



# Dubuque County Health Department

FY 21/22 Budget  
Presentation

# Mission Statement

The mission of the Dubuque County Health Department is to protect, promote, and enhance the health and well-being of all people and the environment in Dubuque County through:

- Assessment of the community and environmental health status, policy.
- Development and assurance that public health needs are met.
- Cultivation of knowledge and behavior conducive to healthy lifestyles.
- Focus of resources toward prevention and early intervention.
- Leadership and collaboration with other agencies.
- The overall goal of public health is “healthy people in healthy communities.”

# Guiding Principles

- We strive for **INNOVATION** and **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT** in our activities to promote and protect the health of Dubuque County residents.
- Our activities reflect a **POPULATION HEALTH** approach that considers the **MULTIPLE DETERMINANTS** of health.
- With a collective sense of **SOCIAL JUSTICE**, our activities reflect understanding and acceptance of **DIVERSITY** among Dubuque County residents.
- We encourage **COLLABORATION** in our activities and in our decision making so that we respond more effectively to emerging issues and assure we provide the highest **QUALITY** of services.
- We recognize the value of a healthy **COMMUNITY** in developing healthy Dubuque County residents. We encourage our grant holders and partnering agencies to work together as **PARTNERS** to build a healthy Dubuque County.
- We will use **EVIDENCE** to plan and evaluate our activities to assure our **RESULTS** continue to improve the health of Dubuque County residents.

# Iowa Department of Public Health Model



# COVID-19 Pandemic Response

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## Daily

- IMT members meeting
- VNA meetings with specific long-term-care, colleges/universities, and preK-12 schools
- IMT daily updates to public

## Weekly (with Additional Communication as Needed)

- Board of Supervisors meeting
- Public health service area region meeting
- IDPH public health webinar
- IDPH Long-term-care webinar
- COVID-19 vaccine committee meeting
- Testing committee meeting
- State-wide county directors meeting
- Test Iowa sites meeting
- Isolation shelter meeting
- Long-term-care facilities meeting
- ICT Hospitals meeting
- Community Partners - Vaccine Providers
- Mayors and City Clerks (via email in the form of a weekly update)

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## **Bi-weekly (with Additional Communication as Needed)**

- Community Partners - Vaccine Providers (Pharmacies)
- Board of Health meeting
- County-wide colleges/universities meeting
- County-wide preK-12 schools meeting
- City Council meeting

## **Monthly**

- EOC meeting
- Fire and EMS meeting

## **Bi-Monthly**

- Bi hospital infection control meeting

## **Quarterly**

- DCHCP Coalition meeting

Meetings with businesses, city councils, and media as needed and/or requested.

\*Now working on translating COVID-19 documents for the general public.

# Public Health Goals

Prevent Future Epidemics and Spread of Disease

Achieved through:

- Health Alerts
- Subcontract with Epidemiologist from VNA
- Water testing
- Healthy Living Grants (Lead Grant)

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Achieved through;

- VNA services
- Care for Yourself Grant
- Dubuque County Food Policy Council



# Public Health Goals

## Prevent Injuries

### Achieved through:

- Community Health Needs Assessment Health Improvement Plan (CHNA HIP)
- Wellness Coalition

## Protect Against Environmental Hazards

### Achieved through;

- Water tests
- Septic system inspections
- Well inspections
- Septic pumper truck inspections
- Lead grant





# Public Health Goals

Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure

Achieved through;

- CHNA HIP (delayed)
- Immunizations

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Achieved through;

- Preparedness Grant
- Exercises/Drills CMS
- Dealing a live pandemic
- Collaboration through the Incident Management Team & Joint Information Committee

# Areas of Focus

\*\*\* COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Vaccinations

## Environmental Health

- Making sure Dubuque County residents are safe where they live, work, and play.

## Public Health

- Supports local capacity to assess, plan, and ensure basic standard of service delivery.
- Increases the capacity of the local board of health to safeguard the health and wellness of communities by providing leadership to engage community stakeholders to support health promotion and preventative services.
- Ensuring local health agencies are prepared to respond during public health emergencies and natural disasters until additional help arrives.

# Achievements

The Health Department has been involved being the chair, member or on steering committee or board with the following planning initiatives or updates over the past year:

- Iowa Region 6 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Iowa Region 6 Public Health Environmental Committee
- Dubuque County Preparedness Committee
- Dubuque County Area Disaster Volunteer Council
- Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Planning
- Clarke University of Nursing Board
- University of Dubuque Nursing Board
- National Association of School Nurses –Past National Director
- NICC Nursing Board
- NICC EMS Advisory Board
- DASAC
- 5210 Grants
- Dubuque County Food Policy Council
- Dubuque County Wellness Coalition
- Dubuque Eats Well-Healthy Hometown
- Dubuque County Society for Special Needs
- Quality Improvement Champion Program
- National Association of County and City Health Offices (NACCHO)
- Iowa Groundwater Association
- Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC)
- Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA)
- Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA)

# Achievements

## COVID-19 Pandemic Management

FEMA required Intermediate and Advanced Incident Command Educational Classes-10 classes to date-NIMS, COOP/COG

## Crisis Bags

- 1800 bags distributed to County Colleges, Schools, Churches, City Offices, County City Clerks/Chambers' Offices, currently and County Offices

## AEDS

- Purchased AEDS for County Maintenance Barn, Western Dubuque Elementary School, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 8 County Clerks Offices

## Stop The Bleed

- Multiple classes provided throughout the county.

## Law Enforcement

- CPR, AED, Bloodborne Pathogens classes

# Grants

Environmental Health Grants:

Grants to County (\$30,300):

**PURPOSE:** Protect groundwater quality through the testing of private water wells, the plugging of abandoned private water wells, and the reconstruction of private water wells.

Healthy Homes & Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (\$8,808):

Subcontract to City Health.

**PURPOSE:** Provide funds to ensure that childhood lead poisoning prevention activities are conducted.

The required services are blood lead testing, data management, environmental case management, medical case management, education and outreach, and the local coalition.

# Grants

Public Health Grants:

Care for Yourself/Wisewoman (**\$36,980**):

Subcontract to VNA

**PURPOSE:** Provide screening, diagnostics, and cardiovascular-related intervention services to low-income, underinsured or uninsured for women ages 40-64 years of age.

Provide services to Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Immunization (**\$29,895**):

**PURPOSE:** Increase immunization rates in children, adolescent and adults for recommended vaccines.

# Grants

Public Health Grants Continued:

**FY13 Local Public Health State Appropriation (\$204,811):**

Subcontract to the VNA.

**PURPOSE:** To support the improvement of organizational capacity of local boards of health.

To develop conditions for healthy people and healthy communities.

To support the local board of health in progressing towards compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards within their jurisdiction.

To support the improvement of local public health capacity to address health priorities by providing partial financial support as defined in 641 IAC chapter 80 (135).

To assure the provision of core public health functions and essential public health services by the CONTRACTOR, as those terms are defined in 641 IAC 77.2 (137).

To assure the provision of public health nursing and home care aide services for persons within the county.

# Grants

Public Health Grants Continued:

## 6-Year PHEP Response Contract (\$35,841):

**PURPOSE:** To support the public health system and assure readiness and response capability to respond effectively to health related disasters within the community.

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness (\$14,000):

**PURPOSE:** To improve preparedness and response capabilities for emergencies whether deliberate, accidental, or natural by helping county public health demonstrate measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving the Public Health Preparedness Capabilities and promoting prepared and resilient communities.

To prepare county public health and healthcare to prevent, protect against, respond to, mitigate, and rapidly recover from threats to human health and national health security.



# Upcoming Projects

COVID-19 Vaccination and Pandemic Response

CHNA/HIP (delayed)

Maintain and oversee all grants for the FY21/22

Environmental Health Education

- Public Health personnel will attend seminars and trainings to keep current on State of Iowa Codes and Regulations on environmental such as water well issues
- Lab Certifications

Further Preparedness Planning

- Continue to develop our County's Preparedness Plan working with key individuals such as Tom Berger-EMA Coordinator. Update NIMS classes for the designated County Employees that will assist in the time of a disaster. Continue with our county wide coalition that will bring to the table the public health agencies, EMS, hospitals, Long Term Care, etc.

Maintain and provide all state initiatives that are directed through the Health Office (i.e. Health Alerts, influenza monitoring, etc.).

# Issues Impacting Department

Board of Health Subcommittees:

- Financial
- Immunizations
- Environmental
- Substance Abuse
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Food Policy Council
- Equity
- Testing
- Mask Mandate

Additional concerns the Department will address in the coming year include, but are not limited to:

- Health inequities among vulnerable populations such as POC, LGBTQ+, older adults, etc.
- Mental health

# FY22 Budget

Talking points:

- COVID-19 Funds
  - Authority to Spend
- Food Policy Council
- Grants (funds TBD)

