

Environmental Division Report

May 2021

Jeff has been extremely busy working at the clinic giving Covid-19 vaccinations and taking over all duties in the Environmental Division while Peggy was off on sick leave. Peggy returned to work on March 30, 2021. Due to rain in April and now May septic system installations are running behind schedule.

We have handled the following between March 16, 2021 and May 11, 2021:

- 3 - Septic Inspections
- 10 - Septic Permits Issued
- 3 - Septic Repair Permits Issued
- 2 - Septic Site Evaluations
- 2 - Difficult Site Evaluations with Installers, Soil Scientist and Infiltrator Rep.
- 1 - Wetness Check
- 23 - Housing Complaints for no water, trash, sewage, mold and/or unfit housing
- 3 - Posted Uninhabitable (2 trailers due to sewage backing up in trailers, and 1 drug house)
- 2 - Illegal Burns

Report submitted by Peggy Bradley

Foods Division Report

5-17-2021

- 387 licenses issued for 2021 to date (Brick & Mortar and concessions).
- 135 inspections to date.
- 21 complaints addressed (most were done by phone).
- **New facilities opened / reopened facilities:** Grant County Rescue Mission in Gas City (meeting area and kitchen at this location)
- **Plan & Review** – Dairy Queen (Gas City), Ashley's Ice-cream (Marion), Arrow Nutrition (Marion)

On May 7, 2021 Scott and I, along with Jane from nursing went to St Martins for COVID vaccines given out from 10:30a – 12:00p. There were 14 people who got the J & J vaccine.

Dean, Scott and Bruce attends the District 6 Public Health Emergency Coordination Group. This monthly meeting is preparedness related and then local health department pros / cons over each local health department and what may or may not work.

District 6 Health Care Coalition will resume in person meetings starting end of May.

Clinic has slowed down since Mid-April, as before all health department employees were in the clinic whereas of now only 4-6 employees are needed and allowing the others to do the work they were hired to do.

It's been noticed in our inspections that many businesses are struggling to stay in compliance because they are short employees. Some of the businesses have resorted to changing their hours and a few have chosen to close an extra day or two until more help is available.

Report submitted by Dean Small

May 2021 Health Board Meeting

Nursing Division Report

Our response to Covid-19 continues to dominate our time and activities. We will continue vaccination clinics on Tuesday afternoons and the entire day on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the month of June.

We have administered 7,290 COVID vaccinations to Grant County residents through these clinics to date. Of that total 27 were administered at pop-up clinics at St Martin's and Providence Place and delivered to Homebound Hoosiers.

We have been very appreciative of the participation of Grant County EMS in reaching Homebound Hoosiers to administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. As a result of their efforts twenty-nine Homebound Hoosiers were vaccinated.

The numbers coming in to the clinics have been slowing. We are developing plans to have a few staff members take vaccinations off-site to congregate living settings and small businesses during the time already set aside for clinics. Details are also being finalized for us to take vaccinations to the remaining Homebound Hoosiers.

Due to the low numbers coming in for vaccinations we are transitioning the process to the nursing office and should no longer need the Council Chambers after May 20th. This will allow staff from the other divisions of the health department to return to their regular responsibilities which they have willingly juggled to make the clinics successful.

With the approval to administer the Pfizer vaccine to 12-16-year old's, we are working with MGH to plan vaccination clinics in school settings in the coming weeks.

At this point, approximately 39% of our county's residents are fully vaccinated, and we are exploring ways to increase that percentage. As of May 12th Covid-19 has resulted in a total of 7,735 confirmed cases and 174 deaths for Grant County citizens.

As a division, we continue to administer childhood vaccinations in the clinic, and are working at catching up on all the regular responsibilities which have given place to Covid-19 management this past 15 months.

Report submitted by Jane Hampton

Vital Records

The new DRIVE system has been operating much better since going live the first of January. A new feature that has just been added is “out of county births”. This allows vital records staff to search by birth date and name for a customer who does not know which county they were born in, to better direct them on where to go to get their birth record. While we haven’t needed to use this feature yet, it will come in handy in the process of helping out-of-county customers get their record.

Covid-19 & Vital Records

Vital records staff have still been helping with the vaccine clinic, Tuesday through Thursday as the days have shortened. The county building reopened to the public Tuesday April 20th. Staff have had to balance the vaccine clinic while also helping walk in customers with vital records.

Since the last report, there has not been any deaths with COVID-19 as the main cause. So, masking and vaccinations are working meaning, we are headed in the right direction.

Respectfully,

Morgan Lee, Registrar