



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions

Reaccreditation Celebration

On January 23, the Kane County Health Department (KCHD), elected officials and dignitaries gathered to celebrate the health department's successful national reaccreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board, extending its accreditation status for another five years. KCHD was the first county health department in Illinois to achieve accreditation. The national ac-



creditation program, jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's nearly 3,000 governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. To receive reaccreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures.



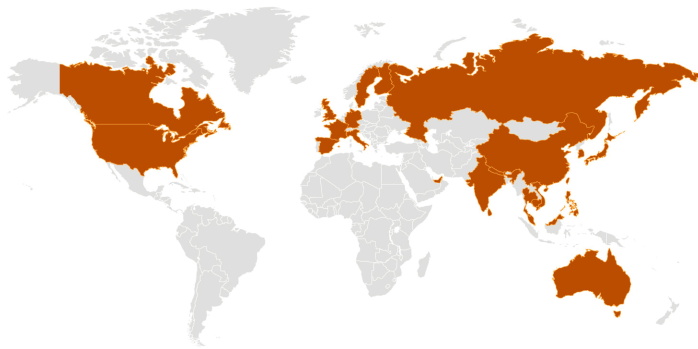
Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Essential Service #1. *Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community*

Novel Coronavirus

The Kane County Health Department is monitoring the Coronavirus situation. As of February 4, there are two related cases in the state of Illinois. KCHD staff is in contact with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. KCHD staff is conducting regular internal briefings and is in contact with Kane County health care providers. Emergency containment procedures are in place and can be activated if required. Information about Coronavirus is on the Kane County Health Department website at KaneHealth.com, and social media (Facebook, Twitter) is



being continuously updated. As in all viral cases, it is advised to wash your hands frequently, avoid interacting with people who are sick and make sure you are up to date on immunizations. Although it has no known effect on Coronavirus, it is not too late to get a flu shot to protect yourself. Shots are available at the KCHD.

Essential Service #4. *Engage the community to identify and solve health problems*

Making Kane County Fit for Kids

Many children in Kane County still spend too much time in environments that do not support healthy eating and active living. Making Kane County Fit for Kids invests in local efforts to make positive changes and one of the major partners that Fit for Kids collaborates with are schools, where children spend most of the time during the week. Fit for Kids will be purchasing stationary bikes and/or indoor tower gardens for a select number of Kane County schools to promote both learning and health. Both the tower gardens and stationary bikes will directly affect students through knowledge, awareness and activities that will develop into wellness habits that result in healthy lifestyles. Kane County initiated Fit for Kids over ten years ago create a healthier place for our children. For more information about Fit for Kids, please go to www.makingkanefitforkids.org.

