

Cook County Department of Public Health

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2002 & **Directory**
Annual Report *of*
Health Services

Cook County Bureau of Health Services



John H. Stroger, Jr.

President
Cook County Board of Commissioners



What comes to mind when someone mentions public health? A campaign against teen tobacco use? A clinic that immunizes children against life-threatening diseases? A program that helps young mothers receive food for themselves and their children? Public Health is all of that, and much more. The goal of public health is to create healthier communities by improving the health of people and their environment. The Cook County Department of Public Health has always committed itself to the mission:

'To protect and promote health and to prevent illness, disability and premature death among all residents of suburban Cook County.'

To that end, CCDPH offers a wide variety of services such as immunizations against childhood diseases as well as travel immunizations; hearing, vision and dental screenings; well-child checkups; school physicals; clinics for screening refugees, diabetic screenings; blood pressure checks; cholesterol testing; lead testing and prevention services; nutritional counseling; breastfeeding support and education; sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment; HIV testing; family planning services; pap smears, breast exams and mammography services, restaurant inspections, violence prevention services as well as emergency preparedness. CCDPH also offers health education services to schools and community organizations.

As the new CCDPH director, I will direct this agency to respond to the many existing and new challenges facing us today including eliminating health disparities in our minority populations, reducing infant mortality in our communities and educating the public about the health risks of obesity. We are committed to partnering with communities, local municipalities, community-based organizations, schools, faith-based agencies and others to assess and address the health needs and gaps within suburban Cook County. There is much work to be done, but by fostering these relationships we can make better health a reality for all of our residents.

Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H.

"Health care is vital to all of us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time."--C. Edward Koop

We are pleased to present to you the 2002 Cook County Department of Public Health annual report.

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) was established by the Board of Commissioners in 1945 to help improve the lives of the 600,000 residents of suburban Cook County. Today, over 2 million residents call suburban Cook County home. We are proud of the many accomplishments of this department since its creation.

The perception of public health has changed over the years. Today, CCDPH services include plans for bioterrorism preparedness and protecting the public from new and emerging infectious diseases. But the basic public health services are still provided— from immunizations to food service inspections— to maternal and child health care to lead prevention activities.

The Cook County Department of Public Health continues to uphold the mission to provide a safe environment and promote a healthy lifestyle for all residents.

We hope that this annual report and services directory will provide you with the tools you need to access health services in suburban Cook County.



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Ruth M. Rothstein
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The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is the state certified public health agency for suburban Cook County exclusive of the cities of Chicago, Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park and Stickney Township, where state certified public health departments are operated by the local unit of government. CCDPH serves the people of its jurisdiction from four district offices, as well as many community and mobile sites. CCDPH is the official agency of county government that strives to meet the public health needs of its citizens through effective and efficient disease prevention and health promotion programs.

CCDPH is one of seven institutions that make up the Cook County Bureau of Health Services. As one of the largest public health systems in the country, the Bureau provides a broad range of services from prevention and primary care to emergency, inpatient and long-term care.

CCDPH
ANNUAL REPORT

2002

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

- The unit monitored the suburban Cook County region for mosquito borne illness and investigated over 300 cases of West Nile Virus to determine the source of exposure.
- In response to the events of 9-11, the unit developed a plan for responding to a biological terrorist incident by establishing community sites for dispensing antibiotics and vaccinations.
- The department expanded walk-in immunization services in Maywood and Rolling Meadows.
- Hepatitis B vaccinations became available to high-risk persons in STD clinics.
- Funding received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allowed CCDPH to partner with suburban community-based organizations and expand syphilis elimination activities throughout the region.

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

- The unit was a joint sponsor of the conference "A Day for Latin Women" that focused on the health problems of Hispanic women. The conference was conducted in Spanish at Triton College in River Grove.
- A south suburban family received five car safety seats from CCDPH staff following the birth of their quintuplets.

DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- The unit launched the West Suburban Access to Oral Health Care Program, providing comprehensive dental care to area residents. Partners included private providers and community organizations committed to improving oral health.
- Seminars for child care providers were held in the south suburbs focusing on the importance of maintaining good oral health in children.
- The unit, along with the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) worked together to provide Head Start families with comprehensive dental care and oral health education.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- The Emergency Preparedness and Response unit was created in 2002 to respond to public health emergencies including bioterrorism and unusual or emerging health events.
- The unit began working with hospitals, first responders and municipalities to create a countywide, coordinated public health emergency response plan.
- Preparations for TOPOFF 2, a national disaster drill to test the readiness of state and local emergency responders, began in the spring of 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- An outbreak of the mosquito borne illness West Nile Virus, sickened over 300 suburban Cook County residents and caused 18 deaths. The outbreak required a tremendous amount of time from Environmental Health staff for collecting birds for laboratory testing, providing education to communities, responding to the media, carrying out case investigations and epidemiological reports.
- The unit and the Illinois Department of Public Health Asthma Partnership worked together to develop the Occupational Asthma Toolkit that is being distributed to companies where existing and potential cases of occupational asthma are of concern due to the nature of the jobs.

HEALTH SCREENING AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

- Dr. Dorothy Lucas, Medical Director, presented at a program on Maternal and Post-partum Depression, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Dr. Steven Whitman from the Sinai Urban Health Institute and CCDPH staff made presentations at the *Infant Mortality and Health Disparities* workshop held at South Suburban College in Hazelcrest. Approximately 40 service providers that serve south suburban pregnant women attended.
- In the fall, CCDPH, along with Bureau of Health Services partners, facilitated mammography screening of suburban Cook County women by providing transportation and translation services. More than 100 women received mammograms through this initiative.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- The unit received a grant from the Torrens Fund to administer funding to community organizations for lead mitigation and abatement in Cook County. The goal of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program is to reduce the danger of lead-based paint in Cook County dwellings.
- *Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning* was the subject of a number of special presentations for classrooms, parent groups and community organizations provided by the Lead Poisoning Prevention unit.

NURSING AND FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT

- The Targeted Intensive Prenatal Program (TIIPP) was expanded to Bellwood and Maywood to reduce the incidence of low birth weight babies. Originally implemented in south suburban Harvey, TIIPP provides support, referrals, home nursing visits and baby and maternal supplies for women who complete the program.
- *All Our Kids- Birth to Three*, (AOK) delivers needed health and social services to young children in Cicero. AOK held a series of eight parenting workshops focusing on critical health issues facing young immigrant families in the community. Two hundred residents attended.
- Two WIC (Women, Infants and Children) staff members received "Loving Support" Awards from the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services for their contributions to supporting women who breastfeed.
- Ryan White case managers conducted support group sessions for clients with HIV/AIDS. The 19 sessions covered topics such as benefits, legal services, social security and alternative health therapies.

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. and Chief of the Bureau of Health Services, Ruth M. Rothstein, joined CCDPH staff to launch the "Take It Outside!" campaign. "Take It Outside!" is a public awareness campaign designed to educate suburban Cook County residents about the health risks associated with secondhand smoke exposure.
- The unit released its annual *Tobacco Compliance Study VI – Reducing Access to Tobacco by Teens (RATT)*. The report showed a continued reduction in the sale of tobacco products to teens throughout suburban Cook County (rate is 20%).
- In an effort to further reduce access to tobacco, CCDPH encouraged and worked with communities to enact ordinances restricting self-service tobacco displays. In total, 25 communities, as well as the unincorporated areas of suburban Cook County have adopted restrictive ordinances.
- Cook County QuitNet, a free internet smoking cessation program, was created to meet the needs of suburban Cook County residents. Residents may access the site at: <http://cookcounty.quitnet.com>.
- The Tobacco Prevention and Control unit distributed the first smoke-free dining guide that includes more than 650 smoke-free restaurants in suburban Cook County.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- In 2002, CCDPH celebrated the grand opening of the new School-based Health Center at Proviso East High School in Maywood. The health center is a partnership among Loyola University School of Nursing, Loyola Health System, Proviso East High School and CCDPH.
- A "Gun Violence Prevention" art contest sponsored by CCDPH was held for students at Morton East High School in Cicero. The contest resulted in the creation of a new Cicero vehicle sticker for 2002-2003. The initiative was part of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant, a federally funded program to prevent violence and substance abuse among teens.
- Violence Prevention staff developed the Cooperative Games Program (36 games to foster cooperation instead of competition on the playground) and implemented it at six Berwyn/Cicero schools as part of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- As part of National Domestic Violence Prevention Month, CCDPH employees collected phones for the Donate-A-Phone program. The program provides phones for women at-risk for domestic violence.



CCDPH OPERATING BUDGET

Cook County Appropriation: \$16,332,041

**Other funding sources: (grants, contracts and service fees)
\$22,602,117**

TOTAL CCDPH BUDGET: \$38,934,158



CLIENT VISITS BY CLINIC TYPE

Adult Health	1,435	Ambulatory Care Clinic	3,753
Dental	11,285	HIV Anonymous Testing	5,065
Family Planning	16,495	Immunization	15,216
Flu	2,626	Pneumococcal	423
Prenatal	3,219	Primary Care	1,664
Refugee	172	Sexually Transmitted Diseases	8,490
Mobile Van (Wellness on Wheels)	696	Women, Infants and Children	130,308

REPORTED COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (Cases)

AIDS	194	HIV	272
Chlamydia	5,364	Giardia	126
Gonorrhea	2,526	Syphilis	
Foodborne Illness		<i>Congenital</i>	2
Complaints	238	<i>Early</i>	84
<i>E. Coli 0157:H7</i>	32	Hepatitis A	38
Salmonella	222	Hepatitis B	
Measles	0	<i>Acute</i>	5
Pertussis	15	<i>Carriers</i>	662
Meningitis/Bacteremia			
<i>H. influenza</i>	25		
<i>N. Meningitis</i>	8		
<i>Streptococcus Pneumoniae</i>	159		

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention		Prostate Cancer Prevention	
Participants Screened	780	Participants Screened	500
HIV Prevention Services and Partner Agencies		Dental Sealant Program	
HIV Test Counseling Sessions	2,629	Sealants Placed	14,828
HIV Prevention Group Attendance		WIC Case Management	
Prevention Case Management	3,699	Average Monthly Caseload	25,610
Sessions & Risk Reduction Counseling Sessions	2,561	HIV Care Services	
		Average Monthly Caseload	222
Community/School Health Education		Vision and Hearing Screenings	
Cardiovascular Disease Prevention		School/Pre-school Vision Tests	27,095
Participants	56	School/Pre-school Hearing Tests	24,910
Child Safety Seat Distribution	145		
Reproductive Health Education Participants	1,605		

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Tobacco Prevention and Control Services		Refugee Health Services	
Freedom From Smoking Classes	18	Participants Screened	172
Participants Registered	236	Day Care Services	
Youth Cessation Classes	24	Inspections	210
Participants Registered	333	Nursing Consultations	247
Violence Prevention Services		Lead Education and Outreach	
Father's Participation Program (Harvey)		Workshops and Presentations	16
Participants	500	Participants	260
Safe Schools/Healthy Students		Lead Poisoning Prevention Services	
Students Participating	7,100	Inspections Performed	140
Teens Learning to Choose		IDPH Screening and Confirmation	39
Students Participating	369	Vital Statistics*	
		Birth Certificates Registered	18,382
		Death Certificates Registered	14,562

**(As of January 2003, birth and death certificates are available at the County Clerk's Office.)*

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT

Delay in Subsequent Pregnancy Program		Healthy Families	
Average Monthly Caseload	31	Average Monthly Caseload	82
Family Case Management		Problem Pregnancy	
Average Monthly Caseload	17,250	Average Monthly Caseload	19
Targeted Intensive Prenatal Case Management		Teen Parenting Program	
Average Monthly Caseload		Average Monthly Participants	164
<i>Harvey</i>	65		
<i>Bellwood/Maywood</i>	80		

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Day Care Facilities		Food Service Establishment/ Retail Food Stores	
Inspections Performed	260	<i>Intergovernmental Agreements</i>	
Lead Abatement		Communities Served	29
Compliance Letters Initiated	59	Food Facilities	1,384
Enforcement Actions	3	Inspections Performed	3,030
Inspections Performed	140	Plans Reviewed	20
Manufactured Home Parks		<i>Unincorporated Areas</i>	
Inspections Performed	66	Enforcement Actions	8
Licenses Issued	33	Inspections Performed	616
Nuisance Complaints		Licenses Issued	189
Complaints Received	107	Plans Reviewed	15
Inspections and Enforcement Actions	990	Septic Tank Cleaners	
		Permits Issued	58
		Truck Inspections Performed	63

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Swimming Pools and Spas		Tanning Facilities	
Inspections Performed	1,293	Inspections Performed	176
Private Pool/Spa Plans Approved	35		
Water Supplies		Tobacco	
Analysis Opinions Rendered	881	Licenses Issued	79
<i>Water Samples Collected</i>			
Non-community	567	Wells/Sewage Disposal Systems	
Private	15	<i>Abandoned Wells</i>	
		Sealing Requests Received	260
Private Sewage Disposal Systems		Wells Sealed	209
Installation Inspections Performed	97	<i>Existing Non-community Wells</i>	
Lot Surveys Performed	115	Surveys Performed	238
Plans Processed	135	<i>New Wells</i>	
Witnessed Percolation Tests Performed	32	Inspections Performed	148
		Permits Issued	199
		<i>Well/Septic System Mortgage Evaluations</i>	
		Evaluations Requested	18
		Inspections Performed	18
		Water Samples Collected	16

2003 CCDPH DIRECTORY OF HEALTH SERVICES

CCDPH OFFICES AND COMMUNITIES SERVED

North District

3rd District Court Bldg.
2121 Euclid Ave.
Rolling Meadows
(847) 818-2860
*TDD: (847) 818-2023
Monday-Friday
8:45 a.m.-to 4:15 p.m.

Arlington Heights
Buffalo Grove
Glencoe
Hoffman Estates
Morton Grove
Northfield
Rolling Meadows
South Barrington
Wheeling

Barrington
Des Plaines
Glenview
Lincolnwood
Mt. Prospect
Palatine
Roselle
Streamwood

Barrington Hills
Elgin
Golf
Inverness
Niles
Park Ridge
Rosemont
Wilmette

Bartlett
Elk Grove Village
Hanover Park
Kenilworth
Northbrook
Prospect Heights
Schaumburg
Winnetka

West District

1701 S. First Ave.
First Floor
Maywood
(708) 450-5300
*TDD: (708) 450-5302
Monday-Friday
8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Bellwood
Broadview
Elmwood Park
Hillside
LaGrange
McCook
North Riverside
Schiller Park
Willow Springs

Bensenville
Brookfield
Forest Park
Hinsdale
LaGrange Park
Melrose Park
River Forest
Stone Park

Berkeley
Burr Ridge
Franklin Park
Hodgkins
Lyons
Norridge
River Grove
Westchester

Berwyn
Countryside
Harwood Heights
Indian Head Park
Maywood
Northlake
Riverside
Western Springs

Southwest District
5th District Court Bldg.
10220 S. 76th Ave.
Bridgeview
(708) 974-6160
*TDD: (708) 974-6073
Monday-Friday
8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Alsip
Bridgeview
Evergreen Park
Justice
Orland Hills
Palos Park

Bedford Park
Calumet Park
Garden Homes
Lemont
Orland Park
Robbins

Blue Island
Chicago Ridge
Hickory Hills
Merrionette Park
Palos Heights
Summit

Burbank
Cicero
Hometown
Oak Lawn
Palos Hills
Worth

South District
6th District Court Bldg.
16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy.
Markham
(708) 210-4500
*TDD (708) 210-4010
Monday-Friday
8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Burnham
Crestwood
Flossmoor
Harvey
Markham
Olympia Fields
Richton Park
S. Holland
University Park

Calumet City
Dixmoor
Ford Heights
Homewood
Matteson
Park Forest
Riverdale
Steger

Chicago Heights
Dolton
Glenwood
Lansing
Midlothian
Phoenix
Sauk Village
Thornton

Country Club Hills
East Hazelcrest
Hazelcrest
Lynwood
Oak Forest
Posen
S. Chicago Hghts.
Tinley Park

* TDD for the speech and hearing impaired.

Persons needing accommodation for a disability should notify their district office. *This directory is designed to provide the residents of suburban Cook County with an easy reference to the many health services and programs provided by the Cook County Department of Public Health.*

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Call your district office for days, clinic hours and financial guidelines

ADULT HEALTH

Physical examinations, immunizations and health counseling.

DENTAL HEALTH

Sealants, examinations, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, fluoride treatments, simple extractions for adults and children.

FAMILY PLANNING

Birth control supplies, pregnancy testing, counseling and education, referrals to medical care and case management services.

HIV/AIDS TESTING

Free, anonymous and confidential testing and counseling
For HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Age-appropriate immunizations provided.

REFUGEE HEALTH SCREENING

Physical examinations, immunizations, health education and medical referrals provided.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Confidential, free testing and treatment.

PRIMARY CARE CLINICS

Non-emergency medical care for all Cook County adults and children. Primary care services are provided through a collaboration of the Ambulatory and Community Health Network of Cook County and CCDPH.

By appointment only. Financial guidelines apply.

PALATINE

Vista Health Center
of Cook County
1585 Rand Road
847-934-7969

MAYWOOD

Eisenhower Tower Building
1701 S. First Avenue
708-450-5300

FORD HEIGHTS

Cottage Grove Health Center
of Cook County
1645 Cottage Grove Avenue
708-753-5800

CICERO

Cicero Health Center
of Cook County
5912 W. Cermak Road
708-783-9800

ROBBINS

Robbins Health Center
of Cook County
13450 S. Kedzie Avenue
708-293-8100

PHOENIX

Woody Winston Medical Center
of Cook County
650 E. Phoenix Drive
708-331-3143



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Provides a variety of health services for communities and schools, including medical care, training and education.

ACCESS TO CARE ENROLLMENT

A program that assists with payment for non-emergency medical services, including lab tests and medications. Eligible clients are assigned to a local physician. Services are provided at low cost to adults and children. Call your district office.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Mammograms, Pap smears, clinical breast exams and breast self-exam instruction are provided for women over 40. Financial guidelines apply. Call (708) 492-2114.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

Monitors and controls more than 70 communicable diseases. Epidemiological studies are performed to prevent and control disease. Also provides the public with information on animal bites and foreign travel. Call (708) 492-2150.

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

School-based dental service providing sealants (plastics coatings to prevent decay) on biting surfaces of teeth. Call your district office.

KIDCARE APPLICATIONS

State-funded health insurance program covering pregnant women and children through 18 years of age. Financial guidelines apply. Call your district office.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Testing provided to day care, preschools and private schools. Call your district office.

WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN)

Offers nutrition classes, counseling, breast-feeding support and food vouchers for financially eligible pregnant and/or breast-feeding women. Includes infants and children up to age five. Call your district office.

WOW (WELLNESS ON WHEELS) VAN

Mobile health clinic providing check-ups for adults and school children. By appointment only. Financial guidelines apply. Call your district office for locations. To arrange for a WOW visit in your community call (708) 492-2113.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

Counseling, follow-up services and referrals to families in need of support. Call your district office.

ADVERSE PREGNANCY OUTCOME REPORTING SYSTEM

A two-year monitoring program for infants born with health problems.

DELAY OF SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM

The program encourages first-time adolescent mothers to complete school, promotes job and career goals and provides a network of support through peer group meetings.

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Serves financially eligible pregnant women and/or families with an infant up to one year of age.

GENETICS PROGRAM

Counseling and education for families dealing with abnormal newborn test results and birth defects.

HEALTHY FAMILIES ILLINOIS

Parenting education, home visits and intensive follow-up for families identified as high-risk for child abuse. Outreach and services begin with pregnancy and continue through the child's first five years of life.

HEALTHWORKS

Assures that children in Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) custody have access to primary and specialty medical care.

TARGETED INTENSIVE PRENATAL PROGRAM (TIPP)

For mothers at high-risk for delivery of low-birth weight babies. Women receive public health nursing home visits, referrals to support services and incentives for completing program requirements. Counseling, health education, medical referrals and follow-up provided.

TEEN PARENT SERVICES

A program for young parents on public aid. Encourages high school completion and helps parents work toward career goals.

TUBERCULOSIS

Follow-up services for individuals diagnosed with tuberculosis and under the care of a primary health care provider.

PROBLEM PREGNANCY PROGRAM

Ensures that pregnant adolescents begin prenatal care during the first trimester and receive continued care throughout their pregnancy.

RYAN WHITE CASE MANAGEMENT

Links HIV-positive individuals with social, occupational and medical services and one-on-one visits with a CCDPH case manager.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

*Designed to raise awareness and educate suburban Cook County residents about various health topics through school partnerships, community outreach and public education. Programs also provide support services and referrals. * Designates service available in select locations.*

***ALL OUR KIDS (AOK)**

A collaboration of health and social service agencies that encourages early child development and preparation for school. For children from birth to age three. Call (708) 450-5300.

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS

A partnership among suburban Cook County schools, CCDPH and community-based organizations to improve the health of students and increase their ability to learn. Call (708) 492-2050.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Monitors emerging public health threats, distributes information to the public and community partners, works with municipalities, hospitals, county agencies and emergency responders to coordinate countywide response plans for emergency events. Call (708) 492-2011.

***FATHER'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

Encourages young fathers to be involved in the lives of their children. Participants receive referrals for job training, GED classes, legal rights information and general support. Call (708) 210-4500.

HEALTHY CHILD CARE ILLINOIS

Day care center staff receives training by CCDPH public health nurses on health and safety issues. Call your district office.

HEALTH PROMOTION

Provides technical assistance to schools and communities on a variety of health topics. Call (708) 492-2050.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Investigates sources of lead contamination, administrates funding for abatement and mitigation for all of Cook County, provides outreach and education to schools and community organizations. Call (708) 492-2076.

TEENS LEARNING TO CHOOSE

Teaches adolescents how to form healthy relationships and how to identify warning signs of dating violence and abuse. Call (708) 492-2110.

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Committed to creating tobacco-free communities through advocacy, education, prevention and cessation programs. Call (708) 492-2147.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

An educational approach on the impact of violence on families, schools and communities. Call (708) 492-2011.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Inspects, investigates and monitors issues regarding water, food, lead safety and nuisance control. Call (708) 492-2035.

DAY CARE CENTERS

Evaluates and enforces safety, hygiene and food handling practices. Addresses licensure and complaints.

FOOD PROTECTION

Inspects and licenses businesses and institutions serving food in unincorporated Cook County. Investigates food borne illness incidents.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Provides retail food establishments inspections, investigates food-related complaints and reviews building plans for incorporated municipalities on a contractual basis.

MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS

Inspects, licenses and monitors complaints in mobile home parks.

NUISANCES

Works in cooperation with local officials, residents and property owners in unincorporated areas for nuisances posing public health hazards.

POTABLE (DRINKING) WATER

Collects water samples from non-community wells to assure safety. Issues new water well permits. Monitors complaints and assures abandoned wells are properly sealed.

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Reviews and approves plans for private sewage disposal systems. Investigate complaints involving malfunctioning systems.

RETAIL TOBACCO LICENSURE

Issues licenses to establishments in unincorporated areas selling tobacco products.

SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS

Inspects and issues permits for trucks that provide cleaning services for private sewage disposal systems or portable toilet facilities.

SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS

Inspects and recommends licensure for public swimming pools. Review and approve plans for private pools and spas in unincorporated areas. Investigate complaints.

TANNING FACILITIES

Inspects and recommends licensure for tanning facilities.

WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEM

Evaluates wells, water quality and sewage disposal systems at the request of lending institutions and real estate agencies.

Cook County Department of Public Health Staff

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