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Health First Indiana 2024 Plan for Core Public Health Services

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Indiana's Investment in Public Health. Health First Indiana transforms public health through a state and local partnership to deliver services at the county level. Senate Enrolled Act 4 (SEA 4), legislation passed by the 2023 Indiana General Assembly, provides Health First funding starting in 2024 so counties can determine the health needs of their communities and implement evidence-based programs focused on prevention. Each individual county.

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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) For Core Public Health Services

At least 60% of funding must be spent for preventive core services addressed by these KPIs:



Up to 40% of funding can be spent for core services addressed by these KPIs:



Core public health services must be provided by the local health department or a local organization in partnership with the local health department in compliance with Health First Indiana. The local health department will report on key performance indicators to the Indiana Department of Health.



Core Service Area	Description of Current or Planned Processes
Vital Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED has IDOH-trained registrars in vital records rules, policies, procedures, and system use from IDOH who can provide timely birth, death, and fetal death certificates in accordance with state statute. • SCHED uses the IDOH DRIVE system to issue birth, death, stillbirth, and fetal death certificates. • SCHED follows state policies and procedures to make any changes to vital documents in accordance with state statute. • SCHED assists the public with genealogy searches.
Food Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED has sufficient, designated staff available to conduct necessary inspections on all retail food establishments timely and professionally, such as new facility plan reviews, routine inspections, follow-up inspections, and foodborne illness complaints. • SCHED Food Inspectors are trained in risk-based inspection, and has access to continuing education on risk-based inspection provided by IDOH. • SCHED will implement the new Indiana Food Code as it is adopted. • SCHED will assist local establishments with training and implementation of the new Indiana Food Code.
Immunization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED offers vaccines to all individuals, including vaccines that are publicly and privately funded, so that anyone has access to vaccines through the local health department. • SCHED plans vaccination clinics which are available to meet the vaccination needs of the residents and ensures there is flexibility to meet the unique needs of all residents. • SCHED provides mobile vaccine clinics in the area schools with a mobile vaccine unit.



<p>Infectious Disease Surveillance and Prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED public health nursing staff review all laboratory reports and infectious disease reports that are reported to the jurisdiction. • SCHED initiates an investigation, obtains clinical information, facilitates collecting and shipping specimens, identifies outbreaks, and assesses ongoing transmission risk for immediately reportable conditions and non-immediately reportable conditions within timeframes specified in the IDOH published list of reportable diseases and control measures. • SCHED leads the response to identified outbreaks and clusters in the jurisdiction and implements control measures to contain, mitigate, or end ongoing transmission of communicable diseases. • SCHED works to be aware of the socioeconomic, environmental, and behavioral factors that place individuals in the community at risk. • SCHED refers patients in need of testing and counseling for HIV, hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted infections to local partners.
<p>Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Case Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED provides case management for those with suspected or confirmed TB disease, including investigation and specimen collection, enforcing isolation, providing directly observed therapy, and coordinating clinical and social needs. • SCHED conducts investigations for those diagnosed with infectious TB disease, including contact identification, education, testing, and treatment (as needed). • SCHED will work with IDOH to identify and treat latent TB infection (LTBI) according to the IDOH TB Elimination Plan. TB testing is performed by the public health nursing staff. • SCHED works to be aware of the socioeconomic, environmental, and behavioral factors that place individuals in the community at risk, such as housing/crowding, sexual behaviors, and underrepresented/underserved individuals.
<p>Tattoo, Body Piercing, Eyelash Safety and Sanitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED will respond to sanitary complaints at establishments applying tattoos, body piercings, and eyelash extensions and provide recommendations to improve sanitary conditions to protect the public. • SCHED has the capability to enforce the Indiana tattoo and body



	<p>piercing rule and eyelash extension rule. A local ordinance will be developed and implemented.</p>
<p>Tobacco Prevention and Cessation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD shall promote tobacco and addictive nicotine prevention and cessation programs and services. • SCHD provides a representative to the local tobacco control coalition and the drug free Sullivan coalition. • SCHD provides Tobacco: “Quit Kits” as well as smoking cessation supplies and education.
<p>Chronic Disease Prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD engages in services that will prevent and reduce chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease (including hypertension and hyperlipidemia), hepatitis C, and cancer. • SCHD will initiate glucose and lipid screening using point of care testing.
<p>Trauma and Injury Prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD engages community partners in the coordination of harm reduction for substance use by providing a location for Overdose Lifeline naloxone distribution. • SCHD provides safe sleep education and supplies to the community. • SCHD provides a child passenger safety fitting station and provides car seats to at risk families. • SCHD participates with local partners to provide the Safe Sitters program.
<p>Environmental Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD investigates housing/nuisance/sewage complaints in a time frame reflecting the urgency of the complaint and in accordance with 410 IAC 6. • SCHD conducts plan review, issues construction permits, and conducts inspections of onsite sewage systems within the timeframes listed in state statute. • SCHD shall engage in the inspection and survey of public buildings under IC 16-20-1-22. • SCHD shall issue orders for decontamination of property used to illegally manufacture a controlled substance under IC 16-19-3.1 and IC 16-41-25.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED provides mosquito control for vector control using adulticide, larvicide, and partnering in a tire-take-back program. • SCHED conducts routine inspections and monitors testing results of public and semi-public swimming pools and promptly provides an inspection report outlining any deficiencies to the facility as outlined in 410 IAC 6. • SCHED provides guidance for safe private well water quality.
Fatality Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED participates on the local Fatality Review Team and provides the local Fatality Review Team with vital records necessary to review deaths, including birth, stillbirth, and death certificates.
Maternal and Child Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED provides referrals to care and resources as warranted to local partners for family planning, prenatal care, WIC services, home visiting services, substance use treatment, or services to assist clients in applying for Medicaid and presumptive eligibility. • SCHED provides health promotion and materials to support safe sleep, breastfeeding, healthy eating and physical activity, and clinical referrals as needed.
School Health Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHED has a registered nurse working as the school health liaison who serves as a local resource for all K-12 schools within the county. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering to implement school wellness policies. • Collaborating with schools to develop a comprehensive strategy to address substance use in schools. • Partnering with schools to promote whole child health, including physical, mental and student health and wellbeing. • Supporting schools in performing health screenings, such as vision, hearing and oral health. • Collaborating and enhancing current vaccination efforts to ensure that childhood vaccination requirements and seasonal vaccine needs are provided. • Developing and collaborating with school and community partners to help support school needs. • Supporting schools with evidence-based education on nutrition and physical activity. • Assists schools in providing personal hygiene supplies.



<p>Lead Case Management and Risk Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD’s public health nurse is an IDOH-trained lead case manager who conducts case management within timeframes outlined in 410 IAC 29. •SCHD utilizes an IDOH Lead Risk Assessor but plans to internally train a licensed Lead Risk Assessor to conduct assessments within periods outlined in 410 IAC 29. •SCHD will implement free in-office capillary blood lead testing for children.
<p>Access to and Linkage to Clinical Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD employs one full-time public health nurse with expertise to provide clinical services, such as those related to communicable diseases, lead case management, and immunizations, and to refer residents to clinical resources, such as those related to substance use disorder, health screenings, and prenatal care. • SCHD staff members (health officer, public health nurse, and administrator) are available to address afterhours calls for public health emergencies, such as urgent communicable disease cases. •SCHD has a certified community health worker who provides health education and resources to the community. The community health worker will also provide insurance navigation.
<p>Health-Related Areas during Emergencies/Disasters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD has a dedicated preparedness coordinator who actively participates in the District 7 Healthcare Coalition and engages in county-level emergency planning, including outbreak and environmental health responses, to link public health and public safety. • SCHD preparedness coordinator attends local emergency planning committee meetings and serves on the tabletop exercise committee. • SCHD actively participates in online resource tracking for emergency response utilizing EMResources, Serv-IN, IHAN, Web EOC, and Mass Care. • SCHD will function as lead for Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 for the district during emergencies and disasters. • SCHD will be the primary safety net to ensure equitable, accessible vaccines and other medical countermeasures as needed in an emergency.



Building for the Future

Calendar year 2024 will be a building year for Sullivan County, with initial efforts and funding focused on identifying public health gaps within communities, supplementing the health workforce through existing partnerships, establishing new public health partnerships, and developing comprehensive plans for public and mental health service delivery. Additional internal departmental growth will be needed to meet staffing, program, and office space challenges for the efficient and effective delivery of needed public health services to meet the growing demands respective of county growth.

2024 Strategies

- Hire a certified community health worker
- Hire an additional full-time environmental health specialist
- Train an environmental health specialist as a Certified Lead Assessor
- Begin in-office capillary lead blood testing
- Begin in-office capillary glucose and lipid screening
- Begin providing insurance navigation services
- Enhance partnerships and increase community outreach programs

Partners

- Department of Child Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Pace Community Action Agency
- Northeast School Corporation
- Southwest School Corporation
- Dugger-Union Community School
- Overdose Lifeline
- Project Period Indianapolis
- Sullivan County Public Library
- Sullivan County Community Hospital
- Purdue Extension- Sullivan County
- Sullivan County Recycling Center

The Sullivan County Health Department is working to transform public health in Indiana. Our focus is to ensure that every Hoosier has access to the core public health services that allows them to achieve their optimal health and well-being. By actively engaging health partners and others, we will reach the goal of Health First Sullivan County and Indiana.