

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards



Zika: What are the risks?

The Health Department has been working with its local and regional partners in planning for the potential of the Zika Virus in Kane County, which is typically spread to people through mosquito bites. According to the CDC, Zika virus may be transmitted from a pregnant woman to a fetus during pregnancy or through sexual transmission.

The Health Department wants Kane County residents to be aware that the risk of Zika virus **currently** is very low. Most cases within the United States have been travel-related. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting from several days to a week. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon. Residents should contact their healthcare provider if they have plans to travel to affected areas, especially if they are pregnant or planning to get pregnant.

The Health Department has created a webpage for the Zika Virus which will be updated regularly as new information is received. To access the webpage visit www.kanehealth.com/zika.

Zika at a glance:
Spreads to people through mosquito bites

Wear Protective Clothing

Use Insect Repellent

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 #5

[Develop public health policies and plans](#)

From left, Sheriff Donald Kramer, Chief Deputy Thomas Baumgartner, Health Department Emergency Response Coordinator Jennifer Fearday, Office of Emergency Management Director Donald Bryant, Lt. Chris Collins and OEM Deputy Director Sean Madison at the public health emergency drill Feb. 4



Recent drill practiced medicine distribution

The Health Department collaborates with our county and community partners to address public health emergencies. Recently the health department organized a drill for mass distribution of medicine to our critical responders. Using NIMS (National Incident Management System), the health department collaborated with the County's Office of Emergency Management, Sheriff and Transportation Department to run a successful drill for mass distribution of medicine to our critical responders.

Essential Service #4

[Engage the community to identify and solve health problems](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics Illinois Chapter



Prestigious journal publishes article written by KCHD

As part of the promotion for National Radon Action Month 2016, Director of Health Promotion Theresa Heaton, along with Tom Schlueter, Communications Coordinator, penned an article for the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition that was published in the Winter 2015-2016 edition of **Illinois Pediatrician**, the official magazine of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Illinois Chapter, titled **"Making Radon Risk Prevention 'Just What the Doctor Ordered' in Pediatrics."** Publication of this article raises awareness for this important health concern.

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