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### **Health Department releases 2008 Annual Report**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department’s 2008 Annual Report is now available online at [www.ldchealth.org](http://www.ldchealth.org).

The report was presented to the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board during its regular meeting earlier this week.

The Health Department’s history is featured throughout the report, including a story on what public health was like in 1885, when diseases such as typhoid, malaria and diphtheria were threats. Also included is a story on retired physicians, Dr. Helen Gilles and Dr. Phillip Godwin, who provide their perspective on how public health has changed in the past 50 years.

The report also features program highlights from 2008 as well as a timeline of public health in Lawrence and Douglas County.

To see the full report and online features, including a story on a Lawrence nurse’s experience during the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu pandemic, visit the Health Department’s Web site [www.ldchealth.org](http://www.ldchealth.org).

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