

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## St. Clair County Health Department

### Covid-19 Pandemic *Public Health Response*

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# ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Executive Letter

To the Citizens of St. Clair County:

On behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Health and Health Department staff, we are pleased to submit the 2021 Annual report to the St. Clair County Board, Illinois Department of Public Health, our community partners and the residents of St. Clair County.

In 2021, the **COVID-19 PANDEMIC** continued to have public health impacts on a global scale. The response in the United States involved widespread testing, phased vaccinations and tiered mitigations. These campaigns continued throughout 2021 in response to the numerous SARS-CO-V2 variants.

The response in St. Clair County began with the establishment of multiple testing sites, including an IDPH-led mass testing site, first hosted at the Jackie Joyner Kersee Center and then at the St. Clair Square mall. A mass vaccination site was established during February 2021 at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds. This site was hosted in conjunction with Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois National Guard. It was one of the only a few large-scale drive through operations in Illinois. In addition, it was one of the largest sites in terms of vaccine administration in the State, with over 103,000 shots administered from February to May. The site was reopened from October through November of in order to assist in the administration of booster doses. The St. Clair County Health Department operation also hosted a smaller (drive through) vaccine clinic at 330 West Main Street in Belleville, Illinois. This site operated six days per week during the 2021 calendar year. Vaccine for children ages 5-11 was provided at the Health Department once it became available.

The size and scope of the response operations in St. Clair County necessitated the establishment of a call center to assist residents with registration for vaccine and general questions. The call center was made possible with the assistance of St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and IEMA/FEMA. A COVID-19 specific webpage and vaccine registration portal was created to provide current information to the public and assist in the provision of COVID-related services. A live Facebook briefing/question and answer session was routinely held and hosted by the SCC EMA, the Health Department and the County Board Chairman to aid in the dissemination of current information to Public. Social media was utilized to provide the public with

## Executive Letter Cont.

24/7 access to current statistics and resources. County officials participated in numerous media interviews and hosted the Governor's press conference on more than one occasion. St. Clair County Health Department, in conjunction with East Side Health District, BJC Memorial, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Touchette and Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF) launched a Back-to-School media campaign during the Fall of 2021 to promote childhood immunizations, including COVID vaccinations.

The Health Department was the primary agency for contact tracing St. Clair County residents. Contact tracing staff were responsible for advising cases and their close contacts of current isolation and quarantine protocols and providing referrals for necessary resources to residents. IDPH began the transition to a State-centralized contact tracing system during December 2021. The Health Department continues to assist schools and long-term care facilities with outbreak situations.

We wish to extend our gratitude to all of the County agencies and community partners that assisted in the pandemic response. We would also like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the employees of St. Clair County Health Department for their dedicated service to the residents of St. Clair County. The residents and businesses of St. Clair County persevered despite the pandemic.

As we move into 2022, our priority is to continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and to disseminate the most current COVID information to St. Clair County residents, while maintaining our other core programs and expanding clinical services. The staff of the St. Clair County Health Department has and will continue to provide the utmost professional and dedicated services to protect our citizens.

Sincerely,



Cindy Thompson, President  
Board of Health



Myla Blandford, MPH, REHS, LEHP  
Executive Director



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

# Executive Summary

## MISSION

Our mission is to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of the people we serve.

## VISION

The St. Clair County public health system achieves health improvement through interventions that work.

## VALUES

**Collaboration:** We value our partners and recognize both our independence and interconnectedness. As a governmental public health agency, we know that our success depends on a strong, comprehensive public health system.

**Competence:** We strive for excellence in all that we do. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of performance and adhere to the principles of continuous quality improvement.

**Integrity:** We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and relationships. We are honest in our daily interactions and value honesty in others.

**Respect:** We treat everyone with dignity and respect.

**Responsibility:** We follow through on our commitments. We hold ourselves accountable and encourage the same of our partners. We are conscientious stewards of our resources.

**Equity:** We advocate for public health policies and programs that promote fairness, social justice and cultural awareness.

The St. Clair County Health Department, established in 1986 by the St. Clair County Board, is charged with carrying out basic health protection and disease prevention services, as well as serving as a resource to work collaboratively with health providers, community organizations and the public. The Health Department is one of 97 certified local health departments in Illinois.

In September 2014, the SCCHD became the first health department in the Metropolitan St. Louis and Southern Illinois area to obtain national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The national accreditation program, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their service and performance. The Health Department remains accredited and will submit its IPLAN/community health assessment for review in 2022.





**St. Clair County Board  
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Dr. Debra Moore, Director  
St. Clair County Administration

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**St. Clair County Board of Health  
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Jay Magner, MD, Medical Advisor**

# Meet the Board

The St. Clair County Board of Health provides guidance and leadership to the St. Clair County Health Department under the direction of the Honorable Mark Kern, County Board Chairman. Board of Health members are volunteers appointed by Chairman Kern and our County Board.

## ***Cindy Thompson, RN, BSN, President***

Before her retirement, Ms. Thompson worked at Belleville West High School as a nurse from 1993 to 2017 and taught evening Health Occupation classes at the high school. Ms. Thomson also worked at Memorial Hospital from 1984 to 1993 and again from 1995 until 2017. Ms. Thompson has served on this board since 2012 and has served as secretary, Vice-President and President.



## ***William R. Kreeb, MS***

Mr. Kreeb has a Master's Degree in Social Work from St. Louis University. He was the director of the Lessie Bates Neighborhood House until he retired. Mr. Kreeb has served on this board since September of 2014 and has served as secretary, Vice-President and President.

## ***Leo Dumstorff, DDS, Secretary***

Dr. Dumstorff received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from St. Louis University School of Dentistry. He practiced general Dentistry in Belleville for forty years.



## ***Tracey Biermann, DC***

Ms. Biermann has a private Chiropractic medical practice. She has served on the St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation Board and served as president of the Board of Health and the Willard C. Scrivner, MD Public Health Foundation Board. Dr. Biermann has served on the board for many years and has served as secretary, Vice-President and President.

# Meet the Board



## ***Matt Smallheer, County Board Representative***

Mr. Smallheer is a member of the St. Clair County Board and a former member of the O’Fallon City Council. He and his wife own The Tye-Dyed Iguana in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Mr. Smallheer has two children that are his primary focus outside of his business and community involvement.

## ***John West, M.A.***

Mr. West is a former member of both the St. Clair County Board and of the O’Fallon City Council. He is a Professor Emeritus of Southwestern Illinois College and a member of the Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission. Mr. West has served on the board as secretary, Vice-President and President.



## ***Julie Wittenauer, MD***

Dr. Wittenauer is a family medicine physician, who graduated from University of Missouri - Columbia Medical School, and completed residency training through St. Louis University in Belleville, IL. She currently works for Mercy as a post-acute physician, caring for patients who are in short term skilled rehab and long-term care.



## ***Kelly Wood, MD, MSPH***

Dr. Wood is a rural family medicine physician at Sparta Community Hospital, Marissa Medical Clinic and other St. Clair County clinics.

thank you!



# Our Directors

The St. Clair County Health Department consists of 5 divisions related to a variety of public health services. While these divisions utilize specially trained staff and funding sources that are uniquely related to their public health objectives, they share a common goal of working together for the health of all St. Clair County residents.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### **Myla Blandford, MPH, REHS, LEHP**

Ms. Blandford joined the Health Department as the Deputy Director in June 2020. She assumed the role of Executive Director May 4, 2021, upon the retirement of Director Barb Hohlt. Ms. Blandford is responsible for the overall planning and direction of the Health Department, including COVID Operations - Contact Tracing, disease statistics, logistics and implementation of the mass vaccination clinics.

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### **Kathy Weisenstein, RN, BSN,**

Ms. Weisenstein assists the Executive Director in directing the overall activities for the agency. Assumes major responsibility for infectious disease control, personal health services and oversees building operation services. Assists with executive level policy and planning functions



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Retired

### **Barb Hohlt, BS, LEHP**

Ms. Hohlt retired as Executive Director of the St. Clair County Health Department May 3, 2021. Ms. Hohlt worked in public health for 38 years, with 35 years of those years at the St. Clair County Health Department. Ms. Hohlt served as Executive Director of the St. Clair County Health Department from 2015 to 2021.



# Our Directors



## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION** **Susan Rehrig, MBA**

Ms. Rehrig is responsible for overall planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the communicable disease control, infectious disease prevention and emergency preparedness.

## **HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS** **Keondra Harris, MSN, RN, IBCLC**

Ms. Harris has direct responsibility for all programs within the Health Promotion & Wellness, which include services in the clinic, home and community programs.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS** **Sharon Valentine, MBA, LEHP**

Ms. Valentine's job responsibilities include planning, development, maintenance, and evaluation of departmental programs. Those responsibilities include food sanitation, sewage disposal, potable water, vector, tanning/body art, landfills and recycling programs.



# **Year in Review**

## **January 1 – December 31, 2021**

### **Overview of SCCHD activities:**

#### **COVID-19 Response**

- The St. Clair County Health Department facilitated the establishment of a St. Clair County Health & Medical Alliance, consisting of East Side Health District, BJC/Memorial, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Touchette Hospital and Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF), to direct the COVID Pandemic Response.
- St. Clair County Health Department, in partnership with St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency, the St. Clair County Health and Medical Alliance, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois EMA and Illinois National Guard, opened a drive-through mass vaccination site at Belle Clair Fairgrounds on Feb. 1, 2021, in response to the COVID pandemic. The site provided Pfizer, Moderna and the Janssen vaccine. More than 103,000 doses of vaccine were administered at this site between February 1 and May 30, 2021. The site served as a model for drive thru operations. The Fairgrounds location was reopened in from October-November 2021 to administer booster doses.
- A second drive through location at 330 W. Main, Belleville, Illinois was established for vaccine administration and operated six days per week throughout 2021.
- A Back-to-School Vaccination media campaign was led by the Health Department in conjunction with the Health and Medical Alliance. Vaccine clinics for the 5–11-year-old population were held at the Health Department.
- The St. Clair County Health Department and MedStar ambulance service provided vaccine services to homebound populations and community-based vaccine clinics
- The Health Department, St. Clair County EMA, and IEMA/FEMA established a COVID call center to assist residents with COVID-related questions and vaccine registration appointments.
- The St. Clair County Medical Reserve Corps assisted in the pandemic response; 361 volunteers served a combined 1,486.25 hours
- The Health Department distributed 11,371 Binax test kits to community partners. The Health Department and the St. Clair County EMA continued to distribute COVID supplies to long term care, other medical providers, schools and municipalities throughout 2021.
- The Health Department and the call center provided 24/7 contact services for medical providers, schools and general public to assist with COVID-related questions, responding to tens of thousands of phone calls and emails concerning COVID-19.
- SCCHD staff routinely participated in the 3:30 daily/weekly St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency COVID LIVE briefing, providing current COVID information to residents
- Health Department social media was utilized to provide statistical updates to the community on a daily basis.
- The Health Department maintained routine services and programs during 2021, while responding to the COVID pandemic. A new division was created, Clinical Services and Systems, to facilitate the future expansion of clinical services.

# COVID-19 Pandemic *Public Health Response*

In response to the surge of COVID-19 across the United States, Illinois and the St. Clair County region, St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD), St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency (SCCEMA) and St. Clair County (SCC) – in conjunction with St. Clair County Health & Medical Alliance – East Side Health District, Memorial/BJC Hospital, HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, SIHF/Touchette Hospital – Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Illinois National Guard (ILNG) – opened a COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Drive-Thru Site at Belle Clair Fairgrounds in Belleville, Illinois Monday, February 1, 2021. The site was open six days a week. Vaccinations were originally given by appointment only. St. Clair County Transit District (SCCTD) provided free public transportation. Moving through all phases of the COVID Vaccine, this site operated from February 1, 2021, through May 30, 2021.

As booster shots were approved and rolled out, the Mass Vaccination site at Belle-Clair Fairgrounds was re-opened October 5, 2021, and operated through November 10, 2021, with the goal of distributing COVID booster vaccines to all eligible residents.

A drive-thru vaccine clinic at 330 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois was operational, ready and waiting to distribute vaccine by the end December 2020. Vaccine for the “1b” population began January 25th, 2021. Operations at 330 West Main ran six days a week throughout 2021, into 2022.



# COVID-19 Pandemic *Public Health Response*



COVID VACCINE ADMINISTERED - St. Clair County	YTD 2021
COVID Vaccine totals	thru 1-11-22
Moderna	104,181
Pfizer	248,444
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)	14,643
Pfizer 3rd Dose	10,705
Moderna 3rd Dose	2,341
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) 2nd Dose	468
Total: SCCHD 5-11 y.o: 12/16/21	554
Total for BCFG SCCHD Mass Vaccination site thru 5/31/21	103,480
Total for the SCCHD Mass Vaccination site 10/5 - 11/10/21	7,232

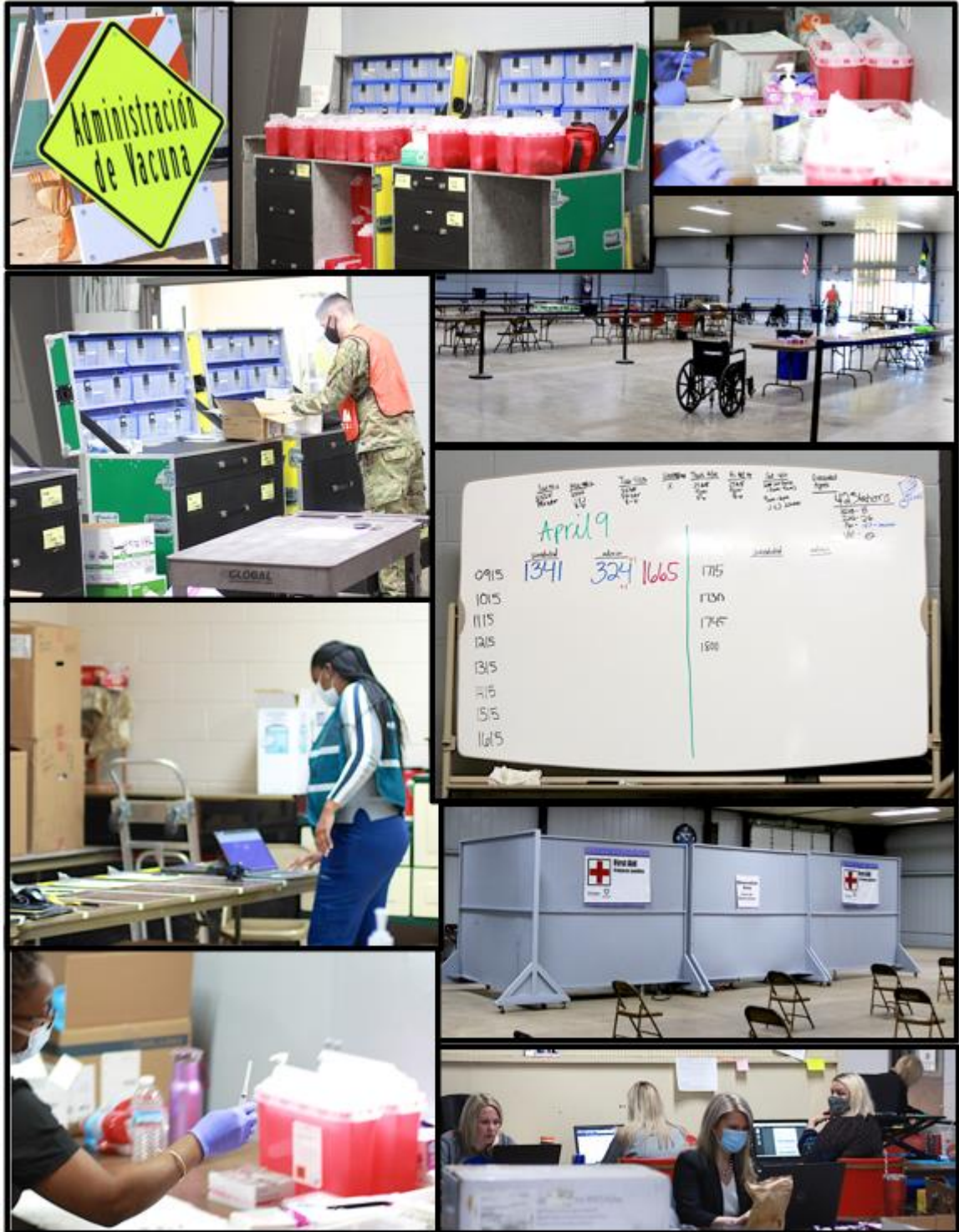
COVID-19 Testing & Results									
Agency	2019-December 2021			21-Nov			21-Dec		
	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent
SCCHD	429,791	35719	8.31%	24295	1496	6.16%	35715	3872	10.84%
ESHD	128,942	7432	5.76%	15465	340	2.20%	15218	800	5.26%
BJC	59188	4870	8.23%	4048	202	4.99%	4905	812	16.55%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>617,921</b>	<b>48021</b>	<b>7.77%</b>	<b>43808</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>4.65%</b>	<b>55838</b>	<b>5484</b>	<b>9.82%</b>

# COVID-19 Pandemic *Public Health Response* St. Clair County Health Department Mass Vaccination Site Belle-Clair Fairgrounds



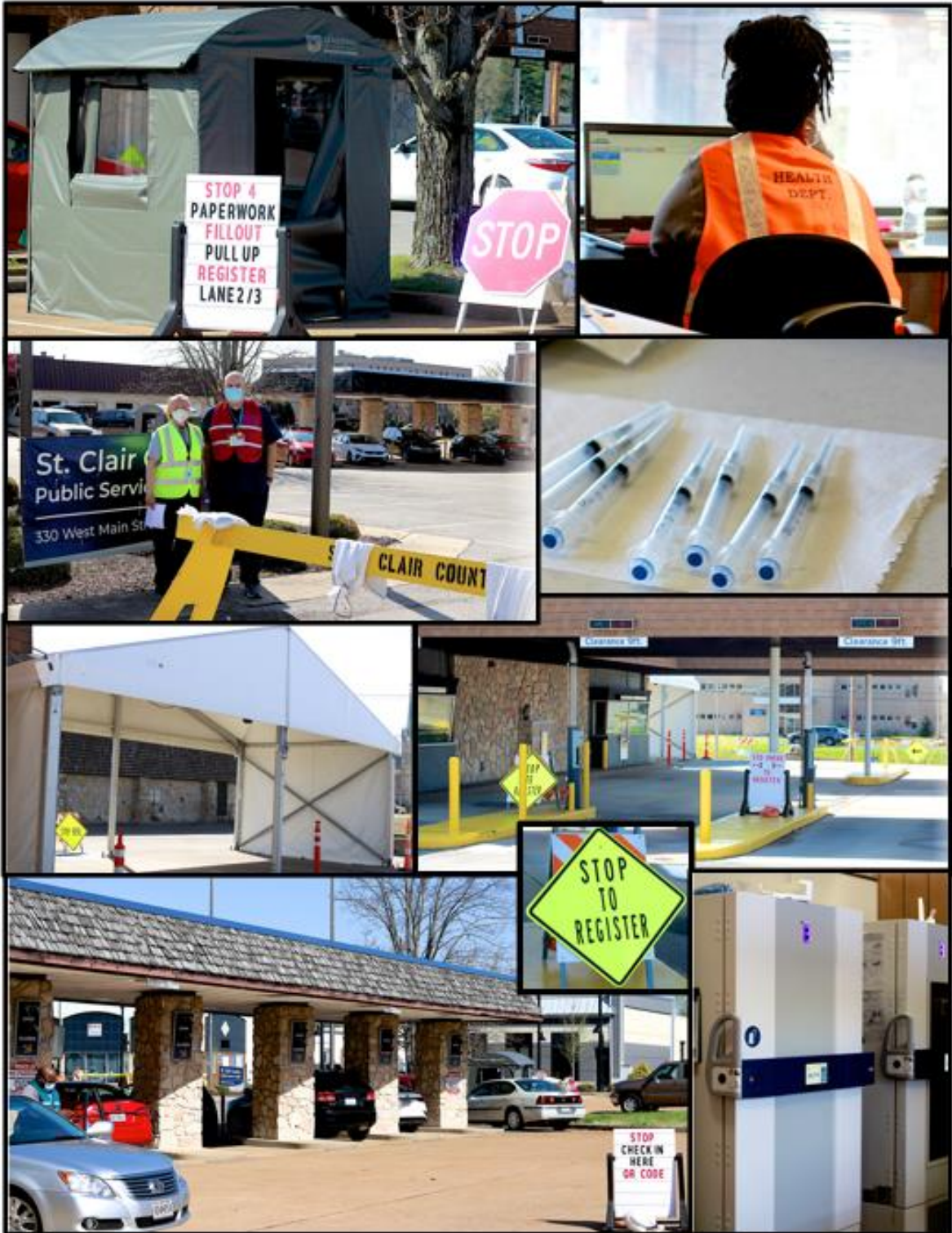
# COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Response

## St. Clair County Health Department Mass Vaccination Site Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

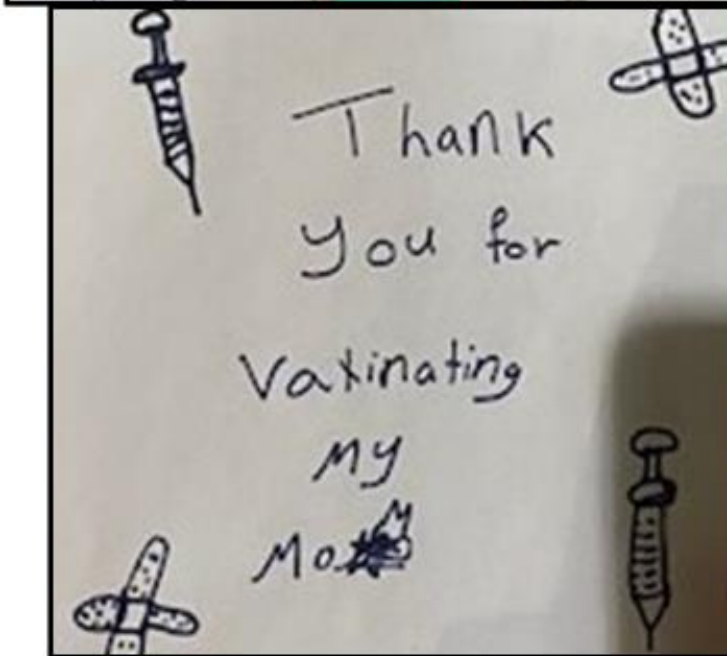


# COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Response

## St. Clair County Health Department Mass Vaccination Site Belle-Clair Fairgrounds



# COVID-19 Pandemic The *Public's* Response...





# **Year in Review**

## **January 1 – December 31, 2021**

### **Overview of SCCHD Activities by Division**

#### **Environmental Programs**

- The Environmental Health staff continue using the CDP system for Food Service inspections. Field use of tablets has been very helpful and reduces the time spent writing the report and increases legibility.
- As required under our Intergovernmental Agreement with IEPA for solid waste management in St. Clair County, staff conducted 77 landfill/compost/open dump inspections, 75 complaint investigations/recheck investigations and 184 public consultations.
- Continued a medication free drop off program located at the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department through the coordinated efforts of Illinois American, Southwestern Illinois College, the St. Clair County Health Department and Veolia, Inc.
- Earth Day celebration and Awards were cancelled due to COVID -19.
- Worked with IEPA to offer a Government ONLY used tire collection in October totaling over 99 dump truckloads or approximately 110.22 tons of tires to be recycled.
- Conducted over 1673 smoking/tanning/vector consultations, 11 smoking complaint investigations at facilities.
- Conducted 2,226 sanitary food inspections, 11,203 consultations, 31 foodborne illness investigations and 3 educational training with 26 participants.
- Conducted 2 food safety training classes for the volunteers participating in the Belleville Chili Cook-off, Oktoberfest, Art on the Square.
- Permitted and inspected 111 Private Sewage Disposal systems and conducted 1,253 consultations via on-sites or telephone; and 1 home loan inspection.
- Made numerous contacts to local providers of food items being recalled because of possible bacterial contamination, for example; E. coli O157:H7, Listeria monocytogenes, Salmonella and others. Posted 50 food recall notifications on website and social media.
- Conducted mosquito surveillance throughout the county, with 2 sites positive for West Nile Virus and we have had NO human cases of WNV.
- Assisted in running several mobile vaccination clinics throughout the county and the 1 permanent location at 330 West Main Street in Belleville, and the temporary location at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds.

#### **Health Promotion & Wellness**

- Provided breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for 376 women in St. Clair and 9 surrounding counties through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) in 2021. We are very proud that we were able to serve these women despite BCCP staff being pulled into COVID-19 duties. BCCP staff members continue to participate in a coalition with Washington University. Our BCCP Community Navigator actively participated on two workgroups, the Community Navigator Database Workgroup to help create a new navigator database and the Employer Policy Change Workgroup to help establish protocol for navigators to use while addressing employers to change policy on health and wellness.

# Year in Review

## January 1 – December 31, 2021

### Health Promotion & Wellness (Continued)

- Applied for a new competitive grant for Genetics and was one of only two health departments selected in our region to receive grant funding to carry out new initiatives for the genetics program. We will be a part of an Illinois Regional Genetic Services Workgroup to review, revise and revitalize the former Genetics Education and Follow-up program.
- Partnered with the Metro East Diaper Bank and with funding from Healthier Together, started a Diaper Depot Program at St. Clair County Health Department for active WIC participants. Eligible participants receive diapers at no cost, monthly, until the child reaches age 3.
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- Applied for a new competitive grant for Genetics and was one of only two health departments selected in our region to receive grant funding to carry out new initiatives for the genetics program. We will be a part of an Illinois Regional Genetic Services Workgroup to review, revise and revitalize the former Genetics Education and Follow-up program.
- Partnered with the Metro East Diaper Bank and with funding from Healthier Together, started a Diaper Depot Program at St. Clair County Health Department for active WIC participants. Eligible participants receive diapers at no cost, monthly, until the child reaches age 3.
- Maternal/child preventive health services provided to families were decreased this year due to the COVID pandemic, though the clinic never ceased operations during this time.
- Some services in the clinic were either reduced or offered remotely via phone due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Home visiting services were put on hold. The WIC program has COVID waivers to continue to be able to provide services remote through April 2022.
- Administered 1,481 immunizations for vaccine preventable childhood illnesses.
- Screened children and 129 pregnant women for lead exposure
- Screened 79 children for developmental delays.
- Screened 209 women for genetic risk factors and 865 for postpartum depression.
- Provided 726 supportive services to promote breastfeeding.
- Conducted 869 case management contacts for pregnant women and infants.

### Clinical Services & Systems

- The Clinical Services and Systems Division was established late in 2021. This Division is currently in a research and development phase.

# Year in Review

## January 1 – December 31, 2021

### Infectious Disease Prevention Programs

- Was awarded the Illinois Department of Public Health Ryan White Part B grant for FY21 and FY22 in the amount of \$1,694,107 each year. Funding provides core medical and supportive services for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).
- Successfully completed two (2) Requests for Proposals to provide Medical Case Management and Oral Health Care services through the Ryan White Part A grant with the City of St. Louis Department of Public Health. SCCHD received \$412,000 to provide these services, including food bank/home delivered meals and health insurance continuation.
- Continued to subcontract with ten (10) agencies and six (6) vendors to provide Ryan White Part A and B services over to 697 unduplicated PLWHA.
- Established a new Business Agreement with Lyft for the transportation of eligible clients to needed HIV related services.
- Began providing cellular phones to PLWHA in need with no or limited income to assist in medical appointment and as a result, treatment compliance.
- Secured an MOU with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to provide HIV testing, education, and safer sex materials to reduce HIV transmission.
- Since January 1, 2021, 717 Persons Living with HIV/AIDS received Ryan White Case Management services across the 12 County region. 177 clients received emergency financial assistance, 426 received food bank/home delivered meals, 69 received medical transportation, 179 received oral health care, 79 received assistance with out-of-pocket HIV related medical costs, and 134 received supportive transportation.
- Established (2) new housing contracts with the Intergovernmental Grants Department (IGD) to provide tenant based rental assistance for 24 PLWHA. The programs are designed to assist individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- In partnership with SIHF Healthcare and Madison County Health Department, SCCHD provided HIV/STI education and HIV testing at the Metro East LGBT Pride Festival on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
- Provided 33 HIV tests, notified two (2) individuals of HIV positive status and opened 137 surveillance cases.
- Provided Gender Diversity Training on July 1, 2021, for subcontracted HIV program staff, clients and SCCHD personnel.
- Conducted disease investigation, partner services, monitoring, and/or provided education and mitigation strategies for the following cases: 942 Chlamydia, two (2) E-Coli, 448 Gonorrhea, 14 Invasive Streptococcal, one (1) Hepatitis A, 15 Hepatitis B, 54 Hepatitis C, 11 HIV, one (1) influenza, 23,516 COVID-19, 11 Salmonella, and 81 Syphilis.
- Conducted 308 Tuberculosis related field visits for Directly Observed Therapy and 482 Video Observed Therapy sessions. There were 987 TB related clinic visits, 40 referrals were made for diagnostic chest x-rays, and 439 TB skin tests were completed, with 30 positive tests. Twelve TB positive patients were seen by the Medical Director.
- Conducted 12,670 illness investigation consultations.
- Provided CPR certification for 29 St. Clair County staff at Adult and Juvenile Probation and the Juvenile Detention Center. Ensured AED equipment across county departments were replenished and in working condition.

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## January 1 – December 31, 2021

### Infectious Disease Programs (Continued)

- Distributed PPE and/or Binax test kits to long term care facilities, medical providers, and other county partners.
- Participated in 130 emergency preparedness related partnership meetings (HOPE Coalition, schools, Emergency Management Systems and meetings with other community partners)
- Established 94 new Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, who assisted with providing vaccinations, drawing vaccine, office support, call center tasks, and stats. The MRC unit is comprised of 115 volunteers who served a total of 1,303 hours.
- Successfully completed an application for the Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Award and received \$5,000 to expand outreach events, purchase a volunteer management program, and provide members with uniform shirts.

### Administration

- In addition to the health department's main location at 19 Public Square, the health department's Information Technology (IT) Manager supported the data and equipment needs for both the Mass Vaccination Site and 330 West Main Site, seven days a week between all locations through May 30, 2021, and again in October of 2021. The IT manager also provided IT support for all facets of COVID-19 response including virtual meeting platforms and remote worker configuration and support.
- The Accounting Staff, in addition to normal health department activities, navigated equipment rentals and supplies for the vaccine sites and provided oversight for grant monies related to the COVID Pandemic.
- The Administrative staff assisted in navigating COVID activities and communications with the public on all aspects of COVID from testing to vaccine.
- The Organizational Communications Manager (OCM) sent 255 daily press releases over the course of 2021 outlining COVID information for St. Clair County, Region 4 and the State of Illinois. In addition, OCM onboarded several temporary and regular health department employees to meet the staffing needs of the COVID pandemic.



# Year in Review

## 2021 Statistical Reports by Division

### HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS & CLINICAL SERVICES & SYSTEMS

#### 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

<u>HEALTHY KIDS SERVICES</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Immunizations	1,846	1,983
Developmental Screenings	104	467
Perinatal Depression Screenings	865	954
Lead Testing-Children	21	222
Lead Testing-Prenatal	0	129
Well Child Screening	0	29

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<u>HEALTHY HOMES LEAD FOLLOW-UP PROG</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Home Visits	15	1
New Enrollments	24	26
Prevention Education	96	95

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<u>GENETICS PROGRAM</u>		
Screenings	209	473

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<u>CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Caseload	n/a	n/a
New Enrollments	609	623
Intensive Prenatal Caseload	n/a	n/a
New Enrollments	157	129
Services Provided	1,056	1,770
YouthCare - current caseload	3,476	0
YouthCare New cases	156	0
YouthCare ACRs	561	0

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<u>HEALTH INSURANCE APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Healthy Start (MPE) Prenatal	7	6
Add a Baby	33	43
All Kids	21	15
Add a Family Member	0	0
SNAP (Food Assistance)	18	17
TANF (Cash Assistance)	6	3
Technical Assistance	0	2

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<u>WOMEN, INFANTS &amp; CHILDREN (WIC)</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assigned Caseload	n/a	n/a
Clients Picking Up Food Instruments	19,752	19,032
Achievement Percentage	n/a	n/a
Clients Certified	2,358	2,477
Nutrition Education Attendance	5,404	3,370

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## 2021 Statistical Reports by Division

### HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS & CLINICAL SERVICES & SYSTEMS

#### 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

<u>BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Caseload	n/a	n/a
Client Contacts	726	1,462
New Enrollments	585	309

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<u>VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (COMPLIANCE)</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Provider Phone Contacts	0	0
Meetings Attended	0	1
Educational Provider Visits	0	0
Storage/Handling/Compliance Provider Visits	0	0
New Enrollment Provider Visits	0	0

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<u>PHS COMMUNITY OUTREACH</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Health Fairs	8	3
Total Attendance	324	100
Presentations	2	17
Total Attendance	5	345
Meetings/Conferences/Workshop Contacts	29	15
Face to Face Contacts	294	380

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<u>BREAST &amp; CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Enrollments	287	441
Clinically Navigated Insured	28	20
Clients with High Deductible	8	6
Younger Symptomatic Referrals	12	26
Referrals/Treatment Act	8	15
Cancer within BCCP	4	8
Cancer outside BCCP	4	7



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## 2021 Statistical Reports by Division

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES

#### 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

<u>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASE S</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Chlamydia	942	1,085
E-Coli	2	3
Gonorrhea	448	446
Group A Streptococcal (Invasive)	14	4
Hepatitis A	1	3
Hepatitis B	15	8
Hepatitis C	54	73
HIV+	11	20
Influenza	1	13
Covid-19	23,156	17,291
Flu-like Symptoms ( <i>Specific</i> )	2	13
Meningitis (Bacterial)	0	0
MRSA	0	0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	2
Salmonella	11	12
Syphilis	81	72

<u>TB CONTROL/TESTING</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Field Visits (Directly Observed Therapy)	308	72
Client Contacts (Directly Observed Therapy)	308	72
Video Observed Therapy	482	260
Client Served under Video Observed Therapy	9	2
Clients Served (by Physician)	12	9
Client Contacts (Clinic)	987	813
Chest X-Ray	40	28
Skin Tests	439	359
Positive Skin Tests	30	42
MTB Cases	6	1
Suspects	0	0

<u>ILLNESS INVESTIGATIONS-CONSULTATIONS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Off-site	0	0
Office	44	76
Phone	12,195	21,319
OOJ - Out of Jurisdiction	475	474
Documentation Sen-Physicians/ MSP Providers	62	757

<u>HIV/AIDS CARE REGION</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Starting Caseload	629	588
New to Medical Case Management Clients	110	129
Discharges	122	88
Remaining Caseload	617	629

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<u>HIV PREVENTION - REGION</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
HIV Tests Completed Total	33	29
HIV Tests Completed at SCCHD	24	23
New Positive Cases Identified	1	4
# Cases Linked to HIV Medical Care	0	4

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<u>HIV Disease Interv. Serv. - REGION</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
New Cases Opened	137	205
Individuals Notified	1	8
Linked to Medical Care	7	8
Already in care (May reflects to-date number)	38	40

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<u>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Public Outreach/Presentations	1	0
External Conferences/Workshops	4	1
Partnership Meetings	130	33
Materials Distributed	5,502	250
Project Activities	1	10
St. Clair County Personnel Trained	29	0
Health Department Personnel Trained*	44	12
Incident/Assistance	39	8

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<u>MRC (MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS)</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Public Outreach/Presentations	0	9
Meetings/Workshops/Trainings Offered	34	18
Program Materials Distributed	502	231
Non- Emergency Public Health Event	8	12
Number of MRC Volunteers Trained	115	0
Number of Personnel Trained	5	15
Emergency Response Incident/Assistance	97	3
MRC Unit Volunteer Hours Served	1,303	0

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<u>COVID VACCINE ADMINISTERED - St. Clair County</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Moderna - Total thru 12/16/21	97,895	0
Pfizer - Total thru 12/16/21	237,642	0
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) - Total thru 12/16/21	14,298	0
Pfizer 3rd Dose	9,125	0
Moderna 3rd Dose	1,851	0
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) 2nd Dose	408	0
Total for the SCCHD Mass Vaccination site thru 5/30/21	103,480	0
Total for the SCCHD Mass Vaccination site 10/5 - 11/10/21	7,232	0
Total: SCCHD 5-11 y.o: 12/16/21	554	0

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## 2021 Statistical Reports by Division

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

#### 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

<u>FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Routine Inspection	2,226	1,802
Reinspection	262	127
Opening Inspections	65	52
Food Recall Notifications	59	58
Foodborne Illness Investigations	31	2
Complaint Investigations	105	172
In-services	3	1
# of Participants	26	75
Consultations/Plan Reviews/Fires/Disasters	11,203	8,727

<u>NUISANCE/VECTOR/TANNING</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Complaint Investigations & Rechecks	4	26
Smoke Free IL Complaints	11	3
Smoke Free IL Citations	0	0
Consultations (Smoking, Tanning, Vector)	1,673	1,874
Tanning Inspections & Rechecks	14	15
Vector Surveillance (May - October)	463	450

<u>POTABLE WATER PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Well Permits Issued	26	38
Well Inspections	28	34
Analysis Reviewed	80	91
Consultations	132	183

<u>PRIVATE SEWAGE PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Permits Issued	111	96
Sewage Consultations	1,253	780
Systems Inspected	123	102
Complaints, Investigations & Rechecks	75	112
Home Loan Inspections	1	0

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and POLLUTION PREVENTION

<u>LANDFILL PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Landfill, Compost, Open Dump Inspections, FUIs	77	78
New Open Dump Sites Closed	6	2
Complaint Investigations, Rechecks	75	122
Consultations	184	328

<u>POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Consultations/Presentations	40	176
Materials Distributed	85	676

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## 2021 Statistical Reports by Division

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION & PROMOTION

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Coalition/Advisory Meetings	11	7
Healthier Together mtgs/activities	0	4
Community Organizations/Agencies	6	4
Total Attendance	76	43
Total Presentations	0	0
Press releases	255	281
Displays prepared	0	4
Electronic displays	0	3
Client Surveys Received	2	221

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Website Hits (cannot get this metric)	0	273,866
New Twitter Followers - <b>NEW</b> from previous month	126	13,044
Twitter Impressions - Total per month	319,721	350,968
Facebook Followers - Accum Total Month to Month	101,752	54,553
Facebook Likes - Total for calendar month	68,351	32,283
Facebook Reach - Total for calendar month	1,584,362	582,926

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**TOGETHER.**



### **December 30, 2021 - St. Clair County Health Department COVID-19 Update**

#### **SCC Reported in the past 24 hours & Accumulative Totals :**

- **3,048 COVID test Performed; total Performed 617,921**
- **708 NEW positive COVID cases; total of 48,021 positive cases**
- **3 New Deaths Reported; total of 600 deaths reported**

#### **State totals Reported in the past 24 hours & Accumulative Totals :**

- **196,449 COVID test Performed; total of 44,469,630**
- **30,386 NEW Positive COVID cases; total of 2,149,548**
- **87 New Deaths Reported; total of 27,821**
- **10.2% Statewide 7 day-rolling Average Positivity Rate**

For updated COVID-19 information visit: <https://health.co.st-clair.il.us/>

#### **SCC Daily Positivity Rates:**

- **23.2% Daily Positivity Rate**
- **18.3% 7 day-rolling**

#### **Region 4 Positivity Rate:**

- **13% 7 day-rolling as of 12/27/21**

#### **Current Community Level of COVID Transmission:**

- **"High" – per CDC**
- **CDC Vaccination Coverage by County:**  
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>



# Year in Review

## 2021 Financial Overview

### INVESTMENT IN HEALTH (UNAUDITED)

The Board of Health is charged with providing the broadest possible health programs in St. Clair County with available resources. Funding is secured from local property taxes, state grants and user fees. Funds are expended for goods and services necessary for the performance of our duties. The financials in this chart are unaudited.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (unaudited)

#### REVENUE:

GRANTS & LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	5,622,022
LOCAL TAXES	734,868
FEES	582,027
INTEREST/AMORTIZATION	13,991
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,952,908</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

SALARIES	2,930,333
HEALTH & LIFE INS, IMRF	1,200,231
SUB-GRANTEE PAYMENTS	868,516
MEDICAL SERVICES	574,474
OCCUPANCY	255,627
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	199,136
PROGRAM COSTS	287,674
BUILDING COSTS	83,454
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	467,949
OFFICE SUPPLIES	59,467
TELEPHONE	37,323
CONFERENCES/PROFESSIONAL DUES	20,704
MILEAGE	17,273
POSTAGE	17,618
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	5,016
TRAVEL COSTS	4,821
PRINTING	4,057

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,033,673</b>
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<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(80,765)</b>
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BEGINNING CASH FUND BALANCE	3,777,173
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Change in Fund Balances	71,594
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ENDING CASH FUND BALANCE	3,768,002
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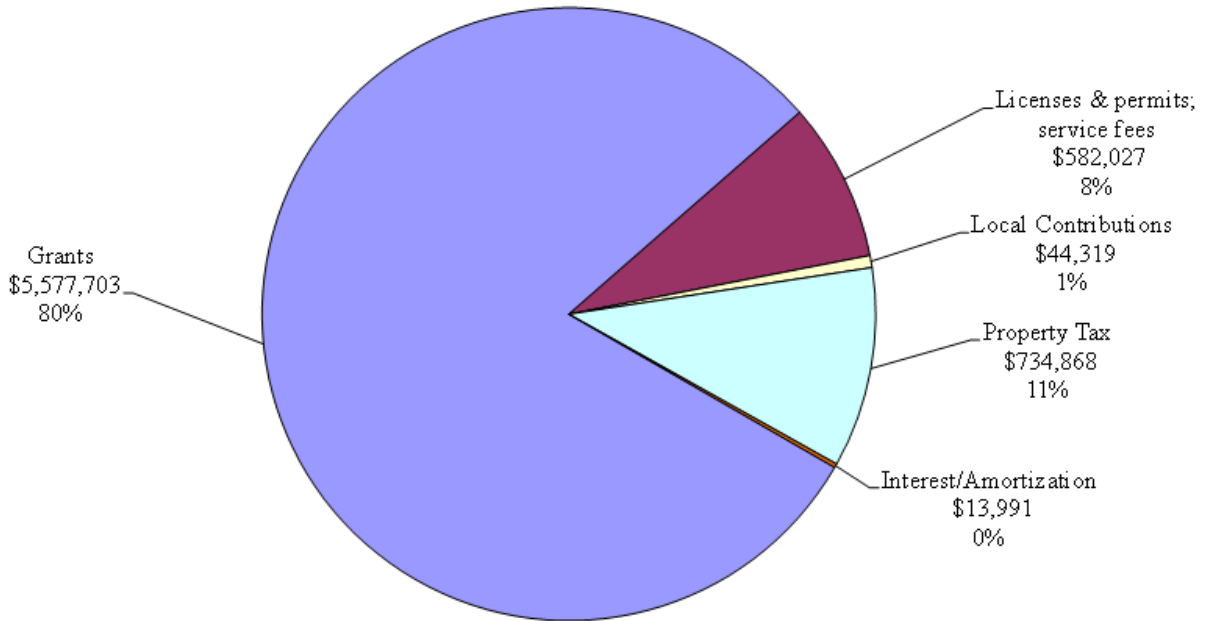
CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE	(80,765)
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## 2021 Financial Overview

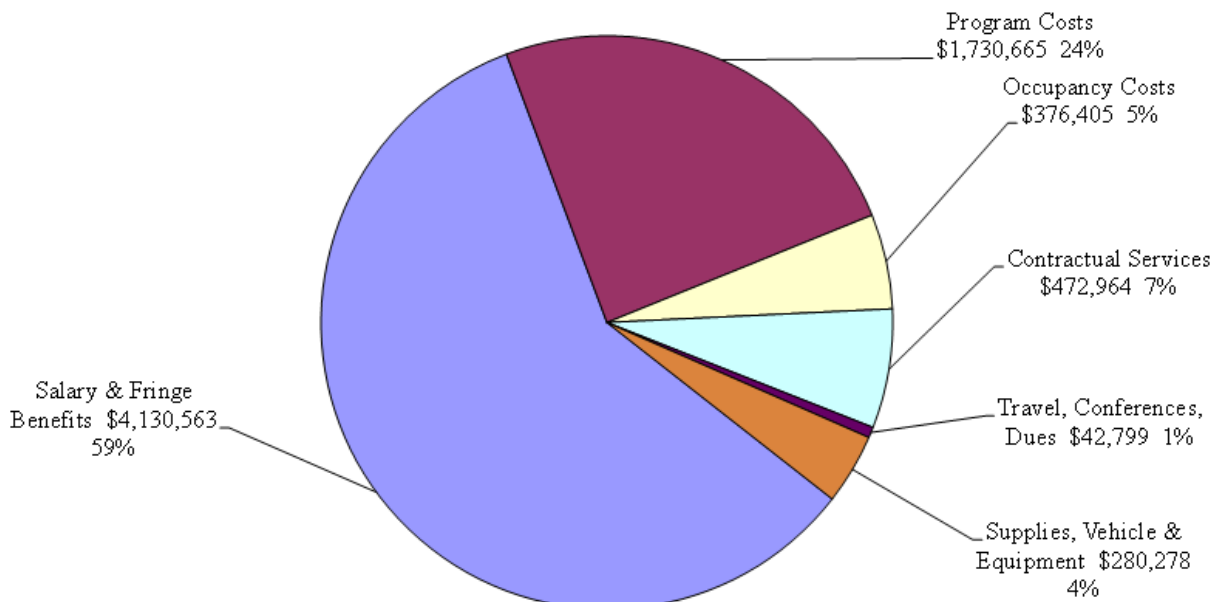
### Year-to-Date Revenue as of 12/31/2021 \$6,952,908

(unaudited)



### Year-to-Date Expenditures as of 12/31/2021 \$7,033,673

(unaudited)



# Year in Review

## 2021 St. Clair County Health Department Staff

### ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Hohlt,  
Executive Director (Retired)  
Myla Blandford, Executive Director  
Kathryn Weisenstein, Deputy  
Director  
Janet Cronin, Manager  
Brenda Fedak, Manager  
Robin Hannon  
Stephen Hardy  
Libby Henson  
Kevin Hutchison  
Kristy Mullins  
Jeanette Muskopf  
Jan Nevois  
Mark Peters  
John Schobert, Manager  
Bonnie Warner

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION

Marsha Wild, Director (Retired)  
Susan Rehrig, Director  
Wendy Bradley, Manager  
Karlee Albrecht  
Amy Baxter  
Jennifer Belfield  
Samantha Bierman  
Patricia Carlton  
Gary Gasawski, Jr.  
Mary Glennon  
Linda Hickey  
Kenneth Hoef  
Tawana Howard  
Kiearra Jones  
Michelle Lang, Nurse Manager  
Iasia Lesniak  
Milbert Neeley-Carlisle  
Kara Rosenkranz, Manager  
Cathy Stein  
Carmeleta Youck

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Sharon Valentine, Director  
Jeffery Webster, Manager  
Leslie Arndt  
Libby Brem  
Betty Croissant  
Michael Gates  
Amanda Lotter  
Raymond Otero  
Jacob Phillips  
Greg St. Clair  
Courtney Squires

### HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS CLINICAL SYSTEMS & SERVICES

Keondra Harris, Director  
Alexa Hall, Director  
Becky Bennett  
Yolanda Adams  
Maggie Coats  
Loreen Crockett, Manager  
Melanie Fierge, Manager  
Renee Gomric  
Janine Gosebrink  
Lisa Grau  
Erin Grider-Way  
Susan Gruenert  
Kaylee Kennedy  
Renee Korves  
Laurie McCoy  
Andrea Mueller  
Debi Northway  
Tara Ojeda  
Janel Parker  
Deanna Rueter  
Donna Sandman  
Karen Thurig  
Barb Whitaker

### COVID TEAM

Robin Blanton  
Cheryl Brunsmann  
Jan Courtney  
Jeannie Cox  
Christopher Cruse  
Asia Dale  
Zachary Escher  
Tierra Fennoy  
Dylan Firestone  
Jess Hall, Jr.  
Stanley Harper  
Dasia Harris  
Daria Hubbard  
Adrienne Jenkins  
Candice Jones  
Penny Kessler  
Melissa Kettler  
Debbie Kraft  
Kathryn Leopold  
Andrea Loyd-Lang  
Madison Martin-Giacalone  
Ronisha McCoy  
Kaylin Moore  
Cydney O'Bannon  
Cassandra Payton  
Shandon Rogers  
Mark Kay Sax  
Sarah Schneider  
Helene Seibert  
Katrina Theiss  
Susan Tinge  
Cher Wiltsie  
Malissa Weber  
Cher Wiltsie



# **A Look Ahead**

## **January 1 – December 31, 2022**

### **2022 SCCHD PRIORITY GOALS**

- Ensure all residents of St. Clair County have COVID-19 vaccine availability and assist with and promote vaccine administration. Work with our community partners to achieve this as soon as vaccine becomes available, prioritizing those individuals who are at highest risk for SARS CoV-2 morbidity and mortality.
- Continue conducting COVID-19 contact tracing activities for Long Term Care (LTC) facilities and report, monitor, and ensure mitigation strategies are in place for outbreaks in schools, LTC facilities, and other jurisdictional entities.
- Incorporate routine HIV testing into SCCHD clinical services.
- Implement 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing for HIV testing.
- Implement rapid gonorrhea and chlamydia testing
- Work toward the establishment of a comprehensive STI clinic.
- Establish MOUs with colleges, middle schools, and high schools in SCCHD jurisdiction to provide comprehensive sexual health education and HIV testing/safer sex supplies where applicable.
- Improve data collection and monitoring efforts to inform quality improvement projects and social media marketing activities.
- Target individuals and communities most at risk for acquiring communicable diseases, including HIV/STIs, to reduce the rates of transmission.
- Identify and apply for funding opportunities to provide Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) services at SCCHD.
- Continue to ensure revenues exceed expenses
- Secure additional funding to support added covid-19 programs and services.
- Reduce infant deaths caused by unsafe sleep habits.
- Expand on-site garden and cooking demonstrations to promote healthy cooking and eating with fresh fruits and vegetables, especially in food desert areas.
- Expand private insurances as payment source for both children and adults.
- Reduce disparities in breast cancer screening, and maternal morbidity and mortality in our African-American women.
- Achieve PHAB reaccreditation and complete Community Health Assessment/IPLAN.

# Information



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19 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 150  
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62220  
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Emergency After Hours Contact  
(618) 301-2907**

**Health Promotion & Wellness  
Clinical Services & Systems  
{618} 233-6170 fax: {618} 236-0821**

Healthy Kids Services  
Breastfeeding Support  
Childhood Immunizations  
Family Case Management  
Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)  
Lead Program

**Infectious Disease Prevention  
{618} 825-4434 fax: {618} 233-9356**

Tuberculosis Prevention Management  
Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
Employee Health Services  
Communicable Surveillance/Control  
Emergency Preparedness Response  
Medical Reserve Corps  
HIV Testing & Follow Up HIV Support  
Services

**Environmental Health  
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Food Service Sanitation  
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Private Sewage Disposal Systems  
Tanning Facilities  
Nuisance  
Vector Control  
Smoke Free Illinois  
Tattoo & Body Art  
Recycling & Pollution Prevention  
Landfills & Open Dumps  
Compost Facilities

**Administration  
{618} 233-7703 fax: {618} 222-1630**

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