Programs & Services

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

It Takes Teamwork to Make the Dream Work

How do we serve the population of Boone County?
With 17 full and part-time employees, through 20 programs, and growing.

Mission Statement

It is our mission at the Boone County Health Department to protect and promote health in Boone County.

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Boone County Health Department

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*FOIA request forms are available at our office or on our website at www.boonehealth.org

- 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.
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 pumplers are licensed annually. *

Private Well Program
The drilling, sealing, or modification of all non-municipal 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 mosquitoes 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 Quit-line, 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

Flu Vaccine Clinics
All community members are encouraged to receive their annual flu vaccine through our clinics. Out of pocket payment, Medicaid and Medicare are accepted.

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 on a walk in basis every Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. and 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