

**Scott County Health Department**

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**Director's Report
to the
Board of Health
October 10, 2025**

Director's Attended External Meetings –

- CDC Response Team-All State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Health Department Update
- Community Health Care Dental Clinic Leadership
- Continuing Conversations with Large Iowa County Health Directors (Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott)-4
- Highly Consequential Infectious Disease Workgroup
- I-693 Forms with Tapestry Farms
- Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) Local Public Health Collaborative Planning Committee
- Iowa HHS Behavioral Health Town Hall
- Iowa HHS Local Public Health Collaborative
- Iowa HHS Public Health Office Hours
- Iowa HHS SPOTS Program Site Visit
- Live Lead Free Quad Cities
- MEDIC EMS of Scott County Physician's Advisory Board
- National Association of County and City Health Officials All Local Health Officials
- OneTable QC
- Scott County Kids Executive Decategorization Board
- Scott County Kids Fiscal Committee
- Scott County with Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf Leadership

Recognition of Years of Service with the Department:

Jodi Jorgensen, Community Dental Consultant	3 years	October 3
Roma Taylor, Per Diem Nurse	4 years	October 20
Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician	7 years	October 22
Katie DeLaRosa, Disease Intervention Specialist	9 years	October 3
Carole Ferch, Community Dental Consultant	9 years	October 31
Michelle Fitzjarrell, Senior Office Assistant	12 years	October 28
Brenda Schwarz, Senior Administrative Assistant	17 years	October 20
Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist	35 years	October 1

Transfer of Position

Julia Lotta from Public Health Nurse to Correctional Health Nurse September 25th

I would like to congratulate the following employee:

Vianka Herrera, 2025 Quad Cities Business Journal Forty Under 40 Honoree

Retirement from the Department:

Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist

November 6th

Assessment

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

Community Health Improvement Plan Finalized and Released

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Scott and Rock Island Counties was finalized and shared with partners during September. The two priority areas identified by the stakeholder committee are mental health and access to care. The report includes both short-term and long-term strategies, as well as indicators for tracking progress and can be accessed online via our website. This plan will serve as a guide for collaborative efforts in these areas for the next three years in Scott and Rock Island Counties.

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

Communicable Disease Program

Fifteen confirmed communicable diseases were reported during September. They included three cases of campylobacteriosis, three cases of hepatitis B, three cases of hepatitis C, two cases of Legionellosis, one case of pertussis, one case of bacterial meningitis, one case of salmonellosis, and one West Nile Virus case.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In September, 34 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposure to 24 dogs, eight cats, and two bats. Eleven victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposure or bites above the shoulders, and nine victims started treatment.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Eighty-one individuals received sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic services during September. Seven clients tested positive for chlamydia and two clients tested positive for gonorrhea at the department's sexual health clinic. An additional five clients tested positive for chlamydia in the department's express clinic. In total, 42 cases of chlamydia, 29 cases of gonorrhea, and five cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month. There were 15 additional syphilis cases investigated and determined to be out of jurisdiction, not identified as a case, or had a pending result. These cases were closed, referred, or remained open pending additional results.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In September, there were 19 lead poisoned children on the department's caseload with one of those cases able to be closed during the month. The remaining 18 children will continue to receive public health nursing services until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below

10 ug/dL are obtained. Of these 18 children, one child had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL, two children had blood lead levels between 15-19 ug/dL, ten children had blood lead levels between 10-14 ug/dL, and five children had blood lead levels less than 10 ug/dL.

Fourteen children utilizing the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services at their September appointment. No children accepted lead testing services at WIC. There were no new positives identified during these efforts.

Staff performed a lead clearance inspection at a Davenport property. Several clearance inspections have occurred at this property previously as part of an open elevated blood lead investigation and the only component that has not passed clearance standards yet are floors. During this inspection, the floors in four bedrooms were tested. Two of the bedroom floors passed and two of the bedroom floors failed. Additional remediation efforts and cleaning will need to be performed prior to additional clearance testing taking place.

Policy Development

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

Community Vaccine Campaigns

The Immunization Team reviewed a proposal for the annual influenza campaign for Scott County. Display ads and 30-second ads from the previous year are being updated to direct community members to the department's website instead of vaccines.gov for more information on influenza vaccines. The campaign will run from October through January.

The Influenza A/H5N1 Project Workgroup met with PlaceBased Media to discuss messaging and imaging options for the influenza campaign aimed at farm workers and rural community members. The message will be simple and direct, encouraging the annual influenza vaccine. The advertisements will include a QR code and link to the department's website. The campaign will run from the middle of October through the middle of January in the form of posters and standees at twelve different locations including convenience stores, gas stations, and bars/restaurants. The team reviewed data from the United States Vaccine Uptake Dashboard developed by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) which presents the percentage of individuals intending to get the influenza vaccination by zip code to identify specific cities and communities in the rural areas of Scott County to target with the messages.

St. Ambrose University Nursing Students

St. Ambrose nursing students have started their fall learning rotation with the department. During this rotation, students spend four hours with department staff, learning about the various services and programs provided to the community. Students will continue to participate in this rotation through November 2025.

Asthma Education to Child Care Providers

Staff presented *Caring for Children with Asthma: The Young and the Breathless* to three child care providers. This training provides information on asthma, including recognizing symptoms,

understanding asthma action plans, using medications, and reducing asthma triggers in child care environments. The training was part of quarterly training the department's child care nurse consultant does to support Child Care Resource and Referral.

Education to Providers Regarding I-Smile/Oral Health

Staff completed Cavity Free Iowa Training with MercyOne Genesis Pediatrics- Bettendorf location to promote medical-dental integration by offering dental screenings and fluoride application during well child visits.

Staff attended the Davenport Dental District Meeting to promote I-Smile and I-Smile Silver programs and to provide program updates.

Tobacco and Nicotine Education at the Carol Center

Staff presented to 10 clients at Vera French's Carol Center on the realities of using tobacco and nicotine, smoking cessation, Quitline Iowa and the benefits of using the program to quit use.

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

Davenport Early Learning Project

Staff attended a meeting sponsored by Child Care Resource and Referral, Scott County Kids, and the Davenport Early Learning Project (DELP). DELP is a new non-profit organization whose mission is to invest in quality early childhood learning that is affordable and accessible to all in the community. This meeting was an opportunity to learn about DELP and their plans for supporting early learning services in the future.

Promise Walk

The Health Pregnancy Coalition hosted the Promise Walk for Preeclampsia Awareness which was held at Vander Veer Park. Participants assembled by the fountain, wore awareness ribbons, and were able to browse materials from partner organizations. The group heard comments from local midwife, Janel Minor, about the importance of identifying and acting on preeclampsia symptoms early. Preeclampsia survivors shared their stories briefly as well. The group carried signs identifying why they were walking for preeclampsia awareness as they circled the park.

Tobacco Free Quad Cities

Staff facilitated the Tobacco Free Quad Cities Coalition meeting and provided community partners with updates on the new Behavioral Health System and the continued work being done. The coalition discussed various resources that can be brought into the schools to help decrease the number of students using tobacco or nicotine products. A coalition member from the Illinois National Guard suggested using some of the tools and resources they have, such as a Hidden in Plain Sight trailer, in presentations with students on the dangers of tobacco and nicotine products. A few members expressed interest in using the resources. A follow-up meeting was held with the Davenport Central High School principal regarding the National Guard and Coalition resources to educate students.

Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition

Staff attended the Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition at UnityPoint Health - Trinity Bettendorf. The group reviewed outreach activities completed over the summer, including the Big Latch On hosted by Community Health Care Inc. WIC and the Be Ready QC Disaster Preparedness Fair. Participants reiterated the importance of supporting and educating about lactation during emergencies that may disrupt activities like pumping and breastmilk storage.

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

CHANGE Tool Assessments and Reassessment Completed

Staff met with Community Health Care (CHC) staff to complete the workplace Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool assessment. During a follow-up meeting to review the CHANGE Tool results and recommendations, CHC expressed interest in conducting an employee wellness needs assessment, strengthening their tobacco free policy to prohibit nicotine products, and creating walking maps for each location. Staff will provide technical assistance for CHC to implement recommendations.

Scott County Conservation completed the community-at-large CHANGE Tool assessment. Staff will review the CHANGE Tool results and recommendations with Scott County Conservation leadership in October. Staff completed the workplace CHANGE Tool reassessment for Vera French. Over the past year, Vera French installed additional bicycle racks and remodeled the entrance at its West Central Park Ave clinic location. Construction included a handicapped accessible entrance with an indoor ramp and place for people to wait inside for their ride. Vehicles may also pull up to the doors for a more efficient pick up or drop-off.

Immunization Audits and Audit Preparation Underway

Staff met with child care centers to discuss immunization record keeping and review records as they prepare for the audit. An audit report is completed for programs with all records in compliance during the initial visit. Child care audits will be completed later this fall; results are due to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by January 30, 2026.

Staff reviewed 3,212 immunization records in nonpublic schools to help prepare the records for the upcoming immunization audit. Seventy-nine letters were prepared for schools to send home informing parents of their students' immunization needs.

Official immunization audits began in public and nonpublic schools in September. Davenport and Bettendorf districts are complete, with Pleasant Valley and North Scott scheduled for October. Nonpublic schools are being audited during both months. School audit results are due to HHS by October 31, 2025.

Public Health Discussion with New Charter School

Staff met with the principal and administrative assistant at Horizon Science Academy, a charter school in Davenport. Staff provided education and support regarding the school health reporting system, immunization requirements, lead testing requirements, and animal bite reporting. Staff will perform the school's immunization audit in October.

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

Food Program

Verified Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Hardees, Eldridge	Sanitation, Food Handling	Resolved
Starbucks Coffee, East Kimberly Road, Davenport	Pests	Resolved
Express Lane Gas & Food Mart, Harrison Street, Davenport	Sanitation	Resolved
Applebee's, West Kimberly Road, Davenport	Animals	Resolved
Wendy's, West Locust Street, Davenport	Fire	Resolved
Bettendorf Middle School, Bettendorf	Pests	Resolved

Tattoo Program

Staff inspected a temporary tattoo establishment that was set up at the one-day PickleBash event at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.

Assurance

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

Dental Services in a Variety of Settings

The dental team provided services in seven childcare/preschool locations and four elementary schools in Collaborative Service Area 14 (Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Scott) during September. Over 350 children were served.

Dental staff continue to offer services to adults at MercyOne Genesis Family Medical Center, Mercy One Genesis Diabetes Foodplex, and Scott County Jail, serving 24 people in September.

Staff attended Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) in Coralville, assisting patients in the exit counseling area after they completed dental treatment at the event. IMOM is an event that mobilizes dental professionals from all around the state of Iowa to provide dental care at no cost in an Iowa community during the two-day annual event. This year more than 1,000 people were served.

Staff participated in a Give Kids a Smile Day with Kimball & Beecher Family Dentistry as a resource for families in need of a dentist or if additional treatment was needed after being seen with Give Kids a Smile.

St. Ambrose University Influenza Vaccine Clinic

Staff attended both days of the nursing student-led St. Ambrose influenza vaccine clinic. St. Ambrose students, faculty, and staff were invited to receive their influenza vaccine at the

event, which provided an opportunity for nursing students to practice their vaccine administration skills and for physician assistant students to practice their assessment skills. There were 112 vaccines administered over the course of two days.

Sexual Health Education and Testing

In September, staff presented safer sex education and testing at the Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS) and conducted testing at the Scott County Jail. A total of 23 HIV tests and 25 STI tests were administered. Clients with positive results were either treated on-site or referred to their healthcare provider for appropriate follow-up care.

Vaccines for Adults Program

HHS hosted a Fall 2025 Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Update. Requirements of the program, along with information on vaccine availability, were shared. Staff started administering influenza vaccines through the VFA Program in September. Individuals eligible for the VFA Program are adults 19 years of age and older who do not have health insurance or have health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

Crisis Communications Education

Staff attended the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) Social Media Community of Practice's educational session, *Crisis Comms: Preparing for Public Health Emergencies*. Attendees learned from panelists from the media sector (KCCI News and Iowa Public Radio) and emergency management (Polk County Emergency Management). The presenters discussed the importance of building relationships with media partners and collaborating on messaging when the public needs to be informed of an emergency.

Environmental Health Conference

The food team attended a three-day conference presented by National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Region 4, Wisconsin Environmental Health Association, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Sessions attended included leadership, NEHA updates, fire suppression systems, mocktails, foraged foods, FDA standards, tattoo inspections, pool construction, special processes for foods, allergens, jerky, and food safety culture. Over 300 attendees were present at this conference, including a large contingent from the State of Iowa.

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

CMS Disaster Planning Committee

The Quad Cities Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Certified Agency (CMS) Disaster Planning Committee met to discuss an upcoming tabletop exercise on cybersecurity. The exercise will lead participants through a scenario where they must test their procedures surrounding cyber threats, communications, and continuity of operations.

Health and Safety Checklist at Child Care Center

Staff conducted a Health and Safety Checklist assessment at a child care center. The checklist is a required component of Iowa's quality rating improvement system, Iowa Quality for Kids

(IQ4K), for providers applying for levels three to five. The checklist process requires at least three onsite visits to assess, share findings, and support the development of a plan to meet best practices. Follow-up with the participating center is ongoing.

SPOTS Administrative Review

The HHS HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program required Syndemic Prevention Outreach and Testing Services (SPOTS) grantees to submit policies, procedures, and certifications as part of an administrative review to ensure compliance with federal funding requirements. Some of the documents submitted included: Americans with Disability Act compliance, code of ethics and standards of conduct, fiscal management, and vaccine administration procedures.

Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health

PHAB Reaccreditation Update

Work to support reaccreditation efforts is ongoing; it is part of the work done daily within the department. With the department early in its reaccreditation cycle now, this section will be removed from the monthly report on a routine basis; updates to the department's work or PHAB's process will be shared when necessary.

Department Infrastructure Teams

Health Equity Committee

The Health Equity Committee hosted two Brave Conversation sessions around the topic of disability and public health. The Health Equity Committee will continue to dive into this topic to identify ways staff can continue to learn more and identify opportunities for improvement.

Health Promotion Team

The Health Promotion Team finalized the FY25 Annual Report and is reviewing content to be displayed on the waiting room TV. The waiting room TV project would allow timely and appropriate public health messages to be shared when clients are waiting for services. The team reviewed a proposal for an Oral Health Promotion Strategy.

Public Health Policy Committee

The Public Health Policy Committee continues to work on developing a framework for its work to be outlined in a foundational plan. Stephen Covey's Circle of Concern, Influence, and Control is being used as a model to guide work and prioritize efforts. The committee also shared information with elected officials at all levels regarding the upcoming 99 Counties Cancer Presentation; at least one elected official has already registered. Additional outreach for the event will be conducted closer to the November date. The Community Health Improvement Plan was also shared with elected officials following its September release.

Quality Improvement Council

The QI Council reviewed a QI project nomination to simplify the immunization audit result process. The QI Council recommended the completion of a QI Charter, which may result in a mini or full QI project. The Event Planning QI Project completed two project meetings in

September with another planned before implementation. The Internship QI project will start in October.

Workplace Culture Committee

The Workplace Culture Committee refined timelines and activities included in its FY26 work plan. One of the first areas the Committee will be focused on is the Cloverleaf online team development platform. While the software was rolled out to teams in June/July, it has been up to individuals to get into the software and explore. The committee will be identifying assessments that all staff members will be assigned and developing training on ways to use the system, including inputting results of surveys to increase the insight being shared among team members in daily tips provided by the software.

Workforce Development Committee

The Workforce Development Committee identified training priorities for *Workforce Workshop* sessions to be held during FY26. This is a new initiative of the committee and topics were based upon results of the Workforce Development Assessment and the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey. The committee continues to work on the New Employee Hiring and Onboarding Procedure.

Meetings Attended by Staff

Ashley Gomez, MRA – The Management Association
Bettendorf Wellness Committee
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
Brian Ehlinger & Rodney Tatum, Davenport Central High School
Care For Yourself Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Annual Meeting
Chris Bayer, Assured Partners
Community Action of Eastern Iowa Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Community Health Care (2)
Danyelle Younghans, PlaceBased Media
Environmental Health Hangout
Food Rescue Partnership
Great River Human Resources Association
Hailey Meacham, University of Iowa Master of Public Health Intern
Healthy Child Care Iowa Child Care Nurse Consultants
HHS Vaccines for Adults 2025 Program Update
Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing Food Contractors
Iowa Environmental Health Association
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice
Kelly Meyer, OnMedia (2)
Live Lead Free Quad Cities
Matthew Beam, Rock Island County Health Department
OD2A-S Scott County Team
Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) Capacity Coordinator Community of Practice
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network Workplace Wellness Workgroup
Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) Community of Practice

Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
Quad Cities Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Certified Entities Disaster Planning Committee
Quad Cities Housing Cluster
Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference Planning Team
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee
Quad City Local Emergency Planning Committee
Quad City Regional Incident Management Team
River Way Steering Committee
Scott County Conservation
Scott County Kids School Health Committee
Tobacco Free Quad Cities Coalition
United Way Ready By 5: Your Voice, Our Mission, Their Future

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



Education provided between September 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	9/9/2025	9	Friendly House	Hands-Only CPR & AED
	9/11/2025	37	University of Iowa, College of Public Health	Public Health Journey/SCHD Overview
	9/16/2025	12	McCarthy-Bush Corporation	Hands-Only CPR Training
	9/17/2025	15	Clinton Public Library	Family Health Services
	9/23/2025	44	Wood Middle School	Tobacco and Vaping
	9/23/2025	2	The Pregnancy Center- Clinton	Oral Care, Safe Sleep, and Tobacco
	9/23/2025	3	Child Care Resource and Referral	Caring for Children with Asthma

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	9/24/2025	8	Safer Foundation	Tobacco, Vaping, and Oral Health
	9/24/2025	13	Vera French Carol Center	Tobacco,Vaping, and Quitline Iowa
	9/26/2025	563	Senior Resource Partners	I-Smile Silver & Tobacco/Vaping
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	9/4/2025	9	MercyOne Genesis Hospital	Oral Care to Prevent of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia
	9/17/2025	30	MercyOne Genesis Hospital	Oral Care to Prevent of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia
	9/19/2025	5	MercyOne Genesis Pediatrics	Cavity Free Iowa



Media Inquiries between September 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
9/5/2025	Other	Television			WHBF-TV4
9/12/2025	COVID-19 Vaccine	Television			WQAD-TV8
9/16/2025	Tobacco	Television			KWQC-TV6
9/17/2025	Mosquito	Television			KWQC-TV6