



Lincoln County Health Department Annual 2022 Snapshot

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Mission

Lincoln County Health Department is a leader in public health by promoting optimal health and safety through prevention, protection, and intervention.

Vision

A safe and thriving Lincoln County where everyone has the opportunity for optimal health and quality of life.

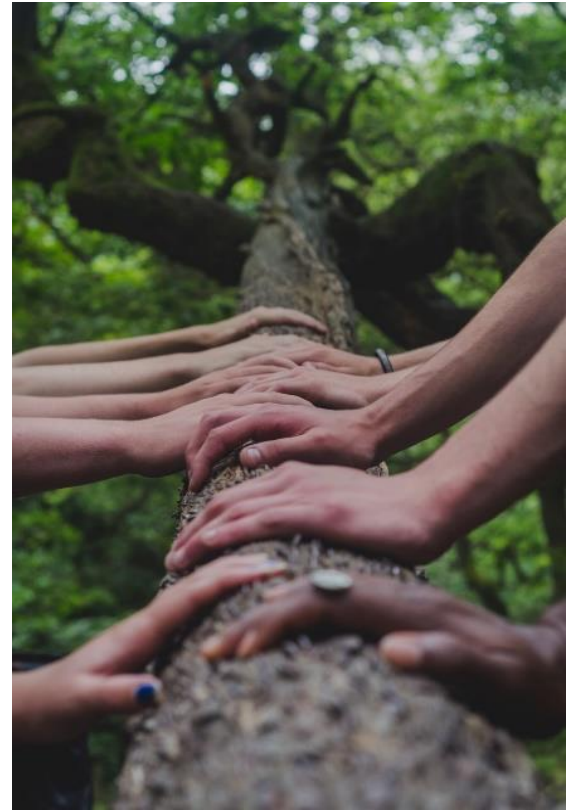
Core Values

Excellence • Integrity • Health Equity

You can learn more about Lincoln County Health Department by visiting:

www.lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com

Or Lincoln County Health Department's [Facebook Page](#)



Lincoln County Health Department is a Nationally Accredited Health Department. National Public Health Accreditation has been developed from the desire to improve services, value and accountability to stakeholders.

Administration

Shelley Hersil, CHES, MPH

Support Staff

Becky Dallman

Teresa Heinzen

Lynn Oberg

Public Health Nurses

Mary Klade, BSN, RN

Judy Sargent, BSN, RN

Marla Reimann, BSN, RN

Kristi Krombholz, BSN, RN

Deanna Engel, BSN, RN

Sue Kuber, BSN, RN

Karen Krueger, BSN, RN

Jennifer Johnson, BSN, RN

Sarah Rust, BSN, RN

Environmental Health Specialist

Michael Mandli, REHS

Meghan Williams, REHS

Environmental Health Technician

Josey Bushar

Public Health Educator

Kristin Bath, CHES

Lexi Buntrock, CHES

Community Health Planner

Danielle Bender

COVID-19 Contact Tracer

Josey Bushar

Michelle Kleinschmidt

Heather Krzanowski

Aimee Dickrell

Sharon Anderson

COVID Response Assistant

Kandie Sippel-King

Health Aide

Gloria Myers

Linda Seidler

Dental Hygienist

Vicki Rice, RDH

Dani Miles, RDH

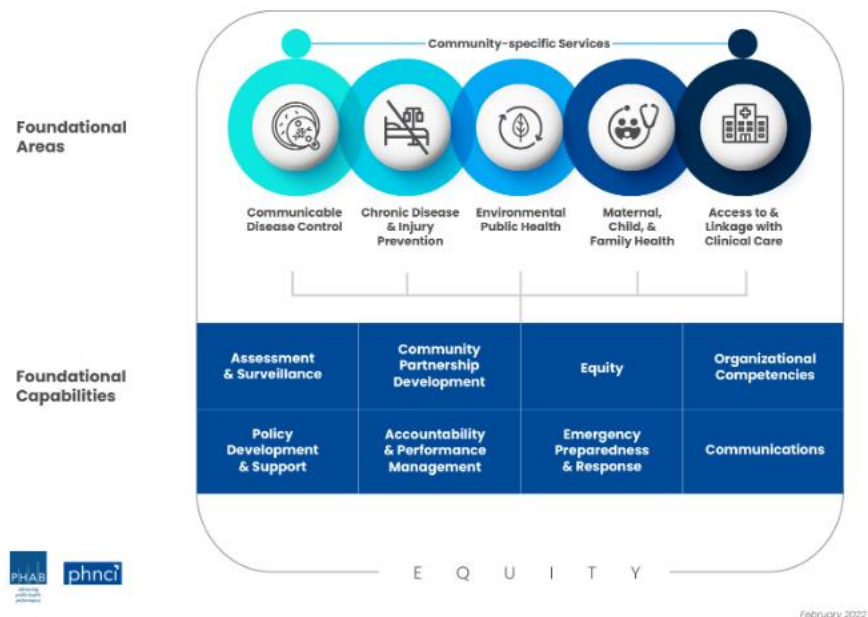
Special congratulations to Public Health Nurses, Sue Kuber and Karen Krueger's retirement in 2022.

Foundational Public Health Services

The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) was developed in 2013, and updated in 2022, to define a minimum package of public health capabilities and programs that no jurisdiction can be without. The FPHS framework outlines the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and can be used to explain the vital role of public health in a thriving community; identify capacity and resource gaps; determine the cost for assuring foundational activities; and justify funding needs. The FPHS was developed to represent a minimum package of public health services to make the case for sustainable funding and to set a foundation for what is needed everywhere for public health to function anywhere.

Lincoln County Health Department provides public health protections in a number of areas, including: preventing the spread of communicable disease, ensuring food, air, and water quality are safe, supporting maternal and child health, improving access to clinical care services, and preventing chronic disease and injury. In addition, the health department provides local protections and services unique to their community's needs.

Foundational Public Health Services



Lincoln County Health Department strives to provide the following capabilities in order to support a community where all residents can be healthy: 1) Assessment & Surveillance, 2) Community Partnership Development, 3) Equity, 4) Organizational Competencies, 5) Policy Development & Support, 6) Accountability & Performance Management, 7) Emergency Preparedness & Response, and 8) Communications. In addition, health departments have to be ready 24/7 to serve their communities. This requires access to a wide range of critical data sources, robust laboratory capacity, preparedness and policy planning capacity, and expert staff to leverage them in support of public health protections.

Source: <https://phnci.org/transformation/fphs>

Preventing the Spread of Disease

2022 Highlights:

- \$3,800 received from the state of Wisconsin to assist with communicable disease prevention and control.
- 27 disease outbreaks (COVID-19, Blastomycosis, Norovirus, Gastro-Intestinal, Acute Respiratory).
- 62 sexually transmitted disease investigations.
- 62% of two year olds were up to date with their vaccinations.
- 22 influenza hospitalizations.
- 191 school based influenza vaccinations for students.
- 85.3% of all students met school immunization requirements.
- 1,497 vaccines administered to Lincoln County residents.
- 3,085 COVID-19 case investigations.
- 1,506 COVID-19 at home test kits distributed.
- 225 COVID-19 testing clinics.
- 1,041 COVID-19 vaccines given through AMI collaboration.



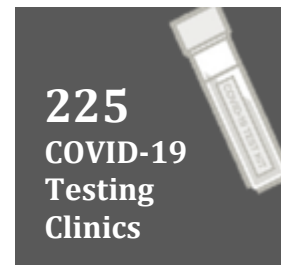
Preparing and Responding to Emergencies

2022 Highlights:

- Hazard Vulnerability Assessment complete with top hazards in order of order of top concern:

HVA 2022 - Top 10 Hazards
1. Inclement Weather (Ice Storm, Blizzard, Extreme Cold, Tornado)
2. Cyber Attack
3. Supply Chain Shortage/ Failure
4. Communication Failure
5. Patient Surge

- 4 public health preparedness trainings and exercises completed by staff and partners.
- 2 corrective actions addressed in the COVID-19 Response After Action Plan
 - 1) Messaging was not tailored for diverse populations and those with health inequities
 - 2) Challenges remain with sustainability of free testing as well as communication amongst testing partners as services and fees changed



Supporting Healthy Beginnings

2022 Highlights:

- LCHD adopted a Health Equity Plan in 2022 – focusing on removing barriers the community is facing when accessing services.
- 233 families received a COVID-19 resource packet.
- 130 Merrill students received dental sealants; of these students, 30% had untreated decay, and 5% had urgent care needs.
- 94 fluoride varnishes were completed for Pine River School For Young Learners (PRSYL) students; of these students 29% had untreated decay.
- LCHD collaborated in offering a back to school Health Screening Fair for PRSYL students. 35 students participated and received, as needed, lead testing, hearing and vision screening, physical exams, immunizations and dental exams.

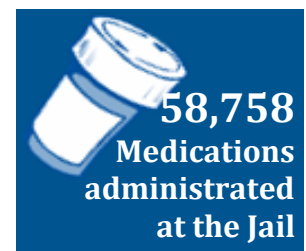


Access to Care and Services

2021-2022 School Health Services for Merrill Area Public Schools

Highlights:

- 71 emergency medications were managed at Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS).
- 177 students had an individual health plan or emergency action plan at school.
- 140 school staff received delegation training in August by school nurse for all MAPS schools.
- 3,190 of students visiting the school nurse for all schools; 80% sent back to class.
- 416 of students screened for hearing.
- 443 of students screened for vision.



2022 Jail Health Services Highlights:

- 58,758 medications doses administered.
- 110 inmate health assessments completed.
- 14 inmates received 17 vaccines from LCHD.



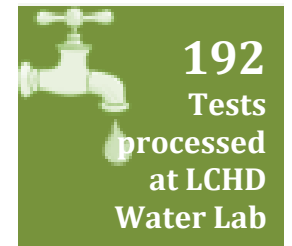
2022 Other Highlights:

- 45 participants for monthly/bimonthly nail care.
- 51 TB Skin Tests given.

Protecting Our Environment

2022 Highlights:

- 4.5% (2 out of 44) of private water tests with elevated nitrates.
- 13.5% (20 out of 148) of private water tests positive for bacteria.
- 2.5% (2 out of 79) of public water tests with elevated nitrates.
- 3.8% (3 out of 79) of public water tests positive for bacteria.
- 92% (237/388) of licensed facilities inspected; 5.1% with enforcement.
- 58 pre-inspections completed.
- 9 follow-up inspections on complaints received from the public regarding licensed establishments (such as hotels, restaurants, etc).
- 10 animal bite investigating with 2 enforcement orders.
- 3.4% (23/290) of children tested for lead poison at 3.5mcg/dL or more.
- 40.2% of radon tests taken were above standards.
- 8 Human Health Hazard investigations with 37.5% receiving enforcement orders.
- 133 Manganese Water Test kits distributed across 16 townships with 6 coming back at elevated levels.
- 192 water tests processed at LCHD Certified Water Lab.
- 100% of DNR well surveys completed on time.

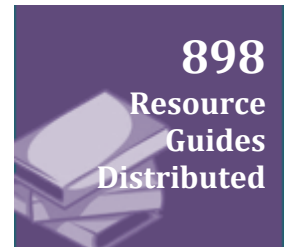


Strengthen, Support and Mobilize Communities and Partnerships

Healthy Minds Coalition

2022 Highlights:

- Updated Lincoln County Substance Use and Mental Health Resource Guide with distribution of 898 guides from September – December 2022.
- 410 magnets distribution of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline from September – December 2022.
- Promoted the 988 during Suicide Prevention Month in September via billboard and radio ads.
- 128 prescription lock boxes and 157 deactivation units distributed.
- Dose of Reality Campaign radio and newspaper ads.
- Numerous education at community events: Gress Kids Day, O.A.O.B. Recovery Ribbon Event, Lincoln County Fair and Community Night Out.



Healthy Smiles Coalition

2022 Highlights:

- Distribution of Affordable Dental Care Brochure.
- Reboot of the school based Dental Sealant Program post COVID-19.

Nutrition Coalition

2022 Highlights:

- Reboot of 7 hydroponic gardens in schools post COVID-19.
- Updated Lincoln County Food Resource Guide.
- Several media and outreach events promoting 5210.



Northwoods Tobacco Coalition

2022 Highlights:

- Participated in personal meeting with Senator Mary Felzkowski.
- City of Merrill updated their definition for tobacco/nicotine ordinance.
- Provided media outreach on tobacco imagery and streaming services.
- Provided Lincoln County Schools with Tobacco Free Schools - Development Toolkit.
- Promoted virtual lunch n' learn on Support Ending the Youth Vaping Epidemic.

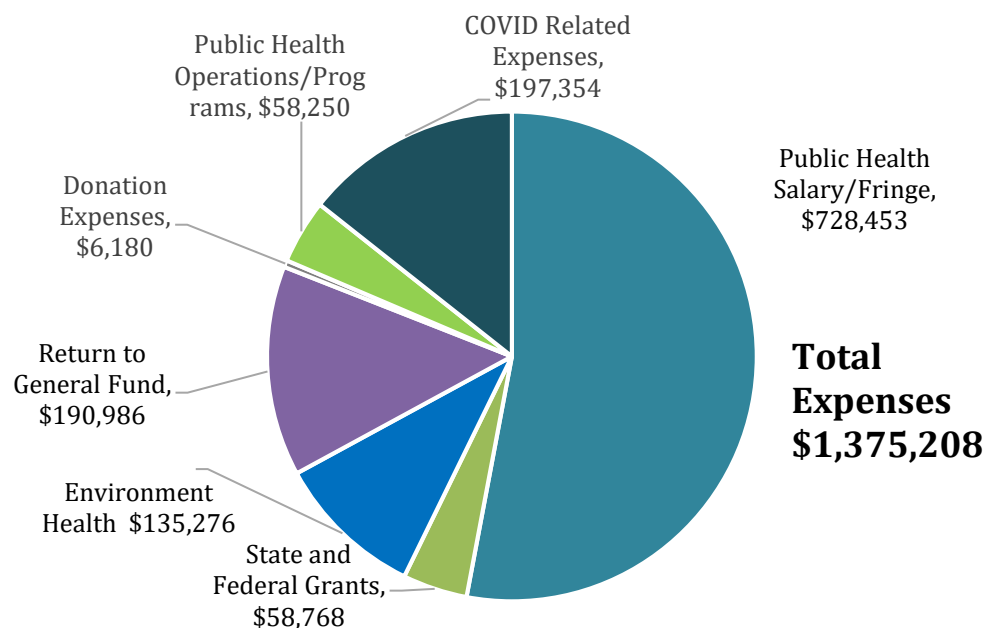
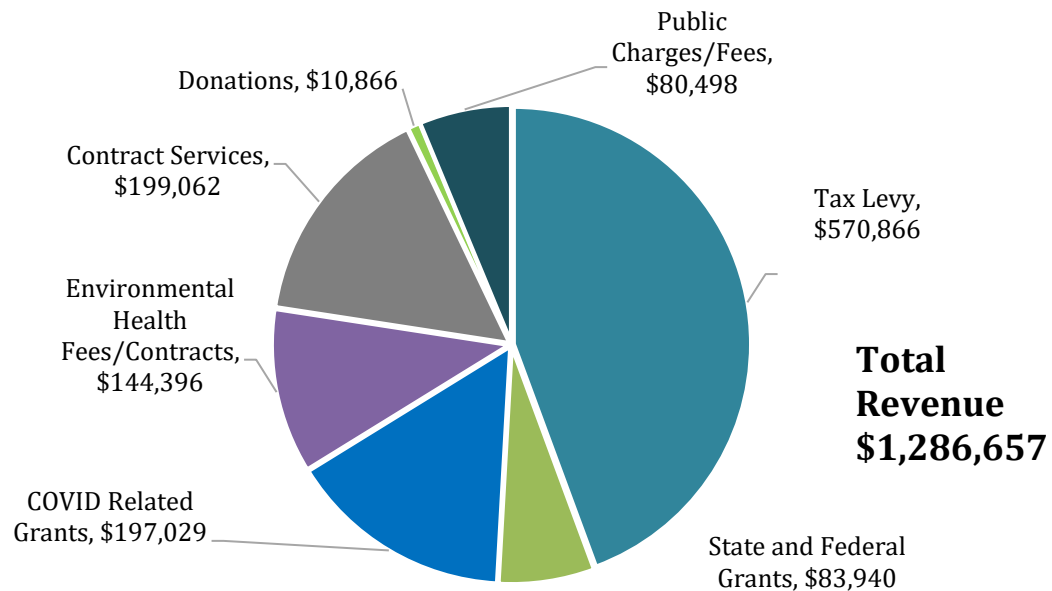
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Lincoln County Board of Health Members:

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Michael Loka, Chairperson
Susan Weith, BSN, MSN, Vice Chairperson
Brenda Mueller, Secretary
Angela Cummings
Laurie Thiel
Steve Osness
Julie Allen

Past Members as of April 2022:

Bob Weaver
Judy Woller
Dora Gorski
Patricia Voermans



Note: Lincoln County Health Department returned \$190,986 to general fund in 2022.