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Monroe County Health Department Announces 2025 Priorities to Address Chronic Disease and Strengthen Vaccination Efforts

BLOOMINGTON – The Monroe County Board of Health is proud to announce its key core service priorities for 2025: Addressing the rising burden of chronic diseases and enhancing vaccination initiatives. Lori Kelley, Health Administrator, states “As part of our ongoing commitment to improving public health, we are taking steps to implement evidence-based solutions and increase equitable access to vital services”.

Heart disease was the leading cause of death in Monroe County in 2024. In 2025, Monroe County Health Department will focus on reducing the impact of chronic diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity by developing comprehensive strategies that include prevention, detection, and managing conditions. Specific efforts will focus on:

- Strengthening healthcare infrastructure by providing more people with screenings, health assessments, and lifestyle interventions.
- Raising awareness about the importance of healthy diets, physical activity, and tobacco cessation in reducing the risk of chronic conditions.
- Collaboration with community partners to improve access to care in low resource areas.

Vaccination remains one of the most powerful tools in public health, protecting individuals from preventable diseases. In 2025, Monroe County Health Department will focus on:

- Expanding access to vaccines in low resource areas to ensure all populations, especially vulnerable groups, have access to essential vaccines.
- Launch a campaign to provide education on the safety and efficacy of vaccines, while informing the public of emerging infectious diseases.
- Promoting collaborative partnerships between government, healthcare providers, and community organizations to address vaccine hesitancy and improve community health vaccination rates.

Monroe County Health Department is committed to reducing health disparities and ensuring all individuals, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographical location, can lead healthier lives. Kelley states, “We are at a pivotal moment with implementing Health First Indiana and have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on health by focusing on chronic disease prevention and

expanding access to vaccines”. By focusing on prevention, we aim to create healthier communities, reduce health inequalities, and improve long-term health outcomes.

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