th, a press conference will be held to share preliminary results and seek public feedback. The report will be finalized in November.

Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population

Communicable Disease Program

A total of one thousand, eight hundred and thirty communicable diseases were reported during September. They included four cases of hepatitis C, two cases of campylobacteriosis, one case each of hepatitis B, hepatitis A, giardiasis, and Lyme Disease. In addition, there were one thousand, eight hundred and twenty cases of COVID-19 reported.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In September, twenty-five individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to fourteen dogs, eight cats, one chipmunk, and two bats.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In September, there were three children receiving individual case management. Of those, two had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL, none had a level between 15-19 ug/dL, and one had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Three children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services for lead poisoning during the month. Of those, one had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and two had a blood lead level less than 10 ug/dL. These children receive public health nursing support until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 5 ug/dL are obtained.

Ten children with appointments at the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services during their visit during the month of September. One child was between the ages of one to two years. Nine children were between the ages of three to six years. One new positive case was identified during this effort.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Sixty-three individuals received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during September. Eight clients tested positive for chlamydia, one tested positive for gonorrhea, and one tested positive for syphilis at the Health Department's clinic. In total, eighty-five cases of chlamydia, thirty-nine cases of gonorrhea, and three cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during September.

Outreach testing for HIV/hepatitis C was provided during September at Humility Homes and Services, The Center Ministries, Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center, and at the Quad Cities Fall Pride Festival in partnership with the Project of the Quad Cities. Seventy-four individuals were tested for HIV and nineteen for hepatitis C during the outreach activities.

COVID-19 Tests

Several meetings occurred with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) as well as local partners regarding COVID-19 testing. As the number of individuals ill grew in Scott County, and statewide, the need to make testing more readily available was identified. Private providers, hospitals, and pharmacies doing testing were all experiencing testing challenges as well as delays in results due to demand. As a result, IDPH has worked with the Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) to promote Test Iowa kit distribution as well as arranged a courier for the test kits to be transported directly to SHL on a daily basis (Monday through Friday). Staff have been working to identify test kit pick-up locations. The drop-off location is the Scott County Administrative Center. Scott County Facility and Support Services is assisting with the effort by allowing staff time at the building front desk to be utilized for pick-up and drop-off.

Policy Development

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health factors that influence it, and how to improve it

ISTEP Group Underway

Staff met with Jennifer Johnson, educator, and the student members of Davenport Central High School Shades of Success (SOS), the school's Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP) group. This was the first meeting of the school year. To orient the group, staff provided information about the benefits and duties of ISTEP participation, and discussed the focus of the group's work. SOS plans to hold a tobacco-free tailgate party to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in October. They also plan to do a tobacco litter cleanup around campus, make TikTok videos with tobacco/vaping prevention messages, share prevention messages with fellow students via the school's public announcement system, and do a chalk the walk event, along with other activities from kits that IDPH will send out throughout the school year.

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities, and partnerships to improve health

Annual Partnership with St. Ambrose University College of Health & Human Services

For the fourth year, staff has assisted nursing students, physician assistant students, and faculty to provide influenza vaccine to students and faculty within the St. Ambrose College of Health and Human Services programs. Our department's role is primarily around vaccine purchase and storage as well as assistance with forms and entering data into the state's immunization registry. One clinic was held in September with one hundred and twenty-one students and staff vaccinated for influenza.

Discussion with North Scott Junior High on Tobacco/Vaping

Staff met with Sarah Riley, School Counselor at North Scott Junior High School (NSJHS), to discuss available tobacco/vaping prevention education for students. Based on the school's recommendation for the most useful teaching modality to utilize, staff will record a tobacco/vaping prevention education that the school will then be able to share with students during a wellness focused school period. Ms. Riley advised that having a recording would also be a good option in case students needed to complete schoolwork at home due to pandemic restrictions. The counselor also expressed interest in possibly adding an Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP) chapter for the school. Staff will continue to offer prevention education and ISTEP chapter facilitation support to NSJHS.

CHANGE Tool Discussion with Maysville

Staff met Matt Andrews, Maysville City Council, to review the Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool results and explain the draft tobacco-free and nicotine-free resolution. Mr. Andrews also expressed interest in a resolution supporting breastfeeding/chestfeeding and a comprehensive sidewalk ordinance. Staff will present information at the October 11, 2021 City Council meeting.

Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative

The department has partnered with the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative for the Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative. Plastic pollution from the Mississippi River contributes as much as forty percent of the volume of plastic flowing into the Atlantic Ocean each year. In September 2019, the Mississippi River Basin became the first river system in the world to join the U Clean Seas Campaign. This initiative aims to generate a snapshot of the state of plastic pollution along the river. The data will be generated by the participation of community volunteers using the Marine Debris Tracker, a free mobile phone app for tracking marine litter.

State Hawki Board Meeting

Staff listened to the State of Iowa's Hawki Board Meeting. Members shared that the group would start with vision and strategic planning in October with a facilitator. Liz Matney, State of Iowa Medicaid Director, shared that they are also doing strategic planning around access to

care, disparities, transportation, making care more mobile, while looking at how behavioral health can be better offered and organized.

Pop-Up Demonstration Project at Hy-Vee on Devil's Glen Road

Between September 25 and October 10, 2021, Bi-State Regional Commission, Geifman First Equity (owners of Hy-Vee), Young Management Corporation (senior property management company), and our department hosted a pedestrian safety pop-up demonstration project at the Hy-Vee on Devil's Glen Road. This property has a number of senior living properties adjacent.

The pop-up project included temporary cross walk paint throughout the Hy-Vee parking lot and main entrance. Ledges along the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp from the sidewalk entrance were also temporarily painted to increase visibility for pedestrians utilizing the ramp. Ten temporary pedestrian yard signs and spray painted shoeprints were marked along the sidewalk route to encourage Young Management Corporation and neighboring residents to not cut through the Hy-Vee pharmacy drive through as indicated during the previous phone interviews. Three moveable, large reflective mirrors were also temporarily installed to increase visibility of pedestrians and traffic throughout a Hy-Vee entrance with blind corners and on each side of the building where Young Management Corporation residents indicate they walk. Due to ongoing public health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, project partners agreed to seek input on the pop-up project using surveys and comment boxes. The surveys and comment boxes were available to Hy-Vee patrons at each entrance and to residents of the three surrounding senior housing properties owned by Young Management Corporation throughout the pop-up project. The results will be reviewed and shared with partners to discuss the interest in permanently implementing environmental changes to increase pedestrian safety.

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health

Immunization Audits Underway

Full-time and per diem staff began the school immunization audit process in September. Audits will be completed in October and reported to IDPH accordingly. The deadline for school audit submission is earlier this year, in an effort to assure that children are caught up on their vaccinations after last year's COVID-impacted school year. No one wants any outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Staff also conducted pre-audit and official immunization record audits in child care centers and preschools. Childcare and preschool audits will continue to be scheduled and are due to IDPH in January of 2022.

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public’s health

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Rudy’s Tacos, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	Facility Fire	Verified; facility closed and not operating until repairs on building are completed
La Herradura Mexican Grill, Cody Road, LeClaire	Employee ill with COVID-19	Verified and closed
Kwik Shop, Telegraph Road, Davenport	Ants in the pop machine	Verified; owner currently working with the distributor to get the machine cleaned

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
Freight House Farmer’s Market	28 stands and 3 mobiles	Violations corrected on site; satisfactory
Renaissance Festival	3	No violations observed; satisfactory

Swimming Pool/Spa Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
Staybridge Suites Hotel, Progress Drive, Davenport	Expired registration, no certified pool operator	Swimming pool and spa closed voluntarily; will call for compliance inspection when ready

Assurance

Assure an effective system that enables access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy

COVID-19 Vaccinations Continue

The Clinical Services team gave one hundred and seventy-two Johnson and Johnson COVID vaccines on a walk-in basis in the month of September. In addition, nineteen adolescents/young adults were given their second Pfizer vaccine as a follow-up to the clinic held at Modern Woodman Park in August. In September, staff was again able to order limited quantities of Johnson and Johnson COVID vaccine. This will help with supply for the Scott County Jail and other outreach locations. Staff continue to secure vaccine for second doses for individuals incarcerated. The community partners have been extremely helpful in sharing vaccine amongst each other.

First Med Pharmacy Review

In August, two hundred and twenty-two inmates received eight hundred and seventy-seven prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-seven percent with mental health medications at ninety-nine percent generic.

Connection Health Insurance

Staff was contacted by the Davenport West High School social worker. Based on the referral, a Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility application was completed with an adolescent. They were approved for immediate, temporary Medicaid and will be able to access needed medical and mental health services. In addition, two families had children transition from private insurance to Hawki via Presumptive Eligibility. Each family met Hawki income eligibility and needed the coverage their private insurance did not provide.

*Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*Quitline Iowa and Behavioral and Maternal Health Providers and Clients

Staff attended an online training offered by IDPH's Division of Tobacco Use and Prevention (IDPH TUPC) that focused on promoting Quitline Iowa for behavioral and maternal health providers and clients. IDPH TUPC staff reviewed newly available resources, including flyers, a literature review, PowerPoint presentations, and outreach toolkits. Additionally staff advised that they are working at the state level to provide WIC staff information regarding the benefits of and referral process for Quitline services for WIC families.

AARP Conference Regarding Older Adult Engagement

Staff attended the American Association of Retired Person's virtual conference, *Engaging Older Adults: Why It's Good for the Community*. Conference sessions were designed to help attendees learn about effective strategies, initiatives, and programs that engage older adults and solve pressing community problems.

Food Program Re-Standardization

One of the department's food inspectors completed re-standardization with the department's standardization officer. It is a requirement of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals that inspectors complete the re-standardization process every three years. This process includes the completion of a series of joint inspections, food process flow-charts, and a risk control plan.

Preemption and Public Health Training

Staff attended an online training, ***Preemption and Public Health***, which discussed public health authority at the local, state, and federal levels. This course is part of the Public Health Law Academy on Train.org. The Iowa Public Health Association is sponsoring and moderating these group trainings.

FDA Trainings Completed

Staff completed the *Curing, Smoking, Drying of Meat, Poultry, Fish & Processing of Fermented Sausage and Reduced Oxygen Packaging at Retail* Food and Drug Administration (FDA) courses that are prerequisites for FDA trainings scheduled for early 2022. Staff also completed *Decoding the Food Code*, another FDA training. This course gave further information on how to read the food code and described what the numbers of each code section represent.

Influenza Surveillance Webinar

Staff attended *Iowa influenza Surveillance Annual Webinar for 2021-2022*. The webinar included discussion on influenza trends since the start of the pandemic, trends among reported cases in Iowa and trends in national flu activity.

Child Care Resource and Referral Trainer Development Day

Staff virtually attended the *Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral Trainer Development Day*. Reshaun Webb, CEO and Master Trainer for Rainbow Institute of Childcare Education presented two training sessions. The first session, *Microaggression and Equality*, reviewed culture, diversity, and microaggressions and healthy ways to teach a diverse class. The second session, *Trainer of Trainers with Virtual Training*, provided an overview of developing and presenting to adult learners, including tools to enhance both in-person and virtual sessions.

CBSS Update

The Sexual Health Program staff attended the *2021 Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Update*. Information presented included changes to the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Treatment Guidelines, 2020 surveillance data for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis, methods and instrumentation for STI testing at the State Hygienic Laboratory, and information regarding the new CBSS manual update. All program staff are required to review the CBSS manual and complete the post-session exam.

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement

IDPH Informing Workgroup Continues Discussions

Staff continues to participate in the IDPH Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Informing Template Workgroup meeting. The group discussed various ways to increase response to informing contacts in an effort to assist more families. State staff provided updates on state level initiatives being discussed in partnership with Iowa Medicaid.

Use of GIS for Condom Distribution

Clinical staff collaborated with Scott County Geographic Information System (GIS) staff to map the locations of condom dispensers in relation to incidence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV from 2019-2020. The map has been created, and staff will meet in the next month to review the data and identify opportunities for the placement of new condom dispensers or distribution partnerships.

*Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health*Visit from IDPH Interim Director Kelly Garcia

Staff, Dr. Katz, and I had the opportunity to meet with Kelly Garcia, Interim Director of IDPH, Ken Sharp, Division Director for Acute Disease Prevention, Emergency Response, and Environmental Health at IDPH, and a couple of staff from the Iowa Department of Human Services. Ms. Garcia wanted to discuss the COVID-19 response in addition to the IDPH/DHS alignment project.

Child Care Nurse Consultant State Meeting

Staff attended the Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) State meeting. The meeting provided an overview of the CCNC FY22 Role Guidance and the FY21 year-end data. The group also reviewed the Health and Safety Checklist process, forms and tools. The checklist, conducted by CCNCs, is a component of the state's new child care quality improvement process, IQ4K, that begins April, 1 2022.

Disaster Ready Quad Cities Group Discusses Future Partnerships

Staff attended the Disaster Ready Quad Cities meeting. The group focused this meeting on increasing the level of preparedness in the community. Typically, this group focuses on larger organizations, but COVID-19 has shown that additional efforts need to be made at the individual and household level. The group brainstormed potential ideas for education.

Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

Staff attended a meeting for community co-chairs working on the statewide "Ending the HIV Epidemic" plan. Committee participants drafted a landscape assessment that will inform an outreach plan to gather necessary information to improve service delivery of primary HIV prevention and diagnosing people living with HIV.

Region 5 Healthcare Coalition

Staff attended a meeting of the Region 5 Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee. The discussion primarily focused on strategic planning for the EMS agencies within the region. Each EMS agency was asked to submit their programmatic needs in order to determine an educational and supply needs plan for the grant year.

Vaccine Supply Distribution

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security distributed another allocation of vaccination supplies which included some items that the department does not use regularly. In an effort to reduce waste, staff has been working with the health systems to get these supplies to agencies that could make use of them.

Emergency Communication Exercise

The regional healthcare coalition performed an emergency communications exercise that tested public health departments and hospital systems in the area on September 1st. The region as a whole has had poor response rates during these tests and will be working with

agencies that have failed more than two consecutive tests. The problems that our department was having with responding has resolved since RACOM added additional antennas and made some additional adjustments to the system.

Meetings Attended by Staff

American Academy of Sanitarians Board
 American Academy of Sanitarians Credentialing Committee
 Bettendorf Business Network and Bettendorf Healthy Hometown
 Bettendorf Healthy Hometown
 Bettendorf Hy-Vee
 Bettendorf Workplace Wellness Committee (2)
 Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
 Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI)
 Community Health Care Providers' Roundtable
 Christine Gradert, UnityPoint Health – Robert Young Center
 Christy Roby Williams and Jacob Dornbush, UnityPoint Health – Trinity Muscatine
 City of Maysville (2)
 Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
 Davenport Central High School Shades of Success/Iowa Students for Tobacco
 Education and Prevention (ISTEP)
 Ebonie Bailey, IDPH Doula Project
 Ending the HIV Epidemic Community Co-chair Primary Prevention and Diagnosing PLWH
 Hawki Board
 Healthy Hometown Steering Committee
 IDPH Title V Doula Project Documentation and Billing
 IDPH Title V Doula Project Subcontracts
 Iowa Environmental Health Association Fall Conference Planning Committee
 Iowa Health and Human Service Alignment Town Hall Meeting for Local Public Health
 Administrators
 Iowa Public Health Association Community of Practice Communications Team
 Iowa State Association of Counties Legislative Policy Committee
 Kate Klefstad, Johnson County Public Health
 Mahesh Sharma, Scott County
 MCAH Informing Template Workgroup
 Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network Workplace Work Group (3)
 Physical Activity Access quarterly meeting
 Quad City Emergency Planning Committee
 Quad Cities Behavioral Health Care Promotion Team
 Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
 Quad Cities Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative Partners
 Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
 Riverway Steering Committee
 Sarah Riley, North Scott Junior High School
 Scott County Kids Clinical Review/Provider Panel

The Summit of Bettendorf
Tobacco-Free Quad Cities
Unite Iowa
YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley Child Care and Family Services Board

Attachment 1: Reports from our database on education the department provided to the community, education the department provided to service providers, media inquiries and press releases/conferences



Attachment 1

Education provided between September 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021

Education To:	Presentation Date	Total Audience	Requesting Organization	Description
<i>Community</i>				
	9/2/2021	16	St. Paul Lutheran Preschool	Universal Precautions
	9/16/2021	50	City of Davenport	Hands-Only CPR
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	9/9/2021	12	Genesis	Oral Care & Nonventilator Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia
	9/22/2021	14	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project



Attachment 1

Media Inquiries between September 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
9/13/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
9/20/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
9/23/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
9/28/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8