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New website digs into Kane County's health

A new website launched today by the Kane County Health Department will provide information that allows you to see how Kane County stacks up in such topics as health, education, economics, housing and much, much more. This information will help you understand how your health relates to all of Kane's residents.

The web address is www.KaneHealthCounts.org.

"Users can look up their communities – often being able to drill down to their ZIP Code—and find meaningful statistics related to their health," said Barbara Jeffers, Executive Director, Kane County Health Department. "You will be able to see for yourself the many ways the information can be used to compare your health with the community in which you live, as well as the communities in the region."

The new website will serve as a storehouse of health data, demographic information, resources, best practices and reports that provide an unbiased look at life in Kane County. To learn more please visit it at www.kanehealthcounts.org. You will be able to see for yourself the many ways the information can be used to compare your health with the community in which you live, as well as the communities in the region.

Because we know that where we live has a direct effect on our health, this type of information is crucial. It dictates the ability to find healthy food (such as proximity to grocery stores) and opportunities for physical activity (such as living within walkable neighborhoods or near parks). The physical environment plays a part in the air we breathe and the water we drink. The information concerning these factors and much, much more will be available on the new website.

We invite you to take a tour of the site. You'll be surprised at the flexibility, ease of use and tremendous amount of resources available. There is a generous FAQ section to help explain and guide you step-by-step through the site, presenting the information in easy-to-understand terms.

As it will be updated regularly, the KaneHealthCounts.org website is meant to be used again and again. Please bookmark it. We hope you find it beneficial.

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