

# Indiana Association of Local Boards of Health

## Working with the Indiana State Department of Health

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) supports Indiana's economic prosperity and quality of life by promoting, protecting and providing for the health of Hoosiers in their communities.

To achieve a healthier Indiana, the Indiana State Department of Health will:

- ⇒ Focus on data-driven policy to determine appropriate evidence-based activities.
- ⇒ Evaluate activities to ensure measurable results.
- ⇒ Engage its partners and include appropriate intra-agency programs in policy-making and programming.
- ⇒ View its essential partners to include local health departments, physicians, hospitals and other health care providers, other state agencies and officials as well as local and federal agencies and officials, community leaders, businesses, health insurance companies, Medicaid, health and economic interest groups, and other groups outside the traditional public health model.
- ⇒ Actively facilitate the integration of public health and health care activities to improve Hoosiers' health.

ISDH has several programs staffed with knowledgeable individuals available to help and support boards of health and local health department (LHD) activities. For assistance, contact ISDH at 317.234.1325. However, ISDH does not provide legal counsel or interpret Indiana code. Please be sure to consult the county attorney about legal matters.

One division of importance to boards of health and LHDs is the **Local Health Department Outreach Division**. Their mission is to strengthen the partnerships between ISDH and the LHDs through multiple modes of communication, education and training and customer services. Their vision is to improve the delivery of public health services to Hoosiers through collaboration with LHDs.

The LHD Outreach Division offers monthly webcasts which give boards and LHDs an opportunity to receive updates on current state and national public health issues. During the webcasts, LHDs have the opportunity to email or call in with questions and comments. Currently the webcasts are every second Friday at 9:30am (Indianapolis Time). The LHD Outreach Division also offers LHD funding opportunities. These include the Local Health Maintenance Fund Grant and the Indiana LHD Trust Account (formerly titled "Tobacco Settlement").

For more information, contact the LHD Outreach Division at 317.234.6623 or [LHDinfo@isdh.in.gov](mailto:LHDinfo@isdh.in.gov).

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