

Public Health Newsletter

MARION COUNTY



Marion County Public Health

Welcome!

Marion County Public Health was established in 1955 to provide healthcare services to the Marion County community. In the years since then, the programs available and services offered have changed, but the heart of the organization remains the same – to serve the public and provide necessary resources, to educate individuals which allows them to make informed choices regarding their healthcare journey, and to prevent disease through health promotion and protection. This newsletters serves as an invitation to you to join us at our upcoming events and to spread the word that we are here for you – for your questions, your concerns, and your wellbeing.

Immunizations

Schools out for the Summer!
Be proactive and get your child vaccinated for their required immunizations before going back to school in August.

Required Vaccines:

Ages 4-6

- Chickenpox
- DtAp
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella
- Polio
- Hep B

Ages 11-12

- Meningococcal (A,C,W,Y serogroups)
- Tdap

Ages 16-18

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Recommended Vaccines:

All Ages

- Flu (influenza vaccine)

Ages 11-12

- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Ages 16-18

- Meningococcal - Serogroup B

No Cost Vaccines available!

Adults 19 and older who are uninsured or underinsured.

Children 0 through 18 who are on Medicaid, uninsured, American Indian/Alaskan Native.

The 10th annual Helmets & Hotdogs event was held in Knoxville on May 23rd and what a great turn out, it's estimated that 450 people attended.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table at Pella Area Community & Economic Alliances "Thursdays in Pella" event on June 5th. We look forward to connecting with everyone during more community events this summer!



IOWA MEASLES INITIATIVE

Marion County Public Health is providing the MMR vaccine, free of charge, for all individuals regardless of insurance status.

In 2025, more than 1,000 cases have been confirmed nationwide, including a case in central Iowa. If you or your child are not up to date on your vaccinations, now is the time to get protected!

By getting vaccinated, you protect yourself, your family, and your community from measles outbreaks!

Marion County Programs/Services

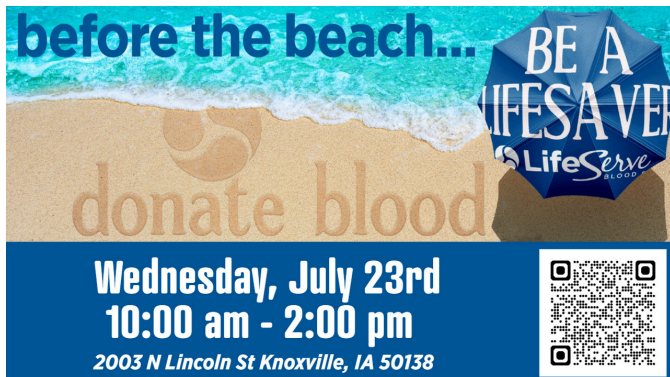
- Care for Yourself
- Communicable Disease Follow up
- Environmental Health
- Foot Care Clinics
- General Assistance
- Immunizations
- Preparedness (Emergency Response)
- Private Well Grants
- Senior Meals
- Tobacco Cessation

Community Education

- CPR/First Aid Classes
- Stop the Bleed Course
- Narcan Training




Upcoming Events



before the beach... **BE A LIFESAVER** LifeServe BLOOD

Wednesday, July 23rd
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
2003 N Lincoln St Knoxville, IA 50138



Free HIV & STI Testing
Marion County Public Health

July 9 | **9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

No Appointment Needed

INCENTIVE

Get tested,
Get rewarded!
Receive a \$10 Casey's Gift Card just for getting tested!

GIFT CARD

CONFIDENTIAL. FAST. FREE
Take charge of your health - know your status!

For questions, contact Polk County Health Department 515-286-3675

SPECIAL EVENTS

Board of Health meeting
Marion County Public Health
Training Room
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ 5:00pm



Employee Spotlight

Meet Linsey Spoelstra!

Linsey accepted the Director position in December 2024. She's worked at Public Health for 3 ½ years.

One of Linsey's goals is to become more involved in the community and expand our services.

She's looking forward to partnering with organizations already established in Marion County and collaborating to better service our community.

"I love meeting new people and am excited to see how we can move forward together and identify gaps we can work together to bridge."



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