

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

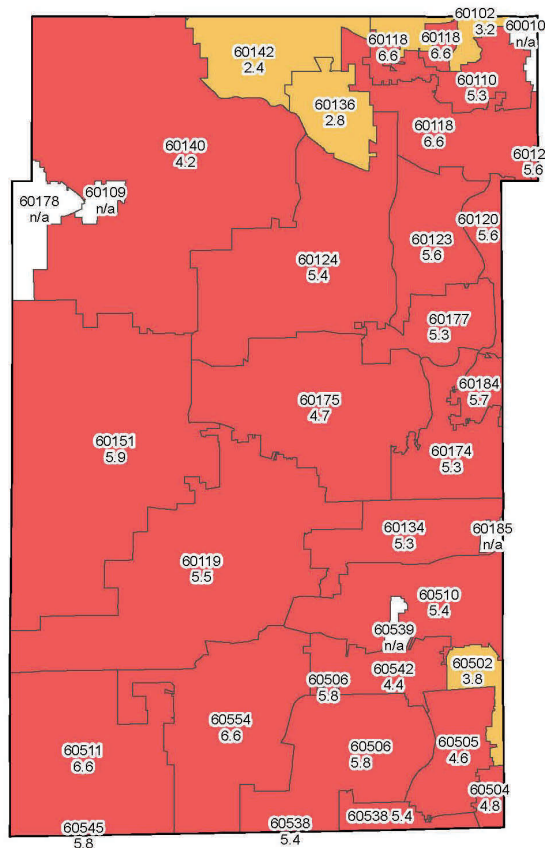
Essential Service #1

Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community



Radon is a health hazard with a simple solution: Test. Fix.

Kane County Radon Levels by Zip Code



January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas known to be the second-leading cause of lung cancer. You can't see or smell it; testing is the only way to know your level of exposure. The USEPA action level for radon is 4.0 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L). Homes with elevated levels of radon have been found throughout the state of Illinois. The average indoor radon levels of Kane County, as determined by radon test results from Air Check, Inc, is 5 pCi/L. To learn more about radon, please visit the Kane County Health Department's radon page at www.kanehealth.com/radon.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

Essential Service #2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards



Don't delay, get your shot today!

The Health Department will be offering a flu clinic at its Aurora office, 1240 N. Highland Ave. Cost is \$25, payable by check or cash. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Vaccinations will be offered throughout the flu season while supplies last.

Essential Service #3

Give people the information they need to make healthy choices



Learn how to stay safe before, during, and after winter storms/extreme cold by visiting:

www.ready.gov/winter

Preparing for the worst of winter

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the El Niño weather pattern can bring increased precipitation, leading to snow and flooding. It's best to plan now so that if and when the worst happens, you'll be prepared. Before the severe winter weather approaches, make sure you have your emergency kit well supplied. Visit www.ready.gov to learn what to include in your kit.