

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

WOODFORD COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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Health Department



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Woodford County Health Department is to improve the health and well-being of our community through health education, health promotion, and preventative health services.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hillary Aggertt



Dear Woodford County Residents and Community Partners,

The Woodford County Health Department (WCHD) is pleased to present this report highlighting the work our small agency provides to residents. WCHD continues to focus on traditional services but also analyzes data to identify trending health risks affecting residents.

Our agency went through many obstacles during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to serve as a resource to our most vulnerable residents and facilities.

As the profession of public health is still a topic of discussion nationally, our agency wants to enhance the commitment our staff and Board of Health have to our residents and community. Every individual's health is important and together we can continue to make a difference.

I would like to thank the staff at WCHD for continuing to serve our community with their drive, compassion, and dedication each and every day.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Woodford County Health Department is governed by the Board of Health. These members are appointed by the Woodford County Board for a three-year term. Woodford County Board of Health members serve without compensation and are empowered duties and responsibilities as outlined in Chapter 111 1/2 of the Illinois Statutes.

President.....	Bonnie Allen, RN, MSN	11/30/2025
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Administrator.....

Hillary Aggertt, MS

Director of Nursing.....

Emily Kelly, MSN, RN

Director of Environmental Health..

Eric Lane, BS, LEHP

Registered Nurse, PRN.....

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Environmental Health Inspector.....

Paul Wilkins, BA

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Bridget Wombacher, MPH

Maternal Child Health Nurse.....

Stephanie Wurmnest, RN

COMMUNITY HEALTH



Live, Work, and Play
Tobacco-Free in
Peoria, Tazewell &
Woodford counties



Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities
Live, Work, and Play
Tobacco-Free

Enhance your smoke-free policy!

- Strengthen your current policy to include all tobacco products like e-cigarettes and vaping
- Include outdoor patios and dining areas in your tobacco-free space

We Can Help You!

- Free signage
- Help with policy creation
- Free promotion of your business and policy

Give Us a Call!

Hult Center for Healthy Living
309-692-6650
Peoria City/County Health Department
309-679-6603
Tazewell County Health Department
309-929-0304
Woodford County Health Department
309-467-3064

Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities

Funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Woodford County Health Department offers programming through the Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities (ITFC) regional grant. The grant supports efforts in Woodford County to establish tobacco and e-cigarette (vaping) prevention and control programs to prevent tobacco and e-cigarette (vaping) use, eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke, and eliminate tobacco related health disparities.

2023 was the fifth year of Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities regional grant funding, allowing Woodford County Health Department to collaborate with Peoria City/County Health Department, Tazewell County Health Department, and Hult Center for Healthy Living, a department of Carle Health, along with participating in the Partnership for a Healthy Community (healthyhoi.org). The regional grant continues to increase funding for each individual agency as well as the tri-county region, along with collaborating on policy initiatives and activities to promote a tobacco-free lifestyle. Some of the tri-county ITFC grant activities included promoting tobacco-free and/or smoke-free policies for multi-unit housing, outdoor spaces (parks, athletic fields, and outdoor events) and campuses (colleges, trade schools, businesses, and health care facilities), along with promoting the Illinois Tobacco Quitline (ITQL).

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Smoke-Free Illinois Act

Woodford County Health Department educates business establishments on compliance with the Smoke-Free Illinois Act. The Smoke-Free Illinois Act is enforced through a partnership with local law enforcement. Local law enforcement agencies, along with health department staff, conduct compliance checks at food establishments and non-food establishments, and follow-up with enforcement on any complaints received or violations observed. There were 50 compliance checks conducted at establishments in 2023.



Illinois Tobacco Quitline



Woodford County Health Department promotes the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Through the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, Woodford County residents can receive free assistance and the necessary tools to successfully quit tobacco products. The Illinois Tobacco Quitline can also help individuals quit e-cigarettes or vaping. Specialized counselors give personalized assistance while residents are in the process of quitting. Qualified individuals may also have access to nicotine replacement products through the mail. Residents can call 1-866-Quit-Yes or visit quityes.org.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

In September, Woodford County Health Department welcomed Bridget Wombacher in the role of Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC). Bridget has a master's in Public Health with an emphasis in Disaster Preparedness. She will be responsible for health emergency preparedness and response plans, will collaborate with our community partners, and head up our Medical Reserve Corps, among other duties.



The Health Department participates in many emergency preparedness meetings and groups. The Central Illinois Coalitions Active in Response Planning (CIL-CARP) is a group of emergency responders, healthcare organizations, public health, and other emergency response planners whose mission is to improve all hazards response through effective communications, planning and exercises. The Central Illinois Public Information Officers (CIPIO) is a group made up from members of government, non-profit and key for-profit organizations in Woodford, Peoria, Tazewell, Stark and Marshall counties. The goal of this group is to provide accurate reports and instructions during emergencies in a timely fashion to the media and the public. Additionally, the ERC participates in monthly virtual meetings with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Region 5 Medical Reserve Corps group, Medical Reserve Corps of Illinois, and the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center.

Woodford County Health Department hosted a First Responder Active Threat Workshop at Eureka College Cerf Center in May. The guest speaker was Eric Arnold, Program Director for the Illinois Law Enforcement Standards and Training Board. The workshop focused on rescue task force, active threat command and control and Emergency Operations Planning for Active Threats. All area first responders and volunteers were invited to attend. Several of our MRC Volunteers attended this worthwhile training session.

On November 2, 2023 the Emergency Response Coordinator represented the Health Department in a tornado tabletop exercise put on by the Woodford County Emergency Management Agency in Roanoke. Many county partners such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, EMA, public works, National Weather Service and schools were in attendance to discuss their responsibilities, roles, and capabilities during a potential emergency.

The Medical Reserve Corps had their first in-person meeting on November 27th. There was a good turnout and members were excited to be getting involved in Public Health and had a lot of new ideas for potential trainings and events in the upcoming year.

CLINICAL SERVICES

WCHD Clinical Services encompasses several programs such as communicable disease investigation and reporting, immunizations, lead and TB programs, and WIC (Women, Infants and Children).

Immunizations

WCHD continued to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and moved from hosting mass vaccination clinics in the community to offering regularly scheduled appointment days at our clinic.

With this shift, WCHD nursing staff were once again able to regularly provide flu, childhood and adult immunizations.

Communicable Disease and Outbreak Reporting

Although COVID-19 remained the most prevalent communicable disease, WCHD continues to assess for other communicable diseases. WCHD staff watch for trends or outbreaks, and provide guidance and education related to other illnesses. Communicable diseases are investigated and staff report disease cases to the state. Education is provided on the specific diagnosis, prevention, and infection control measures. Investigation includes a review of treatment, disease processes, and referrals to seek appropriate medical attention. WCHD works with local, state, and national providers to track and report numerous communicable diseases and to ensure proper care and follow up of those diagnosed. Annual surveillance reports are completed for influenza and other life-threatening illnesses. For example, Rabies, and possible human exposure, takes many hours of interviews, and lab testing of the animal in question. Life-saving vaccinations are coordinated in the case of a positive rabies case.

*For more detailed Communicable Disease data see Appendix B.

CLINICAL SERVICES

WIC

Women, Infants and Children

WIC is a federally funded, supplemental food program that provides nutrition information and free foods to help mothers, infants, and children get the nutrients they need for proper growth and development. Remote and in-person services continued to be an option in 2023. Remote services benefit clients by reducing exposure to illness and WIC certifications and appointments can be completed during non-traditional hours that fit into their schedules and reduce the need for limited transportation resources.

Woodford WIC also participated in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provided \$30 in vouchers to use at area participating farmers' markets during the market season. Participants were able to use these additional funds to purchase in-season fresh fruits and vegetables. Participants were educated on how to choose, prepare and store their produce.



WCHD Staff wearing green for National WIC Enrollment Day 2023



“I am thankful for WIC”.
- WIC Participant

“Staff in Eureka are so kind, warming and welcoming. They are very educated and able to help me with additional resources.”
- WIC Participant

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CLINICAL SERVICES

Lead Program

Woodford County Health Department continues to assist with the lead prevention program by screening and testing all high-risk patients and any community members requesting this testing. Lead testing is required for many school and daycare applications. Nursing staff provides case management encompassing a variety of contacts with community members, families, and physician's offices with follow-up testing, home visits, interventions, evidence-based resources, and educational conversations.

Paint in older homes and soil seem to be the leading causes of elevated lead levels in Woodford Community. We recommend lowering exposure to areas known to have high lead concentrations, not wearing shoes in the home, using wet sanding when doing home renovations on homes built before 1978, wet washing areas vs dry mopping, and following dietary recommendations to lower risk of absorbing more lead. New elevated level cases for this year have ranged from 8.2-9.5 µg/dl.

Nursing staff are trained to complete home visits and assess areas with elevated lead levels to assist state officials. Elevated lead levels are reported from many pediatric offices and Tri-County health providers, and the IDPH lab.

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions and limited nursing staff overseeing multiple programs, most home visits for the year were done by phone, with in-home visits returning in November. Education with families was done via phone and educational materials as well as developmental screenings were mailed to the homes of all new cases.

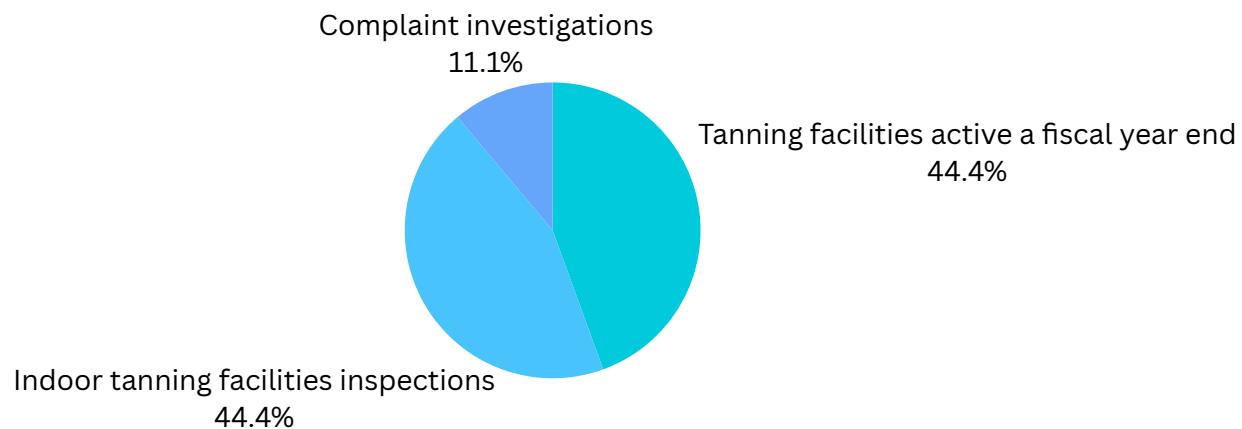
Although the CDC has changed its reference value from ≥ 5 mcg/dL to 3.5 mcg/dL, Illinois has not adopted this change at this time, as there is data that needs to be collected to determine if Illinois is able to make this change for case management purposes.

See Appendix B for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Tanning Facilities Inspections

All tanning facilities open to the public that house ultraviolet lamps or products containing lamps intended for the irradiation of any part of the living body for cosmetic or nonmedical related purposes are required to be registered with the IL Department of Public Health. Inspections are conducted to increase compliance in tanning facilities and decrease injury, disease, and prolonged health issues that may occur with users of these services. Inspections ensure that tanning facilities operate in accordance with the current IL Tanning Facility Permit Act [210 ILCS 145] and IL Tanning Facilities Code [Part 795].

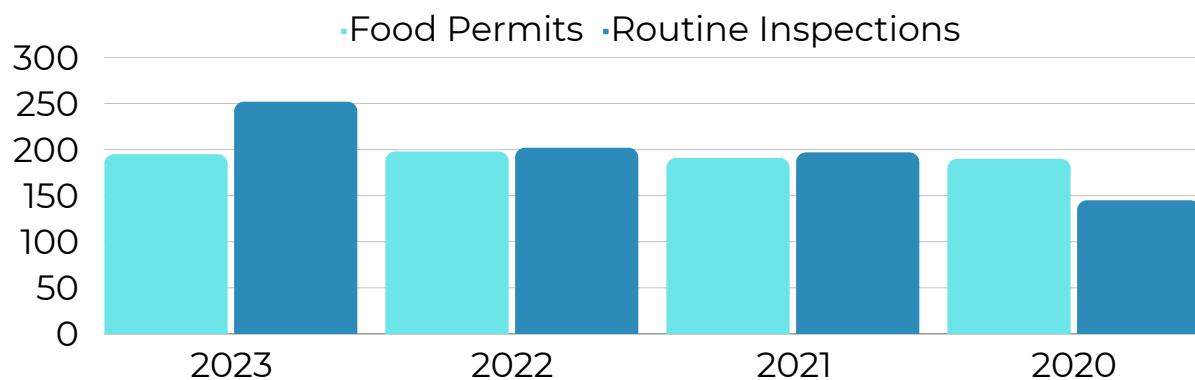


ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Woodford County Health Department's Food Protection Program

The Woodford County Health Department's Food Protection Program is dedicated to promoting food safety through education. Our team provides a variety of educational opportunities through free in-service programs, Certified Food Protection Manager Certification courses, consultations, and public awareness campaigns. We also provide specialized training and plan design consulting for new retail food establishments.

To ensure compliance with the IL Food Code and the Woodford County Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Ordinance, our team regularly inspects and monitors food service activities in retail food establishments. With an average of 191 licensed and operating retail food service establishments in the county, we make sure that all regulations are met. For more details, please refer to Appendix C.



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Local Health Protection Grant

The Woodford County Health Department receives the Local Health Protection grant each year to complete public health core services including food, septic, water, and communicable disease that are required through the Illinois General Assembly Administrative Code.

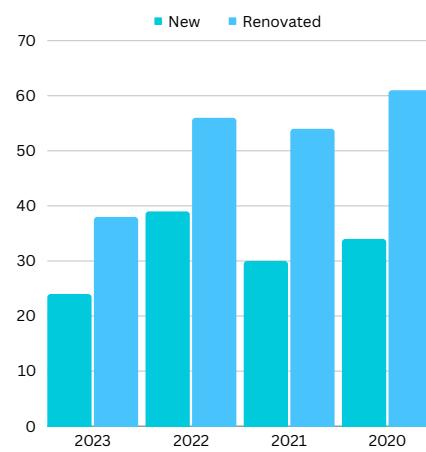
Septic and Water Well Programs

The sewage disposal and water programs work together to protect the drinking water supplies for residents outside city water treatment areas and to prevent pollution by overseeing standards for proper on-site sewage disposal.

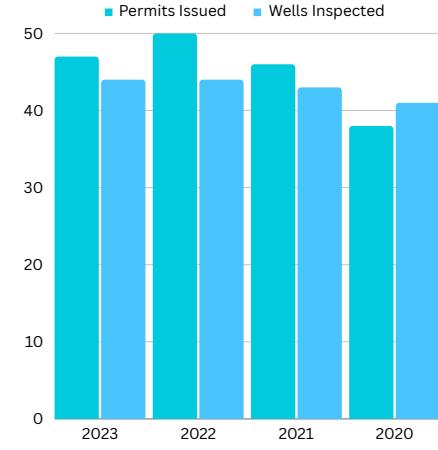
Services include permitting and inspecting all newly constructed or renovated water wells, closed loop wells and sewage disposal systems; inspecting wells and sewage systems during real estate transactions; interpreting and reporting water sample results; overseeing safe drinking water systems for all non-community wells from which more than 25 persons are served; investigating and resolving complaints; providing educational materials and presentations upon request.

For more information, see Appendix D.

New and Renovated
Septic Permits Issued
by Year



Water well Inspections
and Permits by Year



PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

The Partnership for a Healthy Community (PFHC) is a tri-county initiative representing Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties. The new cycle 2023-2025 focuses on three health priorities including Mental Health, Healthy Eating/Active Living (HEAL), and Obesity. Cancer and Substance Use will continue to be performance management action teams to sustain the great work that was completed in the previous cycle.

In the new cycle, mental health and obesity have new interventions to try to move forward in the three year cycle. There has been a lot of movement in the HEAL action teams. WCHD staff continue to participate in the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities (ITFC) and WIC Farmer's Market grants as part of the collaborative work.

September was Hunger Action Month. Leading up to September, there were several awareness campaigns through social media, lighting of the Murray Baker Bridge, providing a community toolkit for partners to use, and holding the Hunger Action Walk. At the Walk, there were 70 participants, with 785 pounds of food collected and distributed to three food banks representing all three counties. There were four proclamations passed through City of Peoria, Peoria County, Tazewell County, and Woodford County board meetings.

In the new cycle, many WCHD staff have participated in all aspects of the PFHC initiative. With a small staff, WCHD continues to represent Woodford County within many aspects of the PFHC initiative. For more information, please visit <https://healthyhoi.org/>.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND AWARENESS

Improving Community Engagement

The Woodford County Health Department was delighted to meet with community members in Metamora at Old Settler's Days in June and the El Paso Corn Festival in September. During these events, attendees received valuable information about our numerous Health Department programs and participated in exciting giveaways. It was wonderful to connect with so many outstanding residents. We are committed to strengthening our bond with the community and hope to be able to attend more local events in 2024.



Health Department Website Receives an Upgrade

Early in 2023, our team completely revamped and refreshed the Health Department's website. We invested countless hours of hard work and dedication into improving the user-friendliness and aesthetic appeal of the site, and we're proud of the final product. Our website, along with our Facebook page, allow us to share relevant and timely information with our users. Visit us at health.woodfordcountyil.gov

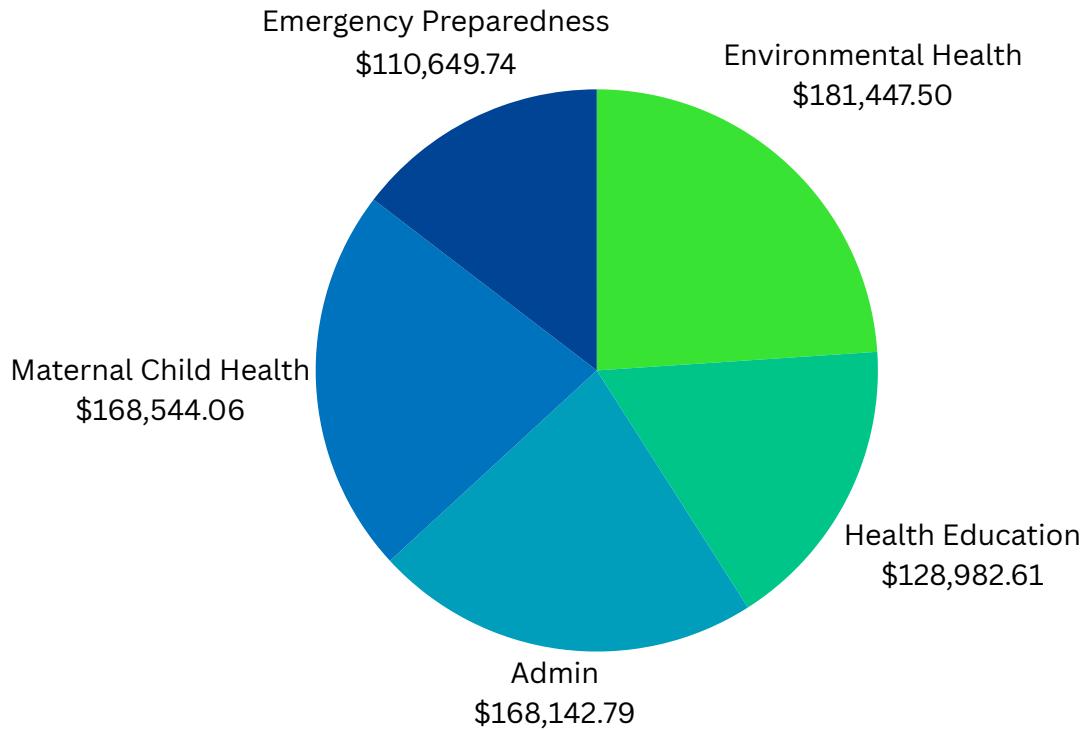


Improved Facility Signage for Residents

We're excited to announce that the Health Department has recently installed new signs on the west side of our building. This will make it easier for residents to locate our facility and other County offices that are located on the same campus.

FISCAL REPORT

Woodford County Health Department operates using Federal, State and local dollars. Funding is provided to WCHD from the Woodford County tax levy as well as State and Federal grants. Additionally, WCHD receives income by providing several environmental health and maternal child health services. For more detailed financial data, see Appendix A.



APPENDIX A: FISCAL REPORT

Revenues

Environmental Health

Food Program Fees	\$ 43,015.00
Plan Review	\$ 200.00
Health Protection Grant	\$ -
Non-Community Water Grant	\$ 1,137.50
Rabies Testing	\$ -
Radon Kits	\$ 195.00
Tanning	\$ 450.00
Vector Control Grant	\$ 14,000.00
Water & Septic Fees	\$ 22,450.00

Health Education

COVID Crisis	\$ 21,008.74
COVID Response	\$ 66,702.71
Illinois Tobacco Free Grant	\$ 31,811.64
SPAN	\$ 9,459.52

Admin

Admin Misc.	\$ 1,507.80
Interest Income	\$ 23,083.44
Property Taxes	\$ 143,152.01
TIF Settlements	\$ 399.54

MCH

Childhood Lead Grant	\$ 9,000.00
Hemoglobin	\$ 15.00
Immunizations	\$ 10,192.99
Labs	\$ 1,860.00
Lead	\$ 60,000
COVID Vaccine	\$ 63,653.16
Medicaid	\$ 408.45
Medicare	\$ 4,655.79
STI Testing Fees	\$ 390.00
TB	\$ 855.00
Third Party Billing- Managed Care	\$ 5,094.60
Third Party Billing- Private	\$ 22,212.41
WIC Farmers Market Grant	\$ 1,000.00
WIC Program	\$ 49,146.66

Emergency Preparedness

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 62,504.07
PH Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 48,145.67

Total Revenues

\$ 657,766.70

Expenditures

Department Head Salary	\$ 101,330.00
Full Time	\$ 417,696.00
Part Time	\$ 36,171.00
Employee Overtime	\$ -
New Equipment	\$ 7,870.00
Contingent	\$ 23,390.00
TB Services	\$ 1,917.00
Contractual	\$ 224,092.00

Total Expenses

Stmt R/E

\$ 812,466.00

6 Month Certificate of Deposit

\$ 528,353.00

Pooled Money Market Account

\$ 375,585.00

Fund Balance 11/30/2023

\$ 903,938.00

Fund Balance

11/30/2022	\$ 1,059,636.99
11/30/2023	\$ 903,938.00

Difference

\$ (154,699.30)

Total Income

\$ 657,766.70

Total Expenses

\$ 812,466.00

Net/Income/Loss

\$ (154,699.30)

APPENDIX B: CLINICAL SERVICES

Woodford County Communicable Disease 2023			
Campylobacteriosis	17	Mumps	1
Chlamydia	56	Rabies, Potential Human Exposure	10
Cryptosporidiosis	2	Salmonellosis	11
Ehrlichia Chaffeensis	1	SARS-COV-2 Infection (COVID-19)	887
Gonorrhea	16	Shiga toxin-producing E.coli (STEC)	1
Hepatitis B Chronic	1	Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	6
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	1	Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome	1
Hepatitis C Chronic Infection	1	Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1
Histoplasmosis	4	Vibriosis	1
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	1	West Nile Virus Non-Neuroinvasive Disease	2
Legionellosis - Legionnaires Disease	1		
		Sum	1022

Woodford County Health Department

Clinical Report 2023

Immunizations	FY22 YTD	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	FY'23 YTD
Immunizations Private	144	1	7	7	6	10	19	20	21	27	8	8	1	135
Immunizations VFC	506	19	21	14	28	35	44	29	63	109	24	41	29	456
Flu Private	288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	88	36
Flu VPC	37	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8
COVID-19 Vaccines Administered	1298	47	21	13	4	0	21	11	3	7	1	34	93	255
TB Screenings- 86580	91	3	2	0	3	4	2	8	15	0	0	0	3	40
Lead Screenings- 36416	25	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	10	2	7	4
Monthly Open Lead- Elevated Cases	N/A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	N/A
Lab Testing Clients	22	1	1	0	4	0	4	2	1	4	0	1	3	21
Lab Tests Completed	78	1	1	0	16	0	13	3	7	17	0	6	13	77
STD Testing (Urine /Blood)- 99000	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	9
Urine Collection/Grab Bag	8	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	7
STD Treatment Following Testing	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6
STD Patients- Treatment Only	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assigned Caseload	277	235	235	235	235	235	235	235	248	248	248	248	248	235
Number Served (Average)	174	181	187	176	191	194	195	199	179	192	191	197	188	189.17
% Assigned Case Load (Average)	67.93%	77.02%	79.57%	74.86%	81.27%	82.55%	82.97%	84.68%	72.17%	77.42%	77.01%	79.43%	75.80%	78.73%
Prenatal/Post Partum Screening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	8	5	23
Pregnancy Tests Performed- 81025	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ages & Stages Screening (ASQ)- 96110	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dental Varnish- D1206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COVID-19														
Positive Cases	5685	210	112	150	115	57	28	31	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	708

APPENDIX C: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Demographics

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number of full time inspectors in food	2	2	2	2
Number of formal trainings (travel) for staff	2	2	0	0
Number of in-house trainings for staff	16	14	2	13

Establishment Statistics

Retail food establishments active at fiscal year end	192	195	191	186
Total food establishment permits issued for fiscal year	195	198	191	190
	252	202	197	145
Routine Inspections	45	34	20	10
Establishments cited for Repeat Core Violations	2	0	0	1
In-services in lieu of 3rd inspection	2	1	1	0
Follow-up inspections conducted	15	11	10	12
Plan reviews completed	12	14	14	20
Pre-Operational Inspections	9	13	11	16
New Food Establishments	156	147	137	77
Temporary Food Establishment Inspections	11	9	8	7
Cottage Food Operations				

Public Training

Trainings to food workers, schools, and the public	0	0	0	14
Certified Food Protection Managers				

Enforcement and Compliance

Complaint Investigations	0	0	0	0
Number of Compliance/Enforcement Proceedings	0	0	0	0
Number of Holds/Embargoes Issued				

APPENDIX D: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

<u>Sewage Program</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020
Sewage Permits Issued				
New	24	39	30	34
Renovated	38	56	54	61
Sewage Systems Inspected				
New	27	34	28	23
Renovated	41	49	50	57
Sewage Complaints	2	8	3	6
Water Program				
Closed Loop Well Permits	2	11	8	6
Closed Loop Wells Inspected	2	11	8	6
Water Well Permits	45	39	38	32
Water Wells Inspected	42	33	35	35
Non-Community Wells	15	15	14	16
Water Sample Results	254	277	261	288
Water Complaints	1	1	3	1
Vector Program				
WNV educational events/displays	2	1	2	2
Number of bird specimens collected and tested	4	4	6	3
Number of bird specimens positive for WNV	0	0	0	0
Mosquito traps set to test mosquitoes for WNV	34	32	36	31
Number of Mosquito pools positive for WNV	0	0	0	0
Number of humans positive for WNV	0	0	0	0
Number of humans positive for WNV	1	1	1	1
Number of used tires collections				
Radon Program				
Radon Test Kits Sold	10	15	9	26



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