



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets

Kane Health Counts Community Survey

Kane Health Counts is conducting a Community Health Survey as part of a collaborative Community Health Assessment process. This type of assessment is conducted every three years



to better understand the health needs of the community. As the public health system faces challenging times amid COVID – 19, civil unrest and instability in the economy and job market, now is an important time to assess the county’s status.

Kane Health Counts has contracted with Claritas to conduct focus groups, create the survey, and provide marketing support to promote the survey. This survey allows community members to tell the county about what they feel are the important issues impacting citizens of Kane County. The results of this survey, combined with other community data, will help Kane Health Counts as well as other public health representatives and community service organizations better understand community health concerns in order to guide improvement efforts. The information collected from this survey will provide valuable input for the development of the next Community Health Improvement Plan.

Help Kane Health Counts better understand the County’s health needs by gathering many different voices from the community. Kane County residents are encouraged to complete the electronic survey, accessible through Monday, November 2nd from the Kane Health Counts website at: KaneHealthCounts.org.

Ten Essential Services of Public Health 2020

1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public’s health
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health

Essential Service #3, Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it

Virtual Parent Cafés

Members of the Kane County System of Care implementation team identified a need for more informal supports for parents whose children were experiencing mental health issues as well as opportunities for parents to connect with other parents. Based on this identified need, the System of Care is offering series of Parent Cafés in partnership with service providers.

Parent Cafés are emotionally safe spaces where parents and caregivers talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family. Through individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning, parents explore their strengths, learn about the Protective Factors, and create strategies from their own wisdom and experiences to help strengthen their families.

The Parent Cafés are sponsored by the Kane County System of Care, a coordinated network of community providers and parents led by the Kane County Health Department. Their goal is to support a wide array of services that improve mental health outcomes for children and families. The cafés are hosted in English and Spanish. The cafés are sponsored by the Fox Valley United Way, Family Focus and the Kane County Health Department.



JUEVES 10/08 & 10/22, 6:00PM
LA MONTAÑA RUSA DEL CORONAVIRUS



THURS 10/15 & 10/29, 6:00PM | RIDING THE CORONA COASTER

Essential Service #4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health

Emergency Preparedness

The Kane County Health Department Emergency Response Program was called to service to the COVID-19 crisis by distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the State of Illinois, as well as private donors. In total, Emergency Response provided 80,000 surgical masks, 21,000 N95 masks, 3,000 face shields and 88,000 pairs of gloves to long-term care facilities, hospitals, food pantries, healthcare/oral health providers, and shelters.



The group's attention has now turned to planning mass distribution of COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. Medical volunteers and medical students are being recruited to help staff the public Points of Distribution (PODs) that will be set up throughout the county. The group will also coordinate closed PODs (non-public) distribution to long-term care facilities, jails, schools and other similar facilities. A drive-through flu shot clinic for State employees in October served as a test for potential COVID vaccination PODs.