



2025

Porter County
Health Department
KPIs

Access to Immunizations

KPI: Increase the immunization rate in Porter County for children <3 years old completing the required vaccine series from 64.3% in 2023 to 66.0% by 2027.

Activities

- In-office immunization clinics with added incentives
- Porter Co. Annual Kick-Off to Summer Health Fair
- Regular outreach clinics in area neighborhoods, at local libraries, and in locations offering services to families with children <3 years old

Partners

- Immunization coalition
- Local providers
- Local FQHCs
- Local WIC office
- Local Head Start
- Local Libraries
- Local YMCAs
- Other CBOs

Access to Immunizations

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Target Population

Families with children <3 years old, particularly those with less access to care due to:

- Location
- Time
- Lack of health insurance
- Lack of education and/or information

Data Sources

- IDOH Immunization rate data, as given on the county health scorecard

Trauma and Injury Prevention

KPI: Decrease the crude rate of suicide deaths in Porter County from 16.0 per 100,000 in 2023 to 14.0 per 100,000 by 2027.

Activities

- Implement interventions from the SOFR community action team
- Increase awareness on 988 through a widespread media campaign
- Increase training countywide in Mental Health First Aid, QPR, and ACEs
- Promote safe firearms education and storage through Be Safe

Partners

- Porter Co. Suicide Prevention Taskforce
- Porter Co. LOSS Team
- Porter Co. HUB Coalition
- Veterans Affairs
- Porter-Starke Services
- Project Be Safe
- Local Schools

Trauma and Injury Prevention

KPI: Decrease the crude rate of suicide deaths in Porter County from 16.0 per 100,000 in 2023 to 14.0 per 100,000 by 2027.

Target Population

All Porter County residents with a focus on:

- adolescents
- veterans
- seniors
- community members with mental health challenges

Data Sources

- Porter County Vital Records Data

Chronic Disease

KPI: Decrease the adult obesity rate (>20 years old) from 42.6% (2018-2023) to 40.3% (2028-2033).

Activities

- Expand Porter Co. Wellness Initiative to entire Porter Co. population
- Develop opportunities for group and individual physical activity
 - Create a calendar that details and communicates these opportunities
- Develop an online app for tracking physical activity that links to the calendar
- Increase farm-to-table, fresh produce offerings and develop school gardening programs

Partners

- Porter Co. Extension
- Local Parks Dept.
- Local School Corps.
- LEOs Bike Service
- Local YMCAs
- Local Farmers
- Local Recovery Centers
- Local Hospital Groups
- Local Restaurants

Chronic Disease

KPI: Decrease the adult obesity rate (>20 years old) from 42.6% (2018-2023) to 40.3% (2028-2033).

Target Population

We plan to bring physical activity and fresh food opportunities to all areas of Porter County with a focus on areas without built physical activity and fresh produce access.

Data Sources

- Indiana Network for Patient Care
- Indiana Health Information Exchange
- The Regenstrief Institute

Chronic Disease

KPI: Decrease the asthma-related emergency department visit rate from 23.25 per 10,000 in 2022 to 22.00 per 10,000 by 2027.

Activities

- Educate children with asthma using ALA's Open Airways for Schools and Kickin' Asthma
- Work with schools to ensure asthma plans are in place and albuterol and spacers are on hand
- Provide home asthma trigger assessments and home care plan development
- Provide adults education with ALA's Breathe Well, Live Well asthma program

Partners

- Porter Co. Schools
- Local Providers
- ASK (Adolescent Support and Knowledge) Initiative
- Porter Co. Mobile Integrated Health

Chronic Disease

KPI: Decrease the asthma-related emergency department visit rate from 23.25 per 10,000 in 2022 to 22.00 per 10,000 by 2027.

Target Population

We plan to bring education and support to all Porter County residents in need with a focus on school-age children.

Data Sources

- Hospital Discharge Data