

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service No. 5

Develop public health policies and plans



Setting Health Priorities

The Kane County Health Department, in collaboration with the five county hospitals and the INC Board, conducted a Community Health Assessment or “CHA,” to identify major health concerns within the community. The data collection consisted of just over 1,050 residents participating in a phone survey, as well as 158 key informants completing an online survey. On May 10th, the data was presented to the Kane County stakeholders, who then voted to prioritize the health needs based on scope and severity, and the ability to impact the issue. This process yielded the top three issues as: (1) mental health, (2) nutrition, physical activity, and weight, and (3) substance abuse. The priorities now will be incorporated into the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). For more information, click [here](#).



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 No. 2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards

Why is Excessive Heat so Dangerous?

- Heat becomes especially dangerous if it lingers for more than one day.
- Hot days and warm nights don't give our bodies time to cool down.
- Heat islands can intensify extreme hot weather, which can cause breathing problems, heat cramps, heat stroke, and may lead to illness or even death.

What can You do?

- Check on your friends, family and neighbors during heat waves.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and drink water often. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
- Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are outside or in a building without air conditioning.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area. Air conditioning is the strongest protective factor against heat-related illness.

Never leave children, disabled adults or pets in parked vehicles!

Practicing heat safety wherever you are

It's midway through June and we've already had a taste of hot, humid weather. Is this what we can expect for the rest of the summer of 2018? The Health Department and Office of Emergency Management monitor extreme conditions throughout the summer. You can find more information on the [OEM website](#) and the [National Weather Service's website](#).

Essential Service No. 4

Engage the community to identify and solve health problems

MIDWEST GROWS GREEN AN ECO-FRIENDLY LAWN

Keep ON The Grass

MIDWEST PESTICIDE ACTION CENTER
MidwestPesticideAction.org

Take the Pledge at bit.ly/MGGpledge

EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES:

Carcinogenic	Reproductive Effects	Live/Offspring Damage	Asthma Triggers
19	21	26	27
Birth Defects	Neurotoxins		
13	15		

30 Common Lawn Pesticides

Conventional landscape practices and products can potentially harm our children, wildlife and water.

Look for the Eco-Friendly Shelf Tag that identifies less-toxic lawn care products!

MIDWEST GROWS GREEN

ECO FRIENDLY

Our store is proud to partner with the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition and Midwest Pesticide Action Center.

Keep ON The Grass

There are 27 retailers participating in the Healthy Lawns initiative throughout Illinois with the Midwest Pesticide Action Center (MPAC) – more than a third of them from the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition's efforts in collaboration with MPAC. A list of participating retailers that shows all 10 from Kane County is available by clicking [here](#). More information about the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition is available by clicking [here](#).