



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## 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"*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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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, August 31, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.,**  
*LaCasa De Amistad (3423 S. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46614)*

**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](http://www.sjcindiana.com/health).

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# JOIN US!

In 2024, the State of Indiana is making a huge investment in public health and we want YOUR input!

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Meet Health Officer, Diana Purushotham, MD  
Connect with Unit Directors to ask questions about current activities & core services!

## PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE SESSIONS BELOW

### AUGUST 2023

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### September 2023

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Scan the QR code and  
provide your thoughts.

# HEALTH FIRST INDIANA

## CORE SERVICES



### EMERGENCIES/DISASTERS

- Staff includes dedicated preparedness coordinator on staff, and ensure resources are available in an emergency



### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

- Food Protection
- Immunizations
- Infectious Disease Surveillance and Prevention
- Tuberculosis Control and Case Management



### ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

- Water Quality
- Septic Inspections
- Tattoo, massage, & piercing
- Vector (mosquito, ticks, etc.)



### MATERNAL, CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH

- Fatality Review
- Maternal and Child Health programs & education
- School Health Liaison
- Lead Case Management and Risk Assessments



### CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION

- Tobacco Prevention and Cessation
- Substance use prevention
- Injury Prevention
- Mental Health



### FOOD AND POOL SERVICES

- Food Inspections
- Temporary Permits
- Home-based Food Vendors
- Pool & Spa Inspections



### ACCESS & LINKAGE TO CLINICAL CARE

- Include at least one full-time public health nurse on staff and after-hours access



### VITAL RECORDS

- Fetal, Birth & Death records
- Paternity Affidavits



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*El Departamento de Salud del Condado de St. Joseph se esfuerza por promover la salud física y mental y facilitar la prevención de enfermedades, lesiones y discapacidades para todos los que viven en el Condado de St. Joseph.*

# ÚNASE A NOSOTROS!

En el 2024, el Estado de Indiana está haciendo una gran inversión en salud pública y ¡queremos SU aporte!

Conozca a la Oficial de Salud, Diana Purushotham, MD  
¡Conéctese con los directores de unidad para hacer preguntas sobre las actividades actuales y los servicios básicos!

## PARTICIPE EN UNA DE LAS SIGUIENTES SESIONES

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Escanee el código QR y dé su opinión.



### EMERGENCIAS/DESASTRES

- El personal incluye un coordinador de preparación dedicado en el personal y garantiza que los recursos estén disponibles en una emergencia



### CONTROL DE ENFERMEDADES TRANSMISIBLES

- Protección de alimentos
- Vacunas
- Vigilancia y Prevención de Enfermedades Infecciosas
- Control de Tuberculosis y Manejo de Casos



### SALUD PUBLICA AMBIENTAL

- Calidad del agua
- Inspecciones sépticas
- Tatuaje, masaje y piercing
- Vector (mosquito, garrapatas, etc.)



### SALUD MATERNA, INFANTIL Y FAMILIAR

- Revisión de fatalidad
- Educación y programas de salud maternoinfantil
- Enlace de salud escolar
- Gestión de casos de plomo y evaluaciones de riesgos



### PREVENCIÓN DE ENFERMEDADES CRÓNICAS Y LESIONES

- Prevención y cesación del tabaco
- Prevención del consumo de sustancias
- Prevención de lesiones
- Salud mental



### SERVICIOS DE ALIMENTACION Y PISCINA

- Inspecciones de alimentos
- Permisos Temporales
- Vendedores de comida a domicilio
- Inspecciones de piscinas y spas



### ACCESO Y VINCULACIÓN A LA ATENCIÓN CLÍNICA

- Incluimos al menos una enfermera de salud pública de tiempo completo en el personal y acceso fuera del horario de atención



### SIGNOS VITALES

- Actas de nacimiento y defunción
- Declaraciones juradas de paternidad