

AGENDA

ELGIN BOARD OF HEALTH

JANUARY 11, 2022

7:30 P.M.

MEETING ROOM

City Hall First Floor Conference Room

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2021 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION OF THE ELGIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT
RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC
4. REVIEW OF THE 2021 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT
5. REVIEW OF THE 2021 YEAR END REPORT
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
7. MISCELLANEOUS
8. ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD OF HEALTH
CITY OF ELGIN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
October 11, 2021**

The Elgin Board of Health quarterly meeting was held on Monday October 11, 2021 in the first floor conference room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Poulos at 7:36 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Dorothea Poulos
Dr. Felicia Chu
Cynthia Applehoff-Siedsma
Jeanine Seitz
Joni Courtney

Staff Present: Brad Bohner, Neighborhood Services Manager of Public Health

Others Present: Cynthia Steimle, M.D.
Chris Estes, M.D.
Prih Singh, M.D.
Rashmik Kapur, M.D.
Tom Stanley, M.D.
Gloria Casas, The Courier News
Rick West, Daily Herald

Members Absent: Jason Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Poulos moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 Board of Health quarterly meeting as submitted. Cynthia Applehoff-Siedsma seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of four yes, zero no.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board was addressed by members of the public, specifically several physicians from Advocate Sherman Hospital. They stated that the Elgin hospital has been without a full contingent of anesthesiologists since severing ties with their provider in a contact dispute in August this year, and the shortage of anesthesiologist has caused the hospital to lose its designation as a level 2 trauma center. Cynthia Steimle stated that transition to a new anesthesiologist provider has not been handles well, and although the hospital has publicly stated the staffing levels are back to normal, the medical staff was told by Advocate Sherman Hospital administrators that operating rooms will not be back to full capacity until April 2022. Elective surgeries have been canceled and will not return until January 2022. The total number of surgeries are down 80% and patients are currently nbeing sent to other hospitals for surgery.

The physicians also stated that Advocate Sherman is making false and misleading statements about the situation, leading to a lack of trust between the administration and the medical staff. They asked if the Elgin Board of Health could request that Advocate Sherman Hospital administration be requested to provide regular updates to the Elgin City Council regarding the ongoing shortage, specifically staffing levels, surgery cancellations, and emergency room status. In addition, several physicians asked the Board of Health to take on an advisory role over the current Advocate Sherman Hospital administration. However, Dr. Poulos stated that the role of the Elgin Board of Health is not to get involved in the daily operation of any health care facility, but is that of an advisory board that can make recommendations to the City Council.

After hearing their concerns regarding the current shortage of anesthesiologists at Advocate Sherman Hospital and its effect on the public's health, Dr. Chu made a motion, seconded by Jeanine Seitz, that the Board of Health adopt the following statement:

"The Elgin Board of Health recommends that Advocate Sherman Hospital administration provide accurate, complete, and factual updates regarding their anesthesia staffing levels to the Elgin City Council at each of the Council's biweekly meetings. The Elgin Board of Health strongly encourages the administration of Advocate Sherman Hospital to resolve the anesthesia issues as quickly as possible in order to return to the staffing levels of August 2021."

The motion passed three yes, zero no, with Dr. Poulos abstaining.

DISCUSSION OF THE ELGIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Mr. Bohner stated that he worked closely with representatives of Team USA Handball to ensure their international Olympic trials held at the Centre of Elgin were within the proper COVID -19 guidelines. He also stated that the Elgin Health Department has conducted 18 complaint investigations of businesses not following the current Executive Order for face coverings.

REVIEW OF THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS

Six food establishments opened and eight closed. A boil order was issued to four food establishments due to the temporary loss of public water. Mr. Bohner stated this often occurs during a public water main break or repair, which is often due to Elgin's aging water lines. Two food establishments were found liable in adjudication court, and food was discarded from six separate establishments.

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Bohner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Bohner, Staff Liaison

DATE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2021**

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
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HIGH RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	16	153	74
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.3	1.7	2.3
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.3	0.7
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	11	112	47

MEDIUM RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	37	148	177
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.5	0.7	1
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.1	0.3
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	11	70	93

LOW RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	62	70
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.4	0.6
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.2	0.2
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	15	16

SEASONAL TEMPORARY EST.	0	7	10
TEMPORARY EST.	2	13	6
PLANS REVIEWED	1	12	13

OTHER PROGRAMS

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	52
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	5

SCAVENGER INSPECTIONS	1	43	47
DAYCARE INSPECTIONS	3	5	6
ICE CREAM PEDDLERS	0	8	9
OTHER HEALTH INSPECTIONS	0	0	2

TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	59	439	453
REINSPECTIONS	23	197	161

ESTABLISHMENT STATUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Niko's Tavern, and Michaels on Main Cafe opened; J Pho, and Dairy Queen at Tyler Creek Plaza closed;
Attended a Board of Health meeting

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2021**

COMPLAINT STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
FOODBORNE ILLNESS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	4
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
OTHER FOOD CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	5	55	49
REINSPECTIONS	1	22	17
INSECT AND RODENT CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	1
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
COVID 19 CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	4	32	218
REINSPECTIONS	4	48	102
SMOKING CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
AIR POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	3	1
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
WATER POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	1
NOISE POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	10	3
REINSPECTIONS	0	9	5
RESIDENTIAL POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	39	44
REINSPECTIONS	0	27	40
PUBLIC POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	9
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	7
SEPTIC AND WELL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
LIGHT POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	3
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	0
REINSPECTIONS	1	2	1
TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	11	146	332
REINSPECTIONS	6	110	173

Local Health Protection Grant

Performance Indicators

CITY OF ELGIN

OCTOBER 2021

FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Food Program Activity By Risk Categories:

	High	Medium	Low	Totals
Current Number of Food Establishments	150	211	94	455
Number of Routine Inspections	16	37		53
Number of Reinspections	11	11		22
Number of Pre-Operational Inspections Performed	5			5
Number of Temporary Food Establishment Inspections Performed				2
Number of Foodborne Illness (FBI) Complaints Evaluated/Investigated				
Number of Non-FBI Complaints Evaluated/Investigated	3	2		5
Number of Compliance Proceedings (Conference, Hearings, Court)				
Number of Holds/Embargoes Placed				

Food Program Educational Services:

Number of Presentation (Group Events).....	
Number of Participants/Audience (Group Events).....	
Number of Consultations/Counseling Provided.....	60
Number of Media Contacts.....	

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2021**

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
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HIGH RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	7	160	82
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.6	1.7	2.2
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.3	0.7
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	117	55

MEDIUM RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	34	182	182
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.8	0.7	1
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.1	0.1	0.3
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	7	77	98

LOW RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	62	71
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.4	0.6
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.2	0.2
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	0	15	22

SEASONAL TEMPORARY EST.	0	7	10
TEMPORARY EST.	0	13	7
PLANS REVIEWED	2	14	17

OTHER PROGRAMS

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	52
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	5

SCAVENGER INSPECTIONS	0	43	47
DAYCARE INSPECTIONS	0	5	7
ICE CREAM PEDDLERS	0	8	9
OTHER HEALTH INSPECTIONS	0	0	2

TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	41	480	469
REINSPECTIONS	12	209	180

ESTABLISHMENT STATUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Pastigel Bakery closed and reopened as La Espiga Bakery; Dunkin on South Randall Road opened at a new location on South Randall Road; Old Republic was fined a total \$300 for violating the Elgin Municipal Code Noise Ordinance on four separate occasions; The Health Department spoke to the Elgin United Civic Association regarding food establishment requirements pertaining to Certified Food Protection Managers and Food Worker Training; Attended the Illinois Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2021**

COMPLAINT STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
FOODBORNE ILLNESS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	4
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
OTHER FOOD CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	5	60	51
REINSPECTIONS	2	24	20
INSECT AND RODENT CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	1
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
COVID 19 CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	2	34	239
REINSPECTIONS	0	48	109
SMOKING CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
AIR POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	3	1
REINSPECTIONS	2	2	0
WATER POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	1
NOISE POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	11	3
REINSPECTIONS	5	14	5
RESIDENTIAL POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	39	44
REINSPECTIONS	0	27	40
PUBLIC POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	9
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	7
SEPTIC AND WELL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
LIGHT POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	1	4
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	2	1
TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	9	155	356
REINSPECTIONS	9	119	183

Local Health Protection Grant

Performance Indicators

CITY OF ELGIN

NOVEMBER 2021

FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Food Program Activity By Risk Categories:

	High	Medium	Low	Totals
Current Number of Food Establishments	150	208	94	452
Number of Routine Inspections	7	34		41
Number of Reinspections	5	7		12
Number of Pre-Operational Inspections Performed		5		5
Number of Temporary Food Establishment Inspections Performed				
Number of Foodborne Illness (FBI) Complaints Evaluated/Investigated				
Number of Non-FBI Complaints Evaluated/Investigated	2	3		5
Number of Compliance Proceedings (Conference, Hearings, Court)	4			
Number of Holds/Embargoes Placed				

Food Program Educational Services:

Number of Presentation (Group Events).....	
Number of Participants/Audience (Group Events).....	
Number of Consultations/Counseling Provided.....	68
Number of Media Contacts.....	

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2021**

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
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HIGH RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	2	162	82
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	2.5	1.7	2.2
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.3	0.7
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	12	129	56

MEDIUM RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	11	193	183
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0.4	0.7	1
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.1	0.3
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	8	85	102

LOW RISK ESTABLISHMENTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	62	71
RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.4	0.6
REPEAT RISK FACTOR VIOLATIONS	0	0.2	0.2
FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	16	25

SEASONAL TEMPORARY EST.	0	7	10
TEMPORARY EST.	0	13	7
PLANS REVIEWED	0	14	17

OTHER PROGRAMS

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	52
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	5

SCAVENGER INSPECTIONS	0	43	47
DAYCARE INSPECTIONS	13	18	7
ICE CREAM PEDDLERS	0	8	9
OTHER HEALTH INSPECTIONS	0	0	2

TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	26	506	469
REINSPECTIONS	21	230	180

ESTABLISHMENT STATUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Eternal opened; Elgin Parents Coop Daycare Center, and Grace Evangelical Church food pantry closed, McLean Marathon closed and reopened as Liberty Fuel

**CITY OF ELGIN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2021**

COMPLAINT STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE
FOODBORNE ILLNESS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	5
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	2
OTHER FOOD CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	6	66	54
REINSPECTIONS	1	25	28
INSECT AND RODENT CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	2	1
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
COVID 19 CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	8	42	259
REINSPECTIONS	1	49	116
SMOKING CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
AIR POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	3	1
REINSPECTIONS	0	2	0
WATER POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	1
NOISE POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	2	13	3
REINSPECTIONS	3	17	5
RESIDENTIAL POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	39	44
REINSPECTIONS	0	27	40
PUBLIC POOL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	2	9
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	7
SEPTIC AND WELL CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	0	0
REINSPECTIONS	0	0	0
LIGHT POLLUTION CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	1	2	4
REINSPECTIONS	0	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS CASES			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	0	1	0
REINSPECTIONS	1	3	1
TOTALS			
INITIAL INSPECTIONS	18	173	380
REINSPECTIONS	6	125	200

Local Health Protection Grant

Performance Indicators

CITY OF ELGIN

DECEMBER 2021

FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Food Program Activity By Risk Categories:

	High	Medium	Low	Totals
Current Number of Food Establishments	150	209	92	451
Number of Routine Inspections	2	11		13
Number of Reinspections	12	8		20
Number of Pre-Operational Inspections Performed		5		5
Number of Temporary Food Establishment Inspections Performed				
Number of Foodborne Illness (FBI) Complaints Evaluated/Investigated				
Number of Non-FBI Complaints Evaluated/Investigated	2	4		6
Number of Compliance Proceedings (Conference, Hearings, Court)	0			
Number of Holds/Embargoes Placed				

Food Program Educational Services:

Number of Presentation (Group Events).....	
Number of Participants/Audience (Group Events).....	
Number of Consultations/Counseling Provided.....	66
Number of Media Contacts.....	

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2022

TO: Board of Health Members
Aaron Cosentino, Neighborhood Services Director

FROM: Brad Bohner, Neighborhood Services Manager – Public Health

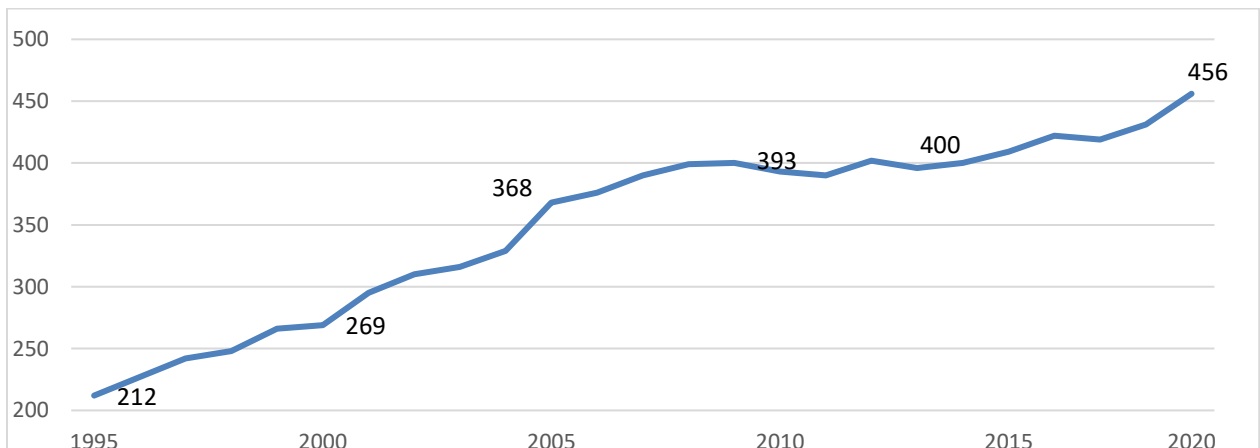
RE: City of Elgin Public Health Division 2021 Year End Report

Division Overview

Licensed Elgin Food Handling Establishments

The Elgin Health Department is a division under the Department of Neighborhood Services. The Elgin Health Department has an intergovernmental agreement with the Kane County Health Department which requires the City of Elgin to adopt and enforce a food safety program that is commensurate with Kane County. As such, the City of Elgin requires a food handling licensing for all food service establishments and retail food stores within the city limits. This includes full-service restaurants, fast food restaurants, catering operations, school cafeterias, nursing home kitchen facilities, daycare centers, hospitals, workplace cafeterias, grocery stores, bakeries, meat markets, taverns and convenience stores. Each establishment is assigned a category of high, moderate or low relative risk of causing a food borne illness, and inspection frequencies are assigned accordingly.

The Elgin Health Department licenses and inspects 451 food handling establishments in Elgin, more than twice as many establishments as twenty-five years ago. The increase of over 250 food handling establishments since 1995 is attributed to retail development in Elgin, as well as the licensing of soup kettle kitchens, school cafeterias, vending machines, and daycare centers. The Elgin Health Department conducted 647 routine and follow up sanitary inspections of these establishments in 2021. An additional 92 inspections were generated from 67 separate food handling establishment complaints.



Since its inception in 1979, the Elgin Health Department enforced the Illinois Department of Public Health Food Service Sanitation Code. In 2017, the Illinois Department of Public Health repealed that Code and replaced it with the 2017 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code. The 2017 FDA Food Code is a model for safeguarding public health and ensuring food is unadulterated and is factually presented when offered to the consumer. The FDA Food Code prioritizes food borne risk factors and allows for more uniform inspections throughout the state. The Elgin Health Department began administering and enforcing this code on January 1, 2019.

The new inspection report no longer has a scoring system, but rather documents the number of risk factors and violations that require a follow up inspection. As such, the number of establishments that require one or more additional inspections to verify compliance with priority violations has increased. In addition, the increased dialogue between the inspectors and the person-in-charge which focus on employee behaviors, actions to eliminate food hazards and strategic questions has lengthened the time of a typical inspection by approximately 30 percent.

The FDA Food Code now requires each food establishment to designate a person-in-charge who is a certified food protection manager to be on site whenever food is prepared or served, and requires the person-in-charge in high-risk establishments to obtain food allergen training as well. Since the FDA food code is consistent with most other technical aspects of food safety with the previous code, most food establishment owners and operators have readily accepted the requirements of the newer code.

COVID-19

The Elgin Health Department temporarily halted routine inspections of food establishments during January and February of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Health Department was active in its approach to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 and continued responding to concerns, questions and complaints regarding the pandemic throughout this year as well.

During Governor Pritzker's Resurgence Mitigation Order in early 2021, the Health Department conducted site visits on a complaint basis to determine if businesses were fully complying with the order. Enforcement actions first involved education and verbal counseling, followed by written notices of violation. In accordance with guidance from the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, local Health agencies were encouraged to use repeated efforts to gain voluntary compliance. Elgin continued to work with businesses to create safe spaces that allow them to stay open while protecting the public's health. No citations were issued related to the Governor's executive orders, in many instances the businesses were either already in compliance by the time the Health Department arrived or came into compliance shortly thereafter. The Health Department also inspected outdoor dining areas that many restaurants had erected in response to the pandemic to ensure they met health and zoning requirements.

In early 2021 as residents and businesses became more accustomed to COVID related health requirements, complaints shifted toward food establishments and other businesses that were operating without proper social distancing or that were not requiring face coverings. In total for 2021, the City of Elgin Health Department conducted 121 initial and follow-up on-site inspections of establishments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When vaccines became readily available to citizens in the spring of 2021, the Health Department received numerous inquiries about the eligibility of the vaccines for certain age groups and essential workers, and provided information on the location of local and mass vaccination sites. Public Health staff were in almost daily contact with its partners at the city, county, state, and federal levels on preparations and precautions regarding the spread of COVID-19 while continuously monitoring the global outbreak. As new variants of COVID-19 evolved, the Elgin Health Department took steps to keep residents healthy and safe by again responding to complaints of establishments and businesses that were not enforcing face covering requirements. Staff kept citizens informed of the latest CDC guidelines and State and County COVID-19 vaccination and face covering through the City's website (www.cityofelgin.org/coronavirus). A resource mapping hub developed by the City's GIS Department created real time data for human service provision, School District U-46 meal distribution, open businesses, and places of worship. The Elgin website contains information in Spanish and English regarding vaccinations sites, COVID testing sites, financial assistance available to Elgin residents as related to the pandemic, as well as other pertinent information.

Temporary and Seasonal Food Licenses

The Elgin Health Department issued a total of 20 temporary and seasonal food licenses the past year. With the limiting of social gatherings such festivals and other special events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of temporary food inspections decreased by over 80 percent from 2019 levels. Temporary food licenses are food service establishments that operate at a fixed location for less than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

Scavenger Trucks

The Elgin Health Department licensed 43 scavenger trucks in 2021. The number of annual issued licenses issued has steadily increased with the number of businesses requiring waste removal in Elgin. Scavenger trucks are vehicles that haul, collect, or dispose of garbage, trash, ashes, animal, human or vegetable refuse, or offal within the city limits. Trucks are inspected annually for proof of title, liability and property damage insurance, a valid license plate, a valid state or federal safety number, and safety and sanitation concerns.

Ice Cream Vendors

The Health Department inspected and licensed 8 ice cream vendors and their ice cream trucks and carts in 2021. Ice cream peddlers are now required to apply for a license from the city and present a copy of their Kane County Mobile Food Permit, a valid driver's license, a driving abstract from the Illinois Secretary of State, proof of general and liability insurance, and a copy of a certificate of registration under the Retailer's Occupation Tax Act. After a background inspection is completed by the Elgin Police Department, the Health Department issues a peddler's certificate with a photo ID to qualifying employees. An Ice Cream Truck/Cart license is then also issued after each vehicle is inspected by the Health Department.

Mosquito Abatement

Both the Neighborhood Services Manager and Sanitarian are licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to apply mosquito larvicide on private property. Each year, the Health Department supplements its staff with a third-party contractor. In 2021 the contracted mosquito control

company chosen was Vector Disease Control International (VDCI). VDCI provided environmentally sound mosquito larvae control in the Kane County portion of Elgin through complete inspections of potential mosquito breeding sites and monitoring mosquito traps, one in Hawthorne Hill Nature Center, and the other near the Highlands of Elgin golf course, as well as pre-hatch applications of active sites, larval control of mosquitoes with insect growth regulators, and larval control treatment of Elgin's 5,500 public catch basins. The Health Department conducted 84 inspections of stagnant water complaints in 2021.

Public Swimming Pools

The Elgin Health Department has licensed, conducted routine inspections, and taken water samples for analysis of all public swimming facilities since 1986. In May 2021, in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health the City of Elgin discontinued that practice. Swimming pools are inspected by the IDPH annually. Further, only the IDPH or a state-certified local health department is able enforce the Illinois Swimming Facility Code. The Elgin Health Department is not a state certified local health department with the State of Illinois, as it does not have the requisite staff such as an executive officer, a public health administrator, and a medical health officer. Elgin's primary focus as defined by the intergovernmental agreement with the Kane County Health Department is to license and inspect food establishments and investigate environmental nuisance investigations within the City.

Daycare Centers

Daycare centers throughout the state are inspected and given a three-year license by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The Elgin Health Department licenses and conducts an annual inspection of the food service facilities within the daycare centers in Elgin. As part of a daycare center's licensing renewal process, IDCFS sends an interagency request to the Elgin Health Department for an environmental assessment of the facility. These requests resulted in Elgin inspecting every daycare only once every three years. The increased staffing in 2021 allowed, and will continue to allow, the Elgin Health Department the ability to inspect daycare centers annually.

Staffing Increase

The Elgin Health Department added a new position to its staff, a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner in Training (LEHP In-Training). This position was designed to help those early in their career obtain the experience needed to move onto larger roles within the public health industry. This new position increased the Health Department staff from 2 to 3 persons and will greatly assist the Health Department to meet the required minimum food establishment sanitary inspections set for the by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Department's first LEHP In-Training has already moved on to a leadership position within the Stickney Township Health Department. Staff looks forward to re-filling this position in early 2022.

Historical Inspections

Inspections conducted by the Public Health Division for the past three years are as follows:

	2021		2020		2019	
	Initial Inspections	Re-Inspections	Initial Inspections	Re-Inspections	Initial Inspections	Re-Inspections
ROUTINE INSPECTIONS						
High Risk Establishments	162	129	82	56	310	198
Medium Risk Establishments	193	85	183	102	208	127
Low Risk Establishments	62	16	71	25	110	25
Temporary/Seasonal Establishments	20	0	17	0	127	0
Public Swimming Facilities	0	0	52	5	83	21
Scavenger Trucks	43	0	47	0	47	0
Daycare Centers	18	0	7	0	4	2
Ice Cream Peddlers	8	0	9	0	12	0
Massage/Tattoo/Cosmetology	0	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	506	230	470	188	903	371

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

COVID-19	42	49	259	116	0	0
Insect/Rodent	2	0	1	0	11	1
Food Borne Illness	1	0	5	2	8	2
Other Food Complaints	66	25	54	28	69	55
Air Pollution	3	2	1	0	1	0
Water Pollution	2	1	0	1	2	0
Noise Pollution	13	17	3	5	2	5
Residential Pools	39	27	44	40	25	38
Public Swimming Pools	2	0	9	7	4	2
Light Pollution	2	1	4	0	2	1
Well/Septic Complaints	0	0	1	5	0	0
Other	1	3	0	1	5	2
Totals	173	125	380	200	131	114

OPENINGS, CLOSINGS AND SUSPENSIONS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Food handling establishments opened	21	34	24
Food handling establishments closed	25	26	25
Daycare establishments opened	1	2	0
Daycare establishments closed	1	3	1
Food licenses suspended/revoked	5	4	9
Food discarded from food establishments	9	6	14
Swimming facilities closed	1	0	0
Swimming facilities closed for ≥ 24 hours	0	1	11
Plans reviewed	14	17	18
Court cases/adjudication hearings	7	5	6

Additional Items of Note

- 21 food handling establishments opened and 25 closed. One daycare facility opened and one closed. 14 food handling establishment plans were reviewed.
- The Elgin Health Division investigated 67 food handling establishment complaints, one of which was a suspected food-borne illness complaint. 92 inspections were conducted regarding these complaints.
- 42 COVID-19 complaints were received, resulting in 92 on-site inspections.
- 64 complaints were investigated regarding various health code violations such as air, water, light and noise pollution, insect or rodent infestation, well and septic complaints, and stagnant residential swimming pools. 115 inspections were conducted on behalf of these complaints.
- The Elgin Health Department temporarily suspended five food handling permits because of lack of running potable water. In addition, over 1,000 pounds of food were discarded from food service establishments on nine separate occasions due to either temperature abuse or coming from an unapproved source.
- The Elgin Health Division collected \$1,000 in fines on four occasions in adjudication hearings for health code violations.