



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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St. Joseph County Department of Health

"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"

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St. Joseph County Department of Health to Host Community Sessions on Health First Indiana Funding

The St. Joseph County Department of Health will host a series of community listening sessions to gather community input on the State of Indiana's public health infrastructure funding, *Health First Indiana*. *Health First Indiana*, formerly referred to as Senate Bill 4 or the Governor's Public Health Commission, passed into law on July 1, 2023, is a state-wide investment in local departments of health to support core services and to ensure all Hoosiers have access to foundational public health services.

Dr. Diana Purushotham, the County's Health Officer, is eager to share the important work done by the Department of Health. Additionally, our aim is to engage with the community to gather feedback on how the increased funding could enhance the overall health and wellbeing of the county.

Join Dr. Purushotham and other Department of Health leadership at one of the following community sessions:

Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,
New Carlisle Library (408 Bray St., New Carlisle, IN 46552)

Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.,
Holiday Inn-Mishawaka (1208 E. Douglas Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46545)

For more information on *Health First Indiana*, please visit, <https://www.in.gov/health/directory/office-of-the-commissioner/gphc/>. Input can also be given via the St. Joseph County Department of Health website, www.sjcindiana.com/health.

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