



Local Health Department Administrator's

welcome

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Congratulations

Dear Local Health Department Administrator,

Congratulations on becoming a Certified Public Health Administrator. I have reviewed your credentials and am excited to partner with you in your role as a new local health department administrator. Thank you for taking on such a great responsibility. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) leadership team is committed to building strong and productive partnerships with all local health departments and welcomes your feedback.



Given that no one manual or introduction can encompass all things public health, I am pleased to provide a brief introduction to IDPH, introduce you to the role of a local health department administrator, and highlight the role of a Regional Health Officer. As an administrator, you are assigned a designated Regional Health Officer (RHO) who will be an invaluable resource to you as you get acclimated to your new role.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your designated RHO for assistance in answering questions you have regarding IDPH's policies, programs, and priorities.

Yours in good health,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sameer Vohra". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA (He/him/his)
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Welcome
**from the
Illinois Department of Public Health**



Protecting your health today, preparing you for tomorrow.

IDPH is setting a new trajectory for the public health of Illinois - taking the lessons we've learned from battling a global pandemic and applying them to the full range and scope of our state's health challenges. IDPH remains as committed as ever to giving the people of Illinois the information and services they need to live full, healthy lives.

Mission

The Illinois Department of Public Health is an advocate for and partner with the people of Illinois to re-envision health policy and promote health equity, prevent and protect against disease and injury, and prepare for health emergencies.

Vision

Illinoisans empowered and supported to achieve their optimal health with dignity and acceptance in diverse and thriving communities.

About IDPH

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

is one of the state's oldest agencies and was first organized in 1877 with just three employees. Now, with headquarters in Springfield and Chicago, it operates six regional health offices and three laboratories, and employs 1,300 Illinoisans who are committed to making the state a healthier place.

- ★ **Headquarters**
- **Regional Health Offices**
- 🧪 **Laboratories**



Accreditation

IDPH achieved initial accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in 2015. The rigorous review process ensures IDPH continues to meet or exceed the highest quality and performance standards for a public health agency. National accreditation through PHAB indicates that IDPH has demonstrated dedication to equity, accountability to stakeholders, strong relationships with key health stakeholders, and that it continues to evolve and strengthen its performance to improve the health of the residents of Illinois.



Our Team

IDPH is organized into 13 offices, each of which addresses a distinct area of public health. IDPH partners with and supports the 97 local health departments serving 102 counties across Illinois, along with countless community-based organizations. In addition to the eight programmatic offices, IDPH also houses five offices providing shared services, policy, direction, and support across the agency.

**Together, we
make up the
institution that is
*public health.***

Programmatic Offices

- **Disease Control**
- **Health Care Regulation**
- **Health Promotion**
- **Health Protection**
- **Policy, Planning, and Statistics**
- **Preparedness and Response**
- **Racial and Cultural Health Equity**
- **Women's Health and Family Services**

Our over 200 programs affect the health and well-being of every Illinois resident and visitor. From childhood immunizations and newborn screenings to hospital and nursing home licensure and at every step in between, IDPH is working to protect the health and safety of all Illinoisans.



Our 2025 Priorities

will position us to continue building and sustaining our efforts to assess and respond to the health needs of the 13 million people of our state and further commit to building brighter futures for all of our residents in Illinois.

IDPH will work towards:

- **A Unified Vision for Health**
- **Preparing for Future Emergencies**
- **Developing the Public Health Workforce**
- **Modernizing Public Health Data**
- **Investing in Communities and Health Equity**
- **Enhancing Communication and Fighting Disinformation**

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Mission

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IDPH has identified the following goals for 2025

We look forward to working with you to help realize these goals on behalf of those we serve throughout the state.

A Unified Vision for Health – Through a health-in-all-policies approach, strategize with health departments, health care, and public health partners to apply lessons from the pandemic to co-create a more integrated public health system.

Preparing for Future Emergencies – Continue investments in emergency ‘preparedness positions, training exercises, and partnership building to better prepare the state for current and future health emergencies.

Modernizing the Public Health Workforce – Continue investments in new and old strategic partnerships to enhance public health capacity to meet the health needs of residents.

Modernizing Public Health Data – Continue investments in critical data infrastructure that modernizes IDPH’s ability to collect, analyze, and make available meaningful information to improve the health of residents.

Investing in Communities and Health Equity – Partner with community-based organizations to better leverage IDPH programs and policies to address health disparities. IDPH is prioritizing efforts for people who experience homelessness,

HIV/AIDS, mental and behavioral health, maternal health, and chronic disease.

Enhancing Communication and Fighting Disinformation – Continue investments in IDPH communication tools to proactively promote the agency’s programs and initiatives, improve communication pathways with historically overlooked communities, and correct erroneous information by tackling disinformation head-on.

In addition, IDPH has laid out key priorities in two other major documents, **the State Health Improvement Plan (“Healthy Illinois 2028”)** and the **COVID-19 After Action Report**.

Healthy Illinois 2028 identifies five major public health priorities for the next five years:

- Chronic Disease
- Emerging Diseases
- Maternal and Infant Health
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
- Racism as a Public Health Crisis

The COVID-19 After-Action Report was developed in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and lays out strategies for addressing future public health emergencies.

Its recommendations center on:

- Improving Preparedness
- Modernizing Systems
- Investing in Communities and Continuing to Build Public Trust

Introduction to IDPH Programs

IDPH has 200 different programs that benefit each state resident and visitor, although its daily activities of maintaining the public's health are rarely noticed unless a breakdown in the



system occurs. With the assistance of local public health agencies, these essential programs and services make up Illinois' public health system, a system that forms a frontline defense against disease through preventive measures and education. Public health has provided the foundation for remarkable gains in saving lives and reducing suffering. Today, life expectancy is 80 years for women and 75 years for men, compared with fewer than 50 years at the beginning of the 20th century.

In the past, IDPH directed state efforts to control smallpox, cholera, and typhoid; virtually eliminated polio; reduced dental decay through fluoridation of community water supplies; and corrected sanitary conditions threatening water and food supplies.

Today, IDPH has programs to deal with persistent problems that require continued vigilance – infectious diseases, such as AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), and meningococcal disease; foodborne and communicable diseases, such as E. coli O157: H7, monkeypox, salmonella, and West Nile virus; vaccine-preventable diseases; lead poisoning; lack of health care in rural areas; health disparities among racial groups in breast, cervical and prostate cancer; Alzheimer's disease; and other health threats -- sexually transmitted diseases, tobacco use, violence, and other conditions associated with high-risk behaviors. In addition, IDPH has been charged with handling the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the threat of bioterrorism.

IDPH, one of the state's oldest agencies, was first organized in 1877 with a staff of three and a two-year budget of \$5,000. IDPH now has an annual budget of \$1.7 billion in state and federal funds, headquarters in Springfield and Chicago, six regional offices around the state, three laboratories, and 1,300 employees. IDPH is organized into 13 offices, each addressing a distinct area of public health. Each office operates and supports numerous ongoing programs and is prepared to respond to extraordinary situations.

IDPH Offices and Divisions: A Brief Overview

About IDPH

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By the numbers

**1877**
IDPH is one of the state's oldest agencies, organized in 1877 with only 3 employees.

**6**
Regional Health Offices

**3**
Laboratories

**1,300**
IDPH employees (300 Illinoisans who are committed to making the state a healthier place).

Our Programmatic Offices

- Disease Control
- Health Care Regulation
- Health Promotion
- Health Protection

- Policy, Planning, and Statistics
- Preparedness and Response
- Racial and Cultural Health Equity
- Women's Health and Family Services



★ Headquarters
● Regional Health Offices
▲ Laboratories

Office of Disease Control

The Office of Disease Control (ODC) administers programs to prevent and control infectious and communicable diseases, to reduce and eliminate exposure, and to ensure population health, safety, and well-being. Formerly a unit of the Office of Health Protection, ODC was created out of necessity from the COVID-19 pandemic response. ODC focuses on limiting the spread of transmissible diseases with increased response teams and appropriate span of control.

The office includes:

- Division of Infectious Diseases
- Division of HIV/Hepatitis
- Bureau of Testing

Office of Health Care Regulation

The Office of Health Care Regulation (OHCR) licenses, inspects, and regulates a wide range of facilities, providers, and programs in support of IDPH's mission to serve as an advocate and partner with the people of Illinois.

OHCR licenses and inspects more than 1,500 long-term care facilities, including, but not limited to, those providing skilled nursing, specialized mental health rehabilitation services, and care for individuals with intellectually complex/developmentally disabled needs. OHCR also licenses and regulates more than 2,000 home health, hospice, home services, home nursing, and home placement providers. In addition, under the auspices of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), OHCR is responsible for overseeing laboratories, performing various certification surveys, and investigating complaints.

The office includes:

- Bureau of Long-Term Care
- Division of Long-Term Care Quality Assurance
- Division of Assisted Living and Shared Housing
- Division of Long-Term Care Field Operations
- Division of Administrative Rules and Procedures
- Division of Health Care Facilities and Programs

Office of Health Promotion

The Office of Health Promotion (OHPm) focuses on the health and wellness of Illinois residents by encouraging healthy lifestyles and by supporting screening, early detection, and appropriate intervention for non-communicable diseases and conditions. The office addresses chronic diseases, oral health, vision and hearing, newborn screening, violence/injury prevention, and overdose surveillance and response. Additionally, the office provides access to medical cannabis to patients with qualifying conditions through the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program.

Other OHPm initiatives include the Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Program and the Division of Emerging Health Issues, which includes the Violence and Injury Prevention Section (VIPS).

The office includes:

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
- Health Assessment and Screening
- Medical Cannabis
- Men's Health
- Oral Health
- Vision and Hearing

Office of Health Protection

The Office of Health Protection (OHPt) implements programs to reduce the incidence of disease and injury linked to environmental exposures, using surveillance, investigation, licensing, data, stakeholder education, regulation, and enforcement. The two main divisions of OHPt are Environmental Health (EH) and Food, Dairy, and Devices (FDD).

EH includes the Lead Program Asbestos Section, Environmental Health Services, Toxicology Section, and General Engineering Section. FDD includes the Retail Food Program, Dairy Program, Manufactured Food Program, and Body Art and Tanning Program.

The office includes:

- Environmental Health
- Laboratories

Office of Policy, Planning, and Statistics

The Office of Policy, Planning, and Statistics (OPPS) collects, analyzes, and evaluates information on health status, health needs, and disease occurrence in Illinois residents. The office has four divisions: Patient Safety and Quality, Vital Records, the Health Data and Policy, and Epidemiologic Studies. Within these areas, OPPS conducts epidemiologic studies and manages disease registries, supports statewide and local health assessments and surveys, ensures the integrity of vital records, tracks health care service use and patient safety outcomes, administers the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and processes applications for capital improvements to health care facilities.

The office includes:

- Epidemiologic Studies
- Health Data and Policy
- Patient Safety and Quality
- Vital Records
- Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Office of Preparedness and Response

The Office of Preparedness and Response (OPR) provides emergency response policy-making, planning, training, exercise, as well as incident management and evaluation services for IDPH programs. It coordinates the public health and medical technical services and resources that Illinois provides during a disaster through the Public Health Emergency Operations Center (PHEOC) and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

OPR is also responsible for administering two federal preparedness grants, the Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) and the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP), funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. OPR provides preparedness funding to 95 LHDs and 10 Regional Health Care Coalitions based across the state through these two federal grants. OPR also administers the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program.

The office includes:

- Disaster Planning and Readiness
- Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety
- Grants and Financial Management

Office of Racial and Cultural Health Equity

The mission of the Office of Racial and Cultural Health Equity (ORCHE) is to improve the health of socioeconomically disadvantaged populations by developing an organizational infrastructure of programs that address inequities and creating data and program measures that address disparities, promote equity, and establish health care policies to improve the health of the population. These are essential functions to improve physical and mental health, address health care disparities, and advance health equity.

The office includes:

- Center for Minority Health Services
- Center for Rural Health

Office of Women's Health and Family Services

The Office of Women's Health and Family Services (OWHFS) strives to improve the health outcomes of all Illinoisans by providing education and preventative services, increasing health care access, using data to ensure evidence-based practice and policy, and empowering families. The OWHFS administers state and federally funded programs through three main divisions: Maternal Child Health, Women's Health Services, and Population Health.

Maternal Child Health has two primary content areas: Perinatal: Maternal/Infant and Child and Adolescent/School Health. The Division of Women's Health Services oversees the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program; the Illinois Family Planning Program, also known as Title X; and Illinois (WISE-WOMAN) Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation. The Division of Population Health serves as OWHFS's main community engagement and communication arm.

The office includes:

- Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services
- Women's Health Services
- Population Health Management

Division of Communications

To stay up to date on public health news, visit the [IDPH communications web page](#) and see the agency's news releases as well as links to IDPH podcasts, newsletters, social media feeds and the annual report. To reach someone on the communications team at IDPH email IDPH.Communications@illinois.gov.

Other offices within IDPH include Human Resources, Finance & Administration, Performance Management, and Information Technology.

A detailed description of IDPH offices and divisions is located at: <https://dph.illinois.gov/about.html>

Introduction to Regional Health Officers (RHO)

Regional Health Officers

IDPH employs six regional health officers (RHO) who help local health department administrators with interpreting and implementing IDPH policy. Each RHO collaborates with IDPH regional personnel responsible for carrying out varied IDPH programs. In addition to overseeing regional office operations, each RHO serves as a resource to their assigned local health departments. In this capacity, they can assist LHD administrators with coordinating and creating community outreach activities that address identified health needs. They serve as a liaison between LHDs and IDPH and bring considerable knowledge regarding their assigned communities. Your designated RHO can assist you in completing the local assessment of needs (IPLAN) required for IDPH certification. Their contact information is listed here.

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Overview Local Health Department Certification

1. IDPH regions and map with links to LHD directory: <https://www.idph.state.il.us/LHDMap/HealthRegions.aspx>
2. LHD Certification rules and regulations – with information regarding applicable Local Health Protection grant eligibility for certified LHD: <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700600sections.html>
3. LHD certification application – (has referenced admin codes):
<https://idph.illinois.gov/files/iplan/LHD%20Certification%20Application%201.2023.pdf>

Illinois Project for local assessment of Needs (IPLAN) which consists of the community health needs assessment and community health plan satisfies three of the nine certification requirements:

LHD Recertification Requirements per **Admin Code Title 77 Chapter 1 Subchapter h: LHD:**

- I. **600.300– Personnel requirements, Personnel Information Form (PIF)**
 - II. **600.400a)– Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)–IPLAN 1 of 3 components**
 - III. **600.400b)– Investigation of occurrences**
 - IV. **600.400c)– Advocacy for Public Health (PH) and guidance on meetings and reports**
 - V. **600.400d)– Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)–IPLAN 2 of 3 components**
 - VI. **600.400e)– Managing of resources and guidance on organizational capacity–IPLAN 3 of 3 components (satisfied with a letter by BOH previously reviewed on-site)**
 - VII. **600.400f)– Implementation of programs–policies**
 - VIII. **600.400g)– Evaluation of programs**
 - IX. **600.400h)– Inform and educate public on public health issues**
4. IPLAN website: **Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN)**
 - a) What is IPLAN? (text straight from the IPLAN website)
The Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) is a community health assessment and planning process that is conducted every five years by local health jurisdictions in Illinois. Based on the Assessment Protocol for Excellence in Public Health (APEX–PH) model, IPLAN is grounded in the core functions of public health and addresses public health practice standards. The completion of IPLAN fulfills most of the requirements for Local Health Department certification under Illinois Administrative Code Section 600.400: Certified Local Health Department Code Public Health Practice Standards. The essential elements of IPLAN are:
 1. an organizational capacity assessment;
 2. a community health needs assessment; and
 3. a community health plan, focusing on a minimum of three priority health problems.
 - b) Resources **Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN)** (e.g., recorded trainings, process, admin code, etc.)
 - c) **2024 Illinois IPLAN Training Webinar Series Topics**
 - **IPLAN Basics:** IPLAN Basics covers the substantial compliance components of the IPLAN process based on APEX–PH, including the core components – Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, and Organizational Capacity Assessment.
Created August 22, 2024, as part of the 2024 IPLAN webinar series and in collaboration with the Illinois Public Health Institute funded by IDPH from the Community Health Assessment and Planning Grant – 2024.
 - **MAPP 2.0 Overview:** This overview of Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships provides a dive into the newly released MAPP 2.0 sharing the core changes from the previous iteration and alignment with the IPLAN requirements.
Created September 26, 2024, as part of the 2024 IPLAN webinar series and in collaboration with the Illinois Public Health Institute, funded by IDPH from the Community Health Assessment and Planning Grant – 2024.
 - **Integrating Health and Racial Equity into the IPLAN Process:** This webinar focuses on helping participants integrate a health and racial equity approach into the Community Health Assessment and Improvement planning, CHA/CHIP. The session focuses on practices, tools, and methods to purposefully center equity into the CHA/CHIP process for improved outcomes.
Created October 24, 2024, as part of the 2024 IPLAN webinar series and in collaboration with the Illinois Public Health Institute funded by IDPH from the Community Health Assessment and Planning Grant – 2024.
 - **Quality Improvement:** QI covers key concepts and techniques that apply to continuous improvement processes. This session focuses on quality improvement, quality planning, and performance management approaches to support action planning in the IPLAN process.
Created November 21, 2024, as part of the 2024 IPLAN webinar series and in collaboration with the Illinois Public Health Institute funded by IDPH from the Community Health Assessment and Planning Grant – 2024.
 - d) An updated IPLAN workbook will be available shortly.

Certification Codes

	Code	Certification component	What's involved/needed to satisfy
	600.210	Certification	600.210c) A certified local health department may apply for renewal of certification. c)1) The application shall be made at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the certification period. An application shall be submitted to the Department on forms or in a format provided or prescribed by the Department and shall include a community health needs assessment and a community health plan in accordance with Subpart D. The application shall be signed by an authorized representative. c)2) Upon receipt of a complete application, the Department shall have 60 days to review the application to determine if the applicant is in substantial compliance with the personnel requirements set forth in Subpart C and the practice standards set forth in Subpart D. 600.210e) The Department may conduct an on-site review of the local health department and those documents necessary to determine substantial compliance with this Section.
1	600.300 600.400e)4) 600.300d)	Personnel requirements	Personnel Information Form (PIF)– *no admin code requirement that says pre-authorization before hire is required. *1 PIF submitted within 10 business days when personnel changes including interim*–IDPH has 45 days to respond Copy of IDPH PIF approval notice required to be included with Certification application submission
2	600.400a	Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)– 1/3 IPLAN component	LHD completes and submits every 5 years LHD shall use health data available from IPLAN Health Data System-IQuery. Substantial compliance checklist completed by LHD – IDPH has 60 days to respond resources available via the IPLAN and IQuery websites. Top health priorities of LHD available at: SHARE
3	600.400b	Investigation of occurrences	Investigate the occurrence of adverse health effects and health hazards in the community by conducting timely investigations that identify the magnitude of health problems, duration, trends, location, and populations at risk.
4	600.400c	Public Health Advocacy and Communication	Meet with relevant stakeholders to ensure open communications, no duplication of services that could be combined, and education on public health topics.
5	600.400d	Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)– 2/3 IPLAN component	LHD completes and submits every 5 years. Usually combined with CHNA. Substantial compliance checklist completed by LHD – IDPH has 60 days to respond resources available via the IPLAN and IQuery websites. Top health priorities of LHD available at: SHARE
6	600.400e	Organizational self-assessment– 3/3 IPLAN component	LHD required to complete at least every 5 years. Letter from Board of Health resources available via the IPLAN and IQuery websites
7	600.400f	Implement CHNA/CHIP	600.400i Documentation of everything in 600.400 should be available for IDPH review
8	600.400g	Evaluation of CHNA/CHIP implementation	600.400i Documentation of everything in 600.400 should be available for IDPH review
9	600.400h	Educate public	600.400i Documentation of everything in 600.400 should be available for IDPH review

Selected Resources

CEMP - Comprehensive Emergency Management Program. You can contact your region's Emergency Response Coordinator for help enrolling in CEMP:

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CEMP

CEMP, or Comprehensive Emergency Management Program is a web-based emergency planning, exercise, and assessment system used by local health departments and hospitals to support emergency planning and exercise activities related to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grants. CEMP allows horizontal and vertical integration of PHEP, CRI, and HPP planning between statewide, regional, and local partners and stakeholders, as shown below. The CEMP User Guide is available by clicking [HERE](#) and is also available with training videos and additional resources within the CEMP Index in the section titled CEMP User Guide. <https://isc-cemp.com>



EGrAMS

EGrAMS, or Electronic Grants Administration and Management System used by IDPH for end-to-end grants management. This tool allows applicants, grantees, and grantors to interact in a web-based setting, enabling greater awareness, accountability, and analysis throughout the life cycle of a grant.

<https://idphgrants.com>

ICARE

I-CARE, or Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange, is a web-based immunization record-sharing application. It allows public and private health care providers to share the immunization records of Illinois residents with other physicians statewide.

There is a new electronic process for the completion of required I-CARE documentation. If you have not already:

- The ICARE [enrollment website](#).
- Select the orange "Individual I-CARE Access" button.
- Complete the steps to submit the required information (if you have already registered for a web portal account, skip step 1).

INEDSS

INEDSS, or Illinois' National Electronic Disease Surveillance System, access a user needs to register for an IDPH Web Portal account at the link below.

<https://idphnet.illinois.govhttps://portalhome.dph.illinois.gov>

IDPH

IDPH, or Illinois Department of Public Health – This website contains various announcements, resources, references, and links to data and codes. <https://dph.illinois.gov>

SIREN

HAN/SIREN, or The Health Alert Network/State of Illinois Rapid Electronic Notification, provides the tools and capacity for rapid, reliable, and secure web-based alerting, communication, and organization-based health information sharing and collaboration. SIREN is IDPH's emergency planning, alerting, and notification system. It serves as a single central point for finding, creating, and sharing information. It also provides emergency information for federal, state, and local offices. In short, SIREN is an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness, response, outbreak notification and investigation, and recovery. <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren>

Federal Agencies

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) – <https://www.cdc.gov>

NIH (National Institutes of Health) – <https://www.nih.gov>

FDA (U.S Food and Drug Administration) – <https://www.fda.gov>

HHS (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) – <https://www.hhs.gov>

Selected Professional Associations

IAPHA (Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators) – <https://iapha.org>

SIPHC (Southern Illinois Public Health Consortium) – **Contact - Mark Stevens**
Email: Mark.B.Stevens@illinois.gov

NIPHC (Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium) – <https://www.niphc.net>

IPHA (Illinois Public Health Association) – <https://ipha.com>

IRHA (Illinois Rural Health Association) – <https://www.ilruralhealth.org>

IPHI (Illinois Public Health Institute) – **Improving Public Health**
<https://iphionline.org/iphionline.org>

Thank you!

We hope you find this information helpful as you acclimate to your new role. Feel free to contact your designated RHO or Dr. Janice Phillips, IDPH Assistant Director, for additional information or any questions or concerns.

You can reach Dr. Phillips at 312-814-1080 or via email at Janice.Phillips@illinois.gov.

Please take a moment to complete this brief **survey** regarding the information in this packet:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e32f740dcabc6476db6e4b89d78fc7e3d>

