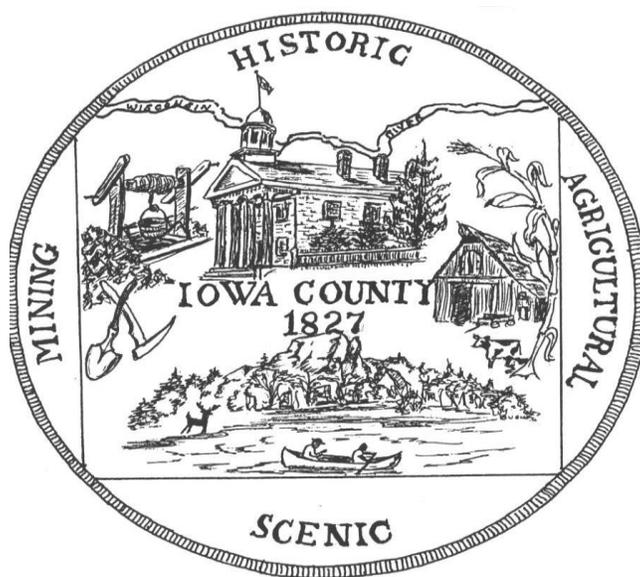


# Iowa County Health Department

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Services That Promote  
Wellness, Prevent Disease  
And Provide a Healthy  
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**Serving our Communities Since 1935**



## 2014 Annual Report

# Iowa County Health Department

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## Message from the Director

To the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, Board of Health, Health & Human Services Committee, and Residents:

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2014 Annual Report of the Iowa County Health Department (ICHD). Public health programs are an important element in protecting the lives of our residents and we will continue to be a leader of many coalitions, task forces, and networks to assure that our goals are met. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) has moved change in the landscape of provision of health services and public health practice. Many changes that affect the ICHD have already taken place in State and Federal program restructuring and funding sources. The ICHD is dedicated to continue to work closely with community partners and to be at the forefront of protection, promotion and prevention for health issues in the county during this time of transition and in the future.

This report presents an overview of the activities of each of our programs during the past year. The year 2014 was an exciting time of enhanced promotion of public health services and increased visibility of the department in many community events across Iowa County. The ICHD entered social media and will continue to promote our services through many venues. Iowa County continues to rank highly in the areas of health and quality of life and we will strive to continue to move in this direction so that all residents can live healthy and active lives.

I encourage you to visit our website at [www.iowacounty.org](http://www.iowacounty.org) to learn more about Iowa County Government and all of the services that the Health Department provides. On behalf of the Iowa County Health Department, I would like to thank you all for the continued support of public health in all communities.

Sincerely,

*Jenny J. Pritchett*

Jenny Pritchett, MBA, MPH, RN, CIC  
Director/Health Officer  
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# Iowa County Health Department

## Mission

The Iowa County Health Department is the official agency of the County responsible for the promotion of wellness, prevention of disease and provision of a healthful environment. This is accomplished through activities involving assessment of the community, policy development and evaluation of programs.

## Core Values

- ▶ *Prevention*
- ▶ *Promotion*
- ▶ *Professionalism*
- ▶ *Compassion*
- ▶ *Quality*

## Vision Statement

Iowa County Health Department will obtain and secure resources to assure growth and sustainability to meet the needs of our communities and to assist in narrowing the gaps in disease prevention and wellness promotion.



# Essential Services of Health Departments

All Health Departments in Wisconsin operate utilizing 12 Essential Services. This chart indicates what these services are and how they relate to specific programs at the Iowa County Health Department.

12 Essential Services	MCH	Immunizations	Communicable Disease Follow up	Environmental Health	PH P&R	WWWP
1. Monitor health	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Protect people from health hazards		X	X	X	X	
3. Give people information	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Engage the community to solve problems	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Policy and procedures	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. Enforce Laws		X	X	X	X	
7. Help people receive services	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. Maintain Competent Public Health workforce	X	X	X	X	X	X
9. Evaluate and improve health services	X	X			X	
10. Research	X	X	X	X		
11. Assure access to care	X		X			X
12. Promote cultural/economic diversity	X	X			X	X

\*Maternal Child Health (MCH)

\*Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R)

\*Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)



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## Highlights of 2014

- In early 2014, the Health Department launched a HPV vaccination completion campaign with the award of grant funding from Security Health Plan. This nationally and state recognized campaign is “Make it 3 to Prevent HPV!” and continues to thrive into 2015. In June 2014, the Health Officer presented in regards to the campaign at the State HPV Summit in Madison, Wisconsin.
- In early 2014, the Health Department launched “Healthy Iowa County Initiative” which is a program involving key stakeholders in continuing to provide Iowa County residents with a healthy and safe place to live. This initiative has formed 3 taskforce workgroups: Diet & Physical Activity Task Force, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Task Force, and Mental Health Access Task Force.
- In the spring of 2014, Iowa County Health Department public health nurse staff assisted Richland County Health Department in communicable disease follow-up due to staff capacity issues during a communicable disease incident in Richland County.
- Planning was initiated for a new program to launch in 2015 in partnership with the Iowa County Sheriff’s Department. Iowa County Safe Kids Coalition will form to advocate and educate families regarding childhood injury prevention in Iowa County.
- In April 2014, the Health Department collaborated with Iowa County Emergency Management in conducting a functional exercise in activating the Emergency Operations Center and communicating with our regional partners. The scenario was an ice storm situation which affected the region.
- The Health Department focused greatly on community outreach in 2014. Staff participated by having a booth at the Dodgeville EMS Pancake Breakfast, Farmer’s Appreciation Day, Iowa County Health & Wellness Expo, and Arena Public Safety Day.
- The Health Department proudly passed the DHS Chapter 140 state survey in August 2014. This survey is completed by the Department of Health Services- Division of Public Health every 5 years.
- Mass Immunization Clinic Functional Exercise in October/November. Iowa County school-age children from all school districts were given influenza vaccinations during this event. The clinics were held in all school districts in Iowa County. Over 1,300 children and school staff were vaccinated to protect them against influenza during this event.
- In June 2014, the Health Department joined social media via Facebook in order to reach out to our communities in regards to department events, immunization clinics and health education.
- Many interns completed practicums at the department. In 2014, the department hosted over 8 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students from 4 universities.
- The Health Department, in collaboration with Iowa County Emergency Management and Upland Hills Health, completed extensive Ebola preparedness and planning. This also included a table-top exercise with all partners in Iowa County in October 2014.



- In late 2014, planning and trainings were initiated for the introduction of a new environmental health service in the county. The Health Department will begin contracting with the Department of Natural Resources in providing non-transient well testing and inspections in Iowa County.

Educational Programs:

1. The Iowa County Health & Wellness Expo was spearheaded by the ADRC in collaboration with the Iowa County Health Department in September 2014. The Health & Wellness Expo was a success and plans are to continue to have this as an annual event. The focus was on health and wellness, disaster preparedness, and community resources.
2. Bloodborne Pathogen training for local agencies and workplace wellness activities
3. CPR Training conducted by the Health Department to Iowa County Government employees
4. Public Health Nursing staff attended the Tuberculosis Summit in Verona
5. Public Health Nursing staff and Health Officer attended the Maternal Child Health Annual Conference
6. Training continued for the Stepping-On and Living Well programs and the new Diabetes Self-Management Program
7. The Health Officer continues to have active involvement with the transition of State Health Care Coalitions which is set to occur in mid-2015.
8. Public Health Nurse staff and Health Officer completed Mental Health First Aid Training
9. Health Officer attended the Annual State Public Health Conference
10. Public Health Nursing Staff attended the Annual Public Health Nursing Conference



State Survey- August 2014



Iowa County Health & Wellness Expo- September 2014



Dodgeville EMS Pancake Breakfast- May 2014



Make it 3 to Prevent HPV! Campaign

# Programs

## Maternal Child Health (MCH)

The Health Department contacts families with newborns. The Health Department provides weight checks for babies, information on growth and development, resources and support. If desired, families can be seen at their homes, at WIC, or at the office. In 2014, 105 families with newborns were seen. Many of those families qualified for our Safe Sleep Project- Cribs for Kids Program. This provides a free Graco®Pack-N-Play to infants who were in need of a safe bed to sleep in as well as safe sleep education to parents. The Public Health Nurses collaborated with the Iowa County Sheriff's Department, UW-Extension, the Family Resource Center, and Upland Hills Health to keep kids safe through injury prevention activities.

## Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

The Prenatal Care Coordination Program (PNCC) consists of RN visits with women through their pregnancy and up to a year after birth. In 2014, 13 women were seen for this highly-intense program with a visit total of 52 visits. Education and support is available as needed to achieve good birth outcomes. One statistic used is the rate of low birth weight. In 2010, (most current statistic), Iowa County had fourteen babies born under five pounds five ounces or 4.8% of all births. In Wisconsin, the rate was 7% and nationally it is 8.2%. Iowa County does well with this birth outcome. Eighty-eight percent of pregnant women in Iowa County also see a physician in the first trimester which is close to the state's goal of ninety percent. Iowa County Health Department also continues to be a provider for the First Breath Program which is a tobacco cessation program for pregnant and postpartum mothers and the Mommy and Me Program which is an alcohol abstinence program.

*(Data Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH) data query system, <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/>, Prenatal Care Module, accessed 2/28/2015).*

## Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R)

These Federal grants allow local health departments to train staff in many activities such as: Incident Command roles, Epidemiology for disease follow up, mass clinic operations and communication skills during a crisis. The Health Department must also plan and participate in exercises throughout the year to evaluate our level of preparedness. The grant objectives, as defined by the Federal government, have been satisfied for the 2013-2014 Grant. The Public Health staff are more equipped to handle crisis and/or epidemics whenever they may present.

## Oral Health

Prevention is the best practice for decreasing dental caries. The Health Department works with local schools and Head Start to promote use of Fluoride Varnish. In 2014, 241 children were provided fluoride varnish and 134 families were given fluoride supplements. Disseminating information on oral care and the Access Dental Clinic to residents of Iowa County is a continuous process. Meetings were held with community leaders regarding dental access issues for families without dental insurance.



## Communicable Disease Control

Wisconsin State Law mandates that local health departments are the responsible agency for the surveillance and follow-up of seventy-nine reportable communicable diseases. In 2014, a total of 201 communicable disease cases were followed. News releases and emails are regularly sent out to a wide variety of partners to alert them on issues relating to communicable diseases in our county or surrounding counties. Below are the comparison of 2012, 2013, and 2014 cases.

<i>Diseases in Iowa County</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
Campylobacteriosis	11	9	12
Chlamydia Trachomatis	30	44	36
Cryptosporidiosis	11	9	5
E-Coli 0157:H7	3	3	0
Syphilis	0	0	2
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, A.	3	6	2
Toxoplasmosis	0	0	2
Giardiasis	2	2	0
Gonorrhea	4	8	2
Hepatitis B	1	0	2
Hepatitis C	4	3	6
Lyme Disease	13	19	10
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	0	1-Mumps	0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	31	20	30
Salmonellosis	4	30	8
Tuberculosis, suspect	2	2	2
Influenza (Hospitalizations)	1	14	14
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	0	0	2

Data Source: Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System, 2014





**Environmental Health**

The Environmental Health Program is a valuable asset to our residents. Environmental Health provides programs that focus on individual issues like lead, radon, water quality and mold. There are also issues that require community-wide education such as Prescription Drug Clean-Up Days, public beach safety and mosquito control for Lyme’s Disease and the West Nile Virus. Iowa County has a population of 23,687 people (2010 US Census) and is 768 square miles.

The Environmental Health Consultant continues to provide consultation and hands-on assessments for referrals in Iowa County. Below are the number of home visits and contacts by the Environmental Health Consultant.

Services	Iowa County			5 Counties – SW Wisconsin		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Contacts	313	284	250	1,637	1,370	1,168
Home Visits	50	37	34	281	359	282

The Health Department continues to contract with the State in the Limited Agent Program. In 2014, 58 establishments were inspected by Health Department staff. The State provides consultation and technical support for this program. The staff uses a statewide database which keeps current information on the establishments.

**Other statistics regarding Environmental Health in 2014**

- 96 lead tests (9 children with elevated blood lead levels requiring public health follow up and management)
- 63 animal bite investigations
  - 11 of these were wild animals
  - 38 were pets and 14 of the pets were unvaccinated for Rabies
  - All animals tested for rabies were negative
- 61 radon kits were turned in
  - 24 were above the 4p Ci/L level
  - Follow-up letters were sent to all clients
- 33 water quality contacts made



*Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area, Highland*



## Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)

The goals of the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are to improve access to health services and eliminate preventable death and disability from breast and cervical cancer. Well Woman pays for a physical exam, clinical breast exam, mammogram, and Pap test. In 2014, these services were provided to 19 clients. In the event of a cancer diagnosis, participants can be enrolled in Well Women Medical Assistance (MA) to cover treatment expenses. The challenge facing this program is getting information out to women who need it. Women must sign up prior to the screening. News articles, newsletters to clients and information to providers are activities to enhance the use of the Well Woman Program. Program changes are expected for this program in mid-2015.

## Immunizations

The Immunization Program provides vaccines to local residents. Immunizations are given at the office, in schools, and to outside entities, such as Emergency Management Service (EMS) or group homes.

The Health Department offered flu vaccine to all school-aged children in Iowa County School Districts. In the fall of 2014, over 1,300 flu vaccines were provided to Iowa County students and staff within the School Districts at a Mass Immunization Exercise event at the schools during a 30 day period in October/November. Flu vaccine was also provided to area assisted living facilities. Flu vaccine was also provided to adults and children in the community setting and Iowa County Government Employees during 2014.

In 2014, 1,672 total immunizations (including flu) were given to 1,512 individuals.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Tests were given to 80 individuals. These were needed for work or school entrance requirements. The individual does pay for these screenings. Full course medication treatment under direct observation completed for two latent TB cases. There were no active TB cases in Iowa County in 2014.

The Immunization Program is also responsible for assuring that all vaccine providers are kept current on Best Practices in regard to vaccine administration. Individual meetings are held annually at medical clinics. The Southwestern Wisconsin Immunization Coalition holds meetings in Sauk City on a regular basis. Area health care partner collaboration with the health departments is so important to the immunization effort. These face-to-face meetings provide a much needed discussion on immunizations and practices.



# Iowa County Health Department

## 2014 Fiscal Information

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Personnel & fringe -	267,313	269,932	291,102
Contracted personnel-	0	0	0
All others -	<u>30,408</u>	<u>37,752</u>	<u>35,956</u>
Total:	\$297,721	\$307,684	\$327,058

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Grants	78,143	75,521	83,667
Other	<u>30,605</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>21,084</u>
Total:	\$108,748	\$91,021	\$104,751
Tax Levy:	\$188,973	\$216,664	\$222,157

