

# **LaSalle County Health Department**

## **Annual Report 2013**

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## To the Residents of LaSalle County:

It is an honor to present to you the LaSalle County Health Department 2013 Annual Report of Services and Finance. The 2013 programs in the LaSalle County Health Department's Administrative, Environmental Health, and Personal Health divisions were offered to ensure that our mission statement to "Promote Health and Prevent Disease" was carried out.

Throughout 2013, the Health Department has been very busy implementing important health programs for the residents of LaSalle County. The Health Department touches everyone in some way or another in their daily lives. Programs operated by the Department monitor your drinking water and the food you eat, immunize your children to protect them from childhood diseases, provide prenatal case management to reduce the number of infants born with health complications, and promote overall wellness of the community.

During 2013, the Health Department moved our Communicable Disease Nurse into the Environmental Health Division for better continuity with food borne, water borne and disease outbreaks. We were also active in several of our communities along the Illinois and Fox Rivers which were devastated by April floods. In 2013, the Health Department spent time preparing for the implementation of President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance mandate. As a part of an association that wrote for a federal grant, we were awarded funding to help assist LaSalle County citizens with the enrollment in the ACA. While the process was not without challenges, the Health Department enrolled hundreds in Medicaid, expanded Medicaid or the Marketplace for access to health insurance.

This report gives the statistical and financial data for each program. The tremendous dedication and commitment of the staff and the steady support from the Board of Health and the County Board provide a strong foundation which allows important public health services to continue in LaSalle County.

Sincerely,  
Julia K. Kerestes

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## **Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2013** **(12/01/12 - 11/30/13)**

<b>Balance on Hand</b> (12/01/12)	\$3,874,738
<b>Revenue</b>	
A. Federal & State Grants	\$2,519,772
B. Service Fees	248,903
C. Tax Levy	909,468
D. Interest	23,858
E. Misc. Income	<u>41,306</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$3,743,307
<b>Expenses</b>	
A. Personnel	\$1,358,656
B. Benefits	263,779
C. Program Expenses	<u>1,571,867</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$3,194,302
County Operating Transfers	\$17,835
<b>Ending Balance</b> (11/30/13)	\$4,405,908

## A Profile of LaSalle County

Population estimate, 2013*	112,183
Population % change, April 2010 - July 2013* ..-1.5	
Land Area sq. mi., 2010* .....	1,135.12
Persons per sq. mi., 2010* .....	100.4
Second largest geographic county in Illinois	
Percent of cropland*** .....	72
Total Acreage*** .....	734,656
Median Household Income, 2008- 2012* .....	52,356
Annual Ave. Unemployment Rate, 2013** ....	11.4%
Median Age, 2008-2012 estimate**** .....	41.1
Births, 2010 provisional tabulations**** .....	1,118
Deaths, 2010**** .....	1,284
Hospitals.....	4

### **Sources:**

- \*US Bureau of Census
- \*\*US Department of Employment Security
- \*\*\*Illinois Project for Natural Resources
- \*\*\*\*Illinois Department of Public Health
- \*\*\*\*\*American Community Survey 5 yr Estimates

# LaSalle County Health Department

## 2013 Annual Report

### Administrative Division

Julia K. Kerestes, B.S., L.E.H.P  
Public Health Administrator

Responsibilities include administrative operation, fiscal management, adherence to laws, personnel management, statistical data analysis, and media relations.

### Environmental Health Division

Ted Pumo, B.S., L.E.H.P.  
Director of Environmental Health

The **Food Sanitation Program** goal is the reduction of food borne illness through education to food service operators and consumers regarding safe food handling practices. All food service establishments are classified into risk categories based upon the type of menu served, the type of population served, the amount of food handling and/or the procedures of food handling being performed.

Food service establishments.....	837
Pre-operational inspections.....	61
Food complaints received .....	34
Routine food surveys.....	994
Follow-up surveys .....	133
Temporary food stand surveys.....	110
Food borne illness investigations .....	0
Food safety training participants .....	1,877
Cottage food permits .....	5

The **Private Sewage Disposal Program** goals are to minimize the risk of communicable disease transmission and to reduce adverse impacts upon the environment from improperly treated sewage effluent. The Private Sewage Disposal Program requires that all installations and/or repairs of individual sewage disposal systems be permitted and inspected by an Environmental Health Practitioner. Proposed subdivisions are also reviewed to ensure proper disposal of domestic sewage.

Total permits issued.....	65
Final construction surveys .....	55
Septic tank pumpers inspections.....	20
Sewage complaints.....	22
Trainings .....	130

The **Potable Water Program** goal is to assure water systems are properly located, constructed, and provide water satisfactory for consumption. Prior to construction of a new well, a permit from the Health Department is required to ensure protection of groundwater. Surveys and sampling of water well supplies are conducted upon suspected illness of waterborne diseases. Biennial surveys and routine sampling are performed on non-community public water supplies.

Number of permits .....	64
Final construction surveys .....	43
Non-community water supplies inspected.....	1
Private water well samples .....	55
Number of water complaints .....	73
Trainings .....	50

The reviewing of **Subdivision Plats** goal is to assure that proposed developments are able to install water wells and private sewage disposal systems which meet current code requirements and protect the public's health.

Number of plats submitted .....	2
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The **Tanning/Body Art Facility Inspection Program** goal is to assure that the equipment and facilities are maintained. Environmental Health Practitioners conduct annual inspections on all licensed tanning beds and body art facilities located within LaSalle County.

Tanning/Body Art facilities inspected...	28
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The **Emergency Preparedness Program** allows the Health Department to take an all-hazards approach in preventing, preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against all types of emergencies.

The **Nuisance Control** program goal of nuisance control is to minimize possible injury associated with a potential public health nuisance condition. Upon citizen request, situations are investigated and corrective action is initiated when a nuisance condition appears to be a public health hazard.

Complaints received .....	48
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The **Vector Control Program** is a grant

funded program which allows the collection/testing of dead birds for West Nile virus, and mosquitoes for West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis. Additionally, large quantities of mosquito larvicide are purchased with the funding and distributed to licensed mosquito control applicators from local municipalities and villages throughout the county. Larvicide is used to treat potential mosquito breeding sites. An annual educational campaign focuses on prevention and identifying potential breeding sites throughout the County. Identified sites are monitored and as needed remediated. Presentations about mosquitoes and the potentially life threatening diseases they can carry are given to students throughout the county.

Onsite surveys .....	26
Vector presentation participants.....	380
Vector complaints received .....	11

### **Communicable Disease Control**

**Infectious diseases** continue to pose a significant threat to public health and mortality. The communicable disease program strives to decrease the spread of infectious diseases through surveillance, investigation, screening, education and follow-up.

### **Communicable Diseases Reported**

HIV Positive.....	1
Bacterial Meningitis .....	1
Chicken Pox .....	33
Chlamydia .....	245
Giardiasis .....	4
Gonorrhea .....	58
Hepatitis A.....	1
Hepatitis B .....	2
Hepatitis C Confirmed .....	42
Histoplasmosis .....	4
Influenza (Non-MR) (1 death).....	1
Influenza A &/OR B .....	4
Legionnaires' Disease.....	1
Lyme Disease.....	4
Pertussis.....	28
Rabies (Potential) Exposure .....	11
Salmonella.....	14
Staph inf. <Age 61 Days .....	1
Strep Invasive Group A .....	1
Syphilis (Secondary) .....	2
Syphilis (Primary) .....	1
Syphilis (Latent).....	0
Tuberculosis Disease .....	1

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act. The law prohibits smoking in all indoor public places and places of employment. The law is designed to protect employees and the public from secondhand smoke. Complaints must be registered by calling a toll-free complaint line at 1-866-973-4646 or by going on-line to the Smoke-Free Illinois website at [www.smoke-free.illinois.gov](http://www.smoke-free.illinois.gov). These complaints will be handled by the Illinois Department of Public Health, local health departments, and local law enforcement. According to the law, these agencies have been identified as enforcement agencies.

Complaints received ..... 27  
Citations issued ..... 6

## **Personal Health Division**

**Cathy Larsen, R.N.**  
**Director of Personal Health**

**The Family Case Management (FCM) Program** offers case management services for pregnant women and children. The staff provides the following services: pregnancy testing; Emergency Medical Cards; monitoring of pregnancies and child development; management of high risk pregnancies and infants; referrals; home visits; and Genetics screening with referral when indicated.

Average caseload per month..... 982  
Court Ordered Paternity Testing..... 78  
Pregnancy tests ..... 152  
Temp. Medical Cards Issued..... 322  
Maternal visits ..... 0  
Infant visits ..... 36  
Child visits ..... 19  
APORS ..... 228  
Face to face contacts ..... 5,164

**The Healthworks Program** provides medical case management for foster children. This program ensures that children receive medical attention within the first 24 hours of becoming a ward, a Comprehensive Health Evaluation within the first 21 days of custody and ongoing medical care.

Average number of foster children served (per month) ..... 83

**The Genetics Program** is a screening service for potential genetic disorders. Disease specific educational materials

are provided to clients wishing to learn more about their potential disorder. Referrals to a Genetics Clinic are made for clients needing further follow-up.

Clients screened ..... 130  
Clients with a positive indicator ..... 59

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** is a supplemental nutrition program that provides a health visit, counseling and education to eligible women, infants and children. The goal of WIC is to reduce low birth weight babies and infant mortality/morbidity while improving the health and nutrition of all participants.

Participants certified ..... 3,137  
Participants in nutrition/education classes ..... 4,281  
Ave. monthly WIC participants ..... 2,161

**Immunizations** - Low cost childhood and adult immunizations are offered during scheduled clinics or by appointment.

Adult Participants ..... 321  
Childhood Participants ..... 421  
Total immunizations provided ..... 1,391  
Seasonal Flu Vaccines admin ..... 1,346

**Tuberculosis Skin Testing** - Low cost Tuberculin (TB) skin tests are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the LaSalle County Health Department.

Number of clients tested ..... 480  
Active TB cases ..... 1  
Positive reactors ..... 11  
Reactors on TB medications ..... 3  
\*State restrictions on TB meds

**HIV testing** is available at the Health Department by appointment, free of charge, for at risk individuals. Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) evaluation and treatment are provided through medical referral facilities throughout the county for minimal cost.

Number of tests administered ..... 245

**International Travel Recommendation**  
Foreign travel reports are available for anyone traveling outside the United States. Reports are customized based on travel agenda, and include recommended vaccinations for international travel.

Travel recommendations ..... 31

**The Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program** focuses on hypertension control. Blood pressure screenings are offered daily at the Health Department.

Blood Pressure checks ..... 78

**The Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program** provides education regarding risk factors and how to conduct a self breast exam. Mammograms, pap tests and diagnostic screenings are provided to all women ages 35-64, who are uninsured or underinsured.

Clients enrolled in IBCCP ..... 2,999 (cumulative)  
Vouchers issued 2012 ..... 445  
Abnormal breast results ..... 98  
Breast cancer diagnosed ..... 2  
Abnormal pap smears ..... 8  
Cervical Cancer diagnosed ..... 0

## **Health Promotion Presentations**

Health Fairs (participated in) ..... 7  
HIV/STD ..... 265  
Personal hygiene/hand washing ..... 120  
Summer safety ..... 80

**The Dental Sealant Grant Program** provides dental exams and sealants at no charge to low-income, non-Medicaid students on the free and reduced lunch program at contracted schools in LaSalle County.

Dental exams ..... 13  
Sealants applied ..... 58

**The In-Person Counselor (IPC)** has 4 Navigators on staff to provide assistance and counseling to residents of LaSalle County who are enrolling in a health care plan under the Affordable Care Act aka "Obamacare".

IPC visits (Oct—Dec) ..... 116