

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Lawrence · Douglas County

PUBLIC HEALTH

Advancing Health for All





CREATING ABUNDANT AND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOOD HEALTH

In early 2022 LDCPH adopted the revised mission statement shown above to better reflect our methods and aspirations.



*Advancing
public health
performance*

LDCPH was reaccruited by the PHAB in 2021, being accruited first in 2015.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

We began 2021 deeply immersed in the work of pandemic response and vaccinating tens of thousands of our friends, family, and community members. Throughout 2021 COVID demanded much of our attention. However, our work has changed significantly over the course of that year and as you read this report you will see that our work also included reaccreditation, formation of a health equity advisory board, expansion of clinic services and modernizing our infrastructure.

Public health is more than pandemic response, the work of reducing/preventing disease is different from the work of promoting wellness. At its core our commitment is to advance health for all and to work for community change that supports the opportunity for everyone to enjoy good health.

Our new mission statement expands this commitment and focuses our work on creating abundant and equitable opportunities for good health. We recognize that opportunities for good health are not equally or equitably distributed across our community and therefore our decisions, our programs and our efforts must always move toward the direction of health equity. This is our work, but we also see it as all of our work. It took all of us to fight COVID and it will take all of us to achieve health equity.



- Dan Partridge, LDCPH Director

A blue ink handwritten signature of Dan Partridge, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

LDCPH DEPARTMENTS

CLINIC SERVICES

The clinic services including WIC and Healthy Families, offers community access to nutrition guidance and food, supportive services for parenting and child development, and woman's health services including well woman checks and birth control options. In addition, the clinic offers STD/STI testing and treatment, immunizations for children and adults, travel vaccines, TB follow up and treatment, hemoglobin checks for kids and testing and vaccine for COVID. Our mobile clinic meets our mission of equitable and abundant opportunities for good health by meeting people where they are and removing barriers to care.



MILESTONES

- ▼ COVID mass clinic
- ▼ Mobile Medical Unit
- ▼ Software App for mass clinic billing
- ▼ LARC's (long-acting reversible contraception)
- ▼ Increased WIC program participation while virtual
- ▼ Service maintained during clinic remodel
- ▼ Let's talk – school based sex education program

CLINIC SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS:



WIC CLIENTS SERVED: **1,346**



WIC BENEFITS USED: **\$793,980.13**



SEX ED STUDENTS SERVED: **2,293**



CLINIC CLIENTS SERVED: **9,888**



IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN: **8,712**



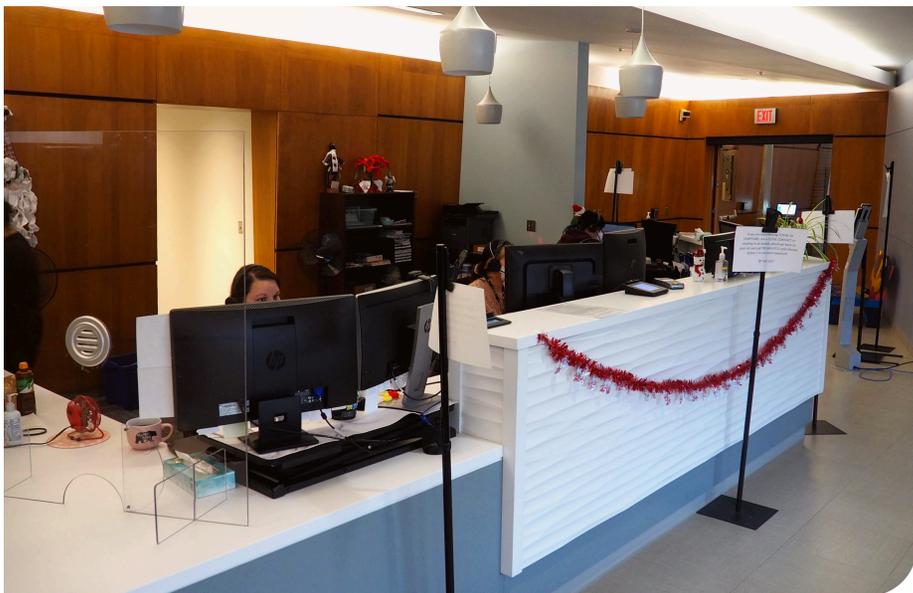
STI/STD TREATMENTS: **1,810**



↑ These two comfortable rooms are located inside the Mobile Clinic.

↓ The front desk and waiting room at the Community Health Building.

↑ The exterior of our new Mobile Clinic van.



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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health supports the mission of LDCPH by forming partnerships aimed at shaping policies, systems, and environmental change to advance health equity and population health. We work to ensure that underserved, diverse, and historically excluded populations influence our decisions to establish more fair and just opportunities to advance health. We're guided by the Community Health Plan (CHP), comprised of community-driven strategies for addressing safe and affordable housing, improving behavioral health, increasing access to healthy foods and a robust built environment, and reducing poverty.



MILESTONES

- ▼ Convening the 1st Health Equity Advisory Board
- ▼ \$100,000+ in resources and grants for chronic disease reduction and community health assessment work
- ▼ Community wide COVID-19 testing survey conducted
- ▼ Created 2022-23 community health assessment plan

COMMUNITY HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS:



PUBLIC TESTING EVENTS: **54**



NEW H.E.A.B. MEMBERS: **9**



C.H.P. CHANGES ENACTED: **18**



Selected as **1 of 10** local health departments across the United States to test a new approach for community health assessments.

Over the last year, we worked to help ensure testing and vaccination resources occurred in places easily accessible to people who are historically excluded. We established a new Health Equity Advisory Board, advanced policy and environmental changes related to our prior Community Health Plan, and helped implement key strategies to reduce risk for chronic diseases across Douglas County!



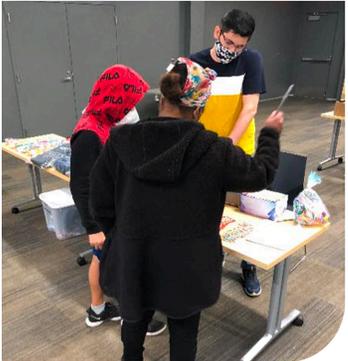
COVID testing at the Lawrence Public Library.



Equity advisors being recognized.



Preparations before a BIPOC vaccination clinic.



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INFORMATICS



Informatics promotes abundant and equitable opportunities through a variety of mechanisms, but specifically through the analysis, accessibility and promotion of granular data for the health of sub-populations and through intentional planning and operations of dispensing of COVID-19 vaccinations. We have taken care to regularly examine data not just from a county wide perspective, but from a variety of sub-populations, too. This is seen through our Health Equity Report, which examines the social determinants of health, health behaviors, and health outcomes by race and ethnicity to determine where inequities lie for various groups. This can also be seen in the COVID-19 vaccination data available on the epidemiological dashboard. Data by race/ethnicity, age group, and zip code were available very early on allowing planners, along with the general community, to be intentional with vaccination efforts to reach populations equitably.

MILESTONES

- ♥ Spanish Language Clinics
- ♥ Johnson & Johnson Clinic
- ♥ 5-11 vaccination clinics
- ♥ Baker University clinics
- ♥ Vaccination Data added to COVID dashboard
- ♥ Data Compilation for 2021 Health Equity Report
- ♥ Data compiled to support comprehensive behavioral health system report

INFORMATICS BY THE NUMBERS:



MASS VACCINATION CLINICS: 30



DOSES AT A SINGLE CLINIC: 4,000



COVID CASES ROUTED TO US: 9,215



HEALTHIER TOGETHER VISITS: 543



DASHBOARD VIEWS: 56,000+

For the planning and operations of COVID-19 vaccinations, many efforts were put in place to ensure equitable dispensing of the vaccine. During the initial vaccine roll-out, when the vaccine availability was sparse, equity was centered by having a 10% allocation weekly towards Equity Impact Partners, working with local partners to ensure accessibility equity, and finally each target population received a weekly allocation of the total amount. After the initial roll-out, many vaccination clinics were planned to reach a variety of important sub-populations, including Spanish language clinics, clinics for 12-15 year olds, clinics in each individual town of Douglas County, and support of a BIPOC centered clinic.



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Keeping Douglas County Safe & Healthy

Douglas County COVID-19 Epidemiological Dashboard

COVID-19 is an emerging infectious disease that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called coronavirus. The spread of any illness is reason for concern and the outbreak of COVID-19 has been a [stressful time](#) for our community and others around the world. Take action against the disease today by making informed choices, preventing spread, seeking proper treatment when needed, and continuing to share quality information with others. This epidemiological dashboard helps show you how.

Sources: [CDC](#)

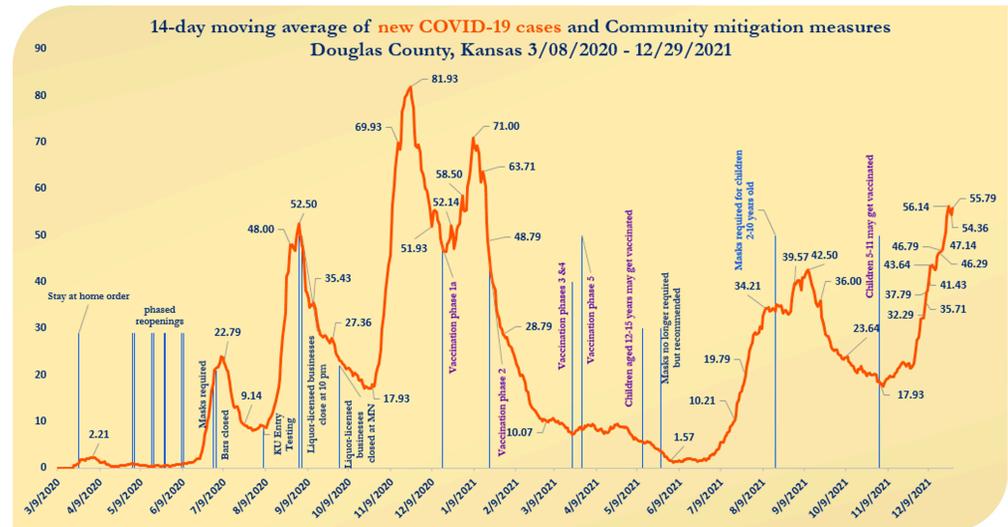


NEW!

Interested in how many 3rd doses or booster doses have been given for Douglas County residents? Scroll down to the bottom of the vaccination section to see data on 3rd/booster doses.

Daily COVID-19 Information

- Interested in a [booster dose](#) or a [3rd dose](#) of the COVID-19 vaccination? Needing a pediatric vaccine? Or ready for your first dose? LDCPH has COVID-



The iconic yellow COVID case graph.

Our online COVID data dashboard.

Staffers working at a drive-thru booster clinic.

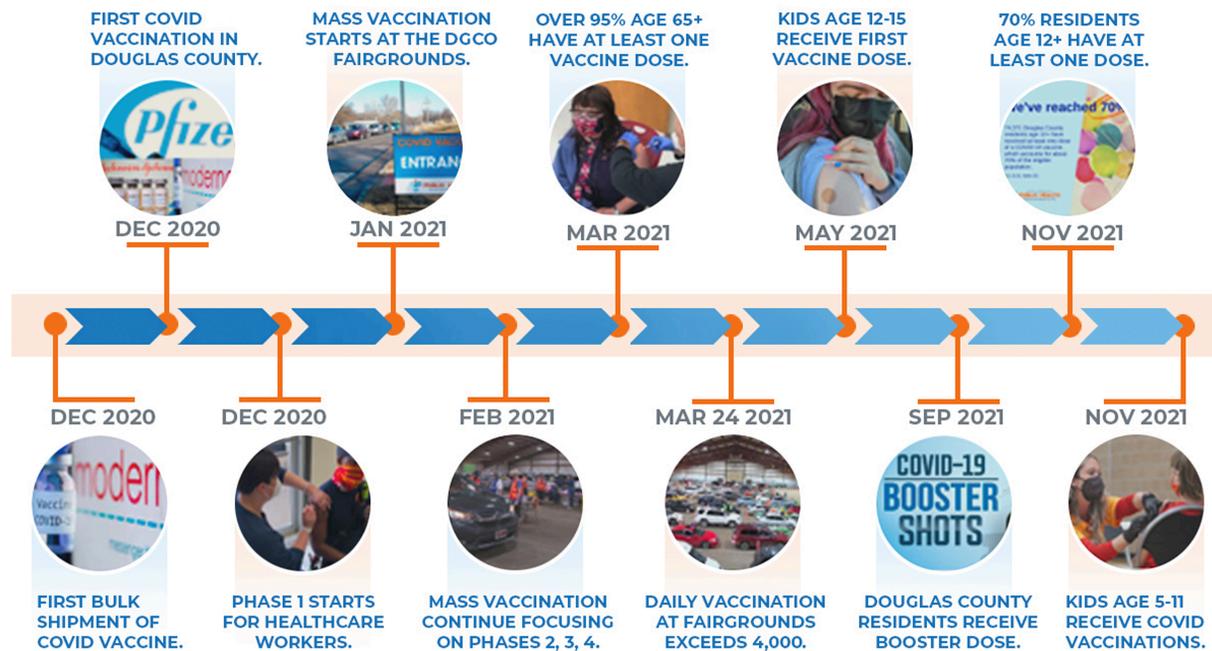


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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

If 2020 was characterized by an urgent response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was defined by the new tools that were developed to fight that deadly disease and the careful dissemination of these life-saving resources. The year began with our first mass vaccination clinic, which imparted protection to many residents, as well as invigorating staff, volunteers, and onlookers with hope that the immediate crisis might have an eventual end. Throughout the year we saw COVID boosters, wider vaccine implementation, and new treatments allow for symptoms to lessen and the worst outcomes to be avoided even as new variants arose. Every part of LDCPH was engaged in this effort, and our successes have been bolstered by the incredible responsibility and compassion exhibited by the community at large.

VACCINATION TIMELINE



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FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUND

Beginning Balance:	\$1,661,329
Revenues:	
Federal:	\$2,333,435
County:	\$854,116
City:	\$758,000
Fees:	\$2,574,630
State:	\$367,214
Other:	\$5,248
Total Revenue:	\$6,892,643
Expenditures:	
Salaries and Wages:	\$3,128,414
Payroll Related Expenses:	\$703,545
Commodities:	\$379,229
Contractual:	\$1,287,826
Capital Equipment Expenditures:	\$112,088
Total Expenditures:	\$5,611,102
Transfers to other Funds:	\$630,000
Ending Balance:	\$2,312,870
Net Revenue over Expenditures:	\$651,541
Ending Balance:	\$2,312,870

RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,807,490
Revenue:	
Interest:	\$4,647
Transfer from other Funds:	\$550,000
Expenditures	
Total Expenditures:	
Net Revenue over Expenditures:	\$554,647
Ending Balance:	\$2,362,137

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance:	\$74,711
Revenue:	
Transfer from Operating Fund:	80,000
Interest Income:	22
Capital Equipment Expenditures:	-
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$80,022
Ending Balance	\$154,733

**Total Net Revenue
for all Funds:**

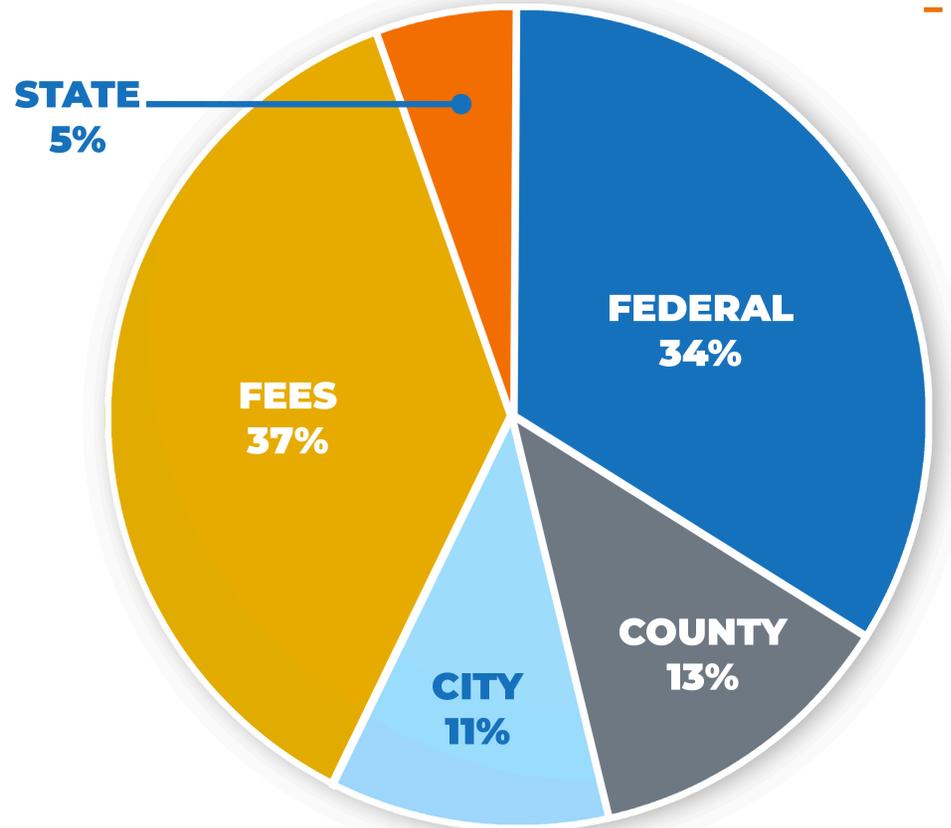
\$1,286,210

Per GL:

\$1,286,210

Difference:

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DOUGLAS COUNTY 2021 HEALTH BOARD



Shanda HURLA, Chair
Appointed by the County
2019-2022



Hugh CARTER
Appointed by the County
2020-2023



Verdell TAYLOR Jr, Vice Chair
Appointed by the City
2021-2024



Erika DVORSKE
Appointed by the City/County
2021-2024



Erica HILL
Appointed by the City
2019-2022



Stephen FAWCETT
Appointed by the City
2019-2022



Michael WILLIAMS
Appointed by the County
2021-2024



Dr. Pavika SARIPALLI
Appointed by KU Chancellor
2019-2022

The Lawrence Douglas-County Health Board Members serve 3-year terms, with no member serving more than 2 consecutive full terms. Members of the board are appointed by the Douglas County Commission, by the Lawrence City Commission and 1 by joint action of the 2 governing bodies. 1 ex officio member from the University of Kansas is selected by the KU Chancellor. The board's duties include: Establishing and formulating policies for the operation of the Health Department, Hiring and evaluating the Director, Reviewing the annual budget, and Reviewing Health Department programs and activities

This annual report rightfully focuses on events, milestones and accomplishments. However, we would fall short in our duty to convey the work of this department without also raising up our most important resource, our staff, Board Members, volunteers, and community partners. We believe in the power of relationships and the importance of affirming our inter-connectedness.

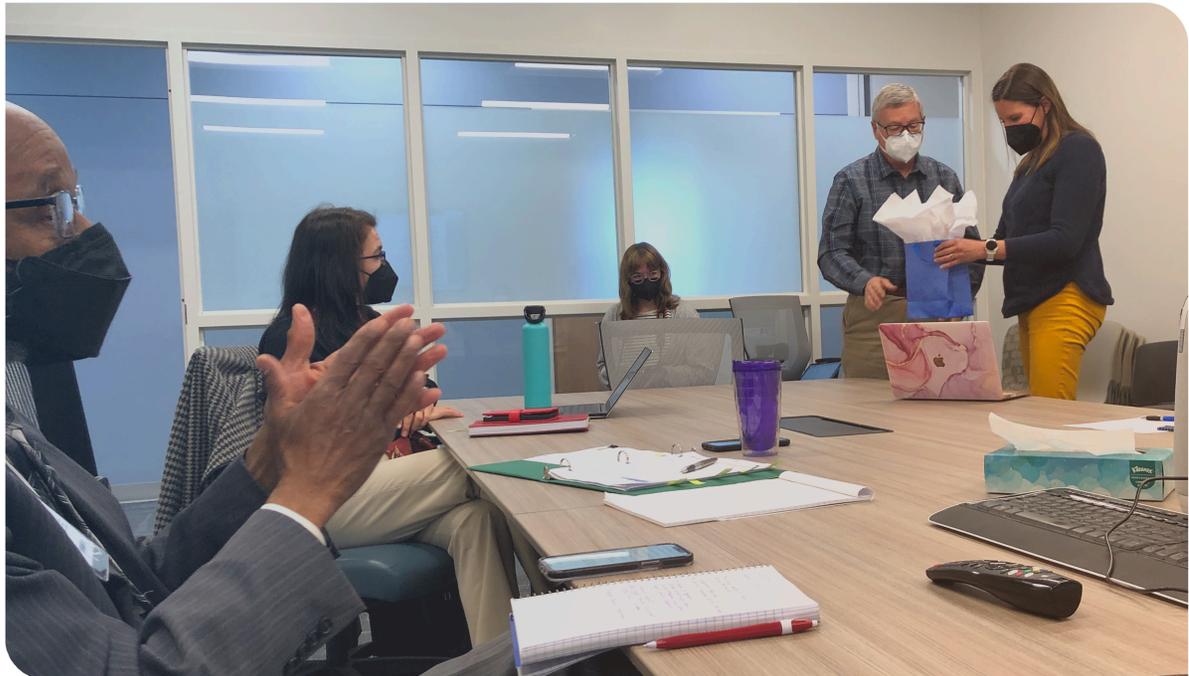
As a Board we take seriously our charge to represent Lawrence and Douglas County. During the pandemic we heard from many of you expressing both your support and appreciation as well as your concern and frustration. We appreciate each and every communication received and are committed to supporting the mission of this department to provide equitable and abundant opportunities for health.

Achieving our mission during a pandemic requires everyone's full commitment. On behalf of myself, the Health Board and many in this community I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to LDCPH staff members and volunteers for their hard work to help all residents of Douglas County experience good health. It has been an honor serving in this role, in this moment, with all of you.

**- Shanda HURLA,
2020-21 Health Board Chair**



Outgoing Health Board Chair
Shanda Hurla receives a gift
and applause in recognition
of her service.





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