

# GRUNDY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



To the Grundy County Community and Partners:

The year of 2021 proved to be one of the busiest years yet for our local public health department. We started with optimism and an 'all-hands on deck' approach to mass vaccination efforts. In January, a call for volunteers was put out, and boy, did our community answer! Nearly 100 volunteers (medical and non-medical) joined health department staff, board members, and community partners in the largest public health response our current workforce has ever experienced. Partner agencies provided facilities, supplies, security, emergency response support, food for volunteers, and so much more. In March, we welcomed Illinois Governor JB Pritzker to the inaugural day of our IL National Guard-supported clinic, and received much cooperation from local businesses of all sizes to assist in on-site vaccine administration. The ILNG departed from Grundy in June, and our attention quickly transferred to the Morris lithium battery fire. We worked alongside partner agencies to provide resource coordination for residents, and then with State and Federal officials to ensure our homes, parks and places of business were safe to return to.

By the middle of the year, the Health Department's primary services had all returned to in-person, and staff focused on the recovery phase of COVID-19. Services were added to meet the needs of residents, including the expansion of behavioral health therapeutic and psychiatric services, additional support services for senior residents, and formalization of college intern programs in various areas.

Amidst all of the energy and unexpected circumstances, the Health Department's commitment to provide compassionate services to residents remains stable. Staff members look forward to the future of addressing needs identified in the current IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs): 1) Mental Health/Substance Abuse, 2) Access to Care and 3) Prevention/Education.

I hope this report provides you with a comprehensive understanding of local public health services. We are successful in our services because of our dedicated staff, exceptional volunteers, and abundant partnerships.

Respectfully,

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# Grundy County Health Department



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Public Health  
Promote. Protect. Prevent.

### Nursing

- Child and Adult Immunizations
- Family Case Management
- WIC Services (Women, Infants and Children)
- Communicable Disease Surveillance
- Oral Health Prevention

### Senior Programs

- Community Care Program
- Resources for Persons Ages 60+, Including Counseling
- Resources for Caregivers and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Home-Delivery Meal Program Administrator

### Behavioral Health

- Mental Health and Substance Use Services
- Individual and Group Counseling (Ages 7 & Up)
- Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment
- Mental Health Court and Drug Court Programs
- DUI Evaluation and Program Services

### Health Education

- Medical Reserve Corp Volunteers
- CPR, First Aid, AED Training
- Mental Health First Aid Training (Youth and Adult)
- Outreach and Community Events

### Environmental Health

- Food Protection Program
- Potable Water and Private Sewage Disposal Programs
- Body Art and Tanning Inspections
- West Nile Virus Surveillance
- Smoke-Free Illinois Act Enforcement

### Emergency Preparedness

- Train for Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Participate in County Disaster Preparation
- Preparedness Includes: Pandemic Influenza, Terrorist Agents, Nuclear Disasters and Weather-Related Incidents.



## MISSION

Preserve, protect, and promote the health and well-being of Grundy County.

## VISION

Healthy People,  
Thriving Communities,  
Vibrant Futures.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT:

Local public health departments have long prepared to respond to public health emergencies. Staff, Board members and MRC volunteers participate in trainings and drills related to response, usually related to natural disasters or biological warfare. Never did we anticipate serving in a response capacity for 2+ years in which we worked alongside state and local partners in the fight against COVID-19.

### THE YEAR OF 2021 PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIPS TO THE TEST.

With nearly 100 volunteers, partner agencies, the IL National Guard and the State of Illinois, more than 50,000 COVID-19 vaccines were distributed through the Health Department in 2021. The first 5-hour clinic in January provided 35 vaccines per hour, and by June we had built capacity to administer more than 140 vaccines per hour.

## DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Increased staffing capacity to address youth, efficient assessments and psychiatric support.
- Strengthened existing graduate-level internship program to intentionally provide case management, and thereby support development of the behavioral health workforce.
- Implemented a direct service response program that provides local teens with easier access to behavioral health care.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Coordinated mass vaccination efforts, including closed Points of Dispensing and serving as one of Illinois' first mass vaccination sites for community members, as supported by the IL National Guard.
- Added members to our Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) program, resulting in more than 100 total members.
- Resumed display of the In Plain Sight Bedroom (an educational tool to help parents detect and intervene with teen drug or alcohol use).

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Welcomed staff to new roles, including Director, Program Coordinator and Sanitarian.
- Hosted college-aged interns to participate in Vector Surveillance Program.
- Resumed in-person food service sanitation manager certification courses.

### NURSING

- Implemented COVID-19 Vaccination to the public in January of 2021.
- Maintained COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program
- Implemented BinaxNOW COVID-19 testing distribution to local public health facilities including fire, police and long-term care.
- Provided increased fresh produce benefits for WIC participants, funded through the USDA and DHS.

### SENIOR PROGRAMS

- Provided Emergency Senior Services funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assisted with the distribution and purchase of PPE, funded by IL Dept on Aging.
- Implemented COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance efforts.
- Implemented Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE).
- Awarded CARES Act and IL Dept on Aging Technology funding, each related to sustain and enhance services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted Census outreach activities.



<b>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Psychiatric Services	1,391	1,443	1,436
Mandatory Evaluations	13	25	42
DUI Services	109	66	14
Crisis Intervention	54	43	53
Case Management	397	275	125
Mental Health Services	4,204	3,750	3,617
Substance Abuse Services	1,776	1,092	1,061

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Certified Food Protection Manager Course Students	72	70	102
Food Establishment Complaints	36	37	21
Food Program Related Inspection (Routine, Complaint, Opening)	944	1,004	1,054
Water Well Permits Issued	51	41	48
Private Sewage Disposal Permits	43	47	32
Private Sewage Disposal Related Complaints	12	3	2
West Nile Virus/Mosquito Batches Tested	116	34	154
Positive Pools	4	3	3
Tanning Facilities Inspected	9	8	10
Body Art Facilities Inspected	2	2	2

<b>NURSING</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Communicable Disease Investigation	4,317	3,830	230
Immunizations Administered, Child	374	436	694
Immunizations Administered, Adult	42,617	282	540
Tuberculosis Tests	41	78	175
WIC Certified (average/month)	303	305	328
Fluoride Varnish Application	0	0	16
Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)	0	0	4
Lead Case Management	0	0	17
Vision Screenings	235	14	379
Hearing Screenings	337	14	436

<b>SENIOR PROGRAMS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Assessments	1,286	1,215	1,164
Information and Assistance Units	3,466	2,109	1,274
Service Activity Units	6,116	4,938	3,756
Total Clients	1,531	1,427	1,378

## GRANTS, FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACTS AND DONATIONS:

### Illinois Department on Aging

- Comprehensive Case Coordination Agreement
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Technology

### Illinois Department of Health Services

- Mental Health 410: Capitated Community Care
- Substance Use Prevention & Recovery (Global)
- Family Case Management
- High Risk Infant Follow-Up/Healthworks
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Office of Rehabilitated Services (Case Coordination Unit Screens)

### Illinois Department of Public Health

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)
- Contact Tracing
- COVID-19 Crisis
- IL Tobacco Free Communities Local Health Protection
- Influenza Vaccine Promotion
- Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response
- Mass Vaccination
- Narcan Distribution
- Non-Community Water/Safe Drinking Water
- Tanning & Body Art Facilities
- Vector Surveillance/West Nile Virus

### AgeGuide

- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Family Caregiver Counseling Center (CCC) Title III-E  
Individual Counseling, Support Groups, and Caregiver Training
- Family Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Title III-E  
Access Assistance, Respite, and Gap-Filling
- Flexible Community Services & Residential Repair
- Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)
- Senior Health Assistance Program (SHAP) &  
Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Title IIIB Information & Assistance, Outreach, 60+ Counseling

### Community Foundation of Grundy County

- Sandford Fund: Teens Mental Health
- WRAP: Wellness, Recovery, Action, Planning
- Youth Philanthropy Project: Behavioral Health

### Grundy County State's Attorney

- Drug Court
- Mental Health Court

### Other

- Restricted Donations from Individuals

REVENUE	
GRANTS/EXTERNAL FUNDS	1,167,120
STATE CONTRACTS	269,930
CLIENT SERVICES	556,282
WIC VOUCHERS (IN KIND)	0
VFC VACCINES (IN KIND)	10,844
COUNTY SUBSIDY	261,787
PRIVATE DONATIONS	998
MISC INCOME	19,084
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,286,045</b>

EXPENSES	
SALARIES	1,283,459
FRINGE BENEFITS	378,961
CONTRACTUAL	87,250
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,301
COMMODITIES	43,081
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	239,709
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	38,578
LABOR RELATIONS	0
LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,979
TECHNOLOGY/FURNITURE	14,916
TELEPHONE	7,562
POSTAGE/PRINTING	28,321
TRAVEL/AUTO EXPENSE	4,692
ACCREDITATION	6,901
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	14,300
ELECTRONIC RECORDS	43,766
OTHER	12,603
SENIOR SERVICES	56,150
HEALTH FAIRS	180
HOSPITALITY	6,492
WIC VOUCHERS (IN KIND)	0
VFC VACCINES (IN KIND)	10,844
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,286,045</b>