

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT

Health Board Meeting

December 14, 2020

Jeff and I both were off 11-06-2020 to 11-23-2020 due to Jeff testing positive for Covid-19.

The housing complaints have not slowed down. Septic inspections have almost come to a halt.

Due to the county being in the red, Jeff and I are not going into houses and doing inspections. We are calling the landlord or whoever is responsible for the property, and letting them know we received a complaint, and what needs to be done to rectify the problem. We get back with the person who filed the complaint, and see if the problem has been resolved. If the problem has not been resolved, we write a letter outlining what has to happen and the time frame it needs to happen in.

Septic Inspections and Housing Complaints from October 14, 2020 to December 3, 2020

13 – Septic Inspections

3 – Septic Site Evaluations

1 – Difficult Site with Installer

1 – Site Visit with State Rep.

1 – Wetness Check

12 – Housing Complaints for no water, trash, sewage and unfit housing

Foods Division Report

(October 9 – December 10)

- 455 licenses issued for 2020 (Brick & Mortar and concessions)
- 28 businesses inspected Oct. 9 – December 1 and 0 concessions (368 inspections for the year). The number of inspections is low for the year (COVID).
- 27 complaints via email, phone calls and verbal. Complaints from not wearing face mask and restaurant complaints.
- New facilities opened- Kammy's Korner (Jonesboro), Dollar General (Gas City) opening date is 1-10-2021
- Closed facilities – Super Ichiban (closing end of December), Tomahawk (formerly Meshingomesa) and Sirloin Stockade. These establishments have said they closed or closing because of COVID related problems.
- Plan & Review – McAlister's and Popeyes (both plans to be built by end of summer)

Dean, Scott and Bruce attends the District 6 Public Health Emergency Coordination Group. This monthly meeting is preparedness related and then local health department pros / cons over each local health department and what may or may not work.

Dean & Scott have attended IEHA (Indiana Environmental Health Association) meetings.

All meetings are being conducted zoom.

Scott and/or Dean – Preparing 2021 food license. Lesa mailed out food applications to over 350 brick & mortar. As the applications come in and processed with payment Lesa then mails the 2021 license out to the businesses.

Convenience Stores along with some restaurants have closed because of positive COVID cases and not enough employee help - Starbucks, Plymouth Club, Gains & Grill, Jackie's, Village Pantry (Fairmont), Wendy's (south), Kentucky Fried Chicken and La Charreada. As of today, all these are reopened

Vital Records Report

December 14, 2020

The Vital Records division had to make a few adjustments in operations with COVID isolation and quarantines requiring the office to be closed for the week of November 16th through the 20th. Staff worked from home responding to voicemails and emails during the day and rotated evening shifts registering and/or issuing birth and death records. Our Nursing Division was critical in helping this set-up work as customers and clients were able to drop off and pick up from their office during the day. Prior to being back to full staff the county went to COVID Red status causing the Commissioners to close the building to the public. At this time all birth and death certificate requests are processed by using a drop box and mail.

Morgan is learning all things vital records very well and has quickly made herself an asset to the office. She is studying for her Registrar certification and Notary exams which will be taken early in 2021.

The DRIVE (Database Registration of Indiana's Vital Events) system that was scheduled to go live on November 9th has been delayed indefinitely. We are looking forward to the implementation of this web-based reporting system for Indiana vital records as it is expected to make every aspect of the birth and death registration process more efficient.