

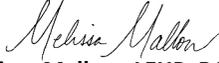
To the Citizens of Marion County

On behalf of the Marion County Board of Health, I present to you the 2025 Annual Report of the Marion County Health Department. This report is a statistical picture of the activities of the Marion County Health Department for the fiscal year December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, as we continue our efforts to promote and protect the health of the Marion County residents.

This year marks the 32nd year of the continued commitment to the residents of Marion County. The Health Department has an important role in every resident's daily life, by providing food safety, sewer compliance, immunizations, health screenings, labs, disease surveillance, and preventative health services to mothers and children.

This Annual Report summarizes the services we provide and the occurrence of the specific diseases.

I would like to thank the Board of Health, the Marion County Board, and the residents of Marion County for your support.



Melissa Mallow, LEHP, BA Public Health Administrator



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for citizens in Marion County through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.

Marion County Board of Health

11/30/2025

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11/30/2025

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Ciara Cain, BS..... Sanitarian
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Jaime Ferguson..... WIC Secretary
Bridget Dees Front Desk Secretary
Stacey Arnold Front Desk Secretary
Gina Phillips Front Desk Secretary
Vanessa Rostance.....Front Desk Secretary
Kat Dailey..... Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Isabelle Moore.....Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Rebecca Marcum.....Phlebotomist

Services Offered

Better Birth Outcomes (BBO)
Blood Pressure Screenings
Breast Feeding Support
Communicable Disease Control
COVID-19 Vaccinations
Emergency Preparedness/Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
FIT Testing (Fecal Immunochemical Test)
Food, Private Sewage & Private Water Programs
Gun Locks
HIV Counseling & Testing
Immunizations
Influenza & Pneumonia Vaccinations
International Travel Immunizations
Lab Services
Lead Screenings & Case Management
Opioid Overdose Education & Narcan Distribution
Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing
Tanning and Body Art Inspections
TB Control Program
Tick Surveillance
Vision & Hearing Screenings
West Nile Virus Program
WIC

Salem Office

118 Cross Creek Boulevard
(618) 548-3878

Immunizations

Every Monday, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
By Appointment
We now accept most insurance plans

Lab Services

Every Wednesday and Thursday,
8 a.m.—10:45 a.m.
By appointment

Blood Pressure Screenings

Walk-ins Welcome

Centralia Office

1013 North Poplar
(618) 532-6518

Immunizations

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
By Appointment
We now accept most insurance plans

Lab Services

Every Tuesday, 8 a.m.—10:45 a.m.
By appointment

Blood Pressure Screenings

Walk-ins Welcome



118 Cross Creek Boulevard, Salem



1013 North Poplar, Centralia



Communicable Disease & Chronic Disease Services

Tuberculosis Control

Skin Tests Administered	273
LTBI	10
Active Cases	1

Chronic Disease Control

Blood Pressure Screenings	9
Lab Draws	998

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Chlamydia	113
Gonorrhea	49
Syphilis	11

Communicable Disease Investigations

Salmonella	6
Hepatitis B	37
Hepatitis C	40
Histoplasmosis	4
Mumps	1

HIV Testing

Tests	43
Cases Investigated	2

Rabies Investigations

Animal Bites	60
PEP Not Recommended	50
PEP Recommended	10



Immunizations & Screenings

Immunizations

Immunization Clinics	70
Persons Immunized	1,612
Vaccines Administered	2,277
Hep A	144
Hep B	36
Influenza	512
Gardasil	47
Meningitis	206
Shingrix	11
Tdap	179
Rotavirus	83
Varicella	102
RSV	14
MMR	110
Yellow Fever	2

Lead Screenings 373

Vision and Hearing Screenings..... 79

Narcan Distributed.....955 (boxes)

Little Food Pantries

By: Melissa Mallow, Administrator

One of the Marion County Health Department’s Community Health Needs Assessment (IPLAN) priority health problems in Marion County is food insecurities. In June 2025, the Marion County Health Department partnered with Centralia Little Food Pantries to provide a convenient and accessible way to help community members facing food insecurity and other needs. There are Little Food Pantries at each Health Department office (Salem & Centralia). Please donate if you can or take if you need. Unable to donate, but still want to help? Simply spread the word. Sharing is caring. No one should go hungry.

Narcan Vending Machine

By: Melissa Mallow, Administrator

The Marion County Health Department has offered free Narcan to the public since June 2020. Even though the public could remain anonymous when they picked up Narcan, they still had to come inside the health department to receive the Narcan.

In April 2025, Marion County Health Department was given the opportunity to receive three free Narcan vending machines from the Egyptian Health Department. One machine is installed outside the Salem office (North side of the building) and two outside the Centralia office (one in front and one in rear of the building).

Since the Marion County Health Department installed the vending machines, uptick in the Narcan distribution has been overwhelming.

FY25 Quarter 1 (December 2024 — February 2025)

Salem Office: 5
Centralia Office: 4

FY25 Quarter 3 (June 2025 — August 2025)

Salem Office: 115
Centralia: 348

FY25 Quarter 2 (March 2025 — May 2025)

Salem Office: 90
Centralia Office: 74

FY25 Quarter 4 (September 2025 — November 2025)

Salem Office: 64
Centralia Office: 255



Maternal and Child Health

By: Terri Adams, RN
Director of Family Services

A new program has replaced the long-standing Family Case Management. Better Birth Outcomes (BBO) began on July 1, 2025. BBO is a more intense program, the main goal is to promote the reduction of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. This program provides services to dyads—pregnant, postpartum and their infants throughout pregnancy and the first six months after birth to Illinois residents who meet the eligibility criteria. One big change is more in-depth assessments on the prenatal and post-partum clients, making sure the participant has all the education and medical care possible. The BBO program is new and changes are being made periodically.

APORS is a program that goes along with BBO. These infants are already high risk and will be enrolled in BBO if the client agrees.

WIC is always changing, but is still the most successful and cost-effective nutritional program. Providing nutritious foods to low-income women, infants and children up to five years old. WIC always promotes breastfeeding as the standard way of feeding infants. Clients receive breastfeeding education from our Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurses and our Breastfeeding Peer Counselors (BFPC). BFPC's can also help our clients obtain a breast pump if needed. Farmers Market is a program that is available in summer and fall. Clients can get fresh fruit and vegetables from the farmers market, if they choose to. This

is in addition to the WIC benefits they receive.

Ongoing participation in the Healthworks program for children in DCFS custody in Marion County continues. The children are followed by MCH nurses until six years old, by being case managers of the children, the MCH nurses stay in contact with the foster parents making sure children are up to date on all required exams, screenings, and immunizations.

In addition to the Director of Family Services, the MCH staff is comprised of 3 full time RN's, 1 part time RN, 1 full time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, who also does hearing and vision screenings, 1 part time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, and 2 full time clerical staff.

Maternal & Child Nursing Services

WIC Caseload (Average).....	1,117
Pediatric Developmental Screenings.....	1,271
Perinatal and Pediatric Hemoglobin Tests.....	1,045
Pediatric Fluoride Varnish Application.....	494
Perinatal Women Depression Screenings.....	504
WIC Nutritional Education Sessions.....	1,752
Breast Pumps Provided.....	42
Healthworks Caseload.....	766
APORS Investigations.....	67



Financial Statement

Revenue

State & Federal Grants	\$952,418.34
State & Federal Billing	10,596.38
Local Taxes.....	207,036.60
Interest	36,954.41
Permits.....	15,680.00
Fees.....	88,894.02
Insurance Billing.....	167,995.02
Miscellaneous	12,786.61

Total Revenue \$1,492,361.38

Account Balances

First Financial.....	\$1,186,749.87
Iuka State Bank.....	177,305.37
IPRIME.....	82,053.74
IMET.....	391,777.38

Total..... \$1,837,886.16

Expenditures

Salaries	\$883,343.37
Fringe Benefits	222,189.56
Travel / Training	14,848.81
Contractual.....	84,446.48
Commodities	95,836.57
Vaccine	79,129.59
Fees	44,649.67
Contingencies.....	30,060.57
Equipment.....	9,782.85
Building Improvement Fund	30,000.00

Total Expenditures \$1,494,287.47

Balance

Cash Balance as of December 1, 2024 \$1,635,455.12

Cash Balance as of November 30, 2025 \$1,837,886.16



Environmental Health

By: *Melissa Mallow*
Administrator

The goal of the Marion County Health Department is the prevention of the occurrence of infectious diseases in Marion County. To protect the people within the county from and transmitting infectious diseases, the Division of Environmental Health performs a comprehensive food protection program and several environmental programs.

The Division of Environmental Health permits and performs inspections on all permanent, mobile, and temporary food service establishments in Marion County. It is the purpose and intent of these inspections and regulations to promote safe food handling practices and to prevent the outbreak of foodborne illness. Our primary goal is to assist the operator in preventing any foodborne illness through education and inspections. At these inspections, the Environmental Health Division is checking various food temperatures, proper personal hygiene, and proper sanitation techniques.

Many citizens of Marion County rely on private water wells for their water supply. To protect these citizens from contracting or transmitting waterborne diseases, the Division of Environmental Health, upon request, collects and submits private water well samples to a lab for bacterial analysis. Procedures and literature for treating or correcting any deficiencies of an existing water well are supplied to the owner when an unsatisfactory analysis is received.

The private sewage program is performed in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act and Code to prevent the transmission of disease-causing organisms, environmental contamination and nuisances resulting from improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal from private sewage systems. Any new or renovated system must be installed by an Illinois licensed private sewage contractor or the homeowner and permitted through the Marion County Health Department.

The Division of Environmental Health performs annual inspections at each tanning facility in Marion County. At each inspection, the health department will check customer records and each tanning bed to ensure the public's safety. In Illinois, no one under 18 years old is allowed to use a tanning bed.

The Division of Environmental Health performs annual inspections at each body art facility in Marion County. Body art is body piercing and tattoos. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe blood supply. In Illinois, no one under 18 years old may receive a tattoo.

Each June, July and August, the Environmental Health Division will set gravid traps for the Vector Surveillance program. The gravid traps will collect Culex mosquitoes, which are the primary vector of West Nile virus. Once the Culex mosquitoes have been collected, the environmental health division will test them for West Nile Virus.

Food Protection

Routine Inspections	361
Complaint Inspections	15
Follow-Up Inspections	85
Temporary Food Inspections.....	51
Pre-Operational Inspections.....	27
Permits Issued	253

Private Sewage

Routine Inspections	62
Complaint Inspections	18
Permits Issued	59

Private Water

New and Existing Well Inspections.....	2
Closed Loop Well Inspections.....	2

Tanning

Routine Inspections	4
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Body Art

Routine Inspections	3
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West Nile Virus Surveillance

Mosquito Pools Tested	22
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Tick Surveillance

Tick Drags.....	7
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Administration and Staff of the Marion County Health Department

