



Report to the Board of Health on November & December 2023 Activities

PURPOSE

Each month the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) Leadership Team provides this summary report to the Board of Health on WCHD programs and services. The report is organized into the 10 Domains that follow the 10 essential public health services with health equity as the center as identified by the Public Health National Center for Innovations and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The 10 Essentials of Public Health Services

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

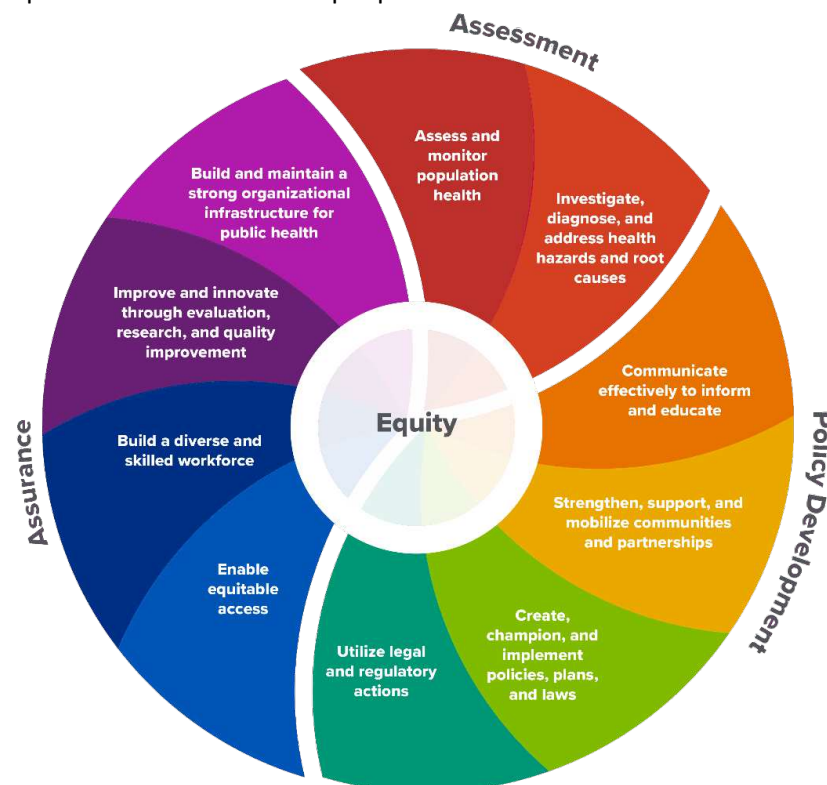


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Assessment

1. Monitor Health

Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

Communicable Diseases & Conditions In Winnebago County

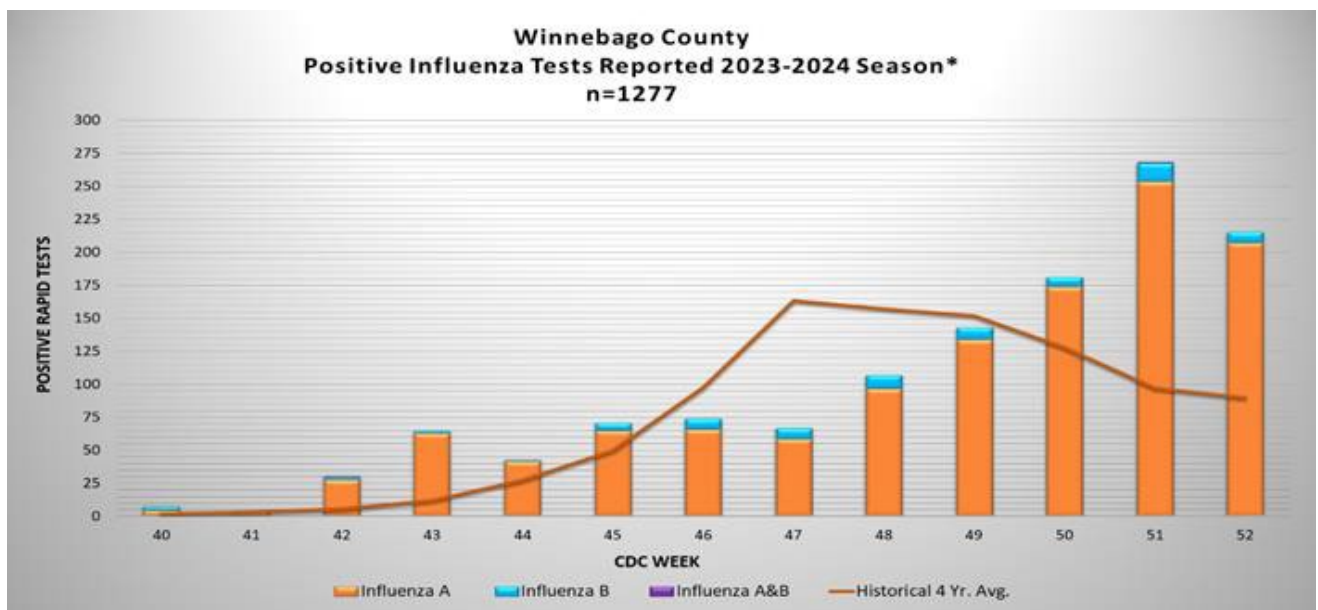
COVID-19

In November and December, the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) continued to work with congregate care facilities to provide updated COVID-19 outbreak guidance and opportunities for vaccination of residents and staff through state-supported resources. Hospital admissions for COVID-19 saw an increase at the end of December.

INFLUENZA

WCHD saw an increase in influenza cases in Winnebago County in December and issued an Influenza Health Alert on December 29, 2023 to healthcare providers to be at increased awareness for influenza (flu) in patients, residents in congregate settings, visitors, and staff.

At the end of November for CDC Week 47 (ending Saturday, November 25), Winnebago County had sixty-four (64) positive influenza cases to date and had seen seven (7) influenza related ICU admissions to date. By the end of December for CDC Week 52 (ending Saturday December 30), Winnebago County had two hundred and fifteen (215) positive influenza cases to date and had seen seventeen (17) influenza related ICU admissions to date.





The weekly influenza reports is provided on the WCHD website at:
<https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/data-and-reports/data-and-charts/>.

MEASLES

On November 9, 2023, the Winnebago County Health Department issued a Health Alert on Measles advising healthcare providers to be alert for symptoms of measles and report any suspect or confirmed cases to WCHD due to reported cases of measles in suburban Cook County.

Environmental Health

In November, the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) notified all food distributors that carried the WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches alerting them of a voluntary recall of the product due to the high lead content discovered in the product. Later, an expanded recall notification was received. WCHD sent a mass email to all grocery stores and convenience stores with the product name and the link to the recall. WCHD food inspectors checked stores that potentially had the product for sale in Winnebago County and found none of the products on shelves or on store premises. Store managers advised that the product was removed from sale and thrown out when the recall notification email was received from WCHD.



In December, WCHD received a recall for Valley Meats, LLC, a Coal Valley, Ill. establishment, recalling approximately 6,768 pounds of raw ground beef products that may have been contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7. Immediately, WCHD sent a mass email to our restaurants and institutional food services with the recall notification due to concern they may have recalled product in their freezers.

**Assessment**

2. Diagnose & Investigate

*Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems
and hazards affecting the population.*

Communicable Diseases & Conditions

WCHD continued investigating two newly identified active tuberculosis (TB) cases. WCHD completed the first round of testing for a TB exposure in the congregate care facility. Both residents and staff identified with exposure to the index case, received a Quantiferon test for TB. A second round of testing will occur 8-10 weeks after the last known exposure to the index case.

A cluster of *E. coli* O157: H7 was identified in an independent living community. WCHD inspected the facility, tested food handlers, and conducted interviews. No source to the infection was identified at the completion of the investigation.

**Environmental Health**

WCHD actively investigates events and food sales that occur without food and beverage permits. WCHD educates event holders on the requirement to obtain a permit and where/how to apply and pay for permits needed for their event. WCHD also educates individuals selling home prepared food on the food code requirement that no home prepared food is allowed unless it is non-potentially hazardous prepackaged food made by someone with a Cottage Food Registration approved by WCHD. Due to our efforts over the past year, WCHD had twenty-one (21) event operators/vendors obtain permits and twenty-six (26) Cottage Food vendors become registered. Sometimes permit or registration efforts due not fit business plans as twelve (12) operators ceased selling home prepared, potentially hazardous foods this year.



3. Communicate

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.

Digital Media Initiatives

In December, WCHD launched a flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaign through the local AMC Movie Theaters during the premiere of Beyoncé's "Renaissance" documentary with a request to take the survey at the end of the advertisement. The segment features a bee dancing with his hive and encourages vaccination before going to see his queen. The survey at the end asks questions to help address barriers to vaccination. Those who attended the theaters during the ad marketing timeframe and also lived in the zip codes 61101 or 61102 may receive follow-up digital marketing with the same bee themed advertisement.

The "You Can..." campaign encouraging vaccinations to prevent Flu and COVID-19 that launched in September, continued to be a top-performing campaign on our social media platforms holding 6 out of the 10 top performing Facebook postings during the month of November and 2 of the top 10 posts for December.

WCHD expanded messaging in December to include the availability of COVID-19 Vaccinations at WCHD through the Bridge Access Program and tips to help prevent respiratory viruses like increasing air circulation, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick.

Lung Health was the focus on WCHD social media channels during the month of November. These messages included promoting the *Illinois Tobacco Quitline (ITQL)*, *Testing for Radon*, *The Great American Smokeout* and educating the public on lungs and making healthy choices to promote lung health. ITQL and radon messaging continued and will be again highlighted in January.





WCHD also brought back the *Happy Holidays* campaign for the months of November and December, to encourage hand washing and food safety during the holiday season.

In addition, with the holidays being a difficult time for some, especially those experiencing grief, WCHD posted on mental health and resources available including promoting 988 by utilizing the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) materials.

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4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.

Youth Leadership Council

Youth Leadership Council met on November 14th and 28th and discussed options for a main project this year. The council is using GroupMe to communicate via text and chat. The students are considering hosting a Health Fair.

Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team

The Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team continued to meet in November and December. The wrapped Rockford Mass Transit District bus on safe and respectful care was extended to run through the end of December.

igrow

WCHD staff visited our igrow partnering agencies to meet with their enrolled families in an effort to elevate voices of parents in our home visiting programs. Meeting in-person with families was suggested by igrow partners. The purpose of the meetings is to get feedback, comments and suggestions on ways to improve and strengthen home visiting services and the work of the Collaborative. Comments generated from the meetings identified that families wanted to understand the role of WCHD Coordinated Intake, learn about other agencies within the collaborative, and had questions about home visiting being offered in the evenings, in addition to the possibility of other families being present in their absence. Families heard how they might play a role in referring friends and families.



The igrow Coordinated Intake Program Manager (igrow Manager) also participated in a Community Baby Shower at Northwest Community Center. The event was sponsored by a new group of community members with a mission to help neighbors through volunteering and hosting resource events. The igrow Manager is also participating in Alignment Rockford's First Time Parent Program which will focus on mothers getting the supports they need and making meaningful connections with Early Childhood



resources. The program will consist of playgroups, baby guides to the museum, and special baby events. The program will be held at the Discovery Center Museum with a free membership.

Opioid Response

The Opioid Response Team continues to review monthly data on opioid overdoses in Winnebago County and provide updates on the work being done to prevent overdoses. WCHD continued to engage the community to reduce opioid overdose deaths through the Harm Reduction Program engaging ten (10) individuals in both November and December for a total of forty-nine (49) individuals since the start of the program in June.

In November, WCHD conducted opioid overdose prevention outreach at Rock Valley College, Remedies Renewing Lives, Lynex, and the Veteran's Affairs Drop off Center.

Trauma Informed Community

WCHD continues to work with the Illinois Coalition on Youth (ICOY), with funding from the Winnebago County Mental Health Board, to conduct trauma training. Upcoming trauma training information is available on the WCHD website [Trauma Trainings page](#).



ICOY presented a Disenfranchised & Complex Grief (Virtual Training) on December 5, 2023. The training discussed ways in which to normalize grief as part of the human experience. The training included a review of different types of grief, as well as the risk and protective factors that can inform the grieving process. Participants were given strength-based tools and language for validating loss in different forms and ways in which to identify unique characteristics of grief and the relevance to how it impacts views of self, others, and how to move through and experience the world. Additional trainings have been scheduled for 2024 and are posted on WCHD's website.

The **Public Awareness Workgroup** is working to identify a messaging plan for the Trauma Informed Community Social Media page focused on the violence reduction workgroup members and those in the community who are attending the trauma trainings and/or signing the proclamation. This narrowed audience will help develop the social media presence that can help keep those working on trauma in our community engaged and informed of local activities. The workgroup is also developing advertisements for the trainings coming up in 2024. In addition, the workgroup is looking for places to push out the trauma informed community brochure and seeking help from the other workgroups to do so.

The **Transgenerational Trauma Workgroup** is working to provide trainings and/or community conversations around the topic of transgenerational trauma. They researched the Reboot Recovery 12-week trauma curriculum. However, the material is faith based and not a good fit for the health department. ICOY is providing a virtual Culture and Trauma training on 4/16 and a Cultural Humility training on 4/17. These trainings are free and open to the public. We will use these trainings as a springboard to gain feedback from the attendees that may help identify further training needs and community conversations around historical/transgenerational trauma. Group members will continue to



research available curriculum. WCHD is seeking funding to allow ICOY to provide technical assistance and leadership to this group.

The **Employment Practices Workgroup** is working with ICOY to review the Trauma Informed Proclamation for revision and distribution in 2024.



5. Policies and Plans

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.

Strategic Initiatives

The workgroups met in November and December with the following updates:

- **Assessors** provided an assessment for the De-escalation Training that was held at the November All-Staff. They continue to gather data on staff trainings in the three main focus areas identified by the staff competency assessments. They are reviewing the training calendars and the number of staff who met the deadlines for the assigned trainings. There has been continued work to collect data for the dashboard. CDC Wonder has updated their data from 2022.
- **Assurance** continued to meet with each of the strategic workgroups and health priority groups to ensure they are on track with their goals and objectives.
- **Collaborators** continued to update, enhance, and categorize their current list of community partners. They shared invitations to the Community Partner Assessment meeting in November and continued with follow-ups to that invitation in December.
- **Organizers** served as table facilitators during the IPLAN update for WCHD partners and at the November All-Staff.
- **Policy Makers** finalized their review of the Discretionary Leave of Absence policy to ensure it includes trauma informed language and finalized their review of the Bereavement and Military Leave policies to ensure they include trauma informed language.
- **Reporters** continued to develop public communications campaigns around the identified key messages for WCHD's three health priorities that include a handout, social media posts, and drafted webpages for each health priority. They have developed key messages regarding the dashboards and have incorporated the dashboards into the plans for the webpages.
- **Reaccreditation** made final edits of the data and narrative sections of each domain in preparation for reaccreditation submission. Work has now shifted focus from reaccreditation to IPLAN and the group is working to compare the Collaborators' partner list to the jelly bean to identify any missing sectors. They will also work to identify missing agencies/organizations to each sector (i.e. faith based) and send names of missing agencies/organizations the Collaborators to research contact information, etc. in order to update the list. The group will also work to categorize agencies and organizations on the list as appropriate.



- **Workforce Development** revised the Workforce Development Plan including the training log, dates of completion, goals, and measurements. They are also reviewing health equity and sexual harassment trainings that could be available to employees who miss the All-Staff trainings.

Public Health Preparedness

WCHD continued to offer Paxlovid (a COVID-19 treatment) to those with a positive COVID-19 test. During November and December, WCHD administered four (4) Paxlovid treatments. WCHD continued to provide COVID-19 vaccination through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and through the Bridge Access Program (Bridge) to individuals (those over 18 years of age with no health insurance or health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccination). WCHD continued to offer flu vaccine at the WCHD clinic to clients administering 80 doses in both November and December.

In November, WCHD activated the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System to request staffing to support tuberculosis testing at a long-term care facility (LTCF). DuPage and Kane Counties sent two (2) nurses while Boone and Lee Counties provided two (2) clerical support staff. One MRC volunteer nurse also assisted. WCHD was able to do over two hundred (200) tests of LTCF staff and residents in advance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

In December, WCHD partially activated incident command in response to a gastrointestinal illness investigation. In December, WCHD updated standing orders for undesignated epinephrine, albuterol, naloxone and glucagon to reflect the most recent Illinois State Board of Education guidance and best practices.

The Winnebago County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) added fourteen (14) new volunteers in 2023.



Policy Updates

During the months of November and December, no policies were reviewed by the Board of Health.

IPLAN & Reaccreditation Updates

WCHD continued working on the PHAB reaccreditation domains and document upload into the ePHAB system throughout November and December 2023. Documentation for all ten (10) domains has been reviewed and uploaded in E-PHAB as of January 5, 2024. WCHD is ready to meet the deadline for all PHAB document submissions by January 31, 2024.



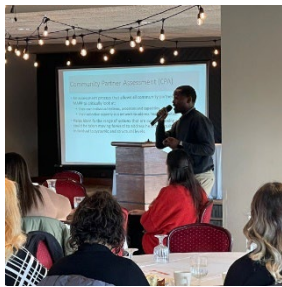


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In November 2023, WCHD hosted a Community Partner Workshop to actively engage our partners in the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) MAPP 2.0 process to explain power sharing and the strategic approach to achieve health equity for Winnebago County residents. More than fifty (50) community partners attended the Community Partner Workshop. The Community Partner Assessment was distributed to partner organizations in December following the workshop and over fifty (50) agencies have responded. WCHD is currently reviewing feedback to ensure all sectors in the local public health system are represented. In addition to engaging community partners, WCHD presented on forms of power at the November All Staff and had staff complete surveys regarding power-sharing.



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6. Laws & Regulations

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.

WCHD followed the current fall/veto session of the Illinois General for applicable changes to public health legislation. The second week of the veto session occurred from November 7 – 9. Several legislative proposals that were identified for monitoring did not receive enough votes for passage during this session, but will likely be reintroduced during the upcoming 2024 legislative session.

Senate Bill 0690 did pass to become Public Act [103-565](#), which amends the Community Mental Health Act which states that, if a community mental health board has been established by a county with a population of less than 500,000 and the community mental health board is funded in whole or in part by a special mental health sales tax, the largest municipality in the county with at least 125,000 residents may appoint two (2) additional members to the board. Those appointed members shall be appointed by the municipality's mayor meaning the City of Rockford may appoint two (2) additional members to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board.

No legislative changes occurred during the month of December, but WCHD and NIPHC are preparing for the upcoming 2024 Illinois General Assembly. There have been indications that several bills will be proposed/submitted that could have impacts on public health.



Several laws impacting public health will be enacted in January, including:

- HB 3203: Pharmacists may sell fentanyl test strips over the counter. Test strips may also be distributed by county health departments
- HB 3428: Schools shall maintain a supply of opioid antagonists
- HB 2039: IDPH and DCFS shall, at the request of local health departments, make any and all public health data related to residents of that jurisdiction available for purposes of preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability
- SB 0759: Podiatrists may provide vaccinations to individuals age 18 or older after receiving proper training. That can include influenza, tetanus, and COVID-19 vaccinations
- HB 1540: Expands the state's laws to keep public spaces smoke free by prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in public places and within 15 feet of entrances

WCHD has submitted a list of priority condemnations for demolitions to the State's Attorney's Office. They will start the process of title searches, notices, and other legal requirements to pursue authority to demolish. This list of priority units was determined by WCHD Code Enforcement Staff using the established scoring system.



Assurance

7. Equitable Access

Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.

Health Education Services

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Staff participated in The Northern Illinois Breastfeeding Taskforce where members had a team building workshop. They were able to reach out to other breastfeeding support people in our community from hospitals, private businesses, and other health departments. We have 3 staff members that are part of this taskforce. WIC staff also participated in a community baby shower at the Northwest Community Center and were able to make appointments for new moms that did not know about WIC beforehand. This event was a great success at adding to the WIC caseload and reaching moms that need our support. In addition, the WIC program presented to the Prevention Initiative for the Harlem School District-Home Visiting Program about breastfeeding, infant feeding and childhood feeding.

Each year the WIC Program conducts a survey to collect client feedback. While a 10% return rate is required for the grant, 97% (6,514) of our caseload returned the survey. The feedback that we received will help us make changes in the clinic that benefit our clients. Clients are able to make personal



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comments as well and the state provided acknowledgement that WIC staff was recognized through client feedback for being extremely helpful.

Youth Prevention Education was completed at RESA Middle School on December 20 with the next cycle to begin at RESA Middle School and at Flinn Middle School in late January. The Anti-Marijuana and Underage Drinking materials will continue to be utilized at Durand Jr. HS, RESA Middle School, and Harlem Middle School for the month of January.

WCHD continues to engage key community sectors in order to build support for the education, awareness and development of policies around the use of tobacco products, in particular e-cigarettes, by youth under the age of 21. WCHD staff provided an interview to local media regarding the changes occurring on January 1st, 2024 with the Smoke Free Illinois Act to include e-cigarettes/vaping in the law. The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness collaborated with the Center for Environmental Health to address one of the Winnebago County Tobacco Free Communities Coalition projects regarding safely discarding e-cigarette devices. In the month of December, the Tobacco Specialist completed forty-five (45) new business checks in which 20 of them were found to be in compliance in Winnebago County.



Personal Health Services

In November and December, WCHD's Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) prepared for and successfully completed the audit of the program. The program also worked to identify areas for improvement for 2024 by examining access to care to determine barriers clients encounter while participating in the IBCCP program.

COVID-19 Vaccination Health Equity Initiatives

The PAVE Grant (Partnering for Vaccine Equity) and the Rapid Community Assessment are in progress (RCA). The RCA is an assessment to determine the best practices to get COVID-19 and Flu vaccine messaging to demographics with the lowest vaccination rates. WCHD determined a health equity initiative area utilizing available data and is working to administer a short survey to people in the community. Survey locations include a local grocery store, food pantry, and community center. WCHD also distributed advertisements in the local AMC Theaters during the premiere of Beyoncé's "Renaissance" documentary with a request to take the survey. WCHD set up a table at a local NAACP event to hand out cards with QR codes to the PAVE survey as well and provide other materials regarding addressing health equity. Data from the surveys will be further assessed to determine how we can better serve the target demographic.





Assurance

8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.

Workforce Size and Diversity

Positions WCHD is currently recruiting for include:

- Drug Overdose Prevention Specialist
- Community Health Improvement Coordinator II
- Disease Investigator



Training

All staff were trained on de-escalation by ICOY at the December All Staff.

In November and December, some WCHD staff had the opportunity to participate in additional trainings including:

- The Director of Policy attended the twelfth session of the [New to Public Health Residency Program](#). The session focused on Evidence-Based Public Health and the presentation of a Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) poster project. The Director of Policy has completed/passed the N2PH program
- The Director of Strategic Initiatives attended the Training Workgroup's Train the Trainer session on November 6 and completed an observation of the training at the University of Illinois Extension.
- Some staff from the Center for Environmental Health Improvement attended the annual the Illinois Environmental Health Association's conference at Starved Rock State Park. This provided CEU credit which is required for maintaining Environmental Health Practitioner Licenses.



Assurance

9. Improve & Innovate

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.

Quality Improvement Initiatives

In November 2023 WCHD leadership continued the implementation of Quality Improvement projects and reviewed implemented activities to highlight lessons learned and results through storyboards. WCHD leadership presented these projects and the highlighted achievements and lessons learned at the December All Staff. WCHD centers started brainstorming on new opportunities for improvement by reviewing program reviews, data and customer feedback for improvement.



Assurance

10. Organizational Infrastructure

Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

Governmental Organizations

Routine meetings continued with Winnebago County Board Chairman Chiarelli. The Public Health Administrator and the Director of Policy attended the Rockford Chamber Government Affairs Council Meeting on Nov. 17th with Congressional Representative Darin LaHood serving as the guest speaker.

WCHD's Center for Health Protection continued to participate on a statewide workgroup of local health departments and IDPH working to replace I-NEDSS with a new Electronic Disease Surveillance System or Illinois EDSS.

WCHD's Center for Health Protection continued its partnership with Winnebago Juvenile Detention Center in providing a monthly presentation on November 2 and December 7, 2023 to the young adults on sexual health.

WCHD's Center for Environmental Health Improvement continues to educate and encourage Municipalities that have Code Enforcement in their jurisdictions in signing our approved MOU agreement. This agreement creates a more effective partnership when working together in property maintenance compliance. It creates better communication, reduces duplication, and provides the opportunity to transfer their tougher cases to us for enforcement through the Administrative Hearing process.

Non-Governmental Organizations

The Director of Policy continues to represent WCHD in the workgroup convened to address the Bridges Out of Poverty. The sub-committee meeting in December focused on updates on data collection and development of partnerships for the working groups. Members of the sub-committee were asked to participate in the WCHD Community Partner Assessment.

The Director of Health Protection continues to participate in the Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition as the Chair in addition to providing public health updates for homeless service providers.

On December 20, 2023, Dr. Martell attended the Blue Christmas service at 1404 Brooke Road to honor the memory of those who lost their lives to opioid overdose. Local elected officials also participated in the service including Mayor Thomas McNamara, Winnebago County Coroner Jennifer Muraski, State Representative Dave Vella, State Senator Steve Stadelman, and State Representative Maurice West.

The Director of Health Protection met with staff of Treatment Alternatives for Sage Communities (TASC) on the opportunity to bring WCHD's Harm Reduction Program to their location. TASC will bring the proposed site agreement to their Board for review and approval. The Public Health Administrator and Director of Health Protection met with the Team from [Live4Lali](#) to discuss the harm reduction



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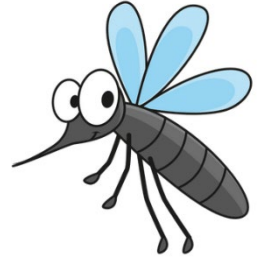
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programming the organization is bringing to Rockford. The HP Director attended the opening of the Liv4Lali office in Rockford on November 29, 2023.

WCHD's Center for Health Protection lead the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortiums sexually transmitted infections (STIs) Subcommittee on December 19, 2023. The committee is working on challenges regarding the reporting of STIs and capturing needed treatment information from providers.

WCHD's Center for Environment Health Improvement attended the virtual Illinois Mosquito and Vector Control Association annual meeting. This conference consists of State and National Speakers on various surveillance and collection initiatives for vectors (mosquito, tick) that impacts public health. In addition, it allows Winnebago County to present our findings and collaborate with other professionals in that field.





Data Appendix

1. Monitor Health

Communicable Disease

Disease	November 2023	December 2023	November 2022	December 2022	2023 Year Total	Calendar Year 2022	Calendar Year 2021
Anaplasma phagocytophilum (formerly HGA)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Botulism Infant	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	5	4	2	3	53	29	47
Candida auris, screening	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Carbapenemase Producing Organism - Clinical	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae	0	0	0	0	5	8	0
Chlamydia	161	121	167	118	1855	1832	1997
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	0	0	9	5	10
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
Dengue	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (formerly HME)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gonorrhea	38	25	51	41	413	704	914
Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease	0	3	0	0	8	5	2
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (DUS) Post Diarrheal	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	2	0	1	7	6	2
Hepatitis B Chronic	1	1	3	1	30	29	57
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	0	0	0	1	3	3	3
Hepatitis C Virus Chronic Infection	9	4	7	1	102	92	136
Hepatitis C Virus Perinatal	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hepatitis Delta	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Histoplasmosis	0	0	1	1	1	5	2
HIV	1	1	3	2	26	26	11
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	4	9	16	19	17	44	3
Legionellosis - Legionnaires Disease	0	1	1	0	13	13	18
Listeria Invasive Disease	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Lyme Disease	4	0	2	0	43	33	23
Malaria	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Monkeypox	0	0	0	0	0	5	0



Mumps	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Pediatric Influenza Death	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pertussis	1	1	0	0	11	2	1
Rabies, Potential Human Exposure	4	0	1	0	69	38	50
Salmonellosis	3	2	2	1	40	43	55
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19)	1071	127	408	247	7047	32372	23715
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- O157:H7	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	0	0	1	0	3	5	5
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin pos, not cultured or serotyped	4	2	1	0	18	12	6
Shigellosis	1	0	0	0	7	16	4
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	1	0	3	5	25	25	4
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae - Non Drug Resistant Invasive Disease (< 5 years)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Syphilis	20	9	2	11	97	0	56
Tuberculosis	0	2	1	1	4	1	3
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	0	0	0	7	29	3
Vibriosis	0	0	0	0	4	0	2
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

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Radon

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Radon Screenings	2	0	0	0	4	5
Average (pCi/L)	1	-	-	-	2.5	4.3
Max (pCi/L)	1.1	-	-	-	6.2	7.7
Radon Test Kits Purchased	0	0	0	0	19	28
Average (pCi/L)	-	-	-	-	4.8	2.2
Max (pCi/L)	-	-	-	-	15.8	5.0
Phone Calls	0	2	2	1	11	20
Units Reported Mitigated	1	0	0	0	1	1



Non-Community Water Wells

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Non-Community Water Sampled	5	10	9	7	73	77
Non-Community Samples Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. Diagnose and Investigate

Environmental Health

Creating a Lead Safe Rockford

	Goal	Actual	Percent
Units Enrolled	200	19	10%
Inspections	160	20	13%
Mitigated Units	140	5	4%

Testing Lead in Water

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Samples Taken & Analyzed	2	0	2	2	21	24
Number Exceeding IEPA Lead Level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Lead Content	0.8	0	4	1	1.7	3.7
Maximum Lead Content	0.8	0	5	1	4.1	7

Food Complaints

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Foodborne Illness Complaints	3	3	1	1	42	14
Foodborne Illness Investigations	3	3	1	1	42	14
Non-Foodborne Illness Complaints	18	18	12	24	256	198

**Housing Complaints**

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Housing Complaints	54	44	51	44	812	644
Nuisance Complaints	18	14	23	17	301	297
Survey Complaints	3	16	14	5	152	93
Received Complaints	77	61	90	69	1275	1071
Re-Check on Complaints	294	237	271	253	1813	3867

Wells & Septic

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Well Complaints	1	0	0	2	21	25
Septic Complaints	15	5	4	3	44	24

Food Inspection Performance Indicator Risk Factors**November**

Risk	Violation														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total	20 7.63%	23 8.78%	9 3.44%	0 0%	9 3.44%	2 0.76%	1 0.38%	2 0.76%	2 0.76%	51 19.47%	1 0.38%	0 0%	7 2.67%	0 0%	12 4.58%
High	11	15	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	36	0	0	6	0	8
Medium	9	8	6	0	3	0	0	2	1	6	1	0	2	0	2
Low	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	2

Risk	Violation														
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Total	38 14.50%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0.38%	1 0.38%	27 10.31%	43 16.41%	2 0.76%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	11 4.20%	0 0%	
High	32	0	0	0	1	1	14	40	2	0	0	0	6	0	
Medium	6	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Low	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	

December

Risk	Violation														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total	18 7.63%	22 9.32%	10 4.24%	0 0%	6 2.54%	1 0.42%	0 0%	5 2.12%	0 0%	64 27.12%	0 0%	0 0%	9 3.81%	0 0%	8 3.39%
High	13	16	4	0	2	1	0	3	0	44	0	0	7	0	8
Medium	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	2	0	0
Low	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0

Risk	Violation														
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Total	41	0	1	1	3	5	10	21	2	0	0	0	9	0	
	17.37%	0%	0.42%	0.42%	1.27%	2.12%	4.24%	8.90%	0.85%	0%	0%	0%	3.81%	0%	
High	30	0	1	1	3	5	9	18	2	0	0	0	4	0	
Medium	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Low	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	

3. Communicate

Digital Media - Website

TOP 3 Viewed Webpages				TOP 3 Social Media Post		
	For November 2023	For December 2023	For All 2023	For November 2023	For December 2023	For All 2023
# 1	Birth & Death Certificates – 642 views	Birth & Death Certificates – 1,068 views	Birth & Death Certificates – 6,053 views	PfAs – Reach 2,014	COVID-19 and Flu Are Rising In Our Community – 2,768	Free Tire Drop Off – 48,340
# 2	Get A Permit Or License – 418	COVID-19 Winnebago County Health Department - 298	Get A Permit Or License – 5,331	You Can...COVID-19 & Flu – Reach: 1,935	Prevent The Spread of Respiratory Viruses – 2,216	Extreme Heat: Check on Others – 3,630
# 3	COVID-19 Winnebago County Health Department - 274	Get A Permit Or License – 281	Getting Tested and Treated for HIV and STI/STDs – 4,347	Happy Holidays: Wash Your Hands – Reach 1,458	PfAs – 2,052	COVID-19 and flu rising in our community – 2,768

# Forms Received Through Website			
	For November 2023	For December 2023	For All 2023
Public Health Concerns	22	9	365
Request for Involvement	3	1	32
Submit Question To WCHD	28	26	399

**4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships**

Youth Leadership Council

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Youth Served	12	12	12	13
Schools Represented	6	6	6	5

Drug Overdose Prevention Program

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
People Trained	393	174	3,380	2427
Kits Distributed	495	208	5,061	3016
Reversal Forms Received	3	0	40	44
Community Sites for Rapid Naloxone Deployment	0	0	99	110

Drug Takeback

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Products	n/a	n/a	0	0
Drop Off Locations Made Available	1 (Facebook Post)	1 (Facebook Post)	1 (Facebook Post)	21

5. Policies and Plans

MRC Volunteers

New MRC Volunteers November 2023	New MRC Volunteers December 2023	Total New MRC Volunteers for 2023
1	1	14

**6. Laws & Regulations****EH Code Enforcement**

	November 2023	December 2023	November Last Year (2022)	December Last Year (2022)	Calendar YTD 2023	Calendar YTD 2022
Foods	340	344	336	222	5041	5055
Wells	11	5	7	7	90	124
Septic	6	13	12	4	114	73
Loan inspection	13	8	27	4	168	286

	Administra tive Hearing November 2023	Administrative Hearing December 2023	In-House Hearing November 2023	In-House Hearing December 2023	Calendar Year 2023 Administrative Hearings	Calendar Year 2023 In House Hearings	Administrative Hearings Calendar Year 2022	Calendar Year 2022 In House Hearings
Housing	16	7	151	0	158	250	154	265
Foods	0	0	0	4	0	15	0	7
Wells/Septic	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	1

Illinois Tobacco Free Communities: Smoke Free Illinois Act Compliance Checks

	Random Checks	Targeted Checks	November Totals	December Totals	Calendar Year
Number of new compliance checks	37	8	0	45	392
Number of rechecks (businesses may be rechecked more than once)	0	0	0	0	142
Number of businesses found to be in compliance during new checks	20	0	0	20	259
Number of businesses in compliance during rechecks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	77
Number of violations observed during compliance checks (businesses may have more than one violation)	18	15	0	33	162

**7. Equitable Access****Dental**

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Kits Sent	10	9	143	218
Families Recruited	13	13	158	218
Families Who Access a Dental Provider or Home	0	2	13	11

Igrow

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
# CIAT Completed (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool)	18	21	295	362
MIECHV Home Visiting Programs Referrals	13	9	235	285
Non MIECHV Home Visiting Agencies Referrals	5	1	76	85

Family Planning

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Number of Clients Seen	83	52	1151	1113
New Clients	43	3	567	582
Continuing Clients	40	49	584	502
Pregnancy Tests	0	22	96	201

Family Planning Quality Measures

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Initial Visits	18	13	156	100
Charts Reviewed	28	19	191	89
ACES Screenings	28	19	186/191	74306
Pre/Interconnection Education Documented	27	19	173/191	61
ACES Compliance	100%	100%	97%	89%
PRE/Interconception Compliance	96%	100%	91%	87%
New Clients	18	13	156	315



Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention/ WISEWOMAN Services

Service	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Clinical Breast Exam	8	14	225	253
Mammograms	15	4	177	170
Pap Smear	0	4	33	59

Integrated Clinic

Service	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Clinic Visits	79	61	660	715
Nurse Visits	176	214	2545	2248
Total Visits	255	275	3206	3374

Refugee Health

Nationality	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Afghanistan	5		13	41
Burma			18	12
Central Africa Rep.	-	-	1	-
Congo	11	33	178	49
Cuba	-	-	9	-
Guatemala	-	-	5	-
Haiti	-	-	16	-
Iraq	-	-	11	-
Pakistan	-	-	5	-
Sudan	-	-	-	13
Syria	-	6	30	16
Thailand	-	-	-	12
Ukraine	-	-	16	27
Venezuela	-	3	12	-
Vietnam	-	-	1	-
Total	16	42	306	212

**Harm Reduction Program**

Harm Reduction Services	# Supplies Distributed in November	# Supplies Distributed in December	Total Supplies Distributed Since June 2023	Total Persons Engaged Since June 2023
Harm Reduction Kit	10	10	37	49
Naloxone	11	7	43	49

PrEP Access

# Prescribed PrEP at WCHD (since April 2022)	Attended 1 st PrEP Apt with Community Provider	Didn't Attend 1 st PrEP Apt/Unable to Reach	Taking PrEP 6 Months Post WCHD Visit	Taking PrEP 9 Months Post WCHD Visit
14	12	2	1	0

Ryan White

Ryan White Services	# of Individuals Served in November	# of Individuals Served in December	2023 Year to Date Total Served
Case Management	70	67	807
Oral Health Care	1	0	21
Outpatient Medical Care	2	0	18
Housing Services	8	8	102
Emergency Financial Assistance (Utilities)	0	0	2
Medical Transportation	1	1	2

Tuberculosis Activities

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
New Clients	27	9	171	136
Returning Clients	21	13	248	252
Total Encounters	48	22	387	388
Physician Contact	18	13	128	135
Medication (direct observation therapy visit)	57	52	706	1109
Diagnostic Testing (x-rays, CT scans, etc.)	13	7	94	131
Screening – TB Skin Test, Quantiferon Test	198	9	341	293
Screening – Positive TB Skin Test/T-Spot	0	0	22	40
Total Active Cases in Winnebago County	3	3	38	60



Caseload (goal is 90%)

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Caseload Goal	6961	6961	6961	6693
Current Caseload	5387	5257	5322	5367
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved	77%	76%	76%	80%

*Caseload Goal has increased

WIC Caseload Population

	% of WIC Population November 2023	% of WIC Population December 2023
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.6%	0.6%
Asian	4.5%	4.5%
Black or African American	42%	42%
Native Hawaii or Other Pacific Islander	.8%	.8%
Hispanic or Latino	33%	33%
Multi-Racial	11%	11%
White	64%	64%

WIC Breastfeeding Rates (exclusivity goal is 15%)

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Percent of Infants Exclusively Breastfeeding	11.8%	11.9%	11.8%	8.6%
Percent of Infants Partially Breastfeeding	26.7%	26.5%	26.6%	24.0%
Percent of Total Infants Breastfeeding	38.6%	38.4%	38.5%	32.6%

HRIF/APORS

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Caseload	112	113	107 monthly average	75 monthly average
Referrals Received	65	33	74 monthly average	52 monthly average



Better Birth Outcomes

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Caseload	51	47	61 monthly average	29 monthly average
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved (Caseload max 60)	85%	78%	98%	49%

Healthworks

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Caseload in Winnebago County (under 6 years)	176	169	764	2025
Caseload in Winnebago County (6 - 21 years)	521	480	2842	1245
Caseload in Border Counties (Under 6 years)	183	225	947	2351
New Cases to DCFS Custody (0-21 years)	36	47	141	271
Case Closure - Winnebago County (0-21 years)	31	35	65	107

Lead Poisoning Prevention

	November 2023	December 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2023	Calendar Year 2022
New Cases	7	4	112	122
Contact Made	273	192	2796	1954
Home Visits	11	9	114	120

8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

WCHD Workforce

	Total Employees	Full-Time Employees	Part-Time Employees	Seasonal /Employees	Temporary	New Hires	Separated Employees
December 2023	98	95	3	0	0	1	2

9. Improve & Innovate**10. Organizational Infrastructure**