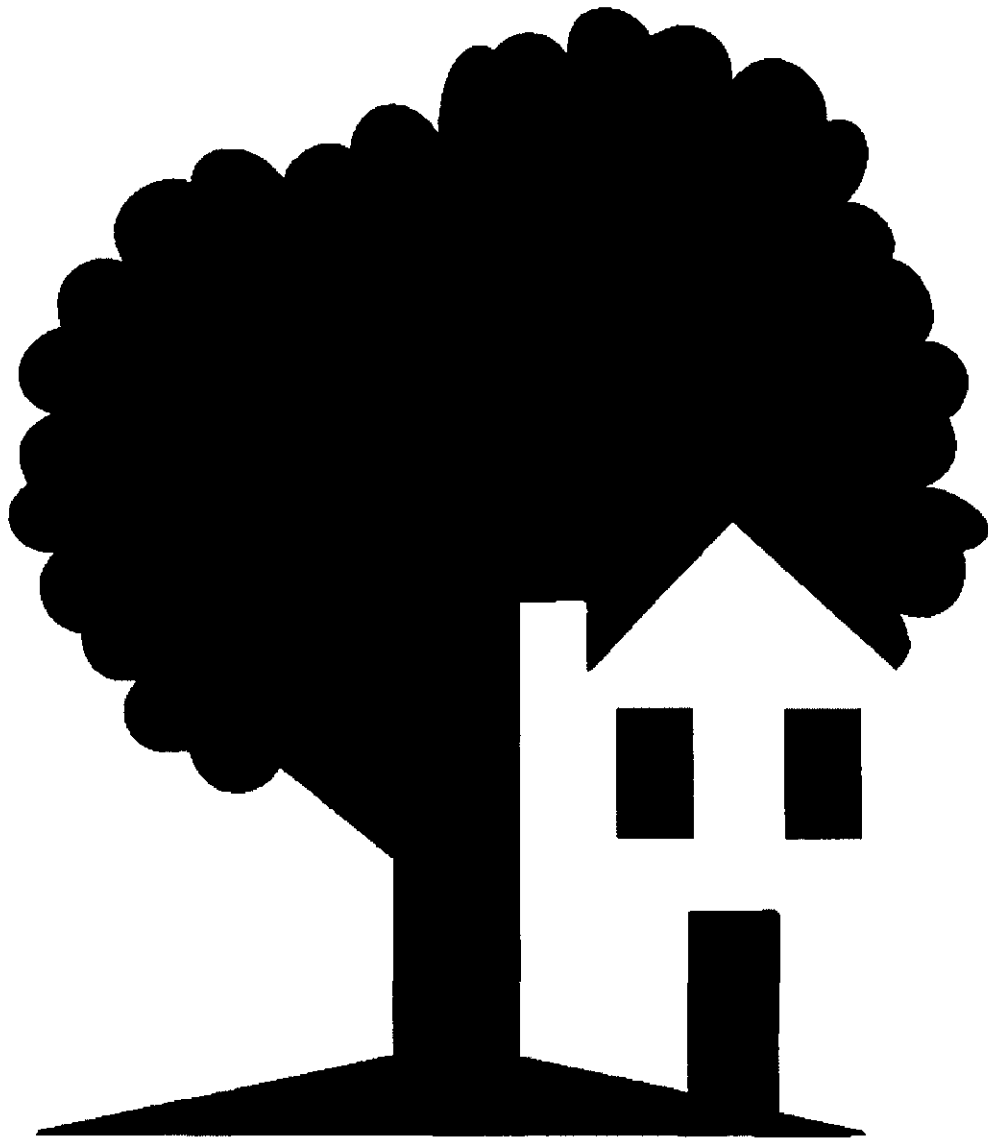


# **Johnson County Health Department**

## **Annual Report**



**2021**

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## HEALTH OFFICER

Our professional staff seeks to provide efficient and effective health-related services in the Environmental Health, Nursing, Vital Records, Public Health Emergency and WIC Divisions.

The Johnson County Health Department focuses on the following areas:

- Communicable Disease Control
- Children's Health
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Food Sanitation
- Health Education
- Vital Records
- Vector Control
- Breast Cancer Awareness



Participation and comments are welcome from all residents. Please contact our office Monday through Friday, 8 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

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- Environmental Health 317-346-4365
- Nursing Services 317-346-4368
- Vital Records 317-346-4367

For more information, visit our website <https://co.johnson.in.us/departments/index.php?structureid=27>

Dr. Jefferson M. Qualls

Johnson County Health Officer

## JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



From left: Dr. Jefferson M. Qualls, Amanda Stevenson-Holmes, Dr. Steve Stropes D.V.M., Dr. James Pease, Dr. Michael Pauszek, and Paul Hass, Board Attorney.  
Not pictured, Dr. George Small, Ruth Freese, and Chelsea Grider.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Health Fund

Cash beginning January 1, 2021

\$719,595.10

### *Receipts*

General property	\$699,615.92
License excise	77,211.12
Financial institution tax	3,967.96
Commercial vehicle excise tax	1,954.30
Miscellaneous Fees	3,400.01
Amendment Fees	500.00
Swimming Pool Permit Fees	7,500.00
Tattoo Permit Fees	25,125.00
Food Permit Fees	180,095.00
Food Citation Fees	1,250.00
Coroner's Continuing Ed Fund	16,004.25 *
Death Certificate Fees	115,586.25
Birth Certificate Fees	19,992.00
Septic Permit Fees	14,100.00
Nursing Fees	2,223.00 **
Clinical/Incentive Patients	9,318.03
Septic Application Fees	6,300.00
Plan Review Fees	3,700.00
Insufficient Funds – NSF	60.00
Checking Account Interest	7.57
Reimbursement Overpayment	77.72
Reimbursement Insurance	4,928.25 ***
Miscellaneous Receipts	49,835.89 ****
Receipts total	\$1,242,752.27

Cash available 2021

\$1,962,347.37

### *Expenditures*

Coroner's Continuing Ed Fund	\$16,004.25 *
Salaries	818,037.25
Payroll taxes	58,054.07
Public Employee Retirement Fund	88,603.90
Claims	116,258.22
Expenditures total	\$1,096,957.69

Cash balance January 1, 2022

\$865,389.68

\*Funds collected as a part of death certificate receipt; disbursed through report of collections; shown for the record only.

\*\*Nursing fees reduced to reimbursement LHM and ILHDTA for vaccine purchased.

\*\*\*Insurance claim funds received for DRASH.

\*\*\*\*\$49,726.12 of funds received from IDOH for COVID Vaccine Admin Cost Reimbursement Gant.

## Local Health Maintenance Fund

Cash balance January 1, 2021	\$167,459.51
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### *Receipts*

Auditor State of Indiana	\$72,672.00
Immunization reimbursement	35,487.86
Reimbursement Overpayments	225.40
Investment Matured	385,000.00
Interest on Investment	24,873.00
Receipts total	\$518,258.26
Cash available in 2021	\$685,717.77

### *Expenditures*

Salaries	\$41,636.25
Payroll taxes	3,185.18
Claims	43,300.02
Expenditures total	\$88,121.45
Cash balance January 1, 2022	\$597,596.32

## Tobacco Master Settlement

Cash balance January 1, 2021	\$187,090.33
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### *Receipts*

Auditor State of Indiana	\$54,800.92
Immunization reimbursement	11,708.61
Outstanding Investment	450,000.00
Receipts total	\$516,509.53
Cash available in 2021	\$703,599.86

### *Expenditures*

Salaries	\$32,283.35
Payroll taxes	2,043.57
Public Employee Retirement Fund	3,615.85
Employee Group Insurance	11,500.00
Claims	986.63
Expenditures total	\$50,429.40
Cash balance January 1, 2022	\$653,170.46



## ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

### Mission

Controlling the spread of communicable disease, promoting, improving and preserving the quality of the environment are the goals and responsibilities of the Environmental Health Division of the Johnson County Health Department. Various programs maintained by the health department help fulfill these goals. The following provides an overview of the services provided in 2021.

### Food Service Program



Back Row (left to right): Environmentalists Randy Pease, Jaycie Blanford, Cassi Hall, Jennifer Warner, Paul Betiku, and Elizabeth Schultz  
Front Row (left to right): Environmentalist Bob Smith, Director Elizabeth Swearingen, and Environmentalist Andrew Miller. Not pictured, Environmentalist Terry Bayless.

The food service program is the largest of the environmental programs at the health department. The responsibility of insuring the food safety at our restaurants is an immense task. Seven full-time and one part-time environmental health specialists and an environmental health intern devoted significant time resources to routine and follow-up inspections.

In 2021, one thousand one hundred food facility inspections were done. Additional food services provided included consultations, pre-construction/pre-opening inspections, and plan review of new food establishments in Johnson County. Food complaints and food borne illnesses were also tracked within the county. Food facilities with poor track records were brought into the office for administrative hearings and corrective action plans for improvement in those facilities were created.

The primary focus of the county food service is to enforce and administer health codes and protect consumers from foodborne illness. Inspections conducted at intervals are based on the size and scope of the food service operation. Typically, fast food restaurants with limited menus require three inspections per year while the larger facilities with expanded menus require four inspections per year. Additional follow-up inspections were conducted as warranted.

Enforcement tools for sanitary compliance include the Indiana Civil Penalty Rule that provides the health department authority to fine restaurants for critical and non-critical violations. Fines may range from \$50.00 to \$500.00 depending on the severity of the violation and the length of non-compliance. Working with the environmental health staff, food establishment managers and operators continue to make strides in meeting the more stringent food safety mandates. Employee safety education, date marking foods, temperature control, and hygiene practice remain key elements for safe handling and preparation of food.

## Environmental Programs

Each year the Environmental Division of the Health Department provides a wide range of services to Johnson County residents. Services provided in 2021 are reflected below.

Massage Parlor Inspections	Continuing Education Programs
Housing Investigations	Indoor Air Inspections
Hazardous Material Investigations	Vector Control Complaints
Outdoor Air Pollution Complaints	Asbestos and Lead
Water Samples Collected & Consultations	Trash and Miscellaneous Complaints
Institutional and Commercial Inspections	Methamphetamine Issues
Workshops, Training and Meetings	Presentations
Paperless Project	Phase 1 Assessments
Web Updates	Stop the Bleed Trainings
Tobacco Store Audits/Smoking Cessation	COVID-19

## Meth Labs

In 2021, there was one property seized in Johnson County for meth labs. The Health Department has been working with homeowners to clear properties that have not obtained clearance certificates. No properties were cleared from the Indiana State Police list through testing, decontamination, or demolition.





## Septic System Program

In a growing community, careful and well-planned growth management must be recognized. An important part of this process is related to the safe and sanitary disposal of sewage waste. An onsite waste disposal program is maintained by the Johnson County Health Department to provide for the safe and sanitary disposal of both residential and commercial wastewater. Extension of the sanitary sewers remains a priority of the health department. The department conducted plan reviews, site reviews and site evaluations during permit processing for onsite waste disposal systems.

The environmentalists are involved in the planning, approval and inspection of septic systems including, standard design concepts as well as experimental technology systems. In 2021, ninety-seven septic system installation permits were issued by the Johnson County Health Department. Of this number, seventy-three were for a new septic system installation; the remaining twenty-four permits were for repairs to existing systems. Four commercial septic permits were also included in the total. Soil consultants and personnel from the Indiana State Department of Health assist our staff with ongoing field training.

## Tobacco Education, Prevention and Cessation

The use of tobacco is the most preventable causes of death and disease in the United States. Numerous types of cancers including lung cancer, respiratory diseases, and heart disease are related to the use of tobacco.

More than eleven thousand Hoosiers die from their own smoking every year. For every death, another thirty Hoosiers are living with a chronic condition due to smoking and other uses of tobacco. In Indiana 11.8% of pregnant women smoke; in Johnson County 10.4% of pregnant women smoke which is a contributor to Indiana's infant mortality



Smoking doubles the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, causing 20-30% of the low birth weight babies and contributes to other health problems such as reduced lung function.

Environmentalist Bob Smith serves as chair of the Tobacco Free Johnson County Board. Advocating for smoke-free environments, encouraging pregnant women to be smoke-free, preventing youth from tobacco use and offering smoke cessation all play a part in decreasing the risk of disease and dying from a tobacco related illness.



The introduction of the electronic cigarette, also known as e-cigarette, on the market poses a major health concern, especially among teenagers. This nicotine delivery system and marketing of this product has led to use by minors and non-smokers and the liquid nicotine used in the cartridge may

also pose a poisoning threat. Approved FDA tobacco cessation aids are available and recommended.

A state funded cessation program is available to individuals wishing to quit smoking. The free quit-line may be reached by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW.

Tobacco Related Statistics for Johnson County 2020.

Adult smoking rate . . . . .	20.0%	Adult smokers . . . . .	32,353
Smoking during pregnancy rate . . . . .	10.4%	Births affected by smoking . . . . .	192
Annual death due to tobacco . . . . .	.265	Tobacco related illnesses . . . . .	7,939
Annual death due to secondhand smoke. .	42		

## Well Water

The majority of Johnson County is fortunate to have ample supplies of ground water to be used for drinking, agriculture and livestock support. Ground water is stored naturally below the earth's surface. Most rural areas and most cities in Johnson County depend on ground water for their water. Public utilities servicing the most populated areas of our county rely on our aquifers. It is essential that our ground water be protected from sewage, chemical and industrial contaminants. Environmentalists promote ground water protection by enforcing required setbacks of septic systems, sewer lines, industry, livestock and other potential sources of contamination.

The availability of a safe and adequate water supply is a valuable resource, which must be protected. Water is critical for not only our health but for economic growth and stability. A partnership among our public water utilities, state, county and municipal leaders as well as business and industrial representatives has been formed in an effort to protect the integrity of this important natural resource.

The Johnson County Wellhead Protection Local Planning Team meets quarterly to discuss issues related to the protection and delivery of safe water to those in our community. The local planning team is a countywide group to which the drinking water utilities with wellhead protection areas in the county are invited to attend. To maintain an educational component to meetings a guest speaker or committee member gives a presentation on relevant water issues. In person meetings resumed in 2021.

During program meetings, representatives from the gravel mining companies provide the group with water-quality results from monitoring wells between the gravel mining operations and some of the wellhead protection areas. The LPT reviews the results with the mining companies and they have begun graphing these results to understand and to become aware of any changes to our water quality over an extended period of time. To date, it has been shown that gravel-mining operations within our wellhead protection zone have not posed a hazard to our ground water aquifer.

The LPT has integrated the wellhead protection areas into Johnson County's GIS Program. LPT had wanted to propose a Wellhead Protection Ordinance for the Commissioners consideration in 2021. However, due to COVID that did not happen. Talks will continue in 2022 about a possible ordinance.



## Sharps Disposal Program

The Johnson County Sharps Disposal Program was designed and implemented as a community service to assist the residents of our county with a safe and environmentally sound method for disposing of used needles or “sharps”. The improper disposal of sharps threatens the safety of every member of the community, as they may be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV, and/or other serious diseases. The risk to the general public is very real as well as to our solid waste management personnel who collect trash and those who may sort waste streams to recycle. Anyone who is a resident of Johnson County and regularly uses sharps for medical purposes is encouraged to participate in this program.



This free public service provides a medically approved sharps container to participants at no cost and after the container is filled, provides free disposal by a professional licensed hazardous waste disposal company. Container pick-up and disposal must be conducted at the Health Department office during regular business hours. In 2021, the Health Department distributed 439; 5-quart capacity sharps containers to residents. The number of filled containers returned was 408.



## Swimming Pool Program

Swimming pools are licensed, inspected, and monitored by the Johnson County Health Department year-round. Swimming pools that are not operated as per code requirements may represent a health risk to patrons. Recreational Water Illnesses (RWI) are caused by germs and chemicals found in the water that patrons swim in such as pools, hot tubs, water parks, lakes, etc. A wide

variety of infections including gastrointestinal, skin, ear, respiratory, eye, neurologic and wound infections have been reported. The most reported is diarrhea, which can be caused by organisms such as Shigella, Norovirus, Giardia, E.coli, and Cryptosporidium. Proper disinfection and chemical balance in water is essential to prevent disease.

The Johnson County Health Department Pool Program requires that each public and semi-public pool operate under the standards set forth in the Indiana State Department of Health 2010 “Swimming Pool Rule 410 IAC 6-2.1”. Inspections review key pool operations such as water disinfection, chemical levels, safety equipment, and maintenance of pool surfaces and equipment. Weekly laboratory tests of the water are sent to the health department to allow for continual review of water quality for each pool. Pools that do not maintain required standards are closed by this Department until those standards are re-established.



Relevant statistics from the 2021 pool season:

- 20- Year-round operation sites
- 53- Seasonal Operation Sites
- 1803- Pool/spa water samples tested
- 86- Completed inspections
- 1710- Satisfactory water samples
- 93- Unsatisfactory or missed samples
- 26- Temporarily closed due to violation(s)



## Tattoo Program

Tattooing and body piercing present a potential health threats because both procedures break the skin barrier. A tattoo machine pierces the skin in very rapid sequence while piercers install jewelry after creating open wounds in the skin and or cartilage. The instruments may come in contact with blood and body fluids. These actions may introduce bacterial or viral organisms such as staphylococcus, blood borne pathogens, Hepatitis B & C, tetanus and other disease organisms if sanitary procedures are not followed. The problem is compounded because some parts of tattoo equipment are reused on multiple clients and if required sterilization procedures are not followed, the health risks are greatly increased. The health and safety of the tattoo artists are also of great concern and guidelines are directed to protect them as well.



The Johnson County Health Department Ordinance No. 2005-24 was enacted in 2005 and requires operators to be licensed and inspected by Environmentalists. Our ordinance incorporates Indiana State Department of Health Rule 410 IAC 1-5 "Sanitary Operations of Tattoo Parlors". The Rule includes an important requirement to have sterilization equipment tested for efficacy and to report results to the Health Department. The Ordinance incorporates fines and delineates procedures for closure of a shop if requirements are not met.

The number of tattoo operations in our county varies each year. A recent rise in the number of shops is due to the opening of "micro blading" operations, which is the process of tattooing eyebrows on the face. Like any tattoo, micro blading punctures the skin surface and comes in contact with blood and body fluids and therefore is regulated. Permanent makeup operations are also regulated as they tattoo eyeliner, lips, and eyebrows on to clientele.





## Vector Program

Vector-borne diseases are among the most complex of all infectious diseases to prevent and control and may become a major public health concern without prevention and control. Fleas, ticks, cockroaches and mosquitoes spread diseases such as West Nile virus, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Salmonella among those most notable. In addition, mice, raccoons, bats, and other creatures may carry disease transmittable to humans.



The geographic and seasonal distribution of vector populations and the diseases they can carry depends not only on climate but also on land use, socioeconomic and cultural factors, pest control and human responses to disease risk. The Health Department works in tandem with the local medical community and the Indiana State Department of Health to monitor vector disease emergence. The Johnson County Health Department works with residents and business operators to educate, advise, and assist in reducing or eliminating vectors breeding and harboring sites. An integrated management control program works to reduce food sources for vectors, eliminate entrance into housing and finally recommend the use of chemical and biological extermination techniques.



Complaint investigations and responses in 2021 included infestations of rodents, bedbugs as well as complaints of large populations of biting mosquitos. Environmentalists treated mosquito-breeding sites in the county with larvicide to prevent hatching of mosquitoes. Larger cities within the county have their own mosquito control operations; however, the Johnson County Health Department provides nonmunicipal control via a contractual arrangement with the Marion County Health Department. They provide adulticide chemical spraying for areas in need.



## Public Health Preparedness/ESF 8

In 2021, the Johnson County Health Department continued to foster their partnerships with other first responders and health care providers meeting the grant deliverables set out for the D5 Local Health Departments.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued into 2021, the Johnson County Health Department moved forward with the running of their COVID-19 testing site at the Johnson County Fairgrounds and the vaccination clinic at Johnson Memorial Hospital. In April 2021, the Johnson County Health Department split with Johnson Memorial and moved both the testing and vaccine clinics to Compass Park. Although, a daunting and exhausting commitment it insured vaccine and testing to all Johnson County residents and surrounding neighbors.

The preparedness department updated documentation in the overall Field Operations Guide (FOG) and each FOG specific to each Point of Dispensing (POD). Once again, the yearly FOG workshop allowed for more intensive training of the POD Command Staff, which included many new members and position changes at each particular POD location.

The preparedness coordinators yet again joined with other District 5 Health Department staffs to meet BASE and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant requirements.

In the past, the JCHD participated in the yearly mandated Local Technical Assistance Review (LTAR) conducted by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). In 2015, the LTAR was replaced with the Operational Readiness Review (ORR). 2016 welcomed a bye year for the department as no type of review was conducted. The 2017 ORR went well with the county receiving high praise for their plans, procedures and preparedness abilities. Another ORR was conducted in 2018 using a new program provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The program was difficult to navigate and populate with adequate information. Results did not appear as positive as they have in the past. In 2019, the newer reporting program DICIPHER was revamped to evaluate the local health departments on their preparedness plans. Work continued in 2020 and 2021 to clear-up inconsistencies between the computer program and the county's extremely thorough preparedness plans. As in the past, the county will continue to plan, prepare, and produce as the country addresses new target capabilities and the All Hazard Preparedness mindset in the next year of the five-year grant cycle.

## Medical Reserve Corps

In 2021, the Johnson County Medical Reserve Corps continued to work and train with the JC Health Department. No new funding for the Corps was received in 2021. It is uncertain if state funding will be forthcoming in the future and even more uncertain as to the approach the MRCs will take regarding preparedness throughout the state in the upcoming months.

Preparedness Staff for 2021: Left: Betsy Swearingen, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator and MRC Unit Leader.

Jennifer Warner, Assistant Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, Back-up MRC Unit Leader.



**JOHNSON COUNTY COVID SITE  
TOTAL NUMBERS FOR 2021**

<b>2021 RAPID TESTS</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>RAPID TESTS GIVEN</b>	<b>POSITIVES</b>	<b>POSITIVITY RATE</b>
AUGUST	1,622	255	15.70%
SEPTEMBER	2,662	404	15.20%
OCTOBER	1,791	282	15.70%
NOVEMBER	2,801	430	15.40%
DECEMBER	1,603	286	17.80%
	<b>TOTAL = 10,479</b>	<b>TOTAL = 1,657</b>	<b>TOTAL = 15.80%</b>
<b>2021 PCR TESTS</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PCR TESTS GIVEN</b>		
JANUARY	1,950		
FEBRUARY	659		
MARCH	655		
APRIL	536		
MAY	377		
JUNE	124		
JULY	178		
AUGUST	1,756		
SEPTEMBER	516		
OCTOBER	297		
NOVEMBER	382		
DECEMBER	2,114		
	<b>TOTAL = 9,544</b>		
<b>2021 VACCINES</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>VACCINES GIVEN</b>		
APRIL	2,410		
MAY	2,535		
JUNE	395		
JULY	378		
AUGUST	548		
SEPTEMBER	775		
OCTOBER	1,210		
NOVEMBER	1,717		
DECEMBER	2,513		
	<b>TOTAL = 12,481</b>		



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The Johnson County Health Department did not participate in the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust Grant for the 2021 year, due to circumstances beyond our control, primarily COVID.

The need for Screening Mammograms in our area was brought to our attention through our partnership with St. Thomas Clinic, located in Whiteland, IN. St. Thomas Clinic have doctors who see patients every Wednesday morning. St. Thomas Clinic sees patients who fall below the 250% poverty rate. The Health Department was able to access funds from the PHEP, which is a combination of the Base/CRI Preparedness grants. This grant can be used for the health needs of the residents of Johnson County. We were able to provide mammogram services to ten ladies with two requiring another diagnostic screening, because of suspicious findings.

We are looking forward to 2022 as we have been awarded \$10,000.00 from the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust Grant to provide Screening mammograms to women in our area who are at or below the 250% poverty level and might not otherwise be able to afford them. We have several events in the planning stages. We project we could screen over 50 women in the coming year.

Since the Breast Cancer Awareness special group recognition (SGR) license plate was first made available in 2002, over \$6 million has been distributed by the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust (IBCAT) through competitively awarded grants to organizations throughout Indiana for innovative projects for breast cancer screening, diagnostic and support services not otherwise available to medically underserved populations in Indiana. In addition, nearly \$100,000 has been awarded in scholarships to incoming and current college students who have lost a parent or who have a parent currently battling the disease.

The mission of the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, Inc. is to increase awareness and improve access to breast cancer screening, diagnosis and support services throughout Indiana. Indiana residents may purchase an Indiana breast cancer awareness special group recognition license plate by visiting any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch, online at [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV), or on a BMV Connect kiosk for an annual \$40 fee, \$25 of which is a direct tax-deductible donation (to the extent of the law). The plate may be purchased for display on passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, trucks with a declared gross weight of not more than 11,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles.

The Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness SGR license plate was the brain-child of the late Nancy Jaynes, a Plymouth (IN) High School family and consumer sciences teacher. Nancy lost her battle with breast cancer in March of 2008. Her vision that the license plate be a traveling billboard and reminder about the importance of early detection of breast cancer is alive and making a difference to thousands of Hoosiers. For more information or to make a donation to the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, please visit their website at [www.BreastCancerPlate.org](http://www.BreastCancerPlate.org) or contact the Johnson County Health Department at 317-346-4365 and ask for information about Mammograms.



## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

### Mission

The Nursing Division of the Johnson County Health Department works to protect and improve the community's health through assessment, prevention, education, surveillance and treatment.

Services offered by the nursing staff are immunizations from birth through eighteen years of age, adult immunizations, communicable disease investigation, tuberculosis skin testing, case management and treatment, lead case management and community outreach.

In 2021, the nursing staff consisted of three full-time nurses and one immunization coordinator. Staff below standing from left: Director of Nursing Lisa Brown, R.N., Immunization Coordinator Jordan Sanders, Public Health Nurses Elizabeth Burkhart, R.N. and Kiley Leugers, R.N.



The Johnson County Health Department offers all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All immunizations provided by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program were free for children and adolescents on Medicaid, with a twenty-dollar administration fee for children and adolescents who were uninsured.

Beginning in 2015, the health department was able to begin seeing fully insured patients. This very beneficial program allows patients with all types of insurance to receive vaccinations through the health department. We are very excited about this opportunity to extend our services to include more children and adults in Johnson County.

Immunizations are essential to protect our community against numerous vaccine preventable diseases. Education and increasing compliance rates have been a priority of the nursing division. When citizens are more informed about the importance of vaccination, they are more likely to stay on track with their immunizations. Throughout the year, we continued to send out postcards about vaccination opportunities as well as making reminder calls to let families know about upcoming and missed appointments.



In 2021, the Johnson County Health Department administered a total of 1,896 doses of vaccine and immunized 4,726 patients.

**Vaccine numbers for children from birth through eighteen years:**

DT/DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis)	26
DTap/Hep B/IPV	13
DTap/HIB/IPV	43
DTap/Hep B/HIB/IPV	16
DTap/IPV	54
Td/Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)	161
Polio	55
Hepatitis A	152
Hepatitis B	63
HIB (haemophilus influenza type B)	19
PCV13 (pneumococcal)	70
Rotavirus	27
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	33
MMR/V	82
Varicella (chickenpox)	45
MCV4 (meningococcal A, C, W, Y)	234
Meningococcal B	130
HPV (human papillomavirus)	236
Seasonal Influenza	173

**Vaccine numbers for adults nineteen years and older:**

Td/Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis)	28
Hepatitis A	13
Hepatitis B	23
HPV(human papillomavirus)	17
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	19
Varicella (chickenpox)	22
MCV4 (meningococcal)	2
Meningococcal B	6
Seasonal Influenza	88
Zoster (shingles)	15
PCV13 (pneumococcal)	1



Just as important as the act of immunizing is the documentation of those vaccines. Each vaccine administered at the Johnson County Health Department is documented in CHIRP. CHIRP is the Childhood and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program. Having an up-to-date immunization record helps prevent unnecessary duplication or missed opportunity of vaccination.

The Johnson County Health Department has a performance improvement plan in place, which focuses on doing a reminder recall at the beginning of every month to identify those children who have fallen behind in their immunizations. Over the past couple of years, this plan has proven to keep our patients more up-to-date with their vaccinations.

### **Communicable Disease Reporting and Investigation**

A communicable disease is a contagious infection such as tuberculosis, pertussis, hepatitis, chickenpox, and salmonella. Approximately sixty communicable diseases are required by law to be reported to the local health department by hospitals, physicians, and laboratories.



The Johnson County Health Department also offers TB Mantoux skin testing, and Tuberculosis case management including treatment and education for both latent infection and active disease. During 2021, two hundred sixty-six TB skin tests were administered.

Education and medication were given to twenty-six patients with latent TB infection. Each person who completes the recommended course of medication therapy for TB receives documentation to prove that they have completed treatment. There were seven active Tuberculosis cases in 2021, five of these were Afghan evacuees housed at Camp Atterbury.

### **Reports of Selected Communicable Disease in 2021**

2019 Novel Coronavirus	19,149
Chronic Hepatitis C	85
Chronic Hepatitis B	17
Salmonellosis	12
Campylobacteriosis	9
Legionellosis	7
Latent Tuberculosis Infection	41
Tuberculosis	7

## **Lead Case Management**

The Johnson County Health Department continues to implement lead case management. We have monitored several children that have had elevated blood lead levels. The case management has included collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Health, the child's physician, home visits, and education with the families to assess the possible sources of lead exposure.

## **Community Health**

The Johnson County Health Department has a working relationship with Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County and serves on several health promotion committees. These committees include the Partnership Advisory Board, Partnership Access to Care, Partnership Maternal and Child Health, Tobacco Awareness, and Empower Johnson County.

Through the programs we have mentioned, the Johnson County Health Department nursing division continues to advocate and educate for the health of the citizens in our community.



## VITAL RECORDS REPORT

There were 401 babies born in 2021; 196 males and 205 females. Nineteen of these babies were delivered at home, sixteen of which were registered by mid-wives, two by the Vital Registrar, and one by Johnson Memorial Hospital.



Vital records staff from left: Environmental Clerk JoEllen Michener, Vital Registrar Cheryl Snider and Records Clerk Jody Lashlee

There were 1,218 deaths in Johnson County in 2021. COVID-19 contributed to 87 of these deaths. Drug intoxication deaths were up from last year from 37 in 2020 to 45 deaths in 2021. Known suicides went from 15 deaths in 2020 to 24 deaths in 2021. There were also four child deaths in 2021. The following page provides a complete listing of all the causes of death in 2021.

## Causes of Death 2021

Adult Failure to Thrive /Debility	12	COPD/Respiratory and Lung issues	91
Alcoholism	6	Coronary and Heart Disease	263
Alzheimer's/Dementia/Senility	176	COVID-19	87
Amyloidosis	1	Crohn's Disease	1
Aortic Aneurysms/Stenosis	5	Dehydration	4
Asphyxia	12	Diabetes complications	9
Barth Syndrome	1	Drug Intoxication:	
Bilateral Hemothorax	1	Poly Pharmaceutical	23
Blunt for Trauma	4	Fentanyl Overdose	14
Cancer:		Methamphetamine	8
Bladder	9	Difluoromethane	1
Brain	18	Ethanol & Duloxetine	3
Breast	15	Opiates	1
Cholangiocarcinoma	1	Dysphagia	2
Colorectal	29	Encephalopathy	3
Endometrial	1	Gangrene	1
Esophageal	8	Gastrointestinal Issues	8
Gastric	3	Gunshot Wounds	15
Head & Neck	4	Hypernatremia	1
Kidney	1	Hypothyroidism	1
Leukemia	6	Kidney Disease (Renal)	36
Liver	9	Liver Disease (Hepatic)	14
Lung	71	Malnutrition	16
Lymphoma	11	Myelodysplastic Syndrome	3
Mediastinum	1	Microcephaly	1
Multi Organ	21	Neuroendocrine	1
Myeloma	3	Osteomyelitis	3
Neuroblastoma	1	Parkinson's Disease	28
Ovarian	2	Perforated Viscus	1
Pancreatic	16	Pneumonia	29
Penile	1	Sarcopenia	1
Prostate	8	Sclerosis	6
Skin	6	Sepsis	16
Stomach	1	Spastic Paraplegia	1
Soft Tissue	1	Stroke	17
Thyroid	1	Sudden Infant Death	1
Unknown	4	Supranuclear Palsy	1
Uterine	1	Undetermined	1
Vulva	1	Vascular Disease	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage/Aneurysm	29		
Colitis	1		



## WIC Women, Infants and Children

The WIC program helps families start strong and stay that way. WIC is a special supplemental food and nutrition program that provides participants with a WIC specific EBT card that is used to purchase nutritious foods, for free.

### Those eligible for WIC include:

- Pregnant women
- Breastfeeding moms (up to one year after delivery)
- Non-breastfeeding moms (up to six months postpartum)
- Infants
- Children up to age five

### WIC Services

- A monthly food package is loaded onto a debit card.
- Nutrition education and nutrition counseling as well as height/weight assessments and iron/hemoglobin testing, that is administered by a Registered Dietitian or a Registered Nurse.
- Referrals to other health and social services.
- Breastfeeding classes that are offered daily Monday-Friday and are open to the public as well.
- Nutrition Classes
- Weekly Story Time Sessions with the local library (pre-pandemic, future sessions TBD)

### Breastfeeding Support

- Our WIC program was one of six WIC agencies in Indiana that was awarded the Loving Support Award of Excellence from USDA in 2019 and the USDA Gold Premiere Breastfeeding Award of Excellence in 2021.
- We provide breastfeeding support to moms and babies by using breastfeeding peer counselors, offering classes, providing support groups and offering individual lactation consultations. Our support shows in our 76% breastfeeding initiation rate! At our clinic we have three location consultants on staff and provide breast pumps, if after assessment, it is found that one is needed.





## The WIC Food Package

WIC participants receive benefits monthly that are used at local grocery stores to purchase specific foods, which include the following:

- Milk, Cheese, Yogurt, Tofu
- 100% juice
- Eggs, Beans, Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Whole grains such as;
  - o Whole wheat bread
  - o Whole wheat tortillas
  - o Brown Rice
  - o Whole grain pasta
- Fruit and Vegetables (\$8 for children & \$11 for women)
- Fish are added to an exclusively breastfeeding woman's food package.

### **Infants receive the following food package:**

- A supplemental formula package for the infant.
- When the infant turns 6 months of age, the WIC food package provides infant cereal and fruit and vegetable jar baby foods.
- If baby is exclusively breastfeeding, then WIC provides additional fruit and vegetable jar baby foods as well as meat jar foods.





## WIC Income Eligibility and Contact Information as of June 2021

*Household Size	Annual Income*	Monthly Income
1	\$23,828	\$1,986
2	\$32,227	\$2,686
3	\$40,626	\$3,386
4	\$49,025	\$4,086
5	\$57,424	\$4,786
6	\$65,823	\$5,486
7	\$74,222	\$6,186
8	\$82,621	\$6,886
Each Additional Person	\$8,399	

\*\*Income guidelines updated annually

### **Income Eligibility:**

All eligible people who receive Medicaid, Food Stamps, and TANF are income-eligible for WIC. For those who do not receive these services, the adjacent chart provides income guidelines.

\*Income means total income before deductions. Also, we only screen past 30 days of income.

Note: A pregnant woman includes her unborn baby when determining household.

\*A household means a group of people (related or not) who are living as one economic unit.

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## Outreach Activities

The Johnson County WIC Program participants in various outreach activities to help educate the community about our program's services. We are also proud to be a part of Johnson County's Maternal Child and Health action team.

## Clinic Environment and Participation



In 2020-2021 our caseload had a 4% increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had a monthly average of 2,300 participants and peaked to 2,600/mos. during the pandemic. Out of these participants 10% were prenatal women, 15% were postpartum women, 25% were infants, 50% were children.

With UD SA support, WIC clinics nationwide were able to continue providing WIC services during the pandemic to participants remotely as well as in person.

The Johnson County WIC Program provides a friendly, cozy atmosphere to its participants, which has a lot to do with the hard work of the WIC staff. The staff takes pride in making clients feel welcomed and has volunteered their time in improving the clinic by using their personal touches such as painting, organizing and decorating. WIC also has been lucky enough to receive donations of baby blankets and furniture such as couches, end tables, bookshelves and books for children to read in the waiting room. Throughout the clinic, colorful interactive toys are available to entertain children during their visit.



### A Teaching Facility

The Johnson County WIC Program partners with various dietetic internships. These students pass through our program for their community nutrition rotations and not only gain experience but help with various nutrition projects for our clients.

Before the pandemic, our breastfeeding staff were guest speakers each semester in the Child Development classes at Franklin, Whiteland and Indian Creek High Schools.

We have also accepted high school students during their workforce rotation who are interested in the health care field as well as nursing students and individuals needing hours to help further their career in lactation.

### Car Seat Safety

Our WIC office has three certified car seat technicians on staff to assist parents with free car inspections and installs, when needed. We have also been lucky enough to partner with Children's Bureau and receive a limited amount of car seats to be given if after inspection it is found a new car seat is needed. We are also currently applying to become a permanent car fitting station.



### Baby & Me Tobacco Free Program

Starting in October 2018 the Baby & Me Tobacco Free Program was implemented in Johnson County and was housed in our office. This past year, we collaborated with Up Stream Prevention, which provided more funding to hire an additional staff member to focus on building relationships with local physician's offices in hopes to increase outside referrals. Individuals eligible are pregnant women who are smoking or recently quit smoking prior to pregnancy.



Below is more information on how the Baby & Me Tobacco Free program works;

- A prenatal commits to quit smoking during pregnancy and to stay smoke free after delivery.
- Attend 4 brief prenatal quit smoking sessions during pregnancy.
- Take a simple breath test each monthly visit.
- If breath test indicates a smoke free result then a \$25.00 voucher is provided to purchase DIAPERS and/or WIPES during pregnancy and up to 12 months after baby is born.

### Meet the WIC Staff



**Back Row (left to right):** Angela Larkin- IBCLC, RD / Hannah Vaught-RD / Nancy Wiser- RD / Becky Davy - Breastfeeding Peer Counselor / Angie Turnmire, IBCLC, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor / Jackie Pitzer – Clinic Assistant

**Front Row (left to right):** Kathy Robertson-IBCLC (Retired in 2021), Breastfeeding Peer Counselor / Abby Deckard- RD /Cindy Boughton – RN / Caroline Klyen- RD / Peggy Riddle- Clinic Assistant / and Tracy Smith – RD, IBCLC, WIC Coordinator. Not pictured: Amanda Ennis, RN

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## Johnson County Health Department

Your local health department is dedicated to promoting the health and wellness of the citizens of Johnson County, Indiana. The health department responds to community health needs and develops policies and programs designed to promote public health. Our professionally educated staff seek to provide efficient and effective health-related services in the Environmental, Nursing, Vital Records, and WIC divisions.

Our hope is that our website will provide prevention education regarding various health-related topics, information regarding services provided, contact information, and printable forms, applications and educational material. Our web site address <https://co.johnson.in.us/departments/index.php?structureid=27>

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we implemented another way to reach our citizens – Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found at Johnson County Health Department – Indiana.

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