

# 2015 Annual Report



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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*To engage and partner in a collaborative and responsive effort with the community and local organizations with respect to the diversity of the community to better serve the present and future generations.*

LaPorte County Health Department

Office Hours

8:00am-4:00pm

Monday-Friday

## VISION:

**"Serving the Public Health Needs of LaPorte County"**

### Main Office

809 State St Suite 401 A

LaPorte, IN 46350

(219) 326-6808 ext.2200

(219) 325-8628(fax)

### Branch Office

302 W. 8th St Suite 4

Michigan City, IN 46360

(219) 874-5611 ext. 7780

(219) 873-3018(fax)

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Sandra Deausy, MD, Health Officer

Tony Mancuso, Administrator

Julie Davies, Administrative Assistant/Office Manager LaPorte

Amanda Lahners, Environmental Health/Food Supervisor

Jenny Smith, RN, Nursing Supervisor

Julie Fetters, Billing Coordinator

Ann Klute, Environmental Planner/Health Educator

Nancy L. Meehan, Office Manager Michigan City

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS

## Public Health Clerks Michigan City Office

Michelle Bealor, Public Health Clerk

Linda Fike, Public Health Clerk

## Public Health Nurses, Michigan City Office

Karen Stringer, RN, Public Health Nurse

Joanne Beckman, RN, Public Health Nurse

## Water Laboratory

Cynthia Ebert, Technician

## Environmental Health/Food Specialists

Julie Cuson, Environmental Health/Food Supervisor Assistant

Patty Nocek, Environmental Health/Food Specialist

Rob Sheffer, Environmental Health/Food Specialist

Patricia Wozniak, Environmental Health/Food Specialist

Brian Campbell, Environmental Health/Food Specialist

Heather Albertson, Environmental Health/Food Specialist

Ken Johnston, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator/Environmental Health Specialist

## Public Health Nurses, LaPorte Office

Carrie Lafountain, RN, Nursing Supervisor Assistant

Danielle Glasgow, RN, Public Health Nurse

Ashley Kwilin, RN, Public Health Nurse

## Public Health Clerks LaPorte Office

Jayne Stagers, Vital Records Registrar

Kristen Joseph, Vital Records Registrar

Melissa Felton, Public Health Clerk

Faith Chapman, Public Health Clerk

## LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael Sandy, President	January 2015-December 2018
Monique Thomas, Vice President	January 2012-December 2015
Tamara Yagelski	January 2013-December 2016
Aileen Stiller, MD	January 2012-December 2015
Annabelle Juhasz, MD	January 2014-December 2017
Richard Houck, MD	January 2013-December 2016
Ali Luan	January 2014-December 2017

## LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Decker, President	January 2013-December 2016
Dr. Vidya Kora, Vice President	January 2013-December 2016
Michael Bohacek, Member	January 2015-December 2018

## LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mark Yagelski, President	January 2015-December 2018
Cary Kirkham	January 2015-December 2018
Matthew Bernacchi	January 2012-December 2015
Randy Novak	January 2015-December 2018
Jeffrey Santana	January 2012-December 2015
Terry Garner	January 2015-December 2018
Lois Sosinski	January 2012-December 2015

## LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ATTORNEY

Nelson Pichardo, Esq. – Friedman & Associates

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2015

**HEALTH BOARD:** The LaPorte County Board of Health consists of seven (7) members who serve four-year terms on a staggered basis and are appointed by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners. The Health Board elects its own officers each year. The Board appointees include individuals with affiliation to the medical field along with interested citizens of the community. Michael Sandy served as the President of the Health Board in 2015.

**HEALTH OFFICER:** The Health Officer serves a four (4) year term in a part-time capacity and is appointed by the Board of Health.

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Tony Mancuso has served as Administrator of the La Porte County Health Department since May 2010. Mr. Mancuso has had an influence on establishing and revising of many of the department's ordinances, which address and reflect current health and environmental issues which impact the local community. Additionally, Mr. Mancuso has initiated and enforced updated department policies to positively affect the services offered to the local community. These changes have initiated enhanced developmental procedures within the department's health and environmental services divisions. The responsibilities of the Administrator can be quite challenging at times, tough decisions that need to be made can create opposing public reactions at times. It is the overall responsibility of the Administrator to protect the public's health and have the best interest of the community in mind, while still adhering to department policies.

**STAFF:** In 2015 the LaPorte County Health Department operated with a staff of 25 full-time employees, 2 part-time employees, and 2 seasonal interns.

**DEPARTMENTS:** The following is a brief description of each division of the Health Department.

**VITAL RECORDS:** Our Vital Records Division provides efficient and effective service from both office locations. Our staff interprets, implements, and enforces compliance with policies, procedures and safety regulations through all aspects of Vital Records processing. This division may also be likened to a Public Informatics Branch as the following critical core services are as follow: the issuance of certified birth and death certificates, establishment of voluntary paternity, amendments and corrections to birth certificates, genealogical searches for birth and death records dating back to 1882 as well as the processing of on line orders that result in a turnaround time of 24 hours.

**NURSING SERVICES:** Located in both offices, this division offers immunizations, communicable disease control and investigation, lead screening, tuberculosis testing and counseling, blood profile screenings, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, travel immunizations and STD testing and counseling.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/FOOD:** Located in the La Porte office, this division issues Onsite Sewage System permits for new residential construction and for repairs to older septic systems. The section investigates complaints and advises residents on a variety of topics such as substandard housing, rodent/vector/bed bug infestation, open burning, trash and garbage, mold, foodborne outbreaks, radon, outdoor wood boilers, childhood lead exposure and unsanitary living conditions. The section also inspects and issues permits for public and semi- public pools and spas, tattoo and piercing establishments and temporary and retail food establishments. Testing is also provided for the certified food safety certification and the registered contractor's exam for septic system installers.

**WATER LABORATORY:** Located in the LaPorte office, the water lab tests water samples from drinking water sources, surface water sources including area bathing beaches, and public swimming pools, spas, and whirlpools. The following tests are offered on water samples: Total Coliform with E. coli confirmation, E. coli (for surface water), lead, nitrate, nitrite, iron, fluoride, and phosphorus.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING/HEALTH EDUCATION:** The Health Educator provides the community with various public health topics. The educator works with surrounding agencies and forms partnerships to share knowledge of social, economic, and cultural factors impacting the health of the community.

# FINANCIAL

## GENERAL HEALTH FUND

1159-219

<u>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Property Tax	508,995.81	00.00
License Excise Tax	220,582.10	00.00
Permits (Water, Food, Septic, etc.)	198,146.19	140,454.00
Immunizations	2,907.00	4,263.00
Birth & Death Certificates	99,080.50	100,087.61
<u>Misc./Reimbursements/Receipts</u>	<u>1,602.05</u>	<u>241,798.80</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,031,313.65</b>	<b>\$486,603.41</b>

<u>STATEMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Salaries	935,873.60	935,811.15
OASI Withheld	56,200.00	54,330.32
Medicare Withheld	13,200.00	12,706.18
County Retirement Contribution	79,300.00	102,332.12
Employee Group Insurance	240,000.00	250,609.18
Unemployment Compensation	4,246.00	4,246.00
<u>Extra Hire/Part time/seasonal</u>	<u>22,186.00</u>	<u>21,126.00</u>
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$1,351,005.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,160.95</b>

<u>SUPPLIES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Office Supplies	11,000.00	10,434.84
Equipment (Service/Repair)	10,000.00	9,703.54
Clothing	1,000.00	1,000.00
Microfilm/Photocopy/Claims	2,500.00	1,237.82
Laboratory Supplies	25,941.89	25,941.89
Education Supplies	5,000.00	4,878.98
<u>Environmental Supplies</u>	<u>10,058.11</u>	<u>9,039.94</u>
<b>Total Supplies:</b>	<b>\$65,500.00</b>	<b>\$62,237.01</b>



**GENERAL HEALTH FUND**

**1159-219 continue**

<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Professional Services – Health Officer	25,500.00	25,500.00
Compensation – Health Board	3,360.00	2,125.00
Professional Healthcare Services	30,000.00	29,593.49
Postage	6,000.00	5,999.01
Mileage	32,000.00	24,524.50
Telephone	11,500.00	8,005.89
Dues	2,013.75	1,423.75
Subscriptions	986.25	627.65
Publishing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Printing	3,178.37	2,210.29
Education & Training	10,500.00	8,430.84
Litigation Expense	7,000.00	6,813.00
<b>__Total Services:</b>	<b>\$134,038.37</b>	<b>\$117,253.42</b>

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
	<b>\$1,550,543.97</b>	<b>\$1,560,651.38</b>

**YEAR END BALANCE: - \$10,107.41**

**LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND (GRANT)**

**9167-0827**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

Grant from Indiana State Department of Health	72,672.00
Carryover money from 2014	10,968.35
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$83,640.35</b>

<u>STATEMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Salaries (Full /Part time)	46,396.00	41,739.91
OASI, Medicare, County Retirement	20,640.00	18,676.16
Employee Group Insurance		
<b>Total Personal Services:</b>	<b>\$67,036.00</b>	<b>\$60,416.07</b>

<u>SUPPLIES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Claims	5,636.00	5,170.14
<b>Total Supplies:</b>	<b>\$5,636.00</b>	<b>\$5,170.14</b>

TOTAL:	APPROPRIATIONS	EXPENDITURES
	\$72,672.00	\$65,586.21

YEAR END BALANCE: \$7,085.79

INDIANA LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRUST ACCOUNT (GRANT) 1206-0723

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Grant from Indiana State Department of Health	45,758.55
Carryover money from 2014	29,490.57
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$75,249.12</b>

<u>Service/ Supplies</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Part-Time Employee	30,079.27	5,686.63
Oasi Withheld	1,545.29	352.60
Medicare Withheld	745.28	82.45
Claims	42,879.28	26,930.78
<b>Total Supplies/Personal Services:</b>	<b>\$75,249.12</b>	<b>\$33,052.46</b>

Total:	APPROPRIATIONS	EXPENDITURES
	\$75,249.12	\$33,052.46

YEAR END BALANCE: \$42,196.66

BEACH ACT (GRANT) 9162-0808

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Grant Money from Indiana Department of Environmental Management	13,209.00
Carryover 2014	8,075.48
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,284.48</b>

<u>STATEMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Salaries	8,866.84	8,866.48
OASI Withheld	229.62	229.62
Medicare Withheld	53.71	53.71
Claims	12,134.31	12,134.31
<b>Total Supplies/Personal Services</b>	<b>\$21,284.48</b>	<b>\$21,284.48</b>

TOTAL:	APPROPRIATIONS \$21,284.48	EXPENDITURES \$21,284.00
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YEAR END BALANCE: \$0.00

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FUND (Non-Reverting) 2704-0526

<u>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
TOTAL:	\$146,032.48	\$83,428.27

YEAR END BALANCE: \$62,604.21

SERVE-SAFE (Non-Reverting) 2705-0526

<u>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
TOTAL:	\$5,770.55	\$5,672.00

YEAR END BALANCE: \$98.55

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FUND 9119-519

<u>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS &amp; EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Carryover	59,286.57	59,286.57
Receipts	0.00	0.00
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
<b>YEAR END BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$59,286.57</b>	<b>\$59,286.57</b>

2015 REPORT OF COLLECTIONS FOR LAPORTE OFFICE

General Fund

	<b>CORONER'S FUND</b>	<b>FOOD, OSS, TATTOO, POOL &amp; RAIL ROAD</b>	<b>BIRTH &amp; DEATH CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MEDICAID FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>7106-03391-000-0339</b>	<b>1159-02194-000-0219</b>	<b>1159-02195-000-0219</b>	<b>1159-02196-000-0219</b>	<b>1159-01065- 000-0219</b>	<b>1159-02251- 000-0219</b>	
JAN	\$ 970.00	\$ 13,032.00	\$ 4,362.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 18,695.00
FEB	\$ 274.00	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 2,574.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 83.30	\$ 884.00	\$ 6,934.30
MAR	\$ 784.00	\$ 2,391.00	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 3,954.64	\$ 12,215.64
APR	\$ 884.00	\$ 3,544.00	\$ 4,968.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 376.00	\$ 9,878.00
MAY	\$ 910.00	\$ 6,667.00	\$ 4,527.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 12,755.00
JUNE	\$ 778.00	\$ 6,410.00	\$ 4,288.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 11,674.00
JULY	\$ 344.00	\$ 4,659.00	\$ 2,952.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 314.92	\$ 8,489.92
AUG	\$ 952.00	\$ 4,793.00	\$ 5,322.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,179.66	\$ 12,539.66
SEPT	\$ 822.00	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 147.00	\$ -	\$ 10,456.00
OCT	\$ 686.00	\$ 17,043.00	\$ 3,681.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 90.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 21,693.50
NOV	\$ 472.00	\$ 19,453.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 24,066.00
DEC	\$ 538.00	\$ 32,302.00	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 58.00	\$ -	\$ 36,043.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,414.00	\$ 118,342.00	\$ 47,808.00	\$ 1,013.00	\$ 1,160.80	\$ 8,702.22	\$ 185,440.02
<b>Total of General Fund:</b>		\$	<b>177,026.02</b>	<b>(This figure excludes Coroner's &amp; Non-Reverting Fund)</b>			

2015 Non-Reverting Funds LaPorte Office

	<i>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FUND</i>	<i>SERVSAFE FUND</i>	<i>STD FUND</i>	<i>WATER LAB FUND</i>	TOTAL
	<i>2704-0261-000-0526</i>	<i>2705-01065-000-0356</i>	<i>2704-02061-000-0526</i>	<i>2711-02199-000-0826</i>	
JAN	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,384.00	\$ 6,684.00
FEB	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 3,926.00	\$ 9,731.00
MAR	\$ 2,615.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 5,970.00
APR	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 4,544.00	\$ 7,889.00
MAY	\$ 2,355.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 8,641.00	\$ 11,176.00
JUNE	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,486.00	\$ 10,906.00
JULY	\$ 3,405.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,066.00	\$ 9,571.00
AUG	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 8,435.00	\$ 12,435.00
SEPT	\$ 2,275.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 8,421.00	\$ 10,816.00
OCT	\$ 2,696.29	\$ 600.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 4,563.00	\$ 8,019.29
NOV	\$ 3,130.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 5,329.00	\$ 8,599.00
DEC	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 12,525.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,026.29	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 71,400.00	\$ 114,321.29

**2015 REPORT OF COLLECTIONS FOR MICHIGAN CITY OFFICE**

<b>General Fund</b>							
<b>CORONER'S FUND</b>	<b>FOOD,WASTE, TATTOO,POOL&amp;RAIL- ROAD PERMITS</b>	<b>BIRTH&amp;DEATH CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>MEDICAID FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
<i>7106-03391-000-0339</i>	<i>1159-02194-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02195-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02196-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-01065-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02251-000-0219</i>		
JAN	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 2,241.00	\$ 5,804.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 14.00	\$ -	\$ 9,224.00
FEB	\$ 536.40	\$ 885.00	\$ 4,090.60	\$ 55.00	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$ 5,593.00
MAR	\$ 584.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 4,642.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 5,915.00
APR	\$ 582.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,503.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 6,166.00
MAY	\$ 402.00	\$ 1,264.00	\$ 3,708.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	\$ 5,413.00
JUNE	\$ 668.00	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 4,547.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 6,427.00
JULY	\$ 596.00	\$ 3,327.00	\$ 4,666.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 8,679.00
AUG	\$ 474.00	\$ 1,869.00	\$ 4,957.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -	\$ 7,557.00
SEPT	\$ 574.00	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 39.00	\$ -	\$ 6,131.00
OCT	\$ 444.00	\$ 4,024.00	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 69.75	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$ 8,088.75
NOV	\$ 604.00	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 4,209.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ 6,975.00
DEC	\$ 588.00	\$ 9,627.00	\$ 4,207.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$14,480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 7,166.40	\$ 29,520.00	\$ 52,771.60	\$ 680.75	\$ 510.00	\$ -	\$90,648.75

**Total of General Fund: \$ 83,482.35 (This figure excludes Coroner's & Non-Reverting Fund)**

Non-Reverting Funds for Michigan City Office

	<i>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FUND</i>	<i>SERVSAFE FUND</i>	<i>STD FUND</i>	<i>WATER LAB FUND</i>	TOTAL
	<i>2704-0261-000- 0526</i>	<i>2705-01065-000- 0356</i>	<i>2704-02061-000- 0526</i>	<i>2711-02199- 000-0826</i>	
			\$		
JAN	\$ 1,760.00	\$ -	200.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 2,167.00
FEB	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 2,733.00
MAR	\$ 2,085.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 2,383.00
APR	\$ 1,655.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 1,904.00
MAY	\$ 1,155.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 1,461.00
JUNE	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 141.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 1,999.00
JULY	\$ 1,950.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 2,432.00
AUG	\$ 2,627.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 2,841.00
SEPT	\$ 2,357.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 2,573.00
OCT	\$ 2,767.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 3,207.00
NOV	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 2,044.00
DEC	\$ 1,545.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,875.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 24,021.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2,041.00	\$ 1,553.00	\$ 27,619.00

2015 REPORT OF COLLECTIONS FOR LAPORTE and MICHIGAN CITY OFFICES (COMBINED)

General Fund							
	<i>CORONER'S FUND</i>	<i>FOOD, OSS, TATTOO, POOL &amp; RAILROAD</i>	<i>BIRTH&amp;DEATH CERTIFICATES</i>	<i>IMMUNIZATIONS</i>	<i>MISC</i>	<i>MEDICAID FUND</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
	<i>7106-03391-000-0339</i>	<i>1159-02194-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02195-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02196-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-01065-000-0219</i>	<i>1159-02251-000-0219</i>	
JAN	\$2,084.00	\$15,273.00	\$10,166.00	\$143.00	\$133.00	\$120.00	\$ 27,919.00
FEB	\$810.40	\$3,925.00	\$6,664.60	\$134.00	\$109.30	\$884.00	\$ 12,527.30
MAR	\$1,368.00	\$2,971.00	\$9,562.00	\$106.00	\$169.00	\$3,954.64	\$ 18,130.64
APR	\$1,466.00	\$4,544.00	\$9,471.00	\$29.00	\$158.00	\$376.00	\$ 16,044.00
MAY	\$1,312.00	\$7,931.00	\$8,235.00	\$37.00	\$101.00	\$552.00	\$ 18,168.00
JUNE	\$1,446.00	\$7,540.00	\$8,835.00	\$80.00	\$111.00	\$89.00	\$ 18,101.00
JULY	\$940.00	\$7,986.00	\$7,618.00	\$146.00	\$164.00	\$314.92	\$ 17,168.92
AUG	\$1,426.00	\$6,662.00	\$10,279.00	\$267.00	\$283.00	\$1,179.66	\$ 20,096.66
SEPT	\$1,396.00	\$6,523.00	\$8,337.00	\$145.00	\$186.00	\$ -	\$ 16,587.00
OCT	\$1,130.00	\$21,067.00	\$7,206.00	\$182.75	\$116.50	\$80.00	\$29,782.25
NOV	\$1,076.00	\$21,511.00	\$7,069.00	\$177.00	\$56.00	\$1,152.00	\$31,041.00
DEC	\$1,126.00	\$41,929.00	\$7,137.00	\$247.00	\$84.00	\$ -	\$50,523.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$15,580.40	\$147,862.00	\$100,579.60	\$1,693.75	\$1,670.80	\$8,702.22	\$276,088.77

*Total of General Fund: \$260,508.37 (This figure excludes Coroner's & Non-Reverting Fund)*



Non-Reverting Funds for LaPorte and Michigan City Offices (combined)

	<i>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FUND</i>	<i>SERVSAFE FUND</i>	<i>STD FUND</i>	<i>WATER LAB FUND</i>	TOTAL
	<i>2704-0261-000- 0526</i>	<i>2705-01065- 000-0356</i>	<i>2704-02061-000- 0526</i>	<i>2711-02199-000- 0826</i>	
JAN	\$ 4,860.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 3,591.00	\$ 8,851.00
FEB	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 3,999.00	\$ 12,464.00
MAR	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -	\$ 340.00	\$ 3,313.00	\$ 8,353.00
APR	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 4,633.00	\$ 9,793.00
MAY	\$ 3,510.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 8,767.00	\$ 12,637.00
JUNE	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 7,524.00	\$ 12,905.00
JULY	\$ 5,355.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 6,388.00	\$ 12,003.00
AUG	\$ 5,867.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 8,529.00	\$ 15,276.00
SEPT	\$ 4,632.00	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ 8,537.00	\$ 13,389.00
OCT	\$ 5,463.29	\$ 600.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 4,743.00	\$ 11,226.29
NOV	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 5,329.00	\$ 10,643.00
DEC	\$ 5,440.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 14,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 61,047.29	\$ 3,644.00	\$ 4,296.00	\$ 72,953.00	\$ 141,940.29

## VITAL RECORDS

Vital Records Divisions are located in both the La Porte and Michigan City office locations. This section issues and maintains birth and death records from 1882 to present for persons who were born or who have passed away in La Porte County. We are incredibly proud of our Vital Records staff and their commitment of efficient and effective service to the public. The Vital Records personnel pride themselves on their attention of detail in preserving, protecting and maintaining the critical records of the public's identity.

The Vital Records Division also collects and distributes pertinent local statistics and data. The statistics that are collected are an essential national information resource for understanding public health key indicators of fertility, mortality, and causes of death and the factors associated with them. The birthrate and mortality components of the vital statistics continue to be key indicators to a wide variety of governmental and research uses. The implementation of the Electronic Birth and Death Registry Systems has proven to be quite effective in streamlining the filing procedures of these records. Through periodic electronic updates, both administrative and research ends were achieved. A birth and death certificate is an essential government record documenting one's personal identity.

This section also provides genealogical research, inputting and updating statistical data on a daily basis. The demand for genealogy information has realized a steady increase over the years due to the public's curiosity of family history.

Cross training continues among the front line staff. The effort has proven to be quite effective in allowing the shifting of available resources between the various division's peak seasons. The public's needs in turn are served and met in an efficient, timely manner.

The front line staff continues to stress to our clients the importance of safeguarding their personal information in order to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft. Again, identity fraud/theft is on the rise.

The Vital Records Staff in the Michigan City Office provide Vital Chek, an express service for ordering birth and death certificates online. Vital Chek is simple, fast and secure. Express delivery is available nationwide and government certified for most official uses. Vital Chek has 24/7 access via online, phone, or fax.

## 2015 LaPorte County Births

### Deliveries By Maternal Age IU-LaPorte Hospital

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
10 to 13	0	0	1
14 to 16	9	4	8
17 to 19	58	57	52
20 to 24	189	187	182
25 to 29	202	195	212
30 to 34	138	108	127
35 to 39	49	32	49
40+	9	5	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>639</b>

### Home Births

20 to 24			1
35 to 39			1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>641</b>

### Deliveries by Maternal Age St. Anthony Memorial Hospital

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
10 to 13	0	0	0
14 to 16	11	13	6
17 to 19	55	63	52
20 to 24	201	187	170
25 to 29	162	152	186
30 to 34	126	127	126
35 to 39	51	46	43
40+	13	9	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>589</b>

2015 Home Births 2

Both Male Genders

### Combined Birth Statistics 2015

#### IU Health LaPorte Hospital Births

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Male	317	295	316
Female	337	293	323
<b>Total Births</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>639</b>

#### St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Births

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Male	302	304	311
Female	317	293	278
<b>Total Births</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>589</b>

#### Total Number of County Births

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Male	619	599	629
Female	654	586	601
<b>Total Births</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>1230</b>

2015 Total of 1,230 Live Births Includes 2 Home Births

## 2015 Annual Birth & Death Certificates Issued

### Michigan City & LaPorte Office Location Break Outs

	<u>MC Birth</u>	<u>LP Birth</u>	<u>MC Death</u>	<u>LP Death</u>
January	233	138	561	485
February	258	182	268	137
March	304	262	292	392
April	288	233	291	442
May	267	176	201	455
June	264	201	334	392
July	393	202	298	172
August	375	246	237	476
September	227	195	281	411
October	233	163	222	343
November	238	146	294	236
December	255	132	293	269
	<b>3335</b>	<b>2276</b>	<b>3572</b>	<b>4210</b>

Combined Total of Birth Certificates Issued = **5,611**

Combined Total of Death Certificates Issued = **7,782**

### NURSING SERVICES

We are excited to share with you another year of great achievements from our nurses at the La Porte County Health Department. The activities highlighted within this 2015 Nursing Annual Report demonstrate our commitment and dedication to our clients and our community. Our health department has had an outstanding year and our nurses play a huge role in the successes that we have demonstrated. No matter what role in nursing we play, we are striving to build a culture that facilitates and encourages quality health care for our community.

The Nursing Supervisor is a member of the Purdue University North Central Department of Nursing Advisory Board, La Porte County Neonatal Task Force, Child Fatality Review Team, and the Head Start Advisory Board. The Nursing Department is comprised of one nursing supervisor, five full-time nurses, and one part-time nurse.

## Goals

Protecting the health and safety of our community is important work that we cannot tackle alone. Our goals in 2015 were focused on enhancing community partnerships and the delivery of public health services in our community. We accomplished that by partnering with public agencies, private sector organizations, and community groups working together to enhance the delivery of health care services. In 2016 we will strive to strengthen our community relationships around national and local public health issues

## Immunization Services

Vaccines have been hailed as one of the most important public health advances in human history. Vaccines save lives by preventing the transmission of infectious diseases and are unique in that they protect health at both the individual and the community level. The LaPorte County Health Department strives to increase immunization rates and prevent vaccine preventable disease by providing quality vaccination services and minimizing barriers to immunization. In addition to providing general childhood and adult immunizations, the department promotes targeted immunizations to high risk individuals including international travelers. The LaPorte County Health Department participates in the Vaccine for Children program (VFC). This program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines for eligible children at no cost. The LaPorte County Health Department is also a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). This is a delegation of authority that authorizes the department to administer VFC vaccines at no charge to underinsured children up through the age of 18. The LaPorte County Health Department administers immunizations in accordance with recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The staff regularly participates in continuing education offered by the Indiana State Department of Health, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and vaccine manufacturers.

*Children from birth through the age of 18 may receive vaccines through the VFC program if they fall into at least one of the following categories:*

- Medicaid Eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Underinsured (have health insurance that does not cover vaccines)

**The following vaccines for children are available through the LaPorte County Health Department:**

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- DT (Diphtheria, Tetanus)
- Hib (Haemophilus Influenza B)
- Tdap (Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- Meningococcal Conjugate
- IPV (Polio)
- MMR
- Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria)
- Pneumococcal
- Gardasil 9(HPV)
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis A
- Varicella
- Rotavirus
- Influenza

**The following adult vaccines are available through the LaPorte County Health Department**

- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis)
- Hepatitis A
- Gardasil 9 (HPV)
- Zostavax (Shingles)
- Varicella
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza
- Polio
- Twinrix (Hepatitis A and B)

**International Travel**

The LaPorte County Health Department is a designated Yellow Fever vaccination clinic. Clients traveling outside of the United States are counseled regarding vaccine requirements and recommendations after a review of the client's itinerary, health history, and immunization history by the nursing staff. Recommendations are made based on current information published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Current outbreaks and travel advisories are taken into consideration during the consultation. Although Malaria prophylaxis is not available through the health department, travelers are given the medication recommendations for prophylaxis and instructed to consult with their health care provider.

The following vaccines are available to international travelers in addition to adult and childhood vaccines that are offered:

- Yellow Fever
- Typhoid

- ❖ 102 clients received 181 immunizations for international travel in 2015.
- ❖ There were 2826 client visits and 4758 immunizations provided in 2015.

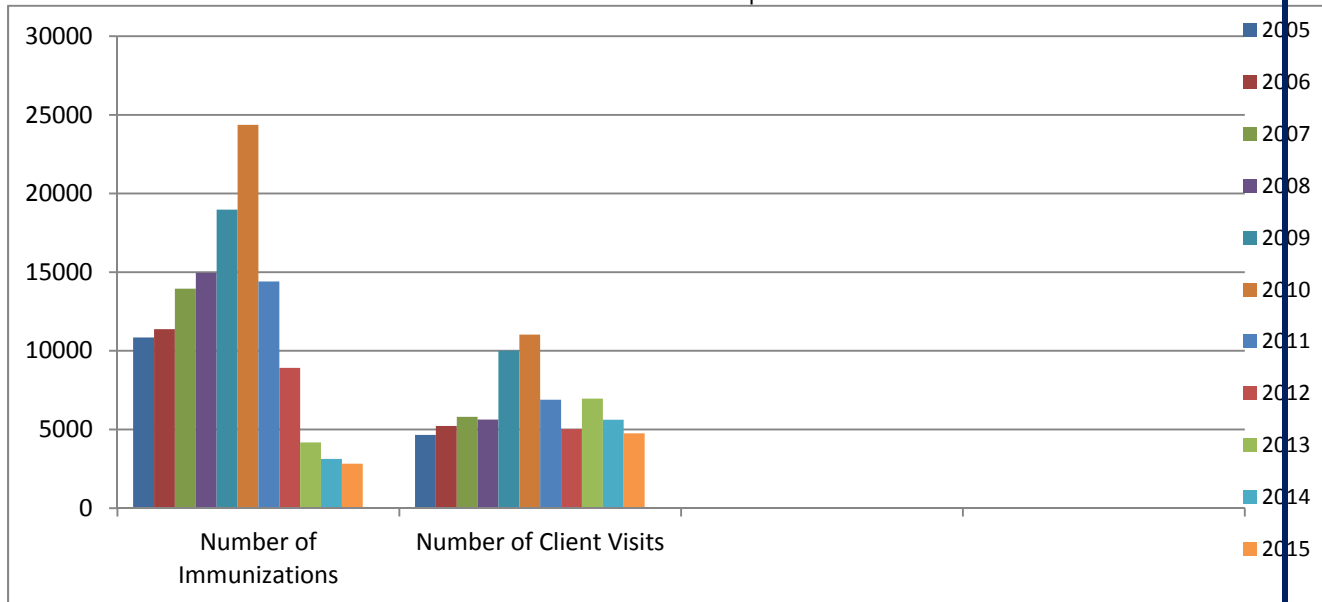
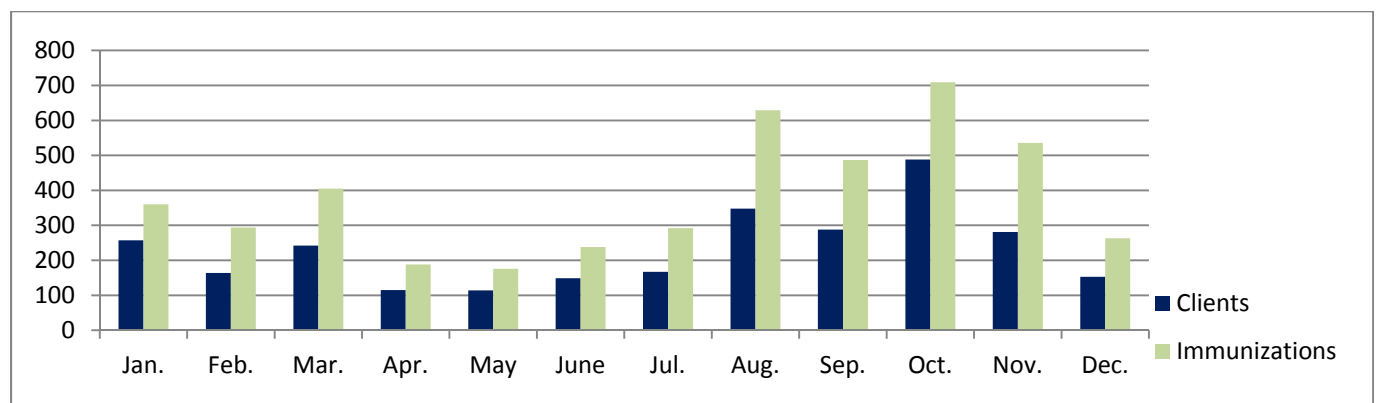


Figure 1: Number of vaccines and patient visits per year (Visits include childhood immunizations, adult immunizations, adult flu clinics, and travel immunizations.)



### Number of clients and immunizations by month 2015

### Communicable Disease

The Communicable Disease Reporting under Indiana Code 16-41-2-1 allows the Indiana State Department of Health to establish reporting, monitoring, and preventive procedures for communicable diseases. Upon receiving a communicable disease report, the public health nurse must investigate the reported disease with a specified time frame outlined in



section 47 of the rule. Any disease that is nationally reportable, vaccine preventable, emerging, exhibits drug resistance, has a high potential for bioterrorism, and would require a public health response is reportable under the communicable disease rule.

Below is a list of diseases that were directly reported to the LaPorte County Health Department in 2015. \*\*

Campylobacterosis	37	Chlamydia	213
Cryptosporidiosis	7	Shiga Toxin Escherichia Coli	1
Gonorrhea	98	Hepatitis, Viral, Type A	1****
Hepatitis, Viral, Type B (Acute)	0	Hepatitis, Viral, Type B (Chronic)	9
Giardiasis	3	Measles	0
Hepatitis, Viral, Type B (Perinatal)	0	Hepatitis, Viral, Type C (Acute)	6
Hepatitis, Viral, Type C (Chronic)	51	Legionellosis	8
Hepatitis C (Unable to Determine)	131	Lyme Disease	32
Listeriosis	0	Mumps	0
Meningococcal – Invasive	0	Salmonellosis	9
Pertussis	3	Shigellosis	5
Varicella	5	Streptococcus, Group B, Invasive	9
Streptococcus, Group A, Invasive	4	Syphilis	18
Streptococcus Pneumonia, Invasive	17	Toxic Shock Syndrome	0
West Nile Encephalitis	0	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0
Animal Bites	169	Haemophilus Influenzae	5*
Yersiniosis	0	Dengue Fever	0
Histoplasmosis	1	Referred for Rabies Prophylaxis	9
Influenza (Deaths)	3	Ehrlichiosis	2
Fireworks Injuries	3		

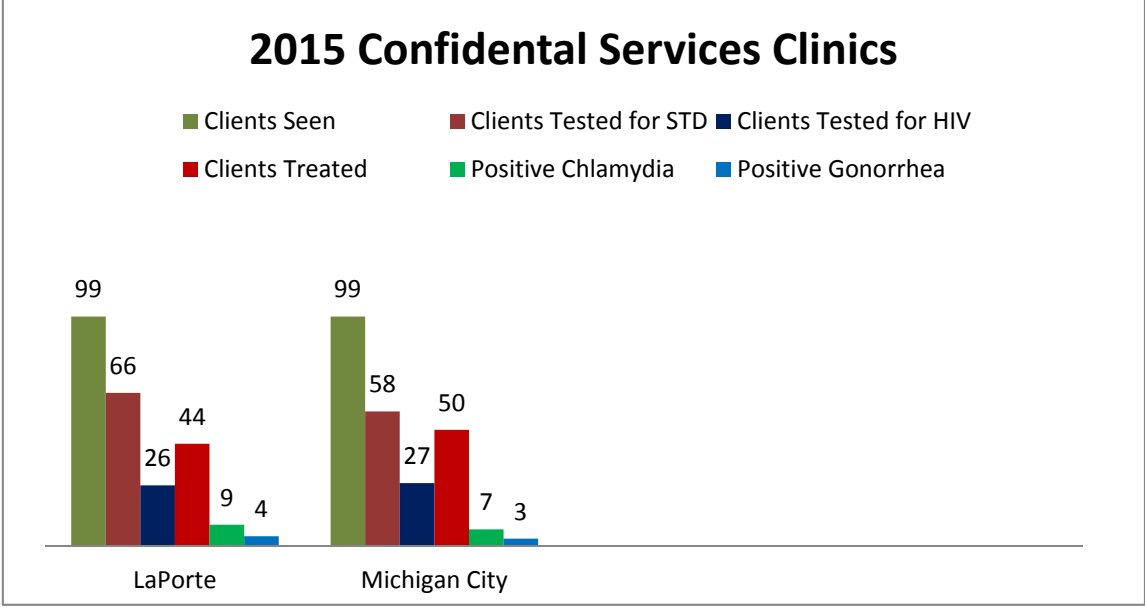
**\*\* Note: Some physicians and laboratories report directly to the Indiana State Department of Health. Therefore, the above data may represent lower numbers than the actual occurrence of these diseases in the county. \* Reported to and investigated by the Indiana State Department of Health. \*\*\*\* DOC Inmates**

**Confidential Services**

The LaPorte County Health Department remains committed to providing services for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections. Two confidential service clinics are held weekly in our offices each Wednesday in LaPorte and each Thursday in Michigan City. Appointments for these services are advisable. Examinations, diagnostic services, treatment, and referrals are provided for a \$20.00 fee.

**198 Clients were seen in our Confidential Services Clinics in 2015. 124 clients were tested for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea and 53 clients were tested for HIV.**

	LaPorte Confidential Clinic	Michigan City Confidential Clinic
Number of Clients Seen	99	99
HIV Tests Performed	26	27
Number of Clients Tested	66	58
Positive Chlamydia Tests	9	7
Positive Gonorrhea Tests	4	3



**Wellness Lab Screening**

The wellness lab screening service is offered once per month in Michigan City and twice per month in LaPorte. This low-cost preventative health care screening provides the client and their physician with valuable information regarding their overall health. We offer the Complete Metabolic Panel (CMP), Complete Blood Count (CBC), Thyroid Panel (TSH, Free T4), Hemoglobin A1C, and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA.) All lab results are forwarded to the client and their physician for review.

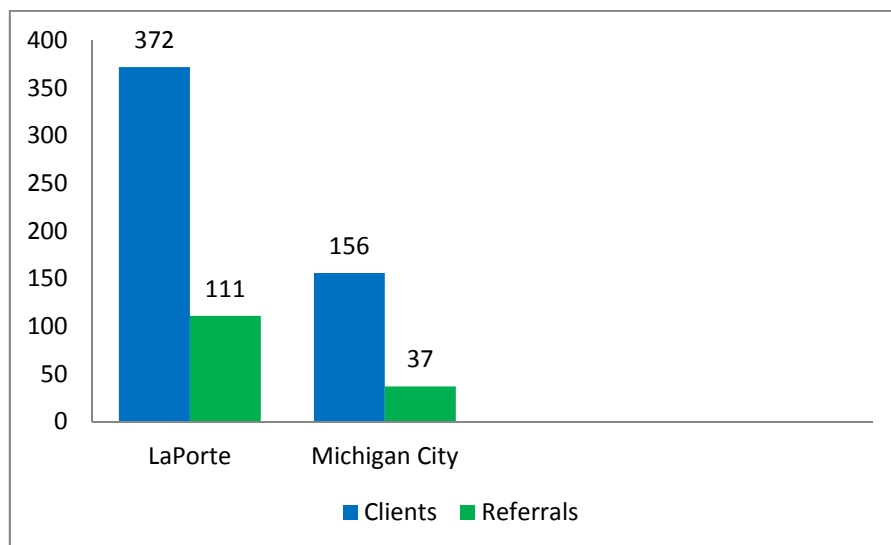
The complete metabolic panel includes the following components:

- Calcium
- Sodium
- BUN
- Iron
- Phosphorus
- AST (SGOT)
- Creatinine
- Cholesterol
- Chloride
- HDL
- Triglyceride
- Bilirubin
- Potassium
- LDL
- ALT (SGPT)
- Albumin

The complete blood count includes the following components

- White Blood Cells
- MCV
- Platelets
- Lymphocytes
- Red Blood Cells
- MCH
- MPV
- Monocytes
- Hemoglobin
- MCHC
- RBC Morphology
- Eosinophils
- Hematocrit
- RDW
- Neutrophils
- Basophils

2015 Wellness Lab Screening Statistics



✚ In 2015 – 528 clients received lab services and 148 referrals were made for abnormal lab results.

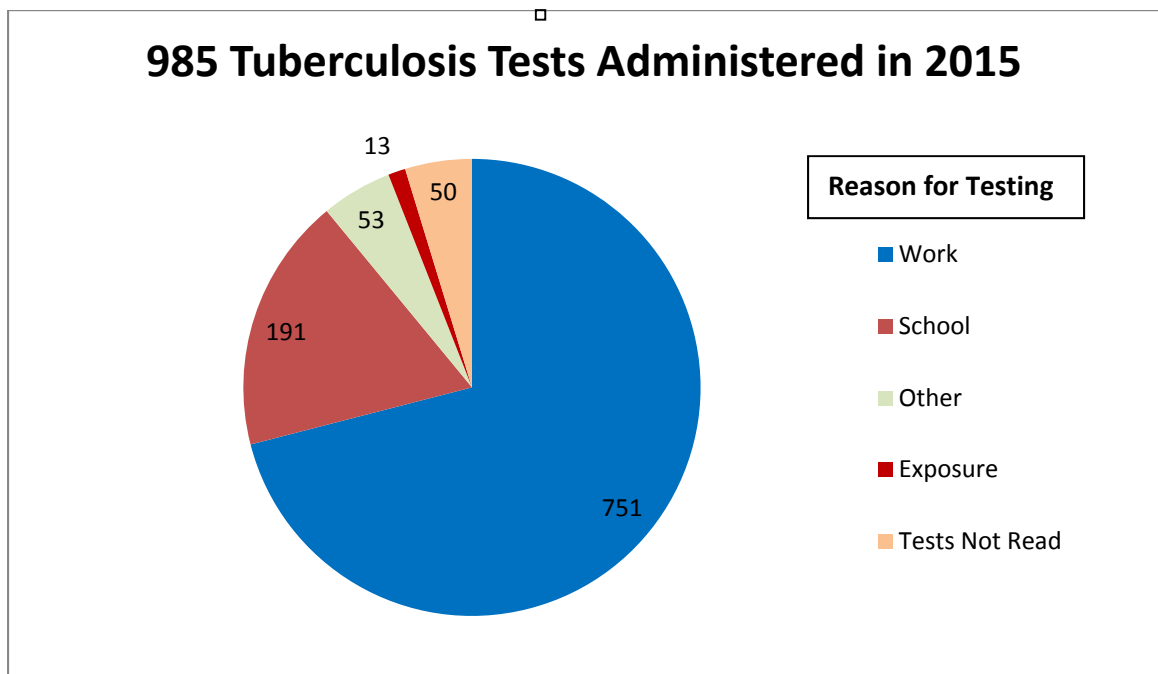
## Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

The overall priorities for the treatment of Tuberculosis are early identification and complete treatment of infectious patients and minimizing the transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis to others. The Tuberculosis Case Manager works under the supervision of the Health Officer and assures that complete and appropriate information regarding each patient is shared with the Indiana State Department of Health Tuberculosis program.

All persons with active Tuberculosis (infectious) receive medications by Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) to ensure adherence and completion of treatment. Patients remain under the care of their physician and health department until this is accomplished.

Contact investigation to identify all people exposed to Tuberculosis is the second priority of Tuberculosis control. Intensive efforts are made to identify untreated individuals who are infected so they do not become infectious. Contact investigations are done through extensive interviewing and follow up of all infected contacts with Tuberculosis skin testing. Persons who are found to have latent Tuberculosis infection (non-infectious) may also receive medications free of charge through the health department by referral from their medical provider.

In 2015, we had one active Tuberculosis cases and 7 latent Tuberculosis cases.



## Lead Program

Capillary blood lead testing is provided free of charge to children 6 months through 6 years of age and pregnant women. The health department provides this service in both offices

by appointment. Families of children who are identified as having elevated blood lead levels receive an environmental assessment and case management services provided by the nursing case manager and a certified lead risk assessor.

We tested 25 clients for lead in 2015. We followed up on 11 elevated blood lead levels found during screening by either the health department or by the primary care provider.

### Pregnancy Testing Program

The pregnancy testing program's mission is to reduce the county's rates of unintended pregnancy, smoking during pregnancy, premature birth and infant mortality through improved access to primary medical care, pre-contraception and inter-conception counseling, family planning, prenatal care and prenatal care coordination services.

We tested 21 women for pregnancy in 2015. Of those 21 tests, five tested positive (24%). We were able to enroll 3 of these women into presumptive eligibility and scheduled with a physician to assure early access to prenatal care.

### Cribs for Kids Program

The Cribs for Kids Program was new in 2015. We collaborated with the Indiana State Department of Health to be a Cribs for Kids distribution site. This entails providing safe sleep education, infant survival kits, and portable cribs for parents and caregivers in Indiana who do not have a safe place for their babies to sleep. Our educational message focuses on key risk reduction measures for safe sleep from the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Institutes of Health. Upon program inception in November 2015, we were able to distribute cribs to 30 clients.

## **2015 HEALTH EDUCATION**

Health Education Department (HED) has continued to assist the other health department programs with any communication needs to the public via press releases, newspaper ads, posters, pamphlets, bulletin boards, and power point presentations. HED also continues to promote activities of the health department through community engagement, advocacy, event planning and agency sharing.

The HED attended health fairs from various groups throughout the year carrying many different topics including but not limited to health department services and clinics, tobacco cessation, sexually transmitted diseases and healthy choices regarding sex and drugs, healthy pregnancies, protecting the environment, navigating the Affordable Care Act, and healthy homes addressing radon, lead poisoning and well water.

Notable events were the Lyme Awareness Month activities, National Drinking water week, Bed bug presentations, Various Community baby Showers, Asthma Awareness Event at Garwood, Friday Night at the Movies, Healthline Men's Health fair, Mommy Meet Up, and the Back To School Health Fair. We also host Purdue Northwest Nursing Students for a presentation and tour of the facilities.

HED sits on various boards and committees throughout the community engaging in the best interests for the community. Partnering on topics and sharing of information is vital to a cohesive managing of public health interests and needs. Health Educator sits on New Prairie Wellness Committee, Healthy Communities, CKF Coalition, Tobacco Cessation, DrugFree Partnership, Neonatal Task Force, and Dunebrook Board of Directors. New partners this year were the Krueger Middle School Outdoor Environmental Education Center, Blue Chip for the Indiana Environmental Health Association (I.E.H.A.) conference, First Christian Church, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

HED has kept up with new trainings throughout the year with the CPST training, Active Shooter Training, Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, and Point of Sale survey training for Tobacco Coalition.

The Indiana State Department of Health offered free booster seats this year to health departments. LPCHD took that a step further certifying the health educator as a CPST-certified passenger safety technician. We've partnered with the ISDH and the ICJI to provide car seats to those in need by opening a permanent fitting station in our Michigan City office a few days a month starting in 2017.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Environmental Health programs serve to prevent disease, preserve the environment, and improve the quality of life. The environmental section implements a wide variety of environmental health programs. These programs include: retail food inspection and permitting; complaint investigations and inspections; environmental and unsanitary complaint investigations; on-site sewage system geographical information systems (GIS)

mapping, permitting and inspections; public and semi-public pools, wading pools and spas, permitting and inspection; outdoor wood boiler unit registration; radon awareness; vector control; tattoo and body piercing permitting and inspection; meth house condemnation; Lake Michigan and inland lake sampling; environmental lead assessments; mobile camp car permitting and inspection; and emergency preparedness. In addition to these services we have a water laboratory that is certified in bacteriological and nitrate testing.

### **Lead Risk Assessments**

The Environmental Health section of the health department has a licensed lead risk inspector/assessor on staff. The assessor/inspector investigates the interior and exterior of homes within the county for the presence of deteriorating lead based paint and other lead hazards. Lead risk assessments/inspections are performed as required by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and in compliance with Indiana Administrative Code Title 410, Article 29 Reporting Monitoring and Prevention of Lead Poisoning.

The inspection/assessment process is prompted when a health department nurse is notified, by a licensed physician or ISDH, that a child has been identified with an Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL) in their system. This notification prompts the inspector/assessor to contact the child's parents/guardians and set up an initial consultation within the home. At this time an interview is conducted, and paint chip samples and dust wipe samples are collected throughout the home. These samples are then sent to the ISDH Indoor Air Quality Laboratories for analysis. If lead hazards are found to exist within the home, then the assessor/inspector provides additional consultation with the property owner by prescribing the appropriate actions best suited to remediate the situation within a given prescribed timeframe. There were 10 new cases of childhood lead poisoning in La Porte County in 2015.

### **Public Swimming Pools**

The Environmental staff continues to inspect and review plans for all public and semi-public aquatic recreational facilities in La Porte County. Guidelines for inspection are set forth in the Indiana State Department of Health Rule 410 IAC 6-2.1 and La Porte County Ordinance No. 2008-15. Outdoor/seasonal facilities were inspected once prior to opening for the season. There were 34 outdoor/seasonal facilities, resulting in a total of 34 seasonal inspections. Indoor/year-round facilities are inspected 3 times per year. There were 21 year-round facilities, resulting in a total of 63 inspections. Inspection totals do not include re-inspections that may have been performed. Some facilities have more than one type of pool (i.e. pool and/or kiddie pool) resulting in multiple inspections for some facilities. The environmental section has 8 staff members that are Certified Pool Operators. All pools in La Porte County must employ a certified pool operator to operate their pools. These pools are a mix of recreational pools, spas, wading pools, splash pads, diving pools, therapy pools, and competition lap pools.

### **Outdoor Hydronic Heater Program (Outdoor Wood Boilers/Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces)**

The Environmental staff continues to educate owners, register units, and investigate complaints under the La Porte County Ordinance 2007-10-B "Ordinance for Regulation of Outdoor Hydronic Heaters." There are 147 registered units in La Porte County. In 2015, there were four complaints, two of which were valid and corrected. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) enforces state rule 326 IAC 4-3 as it pertains to outdoor hydronic heaters, and the La Porte County environmental staff will liaison on those complaints if necessary.

### **On-Site Sewage System (OSS)**

The OSS section works closely with property owners, developers, soil scientists and surveyors to ensure that septic systems are designed and installed in accordance with the minimum standards established by Indiana State Department of Health Rule 410 IAC 6-8.3 and La Porte County Ordinance No .2012-01. There were 178 septic permits issued in 2014 and 158 septic systems were installed and inspected. There were also 178 operating permits issued with dates.

### **Vector control (West Nile Virus)**

West Nile Virus surveillance continues to take place in La Porte County to monitor the spread of the virus during the months of July through September. This was accomplished setting up mosquito traps throughout the county. Several hundred mosquitoes were sent to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Molecular Laboratory for West Nile Virus (WNV) testing. One pool collected from an Indiana State Department Health trap tested positive for the 2015 season. All of the LPCHD traps were negative. Larvicides were applied in areas with stagnant water to control mosquito populations.

### **Beach Sampling**

Grant monies secured through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) allowed the La Porte County Health Department (LPCHD) to continue to monitor the water quality of the swimming areas of Lake Michigan for the fourteenth consecutive year. This contract originally was put in place to supplement our existing program with federal funds from the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act). The Act was set up for states to develop and implement beach water quality monitoring and notification programs. 222 routine samples were collected from Lake Michigan from stops 20, 24, 31, 34, and 37. 341 routine samples were collected from the Inland Lakes. Inland Lake sampling sites include Waverly Beach, Kiwanis Beach and Holton Beach on Pine Lake, Stone Lake Beach, Old Stone Lake Beach and the Boat Launch on Stone Lake, Hudson Lake, Upper and Lower Fish Lake. Results from the previous day's water sample are entered into the IDEM website called *Beachguard*. The LPCHD has had an existing sampling and notification program for our Inland and Lake Michigan Beaches for over twenty years.



## **Food Protection**

The inspectors of the Environmental Health/Food Division enforce 410 IAC 7-24 and Ordinance no. 2013-15 to ensure that the public is served food that meets standards for healthful and safe preparation and consumption. Restaurants, bed and breakfasts, convenience stores, private clubs, lunch trucks, grocery stores, bars, taverns, certain non-profit organizations, schools, mobile units and temporary vendors receive unannounced inspections throughout the year. In 2015, the inspectors performed 1,149 routine retail food establishment inspections and 339 temporary food establishment inspections.

The division works closely with public health nurses, physicians and the state field epidemiologist to investigate suspected foodborne disease outbreaks.

## **Water Laboratory**

The La Porte County Health Department is 1 of 5 health departments in Indiana with an on-site water laboratory certified by the ISDH Laboratories. The LPCHD is certified for the analysis of drinking water, pools and spas for the presence of total coliform with E. coli confirmation, surface water, including recreational beach waters for the enumeration of E.coli, Nitrate and heterotrophic plate counts. The LPCHD is 1 of 2 Health Departments in Indiana certified by ISDH Laboratories for the presence of Nitrate in drinking water. The ISDH Laboratories are responsible for certifying laboratories under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This includes conducting on-site evaluations and evaluating proficiency test samples. ISDH re-certification is done every three years. In addition, the lab offers chemistry screening analysis such as nitrate, nitrite, lead, iron and fluoride. The water lab processed a total of 3232 bacteria samples and 924 chemistry samples.

The lab's last re-certification with the State Department of Health Microbiology Certification officer took place on November 22, 2013. The ISDH's inspection for the recertification process is due to take place on or before June 10, 2016 for Nitrate and December 31, 2016 for Microbiology.

2015 National Drinking Water Week took place May 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>. The LPCHD offered 200 screening test kits to La Porte County residents with residential wells. The in-home test kits were available for pick-up in both the La Porte and Michigan City offices. The screen tests included tests for pesticides, lead, nitrate, nitrite, bacteria, pH, hardness, copper, iron and chlorine. Educational material was provided along with the in-home test kits.

## **Environmental/Sanitation Complaints**

This section concerns all complaints made to the health department. Complaints range from trash and garbage to unsanitary living conditions. In 2015, our office investigated 121 complaints. An investigation into these complaints begins with a phone call and/or site

inspection. If there are no health code violations, the complaint is considered invalid and it is closed out of the database. If the complaint is found to be valid by violation of a health code, then environmental staff will consult with the subject of the complaint and inform them of the appropriate action that needs to be taken in order to remediate the situation. The chart below is a representation of the types and quantity of complaints that are investigated. Not all complaint types are listed. Ongoing and open investigations are not included in these totals.