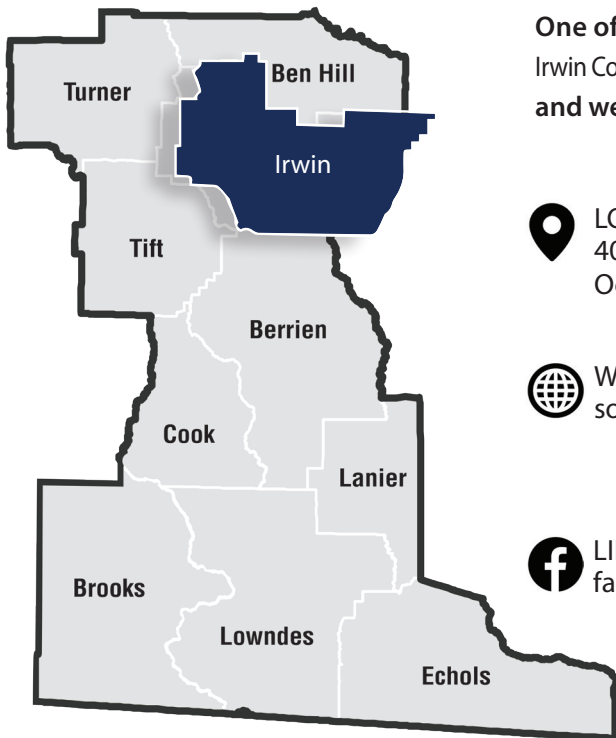


Irwin County Health Department



One of ten county health departments in the South Health District, Irwin County Health Department serves to promote and protect the health and well-being of anyone who lives, works or plays in Irwin County, Georgia.



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Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday

8am - 5pm

Friday

8am - 2:30pm

OUR MISSION is to promote and protect the health of people in Georgia wherever they live, work and play. We unite with individuals, families and communities to improve their health and enhance their quality of life.

Provided Services

Emergency Preparedness

Develop plans to mitigate, respond to, and recover from events which pose a significant threat to the health of the public. Conduct public awareness campaigns, training, and exercises with health department staff, the healthcare community, and a wide range of partners at the local, state, and federal levels.

Environmental Health

Permits and inspects for septic system installations, food service establishments, tourist accommodations, public swimming pools, and body art establishments to help minimize the risk of illness or disease. Issues well location permits and performs bacteriological tests on water samples. Follow up on animal bites to help prevent the spread of rabies.

Epidemiology

Conducts follow-up and investigation for individuals who have been exposed to a communicable disease. Conducts surveillance to detect disease and recommends preventative measures, treatment, and control to prevent further disease outbreaks in the community.

Family Planning Services

Physical exams (male and female), birth control, STD and pregnancy testing, education and counseling regarding health issues.

General Nursing

Immunizations, blood tests, hearing, vision, and dental screenings; tuberculosis, cancer, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings; head lice checks, and pregnancy tests are all available through the General Clinic. Services are provided by protocolized public health nurses. Referrals to specialty programs are made as needed.

Health Education

Irwin County Health Department strives to educate the people of our community with information regarding health. These services are available to individuals, community groups, churches and schools. Information is delivered by nurses, nutritionists, health educators and other qualified staff members.

Hypertension Program

Blood pressure monitoring, medication management, and counseling on weight loss, diet and exercise are available through the Hypertension Program, if eligible.

Immunizations

Immunizations are available for all ages with an emphasis on infants up to three years of age. At your request, the Irwin County Health Department will also provide adult flu and pneumonia vaccines on-site at your businesses.

Infectious Disease Program

Follow-up is provided for individuals who had a communicable disease such as tuberculosis, meningitis, perinatal hepatitis or others. Contact investigation is included.

Palemon Gaskins Trust Fund

Palemon Gaskins Trust Fund provides services to adult diabetics with a special focus on high risk groups including uninsured, African Americans and Hispanics. Services include medication and diabetic testing supply assistance.

School Health Nurses

Public health nurses collaborate closely with Irwin County school nurses to provide healthcare information in school clinics, focusing on childhood asthma, the administration of Epinephrine and Albuterol/Levabuterol in the school setting, emergency medication, scoliosis screenings, and school-based flu clinics with an emphasis on special immunization initiatives, hearing and vision testing, and adolescent health and wellness.

Sexually Transmitted Disease

If an individual suspects that he or she has a sexually transmitted disease, physical exams, lab tests, treatment and follow-up is provided through the STD program. Counseling and testing for persons who are at risk for contracting the HIV virus is also available. Follow up services are available to person with HIV/AIDS upon request.

Services For Women and Children

Adolescent & School Health

Promotes healthy behavior for adolescents aged 10-19. Education in a youth friendly environment addressing risky behaviors that are attractive to teens.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Program

This program provides at no cost to eligible women, between ages 40 and 64, a limited annual exam including a Pap test, as needed. It also provides a mammogram and diagnostic follow up if needed. Breast cancer gene screening is available to anyone at no cost.

Car Seat Program

Provides education on legal requirements for car seats, appropriate seat selection, and a provision of up to two seats per family for families that might not otherwise be able to purchase a car seat. Must be on Medicaid, WIC or Food Stamps for eligibility.

Children with Special Needs

A unit of programs working together to provide family-centered services to newborns through age 21 years who have or are at risk to develop medical conditions and/or significant developmental delays.

Health Check

Provides for the screening of lead, medical and/or developmental problems in children who do not have a healthcare provider. Medicaid covers from infancy to the 21st birthday and PeachCare covers up to age 19.

Perinatal Programs

This program is composed of Perinatal Case Management (PCM), and Pregnancy Related Services (PRS). Helps pregnant women identify their needs for the delivery of a healthy baby and creates a plan to address those needs.

Presumptive Eligibility

Medicaid coverage is provided to income-eligible pregnant women and women diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer during the Medicaid application processing period.

Sickle Cell Screening & Counseling

This program serves ages birth to 21 years with medical screening and education about sickle cell disease and other abnormal blood disorders.

Well Baby

Complete physical exams are provided for children ages birth to five years. Included in this program are screening tests, immunizations and nutritional counseling.

Women, Infants & Children

WIC is a special nutrition program that offers nutrition education, food supplements and referrals to health care providers for eligible pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants and children up to age five.

Our services are available to everyone, regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, political belief, disability or sex. We charge only minimal fees for our services, and some services have adjusted fee scales based on ability to pay. Health care services will be provided even if someone is unable to pay. Medicaid, Medicare and some private insurances are also accepted forms of payment for covered services.