

R E S O L U T I O N - S U P E R M A J O R I T Y

Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Appropriation of \$600,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health to the Department of Health’s FY2024 Budget for Respiratory Surveillance Initiatives (51)

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has applied for and has been notified of \$600,000 in grant funding for respiratory surveillance initiatives; and

WHEREAS, with the transition out of the pandemic, public health has scaled back COVID-19 surveillance activities and is moving towards integrated surveillance for respiratory illnesses that are epidemic or have pandemic potential, to include, COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV); and

WHEREAS, unlike influenza and RSV, COVID-19 seasonal patterns are not yet possible to predict, but future epidemic waves of SARS-CoV-2 are anticipated, along with the need for ongoing surveillance and preparedness for viral novel variants; and

WHEREAS, with the social disruption resulting from COVID-19 removed, seasonal circulation patterns of other respiratory viruses have resumed. The long-term effect of cocirculation and behavioral- and immune-mediated interactions between SARS-CoV-2 and other respiratory pathogens is unknown but is expected to place additional pressure on healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, effective surveillance will help public health officials to rapidly gauge the status of concurrent epidemics and make appropriate decisions to enhance levels of preparedness and response to improve public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, this new grant funding will allow the Department to continue respiratory disease surveillance, provide education and resource support to long term care facilities, and provide rapid testing and education to the general public throughout McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, this is a new grant and is not included in the FY2024 budget and requires the approval of the McHenry County Board to appropriate funds; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed by the Board of Health and the Public Health and Community Services and Finance and Audit committees of the County Board and is being recommended to the County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes an appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 to the Department of Health’s FY2024 budget as follows:

Revenue:	094000-50-51-5111.100.51. RespSurv.FY25	\$ <u>600,000</u>
Expenditures:		
Personnel	301010-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 229,038
Fringe (FICA)	310510-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 17,521
Fringe (IMRF)	311010-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 13,788
Fringe (Health Ins.)	314610-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 35,407
Contractual	400100-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 52,688
Printing	405500-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 10,500
Telephone	409620-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 1,000
Computer Maintenance	432100-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$ 32,500

Office Supplies	501000-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	1,001
Mileage	504000-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	737
Meeting Expenses	505000-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	3,350
Medical Supplies	508000-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	109,663
Misc. Commodities	509900-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	80,307
Computer Components	511500-50-51-5111.100.51.RespSurv.FY25	\$	12,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer, Director of Human Resources, County Auditor, County Administrator, and the Public Health Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 17th day of September, A.D., 2024.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Appropriation of \$600,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health to the Department of Health's FY2024 Budget for Respiratory Surveillance Initiatives (51)

Board / Committee Action Requested: Authorize the emergency appropriation of \$600,000 in grant funding to the Department of Health's FY2024 budget to meet respiratory surveillance initiatives.

Background and Discussion: With the transition out of the pandemic, public health has scaled back COVID-19 surveillance activities and are moving towards integrated surveillance for respiratory illnesses that are epidemic or have pandemic potential (COVID-19, influenza, RSV).

Unlike influenza and RSV, COVID-19 seasonal patterns are not yet possible to predict, but future epidemic waves of SARS-CoV-2 are anticipated, along with the need for ongoing surveillance and preparedness for viral novel variants. The need for effective respiratory surveillance will help public health officials to rapidly gauge the status of concurrent epidemics and make appropriate decisions to enhance levels of preparedness and response to improve public health outcomes.

This new grant funding will allow the Department to continue our respiratory disease surveillance, provide education and resource support to long term care facilities, and provide rapid testing and education to the general population throughout McHenry County.

Impact on Human Resources: None

Impact on Budget (Revenue: Expenses, Fringe Benefits): The grant funding will help to defray the cost of personnel, supplies, and educational events/campaigns from the general fund.

Impact on Capital Expenditures: None

Impact on Physical Space: None

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: None

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan: Conforms to the McHenry County Strategic Plan for Health and Social Services strategy, Goal #2 and #3.