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The Illinois Department of Public Health is an advocate for and partner with the people of Illinois to re-envision health policy and promote health equity, prevent and protect against disease and injury, and prepare for health emergencies

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- ▶ Health Promotion
- ▶ Healthcare Regulation
- ▶ Health Protection
- ▶ Women's Health & Family Services
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- ▶ Disease Control

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- Meet Cammie. Like hundreds of Illinoisans born every day, she was screened for rare, serious, and treatable disorders.
- The morning after returning home with their first child, Cammie's parents received the dreaded phone call: her newborn screen was not normal, and she had to be seen by a specialist right away.
- Blood work the next day confirmed what the newborn screen showed: a metabolic disorder so rare that only a few other children in the country are known to be affected.
- Thanks to newborn screening, Cammie's disorder was found right away, and she started the right formula within days.
- Cammie's parents were able to connect with other families for support.

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Illinois Refugee Health Program Annual Report



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- Meet many new Illinoisans. In the last months of 2021, the Rock Island **refugee health screening program** served 50+ Afghan refugees, with 130+ more expected to arrive soon.
- Afghan refugees often present with multiple health problems (e.g., parasites, tuberculosis) left unaddressed as they focused on survival through their evacuation.
- Program staff work closely with refugee settlement agencies and local FQHC to ensure families receive all necessary services, including referrals for vision and dental care.
- One Afghan family recently resettled had few household items or blankets during the cold snap. Working with a refugee resettlement agency, the local health department collected dishes, toasters, pots, bedding, and more for this family and others in the community.

Testing Private Well Water



*“Don’t Just Wish for Safe Water
– Test for It!”*

- Private water wells serve thousands of residents in Winnebago County. These residents serve as their own groundwater managers and often require assistance interpreting laboratory results, identifying potential sources of contamination, and implementing corrective measures.
- IDPH funding allows the local health department to permit and inspect private and non-community water wells. By routine sampling of hand pumps at public wells, the local health department can ensure a **safe drinking water supply** for all residents in the community.
- Winnebago County Health Department educates residents about the importance of groundwater protection, including a focus on the next generation with its school-based Youth Groundwater Festival.

Key Accomplishments: COVID-19

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Vaccine Administration

- ▶ Administered 21,132,051 doses (84% of all doses delivered), leading to 8,357,859 fully vaccinated (66% of total population) as of January 27, per CDC.
- ▶ 870,771 youth fully vaccinated as of January 26.
- ▶ 3,883,514 people with a booster dose; ~47% of fully vaccinated people as of January 27, per CDC.
- ▶ 12,404 individuals vaccinated receive doses through IDPH mobile clinics.
- ▶ Hosted 1,724 vaccination events for 838 schools and youth-serving organizations which administered more than 65,000 shots.
- ▶ 312,618 vaccinations administered at 1,517 long-term care facilities in early 2021; every LTCF had three clinics by April 2021.
- ▶ As of January 22, 2022, 88.6% of SNF residents fully vaccinated, 65.3% received additional dose or booster.

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Testing and Treatment

- ▶ 5th in nation in cumulative COVID-19 PCR tests performed (38.4 million) as of January 27, per CDC.
- ▶ 6th in the nation for weekly tests performed per 100,000 population (~7,500) as of January 27, per CDC.
- ▶ 127,822 students tested weekly with UI SHIELD test in P-12 public school screening program funded by IDPH.
- ▶ Piloted “Test to Stay” model to protect in-person learning in P-12 schools; now a national model (MMWR published).
- ▶ 4.74 million rapid antigen tests deployed to 794 sites of care to enhance testing among vulnerable and underserved populations.
- ▶ 74,833 people treated with monoclonal antibodies.
- ▶ Successfully launched oral antiviral distribution system and therapeutic locator services for the public.

Key Accomplishments: COVID-19

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Public Engagement

- ▶ Launched “All in for the Win” COVID-19 vaccine lottery promotion to increase uptake of adult and youth (12-17) vaccinations. Awarded \$7 million to 43 adult winners and \$3 million in scholarships to 20 youth winners.
- ▶ Launched online Vax Verify system and SMART™ Health Card for Illinoisans to easily share their vaccination status.

Provider Engagement

- ▶ Deployed critical medical equipment (e.g., ventilators) and more than 2,700 health care personnel to hospitals and other health care providers across the state.
- ▶ Completed 2,747 consultations on infection prevention and control with congregate settings.
- ▶ Increased infection preventionist support to 9.5 FTEs by end of 2021.
- ▶ Created Division of Medical Services to provide clinical and scientific expertise.

Downward trend in deaths compared to last winter surge

- ▶ 7-day average deaths per day on January 27, 2022 (123) down ~21% from previous winter surge high on December 8, 2020 (155).

COVID-19 Testing

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IDPH has been a nationwide leader in testing for COVID-19

- Expansion of internal lab capacity
- External lab partnerships for robust K-12 screening testing
- National model for Test to Stay approach for K-12 exposures
- Providing outbreak testing to organizations in need
- Established wastewater monitoring for COVID-19 in 65+ counties
- Launched surveillance sequencing for clinical remnants and wastewater
- Guidance and education

Goal: Encourage all Illinoisans to stay up to date with vaccination, promote continued action to protect one another, and enable return to routine life

- Encouraging booster doses for all who are eligible
- Communicating connection between vaccination and boosters and “return to normal”
- Sharing targeted mitigation efforts for individuals, communities, and settings at most risk for severe COVID-19 illness

IDPH FY22 Key Activities

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- ▶ Released second maternal morbidity and mortality report, which led to enacted state legislation and influenced federal expansion of Medicaid to 1 year postpartum.
- ▶ Promote health equity and work to eliminate health disparities through increased coordination with leadership, programs, and strategic partnerships.
- ▶ Ongoing development of community health worker (CHW) certification program requirements.
- ▶ Refining health equity checklist as part of the IDPH grantmaking process to help applicants consider ways to address health equity across IDPH programs.
- ▶ Launched 20+ initiatives to leverage ARPA funding for (1) public health workforce, (2) access to care and social determinants of health, (3) state and local public health infrastructure, and (4) improving cross-agency collaboration and resiliency.
- ▶ Building connections with other state agencies to jointly address critical health issues with shared resources, including healthy homes, pediatric mental health, strengthening emergency response, long-term care compliance and quality, and support for older adults.

Budget Comparisons: FY2022 to Proposed FY2023 (millions)

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Funding Source	FY2022 Budget	FY2023 Proposed	Change	
			\$	%
General Revenue (GRF)	\$181	\$210	\$29	16%
Non-GRF State Funds	\$247	\$247	\$0	(0%)
Federal	\$2,455	\$2,420	(\$35)	(1%)
Total	\$2,883	\$2,877	(\$6)	(0%)

Moving forward in FY2023: Proposed Budget Highlights

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- Continuation of \$2 billion in federal fund appropriation for COVID response activities
- 175 new positions to strengthen public health infrastructure
- Alzheimer's disease education and outreach program \$1 million increase
- Community Health Worker program \$2.5 million in new funding
- Sickle Cell Prevention, Care and Treatment Program \$1 million in new funding
- Public Health Laboratory IT Initiatives \$3 million in new funding

DPH Goals for FY2023

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Public and Stakeholder Engagement

- ❑ Enable Illinoisans to become contributors, problem solvers, and partners in helping to address high-priority health needs (e.g., COVID-19, opioid-involved deaths, etc.)
- ❑ Shape public health messages and communications based on identified targets to reach COVID-19 endemicity

Advancing Health Equity

- ❑ Implement policies and programs to address long-term structural inequities that contribute to health inequities.

Enhance 10 Essential Public Health Services

- ❑ Increase ease of internal data sharing and data collection systems to inform program and policy improvements
- ❑ Continue professional development to support a diverse and skilled public health workforce
- ❑ Identify, create, champion, and implement policies, including legal and regulatory actions, to improve the state's health
- ❑ Strengthen organizational infrastructure for public health through cross-agency collaborations to maximize use of resources and ensure timely implementation of programmatic and structural efforts