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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Our Mission:

“To assure the highest possible level of health for the people of the communities we serve.”

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# Community Health Programs

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The health department provides a wide range of services to the general public and special populations. A few of the agency's programs are highlighted below:

## **WIC**

In 2023, the Women, Infants, and Children Program provided nutrition education and supplemental food benefits for more than 797 infants, children, and breast-feeding women per month.

## **MIHP**

In 2023, the Maternal Infant Health Program conducted 1,576 visits by registered nurses, registered dietitians, and social workers to high-needs families with pregnancies or infants.

## **Hearing & Vision Screenings**

In 2023, more than 4,128 hearing and vision screenings were conducted in preschools and K-12 schools throughout Dickinson and Iron counties.

## **Family Planning**

Family planning clinics in the agency's two offices served 346 clients in 2023, providing clinical exams, education, communicable disease testing and free or affordable birth control.

## **Immunizations**

**2,201 vaccines were administered to 1,783 clients.**





# Environmental Health Programs

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Environmental health (EH) programs prevent illness from contaminated food, water and other environmental sources. Permitting, inspections, education, and when necessary, enforcement actions protect the public's health. A few EH programs are highlighted below:

## Food Safety Program

The focus of the food program is to assure a safe, clean food product for the public through regular inspections and education. Efforts in this program are key elements in assuring the meals we consume outside of the home are safe. Agency sanitarians conducted 526 evaluations at restaurants, schools and temporary food events in 2023.

## On-Site Sewage Disposal Management

One of the most important methods of preventing the spread of disease and viral infection is the proper treatment of human wastewater. This program provides guidance and oversight for on-site sewage disposal. Site and soil assessments, construction permitting, and inspections are conducted by Health Department sanitarians to prevent environmental contamination. In 2023, 141 construction permits were issued for new on-site sewage systems.

## Private & Non-Community Water

A fundamental objective of public health met by these programs is the protection of our lakes, streams and the water we drink. Sanitarians monitor the quality of non-community public water supplies such as schools, restaurants and campgrounds. Last year, construction permits for 64 new wells were issued to ensure well construction and water quality requirements were met.



# Community Health Status Indicators

Local public health departments track, analyze and publicize rates of disease, health care access and utilizations rates, demographics and other community health indicators.

The Health Department monitors reports from physicians and laboratories of a variety of communicable diseases, and is alert to possible disease outbreaks. Below statistics from 2023 for several common conditions, including illnesses such as influenza and chickenpox that can be prevented or reduced through immunization.

Control of Communicable Disease	
<b>Immunizations</b>	
Number immunized (in office)	1,783
Number of immunizations (total)	2,201
<b>HIV Testing/Counseling</b>	
Number tested	37
Number positive	0
<b>Communicable Disease</b>	
Number given TB tests	92
Number of clients on prophylaxis	0
Number of chest x-rays	1
<b>Diseases Reported</b>	
Anaplasmosis	0
Animal Bite	39
Babesiosis	8
Blastomycosis	1
Influenza	2
Campylobacter	4
Probable Chicken Pox	3
Chlamydia	43
COVID-19	1219
CP-CRE	0
Cryptosporidiosis	1
Crypto	0
Dengue Fever	0
Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis	54
Ehrlichiosis, Ehrlichia	8
Giardiasis	3
Gonorrhea	3
Hep A	2
Hepatitis B	0
Hepatitis C	20
HIV/AIDS	1
Influenza A	50
Latent TB	3
Legionellosis	2
Lyme	110
Norovirus	0
Meningococcal	0
Pertussis	0
Polio	0
Influenza H	2
Salmonellosis	1
Shiga-Toxin Producing E Coli (STEC)	0
Strep A	0
Staphylococcus Aureus	1
Syphilis	0
Varicella Disease Unspecified	1
Zika Virus	0



# Financial **REPORT**

## **2023 Revenue By Source:**

Fees & Licenses: \$194,877.00  
Insurance 3rd Party: \$348,525.00  
Federal / State Funding: \$1,916,321.00  
Local Effort: \$1,176,384.00  
Other: \$295,110.00

**Total: \$3,931,271.00**

## **2023 Expenses By Divisions:**

Agency Support: \$1,346,894.00  
Community Health Programs: \$2,066,265.00  
Environmental Health: \$518,058.00

**Total: \$3,931,217.00**



# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023



## Marketing & Outreach:

DIDHD, along with five other U.P. health departments were awarded one time funding from MDHHS to improve public health marketing and advertising. Generally, funding for programs does not allow money to be spent for advertising purposes. Together, U.P. Health departments formed the partnership Local Public Health Cares (LPH Cares). The mission was to bring a local focus back to public health. Goals included: Rebuilding confidence and trust in Local Public Health; Raise awareness and promote the importance of public health in the U.P.; and strengthen the impact of health department initiatives and programs. Funding allowed the opportunity for media and television marketing. DIDHD used funding for a much needed redesign of [didhd.org](http://didhd.org). For more information, visit [lphcares.com](http://lphcares.com).

## Lactation Station:

DIDHD provided Lactation Stations at community events during the warmer months. Lactation Stations are provided by the breastfeeding peer counselor, Amber. She sets up the tent so families can come in and have a relaxing place to feed their babies, change diapers, or chat about other health department programs. In 2023, the Lactation Station was present at the following community events: UP Rodeo, Bass Fest, Gus Macker, Breastfeeding Walk, Kingsford Centennial, Iron County Fair, Dickinson County Fair, Crafty Flea Market, and Hope2Help Suicide Awareness Walk.



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# HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023

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### Community Impact Grant:

The Dickinson Area Community Foundation along, with affiliates Norway Area Community Foundation and Crystal Falls Area Community Foundation, awarded a Community Impact Grant to DIDHD. The funds were made possible through a matching grant from the Pasahow Family Fund. The grant funds were used to purchase stainless steel medicine lockboxes. These boxes were used to keep children out of harm's way. Kelly Rumpf, Health Educator accepted the check from Tamara Juul, Director of Dickinson Area Community Foundation.

### Location Change:

The Iron County office, relocated to 1374 Commercial Avenue, Crystal Falls, MI. The Health Department wanted to be able to provide a professional building for its clients and staff. After much consideration, it was decided that for this to occur, DIDHD would need to relocate to another building that can better suit the needs of its clients, programs, and staff. An open house was held on September 29, 2023.





# Emergency Preparedness - a year in review

2023

In 2023, the Emergency Preparedness Program provided several preparedness presentations and participated in exercises with community partners to ensure the safety and preparedness of our staff, partners, and community.

Here are some key initiatives provided in the last year:

- Participated in a cross-border functional exercise with Wisconsin partners. Several public health capabilities were exercised including: Emergency Operations Coordination, Information Sharing, and Planning. The scenario was a foodborne outbreak affecting both states. Identified gaps will help us better prepare for public health emergencies in the future.
- Preparedness presentations were provided to 590 people in 2023. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator informed school high school and middle school students about the importance of preparedness and how to prepare for emergencies at home, in your car, or on the go.
- Utilized 54 volunteers to assist with flu clinics, exercises, and preparedness activities. Engaging volunteers helps keep them motivated and ready to respond should they be needed for a real event.

Through these initiatives and ongoing preparedness efforts the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department strives to prepare both Dickinson and Iron County residents for any type of emergency that may arise.



## DICKINSON-IRON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: LOCAL IMPACTS



### **1,472 Home Visits**

In 2023, Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) home visits were provided by Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers to provide support and education to pregnant mothers and infants up to age 18 months who are enrolled in Medicaid.



### **590 Prepared**

In 2023, 590 people attended a preparedness presentation provided by DIDHD.



### **\$595,120.34**

In 2023, the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) brought in \$595,120.34 to local grocery stores in Dickinson and Iron Counties.



### **650 Teens Reached**

In the last 2 years 650 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders reached with Lifeskills/Substance Abuse Prevention teachings.



### **54 Volunteers**

The number of volunteers on the DIDHD volunteer roster in 2023. Contact us to join our volunteer roster!



### **496 Inspections**

In 2023, 496 food safety inspections were conducted to ensure food establishments provide safe food to our residents.



### **204 Septic & Well Evaluations**

In 2023, DIDHD evaluated 204 sites for septic and well permits.

