

2025 ANNUAL REPORT
CLARK COUNTY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT



Public Health
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Established in 1999

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Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
Walk-in clinics Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm

Dear Residents of Clark County,

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 Clark County Health Department Annual Report to the residents of Clark County. Summarizing the services provided to the citizens of our community from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025.

Looking back on 2025, CCHD focused heavily on implementing capital improvements to ensure long-term delivery of quality services to the residents of Clark County. Improvements to expand the waiting room and front desk modifications to improve client/staff interaction and satisfaction. Additionally, safety modifications and replacement of aging infrastructure/access to the building ensure CCHD is a safe welcoming place to work and visit. Additional highlights of 2025 saw digitization of many old agency files across numerous programs into searchable digital formats.

During 2025 CCHD saw several funding stream challenges, related to federal shutdown and state grants that directly affected residents and the services they receive. CCHD, other county departments, and community partners, focused on opportunities to collaborate and work together to improve service delivery and response to community needs ensuring minimal impact.

As always, CCHD continues to work with mental health and substance abuse partners to strengthen our community efforts at combatting this ever-growing public health threat. We will continue to work at reducing stigmas and increasing access to care.

The Clark County Health Department plays a vital role in the health system and the daily lives of Clark County residents. The programs provided by our department monitor drinking water and food safety, immunize children to protect them from childhood disease, provide intensive prenatal management to reduce the number of infants born with health complications, and provide important health screenings to assist county residents in monitoring their health.

On behalf of myself, the dedicated staff, and the Board of Health, we remain dedicated to achieving our mission of promoting and protecting your health through effective and efficient use of our resources.

Eddie McFarland,
Public Health Administrator

Clark County Board of Health

The health department is governed by the Board of Health. Appointed by the County Board, members thoughtlessly volunteer their time.

Members of Health members include:

Darlene Hildebrand, DMD, President
Amy James, MD - CCHD Medical Director, Vice President
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Sarah Pearce, RN

Kortnie Shawver, RN

Environmental Health Specialist

Emilly Milton

Administrative Assistant/Breast Feeding Peer Counselor

Jodi Sharp

WIC Clerk

Heather Cross

Receptionist

Mellissa Myers

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Gregg Baker

Countless Volunteers and PRN staff

Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 1, 2024- November 30, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance **\$334,920.98**

Revenues

Property Taxes & Interest \$ 125,188.85
 State/Federal Grants & Fees \$662,410.16

Total Revenue \$ 787,599.01

Expenses

Salaries \$ 524,572.03
 Contractual Service \$ 59,569.56
 Communications \$ 13,376.16
 Commodities \$ 38,110.21
 Health Insurance \$ 53,752.76
 Vaccines \$ 88,581.33

Total Expenses \$768,912.90
 Net Income \$18,986.11

Ending Fund Balance \$408,911.16

Certificate of Deposit \$209,151.84
SIPA Grant Special Fund \$189,851.36
Pay.gov account \$13,453.55

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

NURSING DIVISION

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

For Fiscal Year 2025 the WIC Grant provided \$79,680 to Clark County. In 2025r, the value of WIC vouchers redeemed for Clark County clients was over \$125K.

As a part of the WIC program, we support children by encouraging breastfeeding and good parenting and providing formula and food for over half of the age-eligible children in Clark County as well as pregnant women and new mothers. WIC is a supplemental food program providing nutrition, education, counseling, breastfeeding education, and food coupons to help mothers, babies, and children up to 5 years old get the nutrition they need for proper growth & development.

	2024	2025
Average monthly caseload	334	327
WIC Certifications	423	376
Total WIC appointments		1659

Breastfeeding Support

Certified lactation Consultants - 3
International Certified Breast-Feeding Counselors - 2
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - 1

Certified lactation counselors offer breastfeeding counseling to Clark County WIC Clients. Along with information on breastfeeding, nursing staff assist mothers with their success in comforting, nurturing, and caring for their infants. Telephone conferences and on-site appointments are available to anyone interested. A Breastfeeding Peer Counselor is also available to assist new mothers with breastfeeding. This counselor contacts expectant mothers planning to breastfeed and answers any questions they may have and stays in contact with breastfeeding mothers to assist with any problems they encounter, providing referrals to our nursing staff as needed. The counselor also monitors the CCHD Breastfeeding help Facebook Group.

Family Case Management (FCM)

During fiscal Year 2025 the FCM and HRHW Grants provided \$67,710 in funding to Clark County to carry out program services.

The Family Case Management program offers case management services for pregnant women and children. This includes pregnancy testing, emergency medical cards, monitoring of pregnancies and child development, management of high-risk pregnancies and infants, referrals, and home visits.

	2024	2025
Average Family Monthly Enrollment	160	147
Home Visits: Maternal & Infant	25	20
Pregnancy Tests	8	7

APORS

Through the Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Reporting System (APORS) Program nursing staff visits the homes of all high-risk and premature Clark County infants to provide case management services, which include monitoring development and providing referrals for medical evaluation when needed.

	2024	2025
High Risk Infant Home Visits	1	0

Healthworks

Through HealthWorks our health department collaborates with Youth Care to provide medical case management and ensure foster children receive proper medical and dental care.

	2024	2025
Foster Children Served	31	27

International Travel Program

CCHD received certification as a Yellow Fever Vaccination site and offers travel related vaccinations that include Typhoid, Japanese Encephalitis and Yellow Fever. To minimize the risk of infection and to prevent the transmission of disease, travelers are provided vaccinations and current information specifically designed for their travel plans in accordance with CDC recommendations.

	2024	2025
International Travel Vaccines given	16	25

Tuberculosis Control

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The bacteria usually attack the lungs, although TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidneys, spine, and brain. If not treated properly, TB can be fatal and spread through the air from one person to another. The Health Department provides Tuberculosis screening and coordinates treatment for persons confirmed with active tuberculosis and preventative services for persons who have been exposed to Tuberculosis but do not have an active disease. The health department also pays for the cost of treatment for individuals with active TB who have no insurance.

	2024	2025
TB Skin Tests Administered	68	59

Immunizations

Immunizations are provided to help protect individuals from vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccinating children on time is the best way to protect them against serious and potentially deadly diseases. The recommended immunization schedule is designed to offer protection early in life when babies are vulnerable and before it's likely they will be exposed to diseases. Staying on track with the immunization schedule ensures that children have the best protection possible. The Clark County Health Department maintains a supply of many adult and child vaccinations. Not only can we bill most insurance companies, but we also offer the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for uninsured or underinsured children. There is no cost for these vaccines, and only a small administrative fee per visit.

	2024	2025
Adult and Childhood Immunizations Administered	773	802
Influenza Vaccine Administered	338	294
Pneumonia Vaccine Administered	21	9
Covid Vaccine Administered	349	206

Childhood Screenings

The Maternal Child Health Programs (WIC and Family Case Management) of the Clark County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health have coordinated efforts to provide lead screening for all children ages one to six years of age in Clark County. Because 60% of all geographic areas represented by zip codes in Clark County have been identified as “high lead risk” by the Illinois Department of Public Health, staff encourages that all Clark County children and pregnant women obtain a baseline blood level test. Appropriate follow-up of elevated blood lead levels is facilitated by the Clark County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health in accordance with the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act when blood lead levels exceed 3.5 ug/dl.

	2024	2025
Lead screening: children	135	154
Children that exceeded 3.5ug/dl	6	8
Lead Screening: pregnant women	65	41
Hemoglobin	210	286
Developmental Assessment	277	411

Jail Physicals

The Health Department nursing staff provides a comprehensive assessment of the physical health of Clark County Jail Inmates on a bi-monthly basis.

	2024	2025
Number of inmates assessed	19	14
Number of inmate medication assists	8	0

Lab Draws

Regular blood testing is important for your medical provider to assess your overall health, yet the cost of testing can be a barrier for many people. We work to overcome this barrier by partnering with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System’s Community Service Program that offers laboratory services at a reduced rate for uninsured and underinsured residents. An order from your medical provider is usually required and results are normally available the following day.

	2024	2025
Clients served	173	182

Foot Clinic

Health Department nursing staff trims nails, provides foot care, and removal of calluses for those persons who are unable to complete this task.

	2024	2025
Clients Served	17	24

STD Testing and Treatment

The health department provides testing and treatment for individuals testing positive for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. Testing and treatment are provided free of charge for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured.

	2024 Tested	Treated	2025 Tested	Treated
Clients Served	19	5	5	4

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

During fiscal year 2025 the Local Health Protection Grant provided \$70,200 in funding to Clark County to provide Food Sanitation, Sewage Disposal, Water Well Installation, and Communicable Disease Programs.

Food Sanitation

Keeping food safe is a fundamental role of public health. 1 in 6 Americans get sick from foodborne diseases every year. Our health department inspects facilities and takes food safety one step further by helping our local restaurant workers learn and apply safe food handling principles. Working with people who handle the food keeps our restaurants safe and protects our community from foodborne illnesses.

	2024	2025
Permanent Food Service Establishments Permitted	109	100
Inspections	164	101
Re-inspections	4	6
Pre-operational inspections	6	4
Closures	10	1
Temporary Food Stand Inspections	58	25
Plan Reviews Completed	6	6
Complaints Received	2	10
Foodborne illness complaints	1	1
Consultations	15	4

Potable Water Supply Program

Existing private water wells are sampled and inspected upon request at no cost to our residents. Samples collected are submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory for analysis. Consultations are provided on proper well disinfection and construction.

Well permit applications are reviewed and permits issued for new well construction in accordance with the Clark County Potable Water Wells and Water Supplies Ordinance. New wells are inspected and sampled.

All non-community public water supplies are surveyed and sampled biannually. These supplies include water vending machines, restaurants, churches, etc. that are not served by a municipal water supply.

	2024	2025
Water Well Permits Issued	4	0
Geothermal Well Permits Issued	0	0
Final Construction Inspections	4	0
Non-Community Surveys	3	3
Water Quality Analysis	22	9
Report on Safe Water	6	3
Reports of Contaminated Water	8	5
Consultations	8	8
Water Well Sealing Inspections	4	0
Water Complaints	0	0

Private Sewage Disposal (Septic Systems)

The purpose of this program is to reduce the incidence of disease transmission, disease organism and nuisances through the disposal of sewage to properly designed, constructed, and operated sewage systems. This is achieved through enforcement of the Clark County Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance. Before renovating or installing a septic system, a permit must be obtained from the health department. Only an Illinois Licensed Contractor or the homeowner may install a septic system. Once reviewed and approved, a permit is issued, and an inspection of the system is conducted during construction.

Septage pumper's equipment and disposal sites are inspected, and pumper logs reviewed on an annual basis to assure conformance with federal, state, and local laws regulating septage disposal.

	2024	2025
Total Permits Issued	36	41
Final Construction Inspections	36	41
Complaints Received	3	0
Consultations	22	3
Contractor Registrations	0	0

Communicable Disease Control

Infectious diseases continue to pose a threat to public health. The Communicable Disease Division at the Clark County Health Department provides investigation and follow-up on reportable communicable diseases. In 2025 the Clark County Health Department investigated communicable disease reports.

Physicians and Laboratories are required to report communicable diseases in the Illinois National Electronic Diseases Surveillance System (INEDSS).

Communicable disease reporting enables the health department to manage and prevent the spread of communicable diseases. All cases listed below denote a single case and not a particular event.

Communicable Diseases Reported

	2024	2025
Hepatitis C	2	5
Hepatitis B	1	1
Hepatitis A	0	0
Chicken Pox	0	0
Histoplasmosis	1	2
Pertussis	1	3
Chlamydia	31	27
Gonorrhea	6	4
Salmonella	2	3
Lyme Disease	0	2
Babesiosis	0	0
Spotted fever Rickettsioses	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	5	5
Ehrlichia Chaffeensis	0	0
Rabies- potential human exposure	1	4
Haemophilus Influenza Invasive	1	1
Shigellosis	1	0
Shiga-Toxin producing E-Coli	0	1
MRSA in infants <61 days old	0	0
TB	0	1
Influenza with ICU	2	2
Legionellosis	0	0
Streptococcal Invasive Group A	0	0
Covid 19	199	2
Communicable Diseases Investigated	303	61
STD Diseases Investigated	37	45

General Environmental Health

Our environment directly affects our health status and plays a major role in our quality of life, years of healthy life lived, and health disparities. The scope of environmental health includes advising, consulting, and securing the elimination of environmental hazards in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies. Inquiries received during the past year concerned rabies, radon, asbestos, lead paint, tanning booths, mold, disposal of household hazardous waste, and West Nile Virus among a variety of other topics.

	2024	2025
Consultations	71	36

Real Estate Transfer Evaluations

The Health Department staff conducts home loan inspections at the request of Mortgage companies, Realtors, and individuals buying or selling a home. Inspections consist of an evaluation of the water supply and sewage disposal system that services the property.

Nuisance Control

Nuisance complaints are investigated in accordance with the Clark County Solid Waste Storage and Handling of Refuse and Nuisances Ordinance. When a valid complaint is filed, the property owner is notified and given a corrective time. If the owner fails to correct the nuisance, the case is referred to the Clark County State's Attorney for enforcement. The public will be referred to other agencies for complaints not covered by the ordinance.

	2024	2025
Nuisance Complaints Received	13	10

Solid Waste Management

As Solid Waste Coordinator for the County the Health Department provides consultation to the public on recycling issues and proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Staff also assures that the Clark County Solid Waste Plan is updated and revised and submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency every 5 years.

Vector borne Control

During 2025 the Vector borne Control and Prevention Grant provided Clark County with \$13,000 in funding to carry out program objectives. West Nile Virus (WNV) is most transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. There are no specific anti-viral treatments or vaccines to prevent WNV infection. CCHD provides mosquito larvicide to licensed mosquito control applicators from local municipalities and villages throughout the County. Larvicide is used to treat potential mosquito breeding sites. Additionally providing funds for aerial adulticide application. Prevention also includes repellents, long sleeves and pants and reducing the number of mosquitoes by eliminating standing water.

Tanning/Body Art Facility Inspection Program

The program’s goal of tanning/body art inspections is to ensure that the equipment and facilities are maintained. Staff conduct annual inspections on all licensed tanning beds and body art facilities located within Clark County.

	2024	2025
Facilities Inspected	3	4

HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION

Medicaid Applications

Changes due to the Affordable Care Act included expanded Medicaid Application for adults that meet a certain income threshold. Health department staff assist eligible residents of all ages with the Medicaid application process.

	2024	2025
Individuals assisted with Medicaid Applications	29	90

Tobacco Prevention Programs

During fiscal year 2025 the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Grant provided funding to Clark County in the amount of \$10,000.

In addition, clients receive consultation regarding smoking cessation, staff enforced the Smoke Free Illinois Act and promoted the Illinois Quitline Program which is a phone consultation service that provides participants with free cessation aids. Staff provided new window decals for business and restaurants. Staff followed up on 2 smoke free Illinois act complaints in 2025.

Community Health Plan

The purpose of the Clark County Community Health plan is to direct the Clark County Health Department and community partners in collaborative efforts to promote and protect the health of all Clark County residents. Areas of need identified in the current plan include Mental Health, Access to Care, and Disease Outbreak/Pandemics. Activities outlined within these designated areas serve to meet objectives and goals stated within the plan. The Illinois Plan for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) was developed by IDPH to meet the requirements set forth in 77 Il Adm. Code 600. This administrative code mandates all certified local health departments in Illinois to conduct an IPLAN process every five years to be eligible for re-certification.

Emergency Preparedness

During 2024, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (PHEP) provided \$ 35,867. PHEP is a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The goal of the grant is to prepare, respond and mitigate the public health impact of any emergency.

Community Relations

The Clark County Health Department’s community relations program serves as a link between the health department and the community, including governmental agencies, schools, civic groups, media, and medical clinics. Through community relations, education on health-related topics is provided and health department programs are promoted via radio, newspapers, departmental Facebook page and website. Notable continued partnerships were with substance abuse mental health treatment organizations, food pantries, schools, and long-term care facilities.

Medication Takeback program

Opioid abuse is at epidemic levels in the U.S. and remains a top public health concern. The Clark County Health department has partnered with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to provide a collection site for expired, unwanted or unused medications to help reduce accidental or intentional overdoses or illegal abuse. Prescription medications play an important role in the health of millions of Americans. However, expired medications or unused drugs often stay in the back of cabinets for months or even years. These expired drugs can pose significant health hazards to toddlers, teens, and even pets who may inadvertently consume these medications, as well as pose environmental threats when not disposed properly. Health department staff are also trained to provide Narcan kits to the public. Narcan can be used to prevent death from an opioid overdose.

	2024	2025
Amount of medication received	110 lbs.	140 lbs.