

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

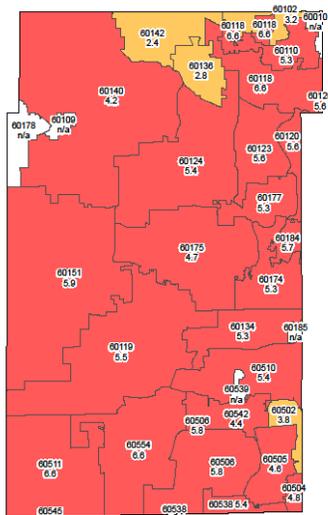
Essential Service #2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards

Raising awareness  
of the dangers of radon

The U.S. EPA has found that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers. Because of the geology in northeast Illinois, the homes in Kane County have the potential for higher levels of radon. As a way to raise awareness of National Radon Awareness Month during January, the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition has partnered with 12 local home improvement stores to promote testing your home for radon gas. The Coalition is also working with 12 public libraries in the county to increase awareness through displays, including advertising for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency-sponsored poster contest for middle school students and video contest for high school students. Learn more about radon, how to test and to fix the problem at [kanehealth.com/radon.htm](http://kanehealth.com/radon.htm).

Kane County Radon Levels by Zip Code



Average Measurement  
 >= 4 pCi/L    2 to 3.9 pCi/L    n/a  
 Source: Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)  
 IEMA recommends a level of less than 4 pCi/L.



**National Wear Red Day:**  
 Held on the first Friday in February  
 (Feb. 3, 2017) every year to raise  
 awareness about heart disease being  
 the No. 1 killer of women. More info at:  
<http://kanehealth.com/heart.htm>



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

Departmental Statistics: [www.kanehealth.com/phc.htm](http://www.kanehealth.com/phc.htm)

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



#GiveKaneAVoice

Follow along as Kane County accepts the challenge!

Interested in participating? Contact: [romanterry@co.kane.il.us](mailto:romanterry@co.kane.il.us) or call at (630) 264-7653

**Your ZIP code is a greater indicator of your health and longevity than your genetic code.** *Source: CDC*

**Local Councils gathering steam**

After the successful first two meetings in November and December, the Community Councils formed in Carpentersville, Elgin and Aurora will continue their work in January as they continue to gather important input from residents. The focus of the councils is to learn exactly what each unique community needs to improve the health of the people who live there. More information is available by clicking [here](#).

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Kane County Sheriff Donald Kramer hands a check for \$57,000 to Executive Director Barbara Jeffers, MPH. to be used to help continue the successful Nalaxone program. Looking on from left, Nurse Judy Zwart, Support Associate Diane Dawson, Nurse Cheryl Kane and Director of Disease Prevention Sharon Sillitti. To learn more about opioid abuse and Narcan, click [here](#).

**Funds ensure continued supplies of Narcan**

Using money from the Drug Education Fund, Sheriff Donald Kramer presented a \$57,000 check to the Health Department to help continue the Narcan program. The money will go to supply police officers and some school nurses. It has been effective in reversing heroin overdoses and is being carried by police agencies and other first responders as a way to give quicker treatment before paramedics arrive.