

# Quick Reads

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## IDPH among leaders in death data collection

IDPH is among 37 states and jurisdictions participating in the [Electronic Verification of Vital Events](#) (EVVE) Fact of Death system. This is a database for approved entities to verify birth, marriage and death documents to ensure the document is not fraudulent. Electronic inquiries from authorized users can be matched against more than 250 million birth and death records from state and jurisdiction-owned vital record databases nationwide.

## Stop the Bleed

Statewide "Train the Trainer" sessions of the [Stop the Bleed](#) program are underway. The national initiative, spearheaded in Iowa by the [IDPH Bureau of Emergency & Trauma Services](#), teaches emergency bleeding control through the ABCs of bleeding: **A**lerting 911, finding **B**leeding injuries, and using **C**ompression to stop bleeding. For more information, contact [Diane Williams](#).



The first Stop the Bleed Train the Trainer session was held in Ankeny (above). Future sessions are planned in Iowa City and Council Bluffs.

## Local public health success story

The 2014 Iowa Immunization [Annual Report](#) indicated only 18 percent of [Dickinson County](#) 13-15 year olds had received the recommended immunizations, compared to the state average of 39 percent.

A Quality Improvement initiative used Iowa's [Immunization Registry](#) to track quarterly adolescent immunization progress, with a focus on HPV vaccination rates. A grant from the Prevention and Public Health Fund was used to send immunization education and pamphlets to all adolescent parents. Partnering with county schools, mass emails about immunization were sent and immunization clinics were scheduled. The local hospital used social media to promote immunizations.

As of December 2016, these efforts paid off with the rate of adolescent immunizations, ages 13-15, rising from 18 percent to 59 percent and the HPV immunization rate of complete doses rose 17 percent to 35 percent.

## IID proposes stopgap measure

The [Iowa Insurance Division](#) has proposed a Stopgap Measure to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure all Iowans have access to health insurance in 2018. Details of the plan are available [here](#).



# IDPH bureau spotlight

## Substance Abuse



DeAnn Decker

The 20 fulltime and temporary employees of the [Bureau of Substance Abuse](#) lead IDPH efforts related to substance use disorders, problem gambling and suicide prevention. The bureau coordinates the [Iowa Youth Survey](#),

licenses and regulates about 125 substance use disorder and problem gambling treatment programs, and funds more than 100 local contractors who provide identified needs and services.

Staff is actively involved in efforts to reduce overdose deaths from heroin and prescription drugs. Toward that end, the bureau has launched a public awareness campaign, developed an opioid overdose recognition and response [brochure](#), begun efforts to expand insurance coverage for [medication-assisted treatment](#), and has increased the number of doctors credentialed to provide medication-assisted treatment from 31 to 49.

Bureau chief DeAnn Decker has been with IDPH for 11 years, previously working with Magellan Behavioral Health. She is kept busy outside the office with four kids – one of whom just made the Iowa State Cyclone Dance Team. In her spare time, DeAnn loves to golf.



The second season of the [Capitol Complex Farmers Market](#) kicked off June 13. The market brings homegrown produce and handmade goods to state employees, guests and the public. The market is a cooperative effort by IDPH, the Dept. of Administrative Services and the Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The market is held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until September 29 (excluding July 4) at E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street between E. Walnut and E. Grand.

## Congrats and kudos

Congratulations to Dr. Bob Russell, State Public Health Dental Director and IDPH [Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems](#) bureau chief, on his selection for Fellowship in the American College of Dentists. Dr. Russell will be inducted at the College's annual meeting in October.

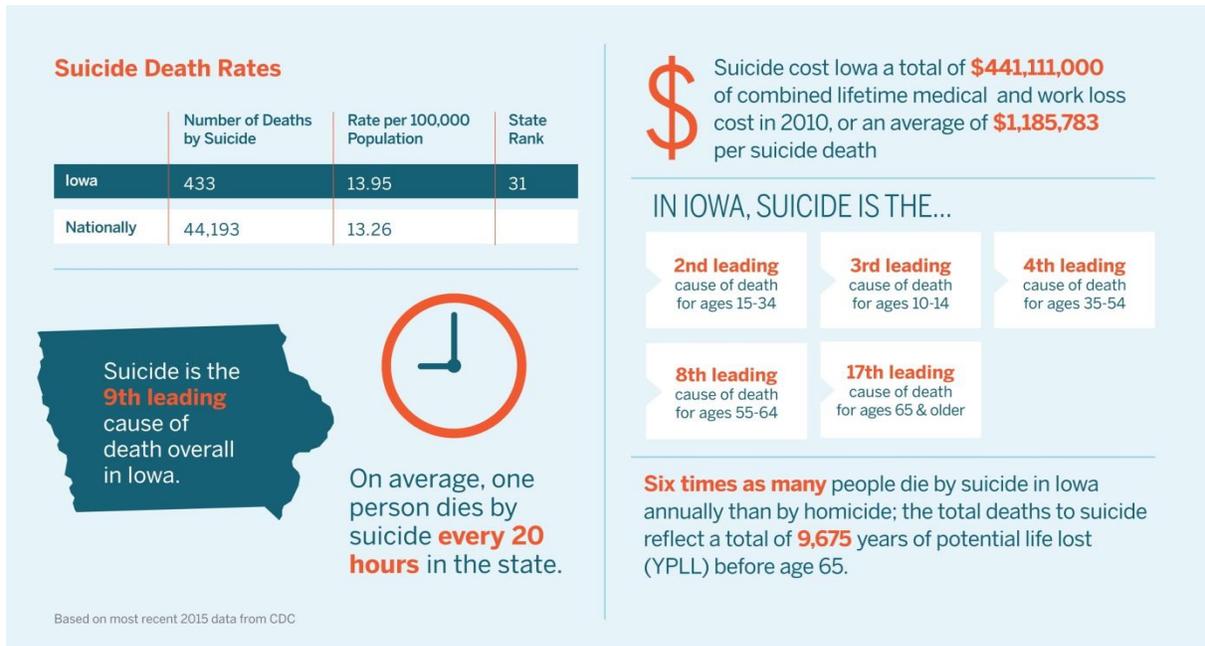
Nathan Wilson, IDPH [Bureau of Planning Services](#) bureau chief, and Dr. Bob Russell graduated this month from the Drake University Certified Public Manager program. Their cohort is pictured below. Dr. Russell is seated on the left of the first row and Nathan Wilson is in the last row, fourth from the left.



# Monthly data snapshot

Data are essential to the practice of public health. Each month, Quick Reads highlights selected tidbits to help create awareness of IDPH data and epidemiology. Explore more data with the [IDPH Public Health Tracking Portal](#).

## Iowa Suicide Data



Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people in the U.S. County level information about teen and adult suicides is available on the Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal at <https://pht.idph.state.ia.us/PeopleandCommunity/death/Pages/Suicide.aspx>.

IDPH's Suicide Prevention program works with communities and other partners to provide information about the signs and symptoms of depression and suicide, and to develop suicide prevention strategies. Learn more at <https://idph.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/suicide-prevention>.

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