

Annual Report 2014



INDEPENDENCE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Environmental Public Health

Disease Prevention and Control

Communicable Disease and Immunization



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Health Administration	325-7986
Disease Prevention and Control	325-7185
<u>Animal Services</u>	
Dispatch	325-7205
Barking Dog Hotline	325-7213
www.independencemo.org/health/animal_barkingdogs.aspx	
<u>Chronic Disease</u>	
<i>Building a Healthier Independence</i>	325-7006
Maternal and Child Health	325-7003
Birth and Death Certificates	325-7185
Environmental Public Health	325-7818
<u>Property Maintenance</u>	
Compliance	325-7193
www.independencemo.org/health/codecompliance.aspx	
Neighborhood Code Compliance Program	325-7996
<u>Food and Institution</u>	
Complaint	325-7803
Food Handler/Manager Class Information	325-7194
www.independencemo.org/foodsafety	
Smoking Ordinance Complaints	325-7185
www.independencemo.org/health/smokingcomplaint.aspx	
Communicable Disease and Immunization	325-7185
Communicable Disease Hotline	325-7204

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Advisory Board of Health advises the City Manager, Health Department and City Council on matters pertaining to public health. The Board may also make such investigations and studies in the field of public health that, in its judgment, will be helpful in carrying out its general purposes.

The Board consists of ten members who represent various professions directly concerned with general matters of health. In 2014, the Board was involved in the following activities:

- Animal and Fowl Ordinance Changes
- Budget
- *Building a Healthier Independence* Initiative
- Community Health Assessment
- E-Cigarette Study
- Flu Immunizations for Children K-12
- Food Ordinance Changes
- Immunization Rates
- Medicaid Expansion
- Missouri Association of Local Boards of Health (MALBOH)
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)

Howard H. Braby, MD, Chair

Ralph Ruckman, DDS, Vice Chair

Kathleen Bennett, RN

Caryl Goodyear-Bruch, PhD, RN

Allison Kisner

Donald Potts, MD

Billie Ray Preston

Rick Schrock, DVM

Christopher Sullivan, MD

Jason White

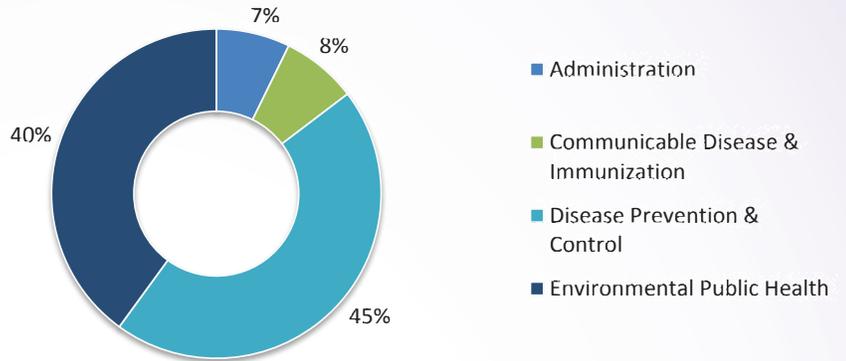
ADMINISTRATION

Health Department Budget

Financial support for the Independence Health Department services is derived from two primary sources: the City of Independence and state/federal grants.

The Department's budget during the 2014-2015 fiscal year totaled \$3,186,871, of which \$432,553 was from various state and federal grants. This amount is further divided into the following areas: Administration, Communicable Disease and Immunization, Disease Prevention and Control, and Environmental Public Health.

2014-2015 Budget by Category



TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Overweight/Obesity

The 3rd Annual Independence Park Trot 5K Run/Walk, *The Mile Starts Here* walking program, 23 gardens, two additional Healthy Corner Stores, and more all contributed to reducing obesity in Independence.

2. Tobacco Use

A tobacco use prevention media campaign aimed at teens was continued for a second year to decrease youth initiation of smoking and two private, multi-unit housing complexes adopted smoke-free policies.

3. Teen Pregnancy

The Health Department hosted a Sexual Health 101 training; a \$1,500 donation from Missouri Care was used for educational materials and tools to be used at community health fairs and to share with partners; and a teen pregnancy prevention web page was also added to the Department's website.



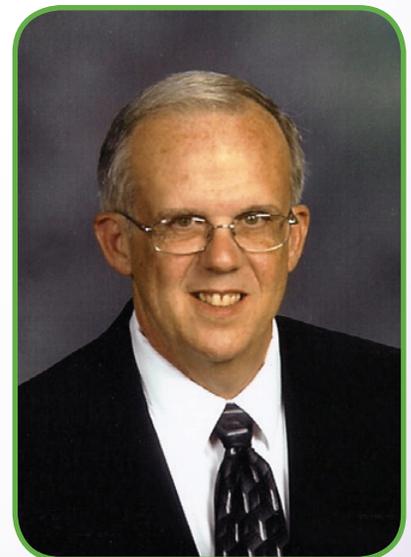
The City of Independence Health Department building at 515 S. Liberty was dedicated as the Barbara J. Potts Public Health Center in recognition of her countless contributions to the City of Independence and its citizens.

Larry Jones Retires as Health Director

Health Director, Larry Jones, MPH, retired January 5, 2015. Larry served as Health Director for 13 years and had over 40 years in public health.

During his tenure Independence became one of the first Cities in the Kansas City Metro Area to pass a smoke-free ordinance and brought together the Child Safety Coalition to prevent child abuse. Mr. Jones also oversaw implementation of the award winning Neighborhood Code Compliance Program and the annual Independence Park Trot 5k Run/Walk. He led the Health Department in offering flu shots to every child at every school site in the Fort Osage and Independence School Districts, and accomplished countless other public health initiatives.

We wish Larry well as he begins a new chapter in retirement as Executive Director for the Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence.



ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Food and Institution Inspections

	2012	2013	2014
Food Establishment	1,533	1,466	1,496
Complaint Investigations	181	195	196
Childcare Facilities	109	106	115
Swimming Pools	79	80	79
Tattoo Parlor Inspections	8	8	8
Soft Serve Inspections	75	70	82
Lodging Inspections	32	44	46
Temporary Events	268	208	223
Total:	2,285	2,259	2,453

5,746
Food Handler/Food Manager Permits
issued,
25%
processed online

Food Safety Training for Schools

Staff taught the Food Handler class to approximately 200 students at Truman High School. Students had the opportunity to obtain their Food Handler permits, preparing them to pursue employment in the food service industry and related fields.

New Online Temporary Event Application

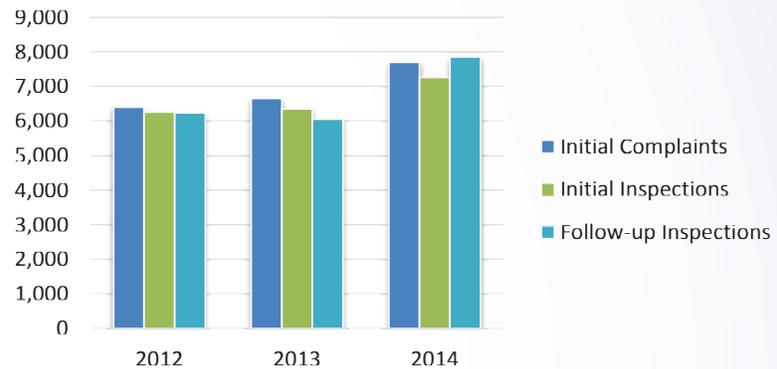
The temporary event application process was updated to include an online application. This effort was made to ensure all food-related temporary event vendors could easily move through the application process. The online temporary event application will be particularly helpful for Santa-Cali-Gon vendors who operate in multiple jurisdictions throughout the country.

99
Santa-Cali-Gon Health Permits

Mobile Photo App Receives Recognition

The mobile photo app, which was designed and developed by Technology Services' staff in cooperation with the Health Department, was highlighted in the Government Technology magazine and received the ImpacT award from the Kansas City Business Journal. Pictures taken by staff using the app are automatically uploaded to the City's server from the field thus streamlining the inspection process.

Property Maintenance Comparison by Year

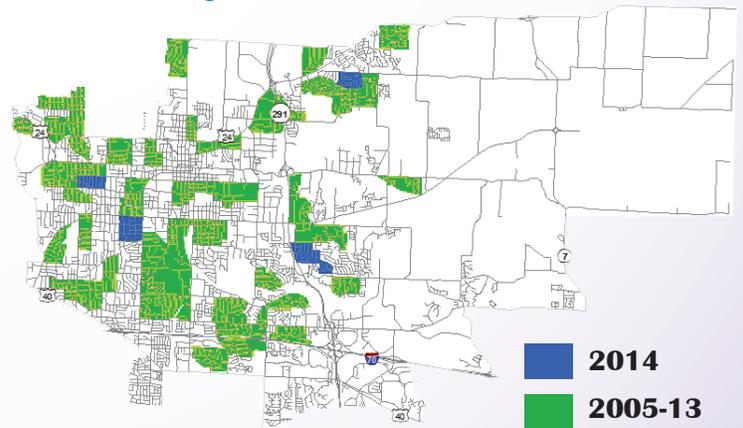


The Neighborhood Code Compliance Program (NCCP)

Staff conducted four NCCP cleanups. The map to the right shows recent and previous NCCP areas.

133
tons of trash and brush were collected
during four NCCP cleanups

NCCP Neighborhoods



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND IMMUNIZATION

Influenza

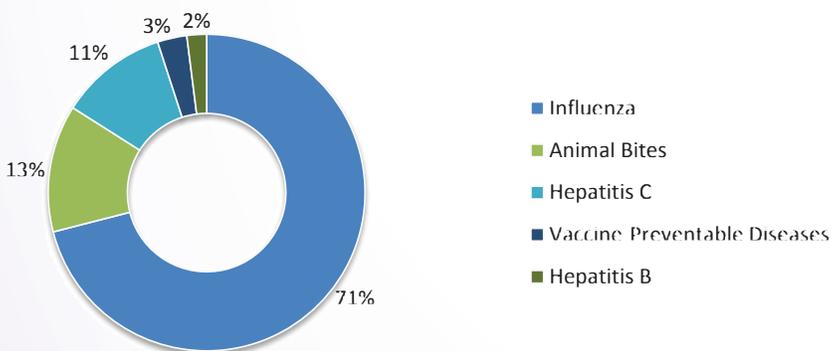
School clinics were offered in the Independence School District (ISD), with 2,173 influenza, Tdap, and pneumococcal vaccinations given to the ISD students and staff. The overall flu vaccination rate for students was 11%. Clinics were also offered in the Fort Osage School District to all children grades K-12. Nurses went to nine sites in the district and administered almost 600 doses, representing 11.8% of the student population. The vaccination effort in the schools was effective in reducing the number of missed days for the students. For the current school year, total respiratory illness cases were lower when compared to the last two years.

The Independence Health Department became Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers, offering flu vaccine at no cost for Medicaid eligible, uninsured or underinsured children. The Department also partnered with Vaxcare to be able to bill insurance companies for those that are insured.

Communicable Disease

Respiratory illnesses were the highest reported cases. Influenza season was dominated with Influenza A that was associated with severe illness and hospitalization. Regionally, the area also experienced Enterovirus D-68 that affected children, with especially severe consequences to children with asthma.

Top Five Reportable Diseases/Conditions 2014



Asthma Education

The Health Department was awarded a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City to continue the Open Airways asthma education program for third through fifth graders in the ISD's elementary schools. This grant seeks to assure tobacco-free campuses at childcare centers and provide school staff/parent education.

Over
2,700
influenza, Tdap, and
pneumococcal vaccinations given
in the Independence and Fort
Osage School Districts

Ebola

Ebola became a new threat locally as outbreaks occurred across the globe. Health Department staff met with Centerpoint Medical Center, Independence School District, Fire and Police Departments, American Medical Response, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to ensure plans were in place should an Ebola case be identified in Independence.

Staff provided an Ebola overview and training to both Independence Fire and Police Departments. The training clarified the role of the Health Department if an Ebola case is identified and what role they might play.

21
Ebola training classes were
provided to Police and Fire

Immunization Audits

Bi-annual onsite immunization audits were conducted at 53 childcare centers and home daycares. Records were reviewed and education was provided.

4,719
child immunization records
were reviewed, and after
vaccination education were
100%
compliant

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Promoting Physical Activity

The 3rd Annual Independence Park Trot 5K Run/Walk was held with more than 2,000 participants.

As many as 70 participants met weekly to walk a one-mile route at several city parks and trails for *The Mile Starts Here* walking program. Approximately 2,500 miles were walked.

Partnered with the Missouri Mavericks for a third year to promote the *Get Healthy Independence* app. This free app lists parks, trails, farmers' markets and community gardens in Independence.

International Walk to School Day at Santa Fe Elementary was a success. Students met at Santa Fe Park to enjoy a healthy smoothie on the Bike Blender before walking a mile to school.



Santa Fe students made smoothies using the Bike Blender.

Improving Access to Healthy Foods

Two additional convenience stores in Independence agreed to participate in the Healthy Corner Stores Initiative, which aims to create greater access to healthy foods for Independence residents.

Staff provided assistance to the 23 community and school gardens in Independence, while three new school gardens and two community gardens were added.



Hawthorne Community Garden was in full swing in the spring.

Reducing Tobacco Use

A tobacco use prevention media campaign aimed at teens was continued for a second year. Independence youth assisted in determining the locations of advertisements placed on billboards near schools, the Independence Center and social media.

323
apartments from two multi-unit housing complexes are now smoke-free

Temporary Animal Shelter

When the Regional Animal Shelter stopped accepting cats from Independence Animal Services in August 2014 due to space limitations, Health Department staff set up a temporary animal shelter in old Fire Station #4. At the temporary shelter, 108 cats were sheltered from August 18 through December 1.

1,325
animals impounded,
responded to
4,403
total cases

Top Five Animal Services Case Types



STAFF LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNITIONS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccine Management Workgroup	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
Graceland University	
Adjunct Professor	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
Community Advisory Board	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City Healthy Lifestyles	
Leadership Academy Graduate	Alicia Nelson, CHES
Healthy Lifestyle Initiative Planning Committee	Alicia Nelson, CHES
Human Impact Partners, Public Health and Equity Cohort	Andrew Warlen, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Kansas City Business Journal, Impact Award	Independence Health Department
Kansas City Terrorist Early Warning (KCTEW) Advisory Board	Mike Jackson, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Presented “Building a Healthier Independence: Multi-department collaboration to combat chronic disease,” at the Annual Tennessee Public Health Association	Alicia Nelson, CHES
Mid-America Immunization Coalition, Steering Committee	Carol Roberson, BSN, RN
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Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA),	
Collaborative Committee	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Excellence in Collaboration Award	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Past President	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Director’s Advisory Council	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA)	
Board Member, At Large	Andrew Warlen, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
NW Chapter Treasurer	Andrew Warlen, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Missouri’s Council for Public Health Nurses	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
National Animal Control Association (NACA), Level 1 certification	Laura Vaughn
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)	
Board of Directors	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Health Equity and Social Justice Committee	Andrew Warlen, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Immunization Workgroup	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
Preparedness, Planning, Outcomes, and Measurement Committee	Mike Jackson, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Project Public Health Ready Review Team	Mike Jackson, MPH, CEHS, CCEO
Promising Practice, Incorporating Mobile Health in Public Health Practice	Independence Health Department
Public Relations Committee	Nathan Matney, MPH
Share Care Free Health Clinic, Board of Director	Larry D. Jones, MPH
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition; Co-Chair	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
University of Kansas, Adjunct Professor	Larry D. Jones, MPH
University of Missouri,	
Adjunct Professor	Shawna Jackson, MSN, RN, APHN-BC
Master of Public Health	Steven Lammers, MPH
University of Missouri Kansas City	
Adjunct Professor	Larry D. Jones, MPH
School of Nursing, Community Advisory Board	Larry D. Jones, MPH

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