

Environmental Division Report

March 15, 2021

Peggy has been off on medical leave since February 3, 2021. The Environmental Division has been assisting with the COVID Vaccine Clinic daily. There have been approximately 10 housing complaints that have come in since the January 25th meeting. For the most part I have been able to resolve them with a phone call to the landlord. I have however gone to 2 homes to inspect due to getting conflicting stories from tenant and landlord. I have required the tenant to wear a mask and stay distanced from me as I inspect. I also had a complaint of no water that inspected the same way. This house was posted Uninhabitable.

I have worked up approximately 5 Minimum Requirements for septic system. I also have worked on 5 Plan Reviews for septic system permits 4 of which are now Permits. I have inspected 2 new construction septic systems this year and 1 repair.

Septic Inspections:

New Construction Inspections- 2

Repair Inspections- 1

Septic Plan Review- 5

Septic Permits- 4

Housing Complaints- Mold, Unfit Housing, No Water- 10

Report submitted by Jeff Couch

Foods Division Report

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- 344 licenses issued for 2021 (Brick & Mortar and concessions)
- 37 inspections including all school inspections complete.
- 15 complaints - mostly people not wearing face covering.
- 24 emails/calls from people with questions, concerns regarding the IDOH Color code status yellow and then blue.
- New facilities opened / reopened facilities: B&K in Marion and Gas City, Elk's Country Club, OBI's Barbeque.
- Plan & Review – OBI's BBQ and Ice Cream Place going in Boston Hill.

Dean, Scott and Bruce attended the District 6 Public Health Emergency Coordination Group. This monthly meeting is preparedness related and the local health department cover each local health department plans and what may or may not work.

All meetings are being conducted zoom.

Scott and/or Dean – Applications for the 2021 licenses have been received. A problem of note this year is the number of applications that were after received after January 1 or just not returned to us at all. There were 47 businesses without a new license after January 1 (typically 10 or less). We have since got most of them licensed and are down to 1 still due. This remaining one is believed to be out of business and the owner just didn't contact health department. We've reached out to the business with no luck on getting ahold of anyone.

Since early January food inspectors along with all other health department employees have been busy with the vaccination clinic with the clinic being top priority, then when we have free time inspectors do inspections, follow ups.

Report submitted by Dean Small

Nursing Division Report

March 15, 2021

Our first COVID vaccine clinic was held on January 11, 2021 with a total of 50 patients receiving vaccines. This felt like a daunting task on that day. We are now providing 600 doses weekly.

We are scheduling school vaccines, TB test and STI testing outside of vaccine clinic hours. We expect school vaccine appointments to raise dramatically with Kindergarten Roundups taking place over the next few weeks.

Amber Turner resigned on February 19th. The interview process is underway for our new Public Health Nurse.

Deidre Miller has taken over the vaccine inventory and ordering during the absence of a PHN.

Diedre Hamilton runs the daily case count and updates the major stakeholders every morning.

While this has been a challenging few weeks, we are doing what needs to get done and look forward to adding to our team.

Report submitted by Diedre Hamilton

Vital Records Report

March 15, 2021

Since updating to the new DRIVE system in December, the system is becoming much easier to operate and navigate through. There are still 3 unresolved deaths from December, 3 from January and 10 from February. While the switch from Genesis to DRIVE has been a challenge, with patience and persistence we have come a long way.

Vitals records staff have been helping with the vaccine clinic Monday through Friday.

There have been a total of 8 new Grant County COVID deaths filed for 2021 and 2 additional for 2020.

Statistical COVID death info for 2020 and 2021 (thru March 15):

Gender - Male: 46 Female: 45

Average Age: 83

Place of death - Hospital: 18 LTCF: 69 Residence: 4

The total number of deaths for 2020 and 2021 that have been filed (meaning they occurred within the county) in Grant County are 91.

Respectfully,

Morgan Lee, Registrar