

40 Ways Jackson County Health Department Protects Your Health

1. Provides screening for tuberculosis and medications for those with positive results
2. Investigates communicable disease and take actions to reduce spread
3. Offers STD testing and treatment
4. Provides services to persons with HIV which decreases the spread of HIV
5. Ensures the safe handling of food in restaurants and stores
6. Prepares to contain disease during emergencies
7. Provides education on the prevention of STDs and HIV
8. Develops a response to emerging diseases like Ebola, Zika, etc.
9. Ensures the safe treatment of private sewage
10. Offers asthma education classes
11. Enforces Smoke Free Illinois Act
12. Promotes smoke free public spaces
13. Provides chronic disease and diabetes self-management classes
14. Maintains a current diabetes resource guide
15. Promotes fresh local fruits and vegetables
16. Works with community partners to ensure safe places to bike and walk
17. Promotes worksite wellness programs
18. Supports schools in offering healthy foods and encouraging activity
19. Encourages cancer screenings
20. Prevents dental cavities through fluoride varnish applications in children
21. Convenes partners to address behavioral health issues
22. Provides community education on behavioral health resources
23. Promotes drug take back programs
24. Shares data and information about the prescription patterns that increase the risk of addiction
25. Promotes prescribers to use the Prescription Monitoring Program
26. Provides childhood and adolescent immunizations to protect against many diseases
27. Offers flu clinics and encourages adults to be vaccinated
28. Works with healthcare providers to ensure high rates of vaccination in our community
29. Works with schools to ensure children have required vaccinations
30. Maintains immunization records and shares information with providers
31. Provides leadership in addressing community health problems
32. Offers WIC program for families and access to community resources
33. Provides breastfeeding support
34. Ensures children in foster care get good healthcare
35. Promotes recycling and provides recycling education
36. Offers vision and hearing screenings
37. Provides blood lead testing
38. Issues private water well permits
39. Enforces open dumping laws and conducts landfill inspections
40. Prepares for public health emergencies of all types