

2021 Annual Report



PUBLIC HEALTH

PROTECT • PROMOTE • PREVENT



We are more than COVID-19

... did you know we also provide:

- Animal bites and rabies testing
- Bed bug identification and education
- Birth and death certificates
- Breastfeeding support and education
- Campground inspections
- Car seat checks and distribution of seats
- Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)
- Communicable disease investigation
- Cribs for Kids
- Dental care
- Drug Take Back Days
- Emergency preparedness
- Get Healthy Knox County (Creating Healthy Communities)
- Health education and promotion
- Immunizations (children and adults)
- Mental health and substance use counseling
- Mosquito control and spraying
- Narcan education and distribution
- Nuisance investigations
- Physical exams (work, school, sports)
- Primary healthcare providers
- Public pools and beaches inspections
- Radon testing and education
- Restaurant inspections
- Tattoo/body art facility inspections
- Tobacco cessation (Knox Out Tobacco)
- Traffic safety (Safe Communities)
- Water Testing
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children) services



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

In 2021 we were still in the midst of challenges of the pandemic. However, Knox Public Health was always at the forefront in protecting the health and safety of all of our residents during the pandemic. While COVID-19 remained a huge priority with numerous vaccine and testing clinics, KPH successfully conducted its day-to-day operations, as well as:

- Rebranded our agency with a new logo, tag line and name (see above)
- Completed the county's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan - we were recognized by the National Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for our progress during the pandemic
- Merged health education and public health nursing staff into one, single division to better align with the agency's mission and vision

We look forward to serving the community in 2022, as we have already accomplished some amazing things, including:

- Merging with the Moore Family Practice and Walk-In Clinic as a satellite location and retaining their staff to reach and serve clients with limited resources
- Searching for a new health commissioner as Julie Miller will be retiring in July '22

Mission

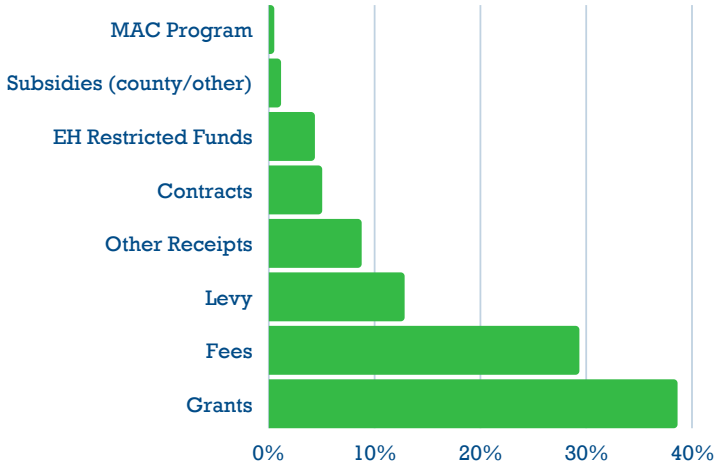
Knox Public Health is committed to the health of the community by **promoting** healthy lifestyles, **preventing** illness, and **protecting** the environment.

Vision

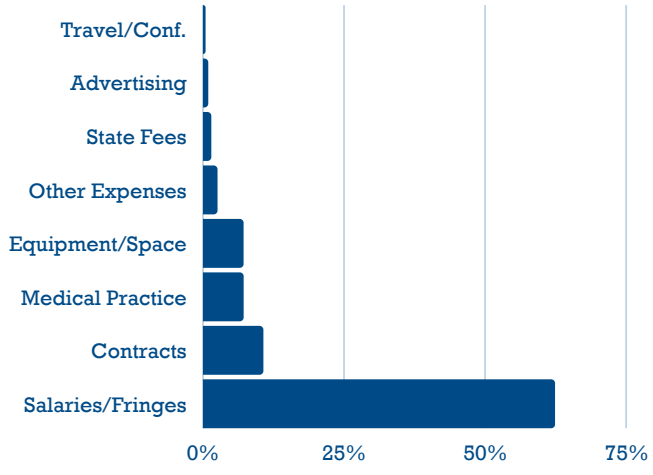
Knox Public Health will continue to be **a leader in public health** by **addressing community issues through proactive and innovative solutions** so that all residents may experience **optimal health** and a **safe environment**.

2021 Fiscal Report

Total Revenue - \$9,067,046



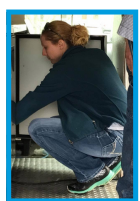
Total Expenses - \$7,800,346



2021 Notable Numbers



186 SEWAGE PERMITS ISSUED
200 SEWAGE SITE EVALUATIONS



639 FOOD INSPECTIONS



234 NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS & ABATEMENTS



546 TOTAL BIRTHS
 • 5% WERE TEEN BIRTHS
670 TOTAL DEATHS
 • 48% INCREASE FROM 2020



1,943 FLU SHOTS GIVEN BY KPH
 • 55% INCREASE FROM 2020



73 ENROLLED IN TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM
 • 32% SUCCESSFULLY QUIT

157 ANIMAL BITES
 • 90 DOGS OR 57%
 • 36 CATS OR 22%
 • 31 OTHER OR 19%



HEALTH ITEMS DISTRIBUTED:

- 66 INFANT CAR SEATS
- 70 INFANT PORTABLE CRIBS
- 250 NARCAN KITS



COVID-19: Cases & Vaccinations

21,808

COVID-19 vaccinations administered by KPH (first, second & boosters)

82

12% of total deaths in the county were COVID-related

21,997

Number of hours staff documented for COVID-19 programs