

February Health Happenings

Marshall County Health Department (MCHD) is happy to welcome you to the first monthly Health Happenings in the Pilot News! Our objectives in these articles are to provide a few words on current health updates and recommendations beneficial to the people of Marshall County. We plan to cover a wide variety of topics including immunization, obtaining septic permits, protection against mosquitos, and much more. Knowing how to protect the health of yourself and those around you should not be a difficult endeavor and this column intends to make that a little easier.

A proper introduction of the Health Department begins with the eight individuals working every day to better the health and opportunities of the people of Marshall County. Beginning with the Administrator, Christine Stinson has been with MCHD for two years and specializes in all aspects of the department with her bailiwick being onsite sewage systems. Faith Chapman is also an Environmental Health Specialist – Environmental Division and has been with MCHD since this past May. The Public Health Nurse is Lisa Letsinger and she's been with the department for three years. Dani Bachtel is also a Public Health Nurse with MCHD since this past April. The Environmental Health Specialist – Food Division position is filled by Dean Schmidlapp and he has been with the department for nearly 27 years. The friendly faces you see when you come in are the Clerk/Registrars, Cathy Hamann and Angie Wilson. Cathy has been with the department for 16 years and Angie has been here for two. Jake Baylis is the Health Educator/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and joined the department this past September.

In the past two years, a lot has changed at the Health Department. We've changed locations, received three grants, and expanded our services to name a few. Our new offices are located on the bottom floor in the Community Resource Center at 510 W Adams St. Plymouth, IN 46563. The grants include training/distributing Narcan (Naloxone) to the public, incentivized Hepatitis C testing, and blood lead testing in children. We have expanded our services allowing private insurance for our immunization clinic, opening up the opportunity to receive vaccines for nearly everyone in the county. For further information on what we have to offer down at the Health Department, feel free to visit our Facebook page or website (www.co.marshall.in.us), call us at 574-935-8565, or stop by for a visit! Our hours are 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. We look forward to sharing with you in the future!