

To the Residents of LaSalle County:

It is an honor to present to you the LaSalle County Health Department 2015 Annual Report of Services and Finance. The 2015 programs in the LaSalle County Health Department's Administrative, Environmental Health, and Personal Health divisions were offered to ensure that our mission statement to "Promote Health and Prevent Disease" was carried out.

The LaSalle County Health Department is a Certified Local Health Department that provides clinical and environmental services through the operation of various programs, services, and partnerships for the last 29 years. The Health Department touches everyone in some way or another in their daily lives. Programs operated by the Department monitor your drinking water and the food you eat, immunize children and adults to protect them from diseases, provide prenatal case management to reduce the number of infants born with health complications, provide breast and cervical cancer screening services to uninsured women and promote overall wellness of the community.

During 2015, the Health Department has been working with several organizational committees reviewing the many regulations being put forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health in the area of the food, water and septic programs. Fall of 2015 brought our annual flu vaccination clinics to several school locations throughout the County. This allowed children to stay in school, giving convenience to their parents while at the same time protecting their surroundings from the flu virus. We also contracted with private insurance companies as a billing option for immunizations and other nursing services.

This report gives the statistical and financial data for each program. We receive funding from state and federal grants, fees for service and county tax dollars. Despite the challenges brought on by the State of Illinois budget impasse, the LaSalle County Health Department has been able to continue to offer the same public health programs to its citizens. The tremendous dedication and commitment of the staff and the steady support from the Board of Health and the County Board provide a strong foundation which allows important public health services to continue in LaSalle County.

Sincerely,  
Julia K. Kerestes, LEHP  
Public Health Administrator

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### **Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2015 (12/01/14 - 11/30/15)**

<b>Balance on Hand (12/01/14)</b>	\$4,977,948
<b>Revenue</b>	
A. Federal & State Grants	\$2,063,462
B. Service Fees	238,561
C. Tax Levy	905,154
D. Interest	23,424
E. Misc. Income	9,889
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,240,490</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
A. Personnel	\$1,357,824
B. Benefits	374,196
C. Program Expenses	1,502,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,234,100</b>
County Operating Transfers	\$17,835
<b>Ending Balance (11/30/15)</b>	<b>\$4,966,503</b>

### A Profile of LaSalle County

Population estimate, 2014*	111,241
Population % change, April 2010 - July 2014*	-2.4
Land Area sq. mi., 2010*	1,135.12
Persons per sq. mi., 2010*	100.4
Second largest geographic county in Illinois	
Percent of cropland***	72
Total Acreage***	734,656
Family Median Income, 2010- 2014*	51,232
Annual Ave. Unemployment Rate, 2015**	7%
Median Age, 2010-2014****	41.6
Births, 2013****	1,132
Deaths, 2014****	1,350
Hospitals.....	4

### **Sources:**

- \*US Bureau of Census
- \*\*US Department of Employment Security
- \*\*\*Illinois Project for Natural Resources
- \*\*\*\*Illinois Department of Public Health
- \*\*\*\*\*American Community Survey 5yr Estimates
- \*\*\*\*\*US Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Sur-

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## 2015 Annual Report

<p><b><u>Administrative Division</u></b></p> <p><b>Julia K. Kerestes, B.S., L.E.H.P.</b> <b>Public Health Administrator</b></p> <p>Responsibilities include administrative operation, fiscal management, adherence to laws, personnel management, statistical data analysis, and media relations.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health Division</b></p> <p><b>Ted Pumo, B.S., L.E.H.P.</b> <b>Director of Environmental Health</b></p> <p>The <b>Food Sanitation Program</b> goal is the reduction of food borne illness through education to food service operators and consumers regarding safe food handling practices. All food service establishments are classified into risk categories based upon the type of menu served, the type of population served, the amount of food handling and/or the procedures of food handling being performed.</p> <table> <tr><td>Food service establishments.....</td><td>890</td></tr> <tr><td>Pre-operational inspections.....</td><td>54</td></tr> <tr><td>Food complaints received .....</td><td>62</td></tr> <tr><td>Routine food surveys .....</td><td>1,257</td></tr> <tr><td>Follow-up surveys .....</td><td>426</td></tr> <tr><td>Temporary food stand surveys.....</td><td>216</td></tr> <tr><td>Food borne illness investigations .....</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Food safety training participants .....</td><td>286</td></tr> <tr><td>Cottage food permits.....</td><td>10</td></tr> </table> <p>The <b>Private Sewage Disposal Program</b> goals are to minimize the risk of communicable disease transmission and to reduce adverse impacts upon the environment from improperly treated sewage effluent. The Private Sewage Disposal Program requires that all installations and/or repairs of individual sewage disposal systems be permitted and inspected by an Environmental Health Practitioner. Proposed subdivisions are also reviewed to ensure proper disposal of domestic sewage.</p> <table> <tr><td>Total permits issued .....</td><td>72</td></tr> <tr><td>Final construction surveys.....</td><td>61</td></tr> <tr><td>Septic tank pumpers inspections.....</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Sewage complaints.....</td><td>31</td></tr> <tr><td>Trainings .....</td><td>189</td></tr> </table>	Food service establishments.....	890	Pre-operational inspections.....	54	Food complaints received .....	62	Routine food surveys .....	1,257	Follow-up surveys .....	426	Temporary food stand surveys.....	216	Food borne illness investigations .....	4	Food safety training participants .....	286	Cottage food permits.....	10	Total permits issued .....	72	Final construction surveys.....	61	Septic tank pumpers inspections.....	20	Sewage complaints.....	31	Trainings .....	189	<p>The <b>Potable Water Program</b> goal is to assure water systems are properly located, constructed, and provide water satisfactory for consumption. Prior to construction of a new well, a permit from the Health Department is required to ensure protection of groundwater. Surveys and sampling of water well supplies are conducted upon suspected illness of waterborne diseases. 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Environmental Health Practitioners conduct annual and if needed follow-up inspections on all licensed tanning beds and body art facilities located within LaSalle County.</p> <table> <tr><td>Tanning/Body Art facilities inspected ...</td><td>23</td></tr> </table> <p><b>The Emergency Preparedness Program</b> allows the Health Department to take an all-hazards approach in preventing, preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against all types of emergencies.</p> <p><b>The Nuisance Control</b> program goal is to minimize possible injury associated with a potential public health nuisance condition. 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An annual educational campaign focuses on prevention and identifying potential breeding sites throughout the County. Identified sites are monitored and as needed remediated. Presentations about mosquitoes and the potentially life threatening diseases they can carry are given to students throughout the county.</p> <table> <tr><td>Onsite surveys .....</td><td>36</td></tr> <tr><td>Vector presentation participants ....</td><td>473</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Communicable Disease Control</b></p> <p><b>Infectious diseases</b> continue to pose a significant threat to public health and mortality. The communicable disease program strives to decrease the spread of infectious diseases through surveillance, investigation, screening, education and follow-up.</p> <p><b>Communicable Diseases Reported</b></p> <table> <tr><td>HIV Positive (Newly Identified).....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Bacterial Meningitis.....</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Chicken Pox (Varicella).....</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Chlamydia.....</td><td>271</td></tr> <tr><td>Cyclosporiasis.....</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Gonorrhea.....</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Haemophilus Influenzae.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Hepatitis A.....</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Hepatitis B Acute.....</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Hepatitis B Chronic.....</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Hepatitis C Confirmed.....</td><td>72</td></tr> <tr><td>Histoplasmosis.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Influenza A &amp;/OR B.....</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Legionnaires' Disease.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Lyme Disease.....</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Mumps.....</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Pertussis.....</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Rabies (Potential) Exposure.....</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Shigella.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Salmonella.....</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Staph inf. &lt;Age 61 Days.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Strep Invasive Group A.....</td><td>2</td></tr> </table> <p><b>West Nile Virus..... 2</b></p> <p><b>The Smoke-Free Illinois Act.</b> The law prohibits smoking in all indoor public places and places of employment. The law is designed to protect employees and the public from secondhand smoke. Complaints must be registered by calling a toll-free complaint line at 1-866-973-4646 or by going on-line to the Smoke-Free Illinois website at <a href="http://www.smoke-free.illinois.gov">www.smoke-free.illinois.gov</a>. These complaints will be handled by the Illinois Department of Public Health, local health departments, and local law enforcement agencies. According to the law, these agencies have been identified as enforcement agencies.</p> <table> <tr><td>Complaints received.....</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Citations issued.....</td><td>1 (Per IDPH Complaint System)</td></tr> </table> <p><b>HIV testing</b> is available at the Health Department by appointment, free of charge, for at risk individuals. Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) evaluation and treatment are provided through medical referral facilities throughout the county for minimal cost.</p> <table> <tr><td>Number of tests administered .....</td><td>201</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Personal Health Division</b></p> <p><b>Cathy Larsen, R.N.</b> <b>Director of Personal Health</b></p> <p><b>The Family Case Management (FCM) Program</b> offers case management services for pregnant women and children. The staff provides the following services: pregnancy testing, Emergency Medical Cards, monitoring of pregnancies and child development, management of high risk pregnancies and infants, referrals, home visits and Genetics screening with referral when indicated.</p> <table> <tr><td>Average caseload per month.....</td><td>841</td></tr> <tr><td>Court Ordered Paternity Testing.....</td><td>171</td></tr> <tr><td>Pregnancy tests .....</td><td>94</td></tr> <tr><td>Temp. 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