APPLETREE COVID-19 Supplemental Awards
Indiana Department of Health

Introduction
In early 2021, ASTHO, with support from CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), announced awards to five state health agencies to support their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. State health agencies in Kentucky, Virginia, Arkansas, Vermont, and Indiana were selected for this opportunity because of their recent application to ATSDR’s Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) cooperative agreement program. Vermont requested that ASTHO work directly with their partner organization, Informed Green Solutions (IGS), for this project. ASTHO is providing funding and assistance to the recipient state health agencies and state health agency partners to support their environmental health-related COVID-19 response activities. This factsheet outlines activities supported under these awards for the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH).

Supported Activities – Indiana Department of Health
IDOH’s Environmental Public Health Division will conduct a variety of proposed activities as part of this funding award, including providing technical assistance to local health departments on both COVID-19 mitigation measures in various settings and the safe reopening of buildings after prolonged shutdowns. Activities supported through this award include the following:

- Developing site assessment checklists for a variety of facilities, including manufacturing facilities, food processing plants, youth camps, and schools.
- Conducting COVID-19 precaution-based site assessments of various facilities, including manufacturing facilities, food processing plants, youth camps, and schools.
- Assisting local health departments with implementing and optimizing COVID-19 mitigation measures in schools, youth overnight camps, and/or other workplace facilities to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission in in-person settings.
- Developing guidance and training documents on safe water system practices after periods of prolonged building vacancy.
- Conducting outreach to local health departments, building operators, and schools on safe premise plumbing startup practices.