



# Tippecanoe County Health Department

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April 22, 2026

RE: Request for Written Approval of continuation of Syringe Service Program (SB 91 Compliance)

Dear Lafayette School Corporation,

On behalf of the Tippecanoe County Health Department, I am writing to formally request written approval to continue operating Gateway to Hope our syringe service program (SSP) at 2300 Ferry Street Lafayette, IN 47904. The program has been in continuous operation in Tippecanoe County since 2017 and has operated out of the Ferry Street address since 2023.

Recently there have been changes to syringe service programs including location requirements in Indiana. Indiana Senate Bill 91 [SB91.pdf](#) (IC 16-41-7.5-5.5) requires that a syringe service program may not operate within 1,000 feet of a school, childcare center, or place of worship unless written approval is obtained from the operator of the facility.

Tippecanoe Counties program is a public health initiative focused on reducing the transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C, improving community safety, and connecting by way of referring individuals to treatment and recovery health services. Services include:

- Safe disposal of used syringes
- Distribution of sterile syringes abiding by the outlined 1 for 1 exchange
- Education on disease prevention
- Referrals to substance use treatment, medical care, and social services
- Minimum weekly community cleanup in and around the area

We are committed to operating this program in a manner that is respectful of the surrounding community and minimizes any potential impact.

We respectfully request your written approval to allow the operation of Gateway to Hope out of 2300 Ferry Street. If you are willing to grant approval, please provide a written statement indicating your consent.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the program in more detail and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seema Kengeri".

Dr. Seema Kengeri,  
Tippecanoe County Health Officer