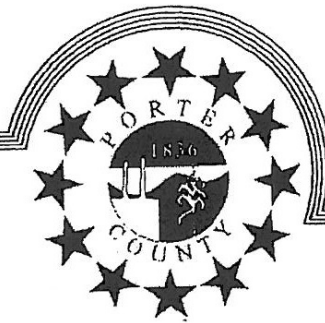


Attachment 5

COUNTY - PORTER



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November 7, 2011

Mr. Bill Gregory, President
Ogden Dunes Town Council
Town of Ogden Dunes
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Ref: **LYME DISEASE INCIDENCE OGDEN DUNES, PORTER COUNTY, IN**

Dear Town Council President Gregory:

In follow-up to an inquiry on the incidence of Lyme disease in Ogden Dunes and Porter County, Indiana we are providing this response. We have collaborated with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and relied upon our secure disease surveillance system data.

From our investigation and collaboration efforts with ISDH we understand for several years Porter County has the highest incidence of Lyme disease of any Indiana county. For 2011 to date Porter County has five (5) suspect, five (5) probable, and ten (10) confirmed Lyme disease cases totaling twenty (20) cases or 12.2 cases per 100,000 in population.

As a subset of Porter County's cases the Town of Ogden Dunes has two (2) suspect, four (4) probable, and four (4) confirmed cases totaling ten (10) for an incidence of over 900 cases per 100,000. This is half of all Porter County cases while Ogden Dunes represents less than one percent (1%) of the county population. We understand Ogden Dunes to have the highest incidence in the State of Indiana.

Both the Porter County Health Department and ISDH are committed to working with the Town of Ogden Dunes to provide for the public health, safety and welfare; with special attention toward at-risk and vulnerable populations (e.g.: youth, elderly).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 219-465-3684 or email KLetta@porterco.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KLetta".

Keith Letta, Administrator
Porter County Health Department

w/attachment (Lyme disease incidence summary)

Lyme disease Incidence in Porter County, Indiana 2011 to 11/7/2011

<u>Township</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Suspect</u>	<u>Probable</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>*Incidence</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Not determined</u>	<u>Not a case</u>
Portage	Ogden Dunes	2	4	4	10	900.9	1,110		1
Pine	Beverly Shores			1	1	163.1	613		
Westchester	unincorporated		1		1	67.6	1,479		
Pleasant	Kouts	1			1	53.2	1,879		
Jackson	unincorporated			1	1	19.0	5,259		1
Portage	unincorporated	1			1	10.4	9,573		
Westchester	Chesterton	1			1	7.7	13,068		1
Center	Valparaiso			2	2	6.3	31,730		3
Portage	Portage			1	1	2.7	36,828	1	1
Boone	Hebron					0.0	3,724		1
Misc.				1	1				1
Porter County totals:		5	5	10	20	12.2	164,343	1	9

Indiana: 6,483,802

* Lyme disease case incidence (confirmed, probable, and suspect) per 100,000.

Lyme disease case source Porter County Health Department, Indiana State Department of Health, INEDSS.

Population data updated 11/15/2011; provided by NIRPC

Population source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 SF1