

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT

October 1st 2019 to December 6th 2019

Housing Complaints

Trash:	4
Mold:	4
No Water	24

Septic System

Difficult sites:	5
Wetness checks:	3
Septic Inspections:	27

As of October 6, 2019 the ground is still dry enough for septic's to be installed.

On the difficult sites the State Rep. (Joe Rakoczy) and the installer met us at the sites.

Uninhabitable Postings

We have posted 2 houses Uninhabitable. Both were for no water, and one house had no water due to a fire. On the house that caught fire we are working with the City Building Dept. for unsafe structure.

Tattoo Inspections

11 Tattoo Inspections
8 Licenses issued for 2020

Foods Division Report – December 2019 Health Board Meeting

Total 2019 Food License issued was 506 which is down slightly from the 535 issued in 2018

2020 Food License application renewals were mailed out to 345 food establishments and facilities on November 7th. As of December 10th, 186 applications have been received and a 2020 Food License was issued by the Foods Division.

517 brick and mortar food inspections have been posted on the new Grant County website between January 1st and December 3rd of this year. We are implementing a tracking system for 2020 in order to track required follow-up inspections and their results.

Approximately 30 complaints pertaining to food facilities via e-mail, office phone, and our cell phones have been received since the last Health Board meeting. The most common complaints we receive are cleanliness, temps (cold food/not hot enough) and hair found in food. All official complaints are addressed in a timely manner with a visit from one of our Food Safety Officers. The tracking system being implemented in 2020 will also track official complaints as well as non-official complaints.

Between May 1st and October 19th 188 vendors were inspected during 2019 fairs, festivals and farmers markets. We are glad to report that none of these vendors failed their inspections. The most common issues noted were no hat/beard guard, temps, and cleanliness of the trailer and/or trailer area. These matters are easily remedied with the education and explanation of the code we provide.

New facilities opened:

- McDonalds -Gas City
- El Rinconcito Bar and Grill - Marion
- Luci's Drive Thru Market – Converse
- Rabbit Café' -Gas City

Owner or Corporate closed facilities:

- Esmerelda's Mexican Restaurant – Marion
- Robert Faulkner Academy – Marion
- Steak n Shake – Marion
- Martins Food Center – Swayzee
- Genesis Place - Marion

Facilities currently undergoing plan reviews and remodeling:

- Speedway Cafe'–Marion – In Construction
- McDonalds-Marion-On Hold
- Wings etc.-Marion-In Construction
- Mac 123-Marion-On Hold
- Walmart –remodel –deli-Marion-In Construction
- The Jigsaw-Marion –On Hold
- New Pizza Hut-Gas City-Pre-Construction

With fair and festival season wrapped up our focus has shifted to getting 2020 food license renewals processed.

Tobacco Education

Rosalinda Taylor, RN has been working on reaching out to the local school nurses getting tobacco education classes scheduled. From August through November she has had an opportunity to teach at eight schools. Also, she has built a relationship with teachers at RJ Baskett and they have asked her to teach a class on diabetes. She did teach one class in September.

STI Clinic

We are not seeing as many clients as we would like but we are testing an average of 4-5 clients per month. When we first started offering STI testing, business cards and pull tabs were placed at high risk areas throughout the community. Next year we are planning to reach out to those organizations and re-evaluate how to get more clients tested. Some obstacles may be our location next to the sheriff department or just the fear of getting tested.

Harm Reduction Kits

Local health departments are able to obtain harm reduction kits through ISDH. The kits would be available to the public for no charge. Many health departments will start offering harm reduction kits prior to a syringe exchange since the health department does not need permission from council or commissioners to offer harm reduction kits.

Narcan Kits

There is an application process to start offering Narcan through the health department. Also, the staff has to be properly trained on administering Narcan and be familiar with resources available for clients to receive the treatment they would need to help stop drug use.

The Narcan would be available to the public at no charge. To obtain the Narcan they MUST complete training on administering Narcan and given a list of facilities who offer addiction treatment. They CANNOT receive a kit without this training

December Vital Records Report

November deaths came with few and far between in the beginning of the month. There is no explanation for November Deaths to be lower than other months. We were closed for Thanksgiving and when we came back on Monday we were hit with 9 records. This week they poured in making up for November's lack thereof records. From Sept 1st to December 6th there have been a total of 173 deaths. We have had 0 fetal deaths in this date range as compared to the 1 we had last year in this date range. There have been a total of 48 coroner's cases since September 1st. From September 1st to December 6th 2018 there was a total of 60 coroners cases. The number of accidental coroner's cases has dropped by 10 in 2019. On the other hand Grant counties suicides increased by 2. Below are the charts to show the comparison of coroners cases last year to this year from Sept 1st to Dec 6th.

9-1 to 12-6 2019

Accidental: 5

Homicides: 3

Natural: 37

Suicides: 3

9-1 to 12-6 2018

Accidental: 15

Homicides: 1

Natural: 39

Suicides: 5

Birth totals are 134 from Sept 1 to December 6th. In 2018 at this same date range there was 164. Births dropped just in this time frame by 30. I find this interesting that in 2018 there was a total of 2 babies born to mothers ages 13 to 16. In 2019 there have been a total of 10 babies born to mother's ages 13 to 16. That's 8 more babies born to youth. I found that to be a surprising increase.

With the new star on the I.D being required seems like everyone needs a Birth Record. We started selling the Birth Record Sleeve and have had positive response. Customers seem to find them very appealing.

September 3, 2019 the U. S Supreme Court decided to change the laws regarding fetal remains. Fetal remains are no longer able to be disposed of as infectious waste. Within 10 days of a miscarriage or abortion there has to be arrangements for the remains to be sent to the crematorium or funeral home. At this time a Burial Transit Permit and Disposition for Fetal Remains forms will be used when the transfer takes place. The remains are either cremated or preserved. I have attached the Law update from ISDH.