# **Our Vision**

To guide & inspire the community to enjoy a high quality of life by:

- Redefining the role of public health delivery
- Creating a culture of health
- Advancing health equity
- Building strong community engagement
   & collaboration
- Attaining national Public Health Accreditation



#### - Prevention -

It's What Public Health is All About
The Boone County
Health Department is here to:

- Help Prevent Disease
- Enhance Your Quality of Life
- Improve Your Overall Health
- Reduce Your Exposure to Environmental Hazards
- Provide Health Screenings
- Provide Healthcare Resources
- Provide Health Education
- Lead Poisoning Prevention

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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# Mission Statement

Our mission is to serve our community by preventing the spread of disease, promoting equitable wellness & protecting the public's health



# **Boone County Health Department**

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> Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

FOIA Officer: Amanda Mehl

\*FOIA request forms are available at our office or

# Programs & Services

Promoting Good Health for You, Your Family and the Community since 1966



**Boone County Health Department** 





# **Environmental Health Services**

### **Food Program**

All establishments that sell/give away food or beverages to the general public must be issued a permit and are subject to inspection. This includes permanent facilities, mobile units and temporary events. Workshops on food handling and sanitation are also conducted. Permits are required by County Code. \*

#### **Private Sewage Program**

All septic system installations or repairs require soil bores and must be approved, issued a permit and be inspected. Septic installers and pumpers are licensed annually. \*

### **Private Well Program**

The drilling, sealing, or modification of all nonmunicipal water wells must be approved, issued a permit and be inspected. Private well water sampling and/or testing is available. \*

### **Nuisance Program**

Nuisance complaints that could result in a threat to public health are investigated on a priority basis or forwarded to the appropriate agency for action.

#### West Nile Virus Prevention

To help prevent West Nile Virus, stagnant water complaints are investigated, dead birds are submitted for WNV testing, and mosquitos are trapped/tested for WNV.

# **Well/Septic Evaluation Program**

Septic systems and wells are evaluated for functionality and compliance with current code. Evaluations are done on a request basis. \*

#### Other Environmental Services

Community education is provided on environmental health issues, workshops are conducted and Body Art establishments are inspected in Boone County annually. Permits are issued for demolitions in unincorporated areas in Boone County. \*

\*Permit and service fees vary by program.



# Health & Wellness Services

#### **Emergency Response Program**

Information is provided to the public about Public Health emergencies and appropriate responses. Detailed emergency response plans are in place and preparedness efforts are coordinated with local, regional and state partners and community stakeholders.

#### **IL Tobacco Free Communities**

Activities include enforcement of the Smoke Free Illinois Act, promotion of the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, and community education.

#### **Chronic Disease Screening**

Wellness screenings, including glucose, blood pressure and comprehensive bloodwork are available at low cost by appointment.



# Communicable Disease Services

#### COVID-19 & Flu Vaccine Clinics

All community members are encouraged to receive their COVID-19 and flu vaccine through our clinics.

# **Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing**

Walk-in clinics are held on Thursdays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment throughout the week. We offer testing for these common sexually transmitted infections: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV and hepatitis C. Education, referral and follow up for specific STIs, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, is available.

# **Tuberculosis Program**

TB skin testing and blood testing, referrals and comprehensive nurse case management services are offered when medically indicated.

# **Communicable Disease Investigation**

Reportable communicable and non-communicable disease investigations, patient education and limited follow-up tests provided.



# Community Health Services

#### **Community Health Education**

The Boone County Health Department is committed to educating the public through programs that address topics such as nutrition, physical activity, and chronic diseases.

#### **Family Case Management**

Case management services are provided at no cost to pregnant women and children under the age of one who meet specific income guidelines. An assessment of needs, referrals to service providers, follow-up, education and home visits are provided.

#### **High Risk Infant Program**

Infants referred through APORS (Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Reporting System) are provided with home visits on a periodic basis. Physical and Developmental assessments are completed and referrals are made to other service providers.

#### **Immunization Program**

Childhood and Adult Immunizations are available by appointment throughout the week.

### WIC-Women, Infants & Children

WIC is a supplemental food program that provides nutrition education and specific nutritional foods that are tailored to meet the needs of pregnant, breast-feeding, and postpartum women, infants and children one to five years of age. WIC participants must meet the program requirements of residency, income and nutritional risk.

# **Breastfeeding Support**

A Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program supplements our existing WIC breastfeeding education and support services including individual consultations and support groups Peer counselors support moms as they leave the hospital and are available through an after-hours line.

#### **Additional Services Offered**

School Physicals
Tobacco Prevention & Control
Vision & Hearing Screening Program