



## Report to the Board of Health on July 2025 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

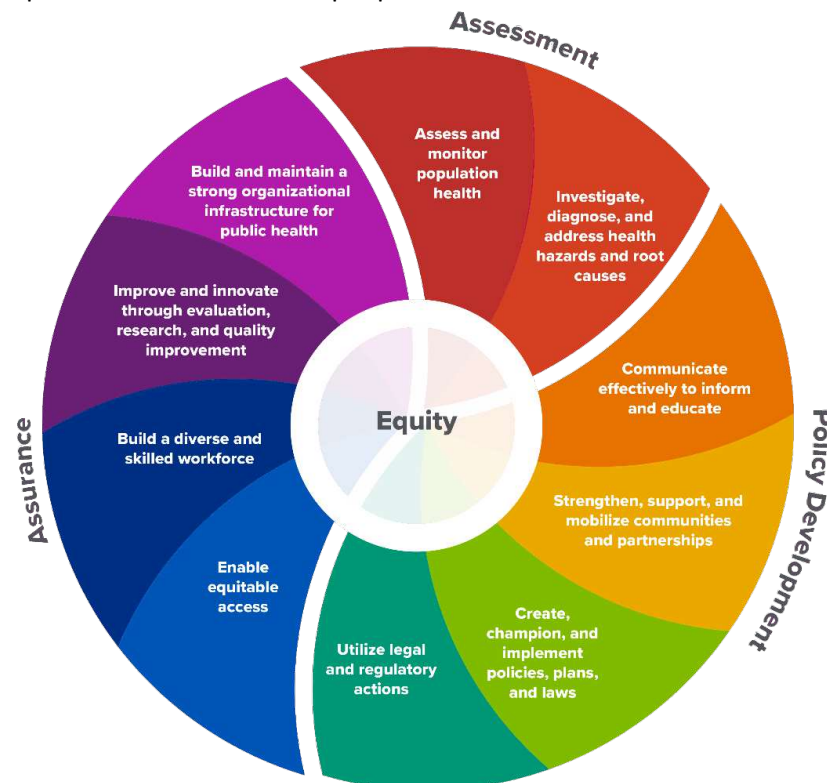


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## Assessment

# 1. Monitor Health

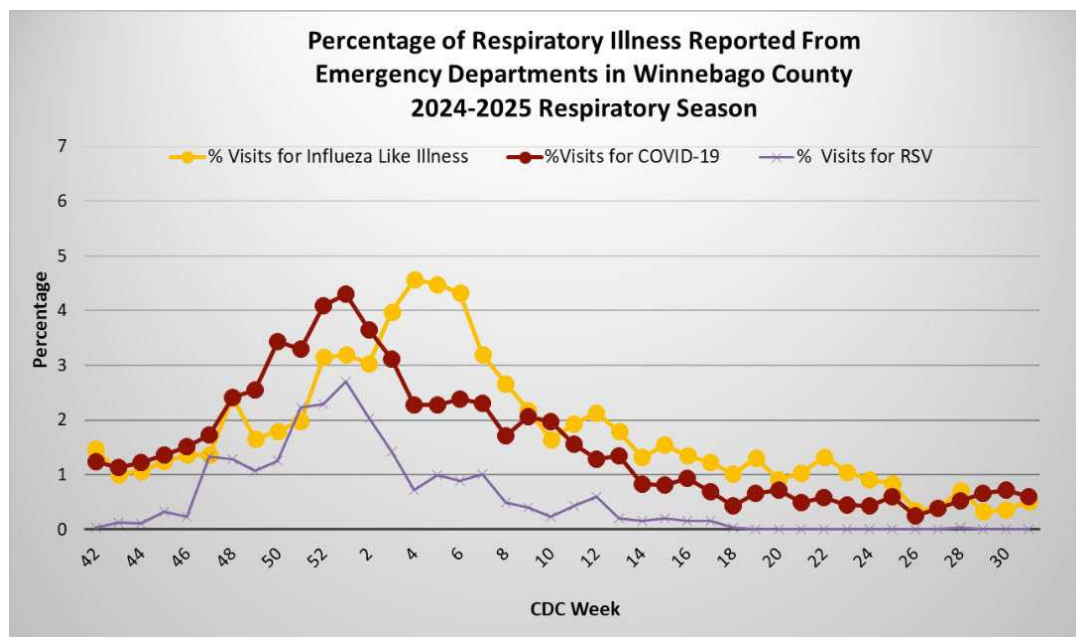
*Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.*

## Communicable Diseases & Conditions In Winnebago County

As of July 31, there are no cases of measles in Winnebago County. While an exposure location was announced in a nearby county, there was not a case of measles in Illinois in July. There continued to be ten (10) cases measles reported in Illinois this year and there continued to be cases of measles in the U.S.

As of July 31, there are no reported cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A (H5N1) identified in cattle or humans in Winnebago County. There continued to be 70 reported [human cases of H5N1](#).

The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) continued Respiratory Surveillance including monitoring emergency department visits for respiratory infections along with ICU Admissions and any long-term care facility respiratory outbreaks.



## Environmental Health

WCHD continued to conduct vector surveillance. As of July 31, WCHD collected and tested 45 mosquito pools from nine (9) different locations. Five (5) have tested positive for West Nile virus. Several positive pools indicate the amplification of the disease is high due to the hot, dry month. WCHD continued to await results for the nine (9) tick samples submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).





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## 2. Diagnose & Investigate

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

### Communicable Disease

In July, WCHD conducted a disease investigation that identified contacts exposed to active tuberculosis (TB). WCHD completed the first round of TB testing for these contacts.



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## 3. Communicate

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

In July, WCHD continued to message on safe and healthy swimming, on prevention of tick and mosquito bites to avoid Lyme disease and West Nile virus, and on tips to prevent foodborne illness. Additionally, WCHD messaged on the Illinois Tobacco Quitline and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

In response to potential extreme heat in the area on July 23 and July 24, WCHD again communicated health and safety messages to residents including taking breaks in air-conditioned places, locations of cooling centers, and checking on others. WCHD also messaged on the signs of heat illness for heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

In response to a Flash Flood Warning, WCHD shared local public safety messages from the county and the City of Rockford on the emergency alert and road closures, while also sharing messages to help remind residents not to drive through flooding roads and stay out of flooded areas.

In response to unhealthy air quality on July 31, WCHD reminded the community to take steps to protect their health by reducing the amount of time outdoors, avoiding strenuous outdoor activities, staying indoors with windows closed while using an air conditioner with a HEPA filter, avoiding other air irritants (*burning candles, fire pits, fireplaces, grills, ect.*), and wearing a [high-quality mask](#) if you're working outdoors to reduce exposure to the particulate matter.

Additionally, WCHD continued to promote the **TakeTen815** campaign in July encouraging all residents to take ten (10) minutes a day for their mental wellbeing and promoting the **TakeTen815** website through CredibleMind: [taketen815.crediblemind.com](https://taketen815.crediblemind.com). WCHD continued to promote the campaign on billboards,





through the bus wrap on a Rockford Mass Transit District bus, and handouts distributed in the community.



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## 4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships

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

### **Youth Leadership Council**

On July 18, the 2025-26 Youth Leadership Council (YLC) application was launched. WCHD promoted the YLC application at Bookerfest on July 18 and at Washington Park Community Center on July 29. Interviews for the YLC are scheduled to start in August.

### **Maternal, Infant, and Child Health**

Work continued with Alignment Rockford on the logo for *Winning Start Winnebago*, the Community Advisory Board (CAB), and participant (individual) and community metrics for consideration by the CAB. All deliverables to Family Connects International (FCI) have been met allowing home visiting to start in August. UWHealth Northern Illinois/SwedishAmerican and Mercyhealth/Javon Bea have signed their agreements to provide referrals for home visiting. OSF Healthcare and Crusader Community Health are in process.

The monthly igrow partner meeting was held July 16. Partners continued to be at caseload capacity and Coordinated Intake at WCHD continued to monitor their availability to receive new referrals.

### **Opioid Response**

The Winnebago County Drug Overdose Prevention Program Coalition met in July. WCHD's WINNIE Harm Reduction Program continued to provide outreach at the Winnebago County Courthouse three (3) half-days each week and at Remedies two (2) half days each week. In addition, the team provided harm reduction outreach/naloxone training at nine (21) community partner locations.

### **Trauma Informed Community**

WCHD is preparing to launch a campaign to promote the development of a Trauma Informed Community. This will include Trauma Informed Proclamations, sample policies, trainings and a film series. The finalized schedule of trauma trainings presented by Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY), funded by the Winnebago County Community Mental Health, has been confirmed and a film festival partnership with Rockford Public Libraries will launch in January 2026. WCHD is rolling out a promotional flyer and webpage designed to expand Trauma Informed Proclamation outreach. ICOY will also offer quarterly office hour dates for participating agencies,





developed to foster practical support in applying trauma-informed practices. Below is the list of advanced trauma trainings coming up:

- Building a Trauma-Informed Organization (9/19/25)
- Fostering Effective Communication + Relationships with Families (12/12/2025)
- Empowering Youth: Understanding Trauma's Impact + Enhancing Engagement (2/20/2026)
- Community Trauma and Resiliency (4/10/2026)
- Proactive Approaches to Escalated Individuals (5/15/2026)

### Tobacco Free Communities

Tobacco Free Communities (TFC) staff facilitated sessions of the CATCH My Breath e-cigarette prevention program at Rosecrance Griffin Williamson Campus. TFC staff continued to do random and targeted Smoke Free Illinois Act (SFIA) checks and follow-ups. In July, checks occurred in Loves Park, Machesney Park, and Rockford.

### Health Departments

The three (3) workgroups convened by the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to focus on transformation of public health in Illinois in the area of the IPLAN; Partnership between IDPH and Local Health Departments (LHD); and Core Metrics continued their work. The workgroups are comprised of LHD Administrators and IDPH Leaders to develop new and innovative processes that support public health, are scalable to LHDs throughout the state, and are sustainable. Draft recommendations have been submitted and IDPH will be convening all LHDs in September to review the recommendations and provide additional feedback for consideration.



## 5. Policies and Plans

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

### Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Workgroups met in July and the progress is summarized below:

**Assessors:** reviewed and revised a draft of the IPLAN Data Report on violence, making appropriate edits, and also examined the date section Board of Health Report to align the data to the three health priorities.

**Assurance:** reviewed grants through a gap analysis document, ensuring they align with the current health priorities.

**Collaborators:** reached out to partners to promote messaging on IPLAN.

**Organizers:** presented at All-Staff regarding Quality Improvement Tools.



**Policy Makers:** finalized an external Trauma Informed Statement and Trauma Informed Policy.

**Reaccreditation:** explored connections between the July Board of Health report and core competencies, reflected on how achievements and projects span multiple domains, and assessed PHAB Domain 1 to ensure alignment with IPLAN 2025–2030.

**Reporters:** continued to develop messaging related to the strategic plan, workforce development, IPLAN, and emergency operations.

**Workforce Development:** conducted employee orientation, presented on Core Competencies and Public Health Sciences at July's All-Staff meeting, and began to brainstorm the next core competency training.

### **Public Health Preparedness**

In July, fourteen (14) Winnebago County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers provided 30 hours of service to the community that including the following activities:

- Read to WIC clients as they waited for appointments (books provided by United Way as part of Reach Out and Read Program)
- Assisted with preparedness inventory management
- Assisted with preparing materials on responsible and secure gun storage for distribution to local health systems

### **Water Quality**

In July, WCHD's Center for Environmental Health Improvement (EHI) worked with two water system providers to improve the protocol for water shutoff notifications to alert the local municipality first and the municipality will alert WCHD to any public health concerns. EHI is continued to encourage all municipalities to sign its intergovernmental agreement which can streamline communications, define responsibilities with the municipality for water shutoffs, nuisance, and other health concerns.



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## **6. Laws & Regulations**

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

WCHD continued to partner with the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium to monitor bills that could impact public health authority, funding, conflicts with existing operations, etc. The following bills passed by the state legislature have an impact on public health:

- [SB1560 – Mental Health Screenings](#)
- [HB2755 – Revenue-Variou](#)
- [HB5028 – LABOR-OSHA-OPIOID GUIDANCE](#)





Health inspection have been completed for the majority of annual and seasonal mobile food units. All summer food program inspections have been completed.

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## 7. Equitable Access

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

### **Health Education Services**

In July, WCHD's WIC program continued to work to increase caseload rates. WCHD provided WIC information to eight (8) daycares around the area and answered questions about the program.

WCHD's Substance Use Prevention program planned for the implementation of the Youth Prevention Education (YPE) for the 2025-26 school year at RESA Middle School and Johnson Elementary. The YPE facilitates prevention programming in schools using an evidence-based curriculum, "Too Good for Drugs" (TGFD). The TGFD curriculum is designed to mitigate the risk factors linked to problem behaviors and build protection within the child to resist problem behaviors.

The WCHD Substance Use Prevention program prepared to continue delivering Prevention First communication campaigns to prevent underage drinking and vaping. Prevention First is a leading nonprofit organization focused on promoting healthy behaviors and preventing drug and alcohol misuse. Campaign #1 on the Prevention of Underage Drinking will continue at Harlem Middle School and Campaign #2 for Vaping Awareness will continue at RESA Middle School and Flinn Middle School. Posters, postcards, newsletters and social media posts are delivered to the schools, some of which are placed on the walls of the schools, and others are emailed and/or posted on social media. The campaigns organized by Prevention First are used to promote healthy behaviors and prevent issues like substance misuse (e.g., drug and alcohol use) through targeted communication and marketing techniques. These campaigns aim to influence knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors within a specific audience using various media channels and methods.

MOU's were revised and submitted for the Youth Prevention Education at RESA Middle School and Johnson Elementary, for the Prevention First Campaign #1 for Underage Drinking at Harlem Middle School, and for the Prevention First Campaign #2 at RESA Middle School and Flinn Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year

### **Access To Services**

In July, WCHD continued to make progress toward expanding home visiting services through *Winning Start Winnebago* and Family Connects International. The candidates for the Doula Development Program (DDP) have been selected and will start the DONA training workshop in August or September.

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program reviewed program data and found that while the program had served 393 clients that met eligibility in Fiscal Year 2025, an additional 43 clients had been served that had insurance but needed assistance with patient navigation.



WCHD conducted outreach for CredibleMind and the Take Ten 815 campaign at Booker Washington Center's annual Bookerfest event on July 18. At Washington Park Community Center on July 29, WCHD coordinated a Take Ten 815 activity for the summer camp middle and high school youth to raise awareness that everyone can take steps for their mental wellbeing each day. Using an activity from CredibleMind, WCHD staff used music to teach youth how to identify feelings and emotions by having the youth identify a song that aligned with a feeling/emotion chosen on a spinning wheel.



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## 8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

*Build and support a diverse and skilled  
public health workforce.*

WCHD is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Public Health Nurse
- Substance Use Prevention Specialist
- Overdose Prevention Specialist



### Training

On July 31, all WCHD staff participated in an Ethics & Business Conduct training during the All-Staff meeting. This training better prepared WCHD staff for spotting and avoiding ethical violations.

Some WCHD staff had the opportunity to participate in additional trainings:

- The Center Director of Personal Health Services and the Assistant Director of Personal Health Services participated in a virtual course on Latent Tuberculosis Infection presented through Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center.
- Four (4) staff attended database training through Family Connects International.
- Two (2) WCHD staff from EHI have registered for the FDA Plan Review Training and two (2) other WCHD staff from the EHI have registered for Special Process at Retail Training.
- On July 9, two (2) WCHD staff from the Center For Health Promotion and Wellness participated in a breastfeeding training called *Breastfeeding Benefits and Barriers*. This training focused on dispelling myths and removing obstacles in complex breastfeeding scenarios, such as breastfeeding multiples and returning to work after childbirth. It also explores the historical context of breastfeeding, highlights its unparalleled benefits, and delves into recent discoveries about new components in breastmilk that can have a significant impact on even non-birthing families.
- On July 11, two (2) WCHD staff from the Center For Health Promotion and Wellness participated in a breastfeeding training called *Beyond the Shape: Compassionate Support for Curvaceous Breastfeeding Mothers*. This training focused on enhancing participants ability to provide tailored, empathetic lactation support and offering practical strategies and compassionate guidance to improve their breastfeeding experience and duration.





- On July 15, the WIC Supervisor attended a webinar hosted by the National WIC Association called *Nutrient-Dense Powerhouse: Breakfast Cereal's Role in the WIC program*. This webinar reviewed the long-standing role the science-based Dietary Guidelines for Americans have had in informing nutrition policy and the marketplace, research on cereal's positive impact on nutrient and food group intakes, particularly for children in the WIC program, and the relation of cereal consumption on health outcomes in the WIC population and beyond.
- On July 15, WCHD staff from the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness attended a webinar called *Neurobiology and Recovery: Addressing Nicotine Use Among Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*, hosted by the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center.
- On July 16, the Peer Counselors from WCHD's Center For Health Promotion and Wellness participated in a breastfeeding training called *Lactation Pain Management: Symptoms, Causes, and Solutions*. This training helped them be able to better support clients who are experiencing and struggling with breastfeeding. and how make appropriate referrals.
- On July 17, the Center Director for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and the Center EHI attended the Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362) training provided by the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center in Springfield, IL.
- On July 25, two (2) WCHD staff from the Center For Health Promotion and Wellness participated in a breastfeeding training called the *Milk of Human Kindness: Trauma Informed Lactation Care*. This training helped participants with the skills and understanding necessary to support breastfeeding individuals through a trauma-sensitive approach. This course provided an in-depth exploration of how trauma and complex trauma can impact the breastfeeding experience and offer practical strategies to foster a compassionate and supportive environment for clients.



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## 9. Improve & Innovate

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

### Quality Improvement Initiatives

In July 2025, WCHD employees continued to engage in Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives. All QI initiatives have effectively used QI tools and implemented changes using the PDSA cycle, with over half of initiatives already assessing the impact of these changes to determine adaptation, adoption or abandonment. Workforce development and communication efforts remain on track, with ongoing training of New Staff and regular updates to leadership and the Board of Health.

WCHD's Strategic Group Organizers conducted a training during the All Staff meeting to further enhance the use of QI tools in addressing opportunities. In a follow-up survey, more than 80% of staff reported that the training increased their understanding of QI tools and improved their readiness to use these tools for implementing QI initiatives or addressing other opportunities.

QI Plan highlights are provided in Tables 1 through 2 below.

**Table 1.1: Leadership and Systems Thinking**

<b>Goal 1: Advance a culture of continuous quality improvement within Winnebago County Health Department</b>		<b>Updates May 2025</b>
Objective 1.1	Review the Quality Improvement Plan 2025 goals and objectives with Leadership and Supervisors by February 2025.	<b>Completed</b>
Objective 1.2	Ensure Center level quality improvement initiatives are aligned with the Strategic Plan by January 2025.	<b>Completed</b>
Objective 1.3	Present the 2025 Quality Improvement Plan to be recommended by the Quality Committee and adopted by Board of Health by February 2025.	<b>Completed</b>
Objective 1.4	Ensure diversity of perspectives within Quality Improvement Teams by including at least one member outside of the center/program for all QI projects by March 2025.	<b>Completed</b>
Objective 1.5	Present an overview of quality improvement initiatives at the Annual All Staff by December 2025.	Planned for December 2025
Objective 1.6	QI Team Leads will ensure that the performance management system (KMS) is updated with their QI initiatives including charters, process flow, QI tools, and initiative updates by March 2025.	Ongoing

**Table 1.2: Quality Improvement Initiatives**

<b>Goal 2: Improve the quality of Winnebago County Health Department interventions</b>		<b>Updates May 2025</b>
Objective 2.1	Utilize at least one quality improvement tool to identify changes needed to improve the current processes for each quality improvement initiative by May 2025.	<b>Completed</b>
Objective 2.2	Implement at least one change to improve the current process for each quality improvement initiative through the PDSA cycle by June 2025.	All Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives have implemented at least one change to enhance current initiatives.
Objective 2.3	Analyze the impact of change for all QI initiatives to determine the ACT (adopt, adapt, abandon) of PDSA cycle and implement by October 2025.	Approximately 60% of QI initiatives have analyzed the impact of change to determine the next phase of their QI project which involves adapting, adopting or abandoning the implemented change.

**Table 1.3: Workforce Development**

<b>Goal 3: Enhance workforce competency in Quality Improvement</b>		<b>Updates May 2025</b>
Objective 3.1	Required Quality Improvement trainings will be completed by 100% of new employees within 90 days of onboarding.	Ongoing
Objective 3.2	Fifty percent (50%) of staff will be engaged in one or more of the 2025 QI initiatives adopted as part of the Quality Improvement Plan by February 2025.	<b>Completed</b>

**Table 1.4: Communication**

<b>Goal 4: Ensure transparent communication and reporting of quality improvement efforts to stakeholders.</b>		<b>Updates May 2025</b>
Objective 4.1	WCHD Directors (QI Team Leads) will report monthly on quality improvement initiatives and the status of their projects in relation to the PDSA cycle to the Director of Data and Quality during the calendar year 2025.	Ongoing
Objective 4.2	WCHD Directors (QI Team Leads) will present updates on the quality improvement initiative to the Board of Health Quality Committee at least once during the calendar year by December 2025.	Ongoing
Objective 4.3	WCHD Directors (QI Team Leads) will provide an annual report via Storyboard for each quality improvement initiative by December 2025.	Planned for December 2025
Objective 4.4	QI Team Leads will present monthly updates on their QI projects during leadership QI meetings using WCHD's performance management system (KMS) to improve cross-team collaboration by June 2025.	Ongoing
Objective 4.5	2025 QI Storyboards will be posted to the Winnebago County Health Department website by January 2026.	Planned for January 2026

**Table 2.0. 2025 Center/Program Level QI Initiatives**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Center</b>	<b>Project Phase May 2025</b>
Identify communication channels WCHD can utilize to connect with the 12 identified hard to reach populations, develop a procedure for building bi-directional communications, and establish the communication channel by providing culturally relevant public health messaging to address a health priority and or disparity for 25% (3/12) of the identified groups by December 31, 2025.	Communications	Do
By December 31, 2025, develop and implement an expense classification training program that effectively equips program managers to identify and accurately classify reimbursable and non-reimbursable expenses and increase grant fund utilization from 90.4% in FY2024 to at least 92.5% of the total contract or award amount in FY2025.	Finance	Do
By December 31, 2025, The OHPP (Oral Health Prevention Program) will increase the number of referred pregnant and parenting families who schedule a dentist appointment from 3% to 10%	Health Promotion and Wellness	Do
By December 31, 2025, WCHD will respond to an identified foodborne illness or suspected outbreak within 48 hours of notice with an assessment/mitigation plan and a reopen strategy for the food establishment (if closed) to return to normal operations.	Health Protection/Environmental Health	Do
By December 31, 2025, increase the percentage of Winnebago County MRC Volunteers participating in one or more volunteer opportunities annually from 44% (14 to a minimum of 66% (21).	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Do
Identify and initiate a process for automating the review and delegation of public health concerns, service requests, and questions from website to address 50% of the messages by December 31, 2025 and implement a tracking system for follow-up communications with a minimum of 50 follow-ups tracked by December 31, 2025.	Communications	Study
By December 31, 2025 increase response to EHI customer service surveys from 2% to 10%.	Environmental Health	Study
By Dec 31 2025, WIC caseload rates will increase to 85% of the assigned caseload of 6,760 or 5746 clients.	Health Promotion and Wellness	Study
IBCCP will attain 80% of caseload goal by serving 380 participants by June 30, 2025. IBCCP will have a stretch goal of 475 participants enrolled and receiving services by December 31st, 2025.	Personal Health Services	Study



Project	Center	Project Phase May 2025
By January 31, 2025, all Directors will collaborate and develop goals and objectives for each Strategic Workgroup. By March 30, 2025, each Strategic Workgroup will have developed a minimum of three (3) SMART goals and objectives with at least one goal including cross-collaboration with other strategic workgroup. All goals and objectives will be documented in WCHD's Performance Management System (PMS), KMS. By December 31, 2025, each Strategic Workgroup can demonstrate collaborating to achieve goals and objectives through monthly postings of their minutes in KMS which will be tracked by the Director of Strategic Initiatives.	Strategic Initiatives	Study
By December 31, 2025, increase documentation reviews for destruction and/or archiving by 20%.	Public Health Policy	Act/Adapt
By December 31, 2025, reduce the number of business days to respond to data requests by 30% dependent on system.	Data and Quality	Act/Adapt

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## 10. Organizational Infrastructure

*Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.*

### **Governmental Organizations**

Routine meetings were held with Winnebago County Chairman Chiarelli to provide updates and discussion regarding the work of the Mental and Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and final recommendations from Guidehouse, closure of Mercyhealth/Javon Bea Rockton Avenue, work of the Winnebago County Lobbyists Fulcrum and Mercury. Through the efforts and advocacy of Mercury on behalf of Winnebago County, Senator Duckworth has requested \$1,000,000 to support Winnebago County in addressing PFAS contamination through water infrastructure upgrades. This request was made to address the findings in the Water Security Assessment. Board vacancies were discussed with recruitment of an individual with Human Resource/Personnel experience to replace Board Member McCreath and a regulated food establishment to replace Valery Pobjecky.

The University of Illinois School of Public Health researchers are working with the Village of Rockton regarding PFAS contamination and health impacts. They are submitting a proposal to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in spring of 2026 to fund this ongoing work. Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) has been included and is keeping in close contact with both the Mayor of Rockton and the principal investigator.

WCHD has been working with officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Klehm Arboretum, and the Forest Preserve District to address a water feature.





Letters lifting condemnations due to demolitions paid through Health Department funding have been modified to include language that liens have been filed against the property. This will allow collection of liens to support ongoing demolitions.

### **Non-Governmental Organizations**

The Mental and Behavioral Health Advisory Committee is working with Guidehouse to finalize the recommendations and report. Guidehouse will be presenting an overview to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) for their input on August 6, 2025. A white paper summary of the recommendations is included in Correspondence. The final written report will be completed by the end of August incorporating any edits from the WCCMHB.

Dr. Martell provided an overview of Health Department initiatives to the Faith Leadership convened by the Mayor on July 30, 2025. A copy of the presentation has been provided under Correspondence.

The Center Director for EHI has been working with WinGIS to update and activate the Groundwater Contamination layer within the WinGIS mapping tools. Access to this information will allow for more detailed education for staff and clients, especially on new water wells and realty inspections and overall awareness of possible groundwater contamination plume movements.



# Data Appendix

## 1. Monitor Health

### Communicable Disease

Disease	July 2025	July 2024	2025 Year Total	Calendar Year 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Acute Flaccid Myelitis	0	0	1	0	0
Anaplasma phagocytophilum (formerly HGA)	0	3	0	6	1
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism Infant	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	8	4	30	83	54
Candida auris, clinical	0	0	0	4	0
Candida auris, screening	0	0	1	0	1
Carbapenemase Producing Organism - Clinical	0	1	4	6	3
Carbapenem Resistant Organism	0	2	10	15	5
CE - Jamestown Canton Neuroinvasive Disease	0	0	0	1	0
Chlamydia	97	108	727	1566	1874
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1	5	11	9
Cyclosporiasis	6	2	7	2	2
Dengue	0	0	1	0	1
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (formerly HME)	0	0	1	2	0
FEhrlichia muris euclairensis infection	0	0	0	1	0
Gonorrhea	22	35	230	467	417
Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease	1	0	13	6	8
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) Post Diarrheal	0	0	0	0	2
Hepatitis A	0	0	3	3	8
Hepatitis B Acute	0		1	1	
Hepatitis B Chronic	1	1	29	28	29
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	1	0	1	4	3
Hepatitis C Virus Chronic Infection	10	20	89	113	100
Hepatitis C Virus Perinatal	0	0	1	0	0
Hepatitis Delta	0	0	0	0	1
Histoplasmosis	0	0	4	5	2
HIV	2	0	12	22	26



Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	1	2	77	28	18
Legionellosis - Legionnaires Disease	2	1	7	16	13
Listeria Invasive Disease	0	0	2	1	0
Lyme Disease	9	10	25	41	44
Malaria	0	0	1	5	1
Meningococcal (Neisseria Meningitidis) Invasive Disease	0	0	0	1	0
Monkeypox	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	2	2
Pediatric Influenza Death	0	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	1	4	13	30	11
Rabies, Potential Human Exposure	7	6	27	67	70
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) with ICU Hospitalization	0	0	17	7	
Salmonellosis	5	3	20	50	41
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19)	0	0	0	1665	8345
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19) with ICU Hospitalization	1	4	31	31	0
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- O157:H7	0	0	0	1	2
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	0	0	2	2	3
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin pos, not cultured or serotyped	2	1	8	12	18
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	0	2	1	5	0
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	1	0	9	18	25
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	1	0	2
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	0	0	0	1
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	0	1	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae - Non Drug Resistant Invasive Disease (< 5 years)	0	0	1	0	1
Syphilis	5	5	15	97	108
Tuberculosis	0	1	0	2	4
Tularemia	0	0	0	0	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	0	1	7	7
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	0	2	1	5	0
Vibriosis	0	0	0	4	5
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	0	1	0	2	2
West Nile Virus Non-Neuroinvasive Disease	0	0	0	2	0

Environmental Health

## Radon

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
<b>Radon Screenings</b>	2	4	2	6
Average (pCi/L)	13.8	5.3	13.8	4.5
Max (pCi/L)	22.3	9.1	22.3	9.1
<b>Radon Test Kits Purchased</b>	0	11	15	30
Average (pCi/L)	6.8	-	6.8	6.3
Max (pCi/L)	6.8	-	6.8	15.2
<b>Phone Calls</b>	2	0	2	7
<b>Units Reported Mitigated</b>	0	0	0	0

## Non-Community Water Wells

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
<b>Non-Community Water Sampled</b>	0	10	18	77
<b>Non-Community Samples Positive</b>	0	0	0	0

**2. Diagnose and Investigate**Environmental Health

## Creating a Lead Safe Rockford

	Goal	Actual	Percent
<b>Units Enrolled</b>	200	101	51 %
<b>Inspections</b>	160	106	66 %
<b>Mitigated Units</b>	140	68	49 %



## Testing Lead in Water

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
Samples Taken & Analyzed	4	4	18	6
Number Exceeding IEPA Lead Level	0	0	0	0
Average Lead Content	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.9
Maximum Lead Content	0.8	1.8	8.3	1.8

## Food Complaints

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
Foodborne Illness Complaints	3	5	24	18
Foodborne Illness Investigations	3	5	24	18
Non-Foodborne Illness Complaints	25	31	138	141

## Housing Complaints

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
Housing Complaints	62	74	358	352
Nuisance Complaints	37	18	203	142
Survey Complaints	3	0	101	120
Received Complaints	101	97	653	592
Re-Check on Complaints	345	229	2368	1822

## Wells &amp; Septic

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
Well Complaints	2	4	32	19
Septic Complaints	15	4	70	50



## Food Inspection Performance Indicator Risk Factors

Risk	Violation														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Total</b>	25 5.84%	19 4.44%	26 6.07%	0 0%	7 1.64%	2 0.47%	0 0%	12 2.80%	2 0.47%	116 27.10%	3 0.70%	0 0%	16 3.74%	0 0%	14 3.27%
<b>High</b>	17	11	4	0	2	2	0	11	2	63	0	0	9	0	10
<b>Medium</b>	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Low</b>	0	0	14	0	5	0	0	0	0	29	3	0	7	0	2

Risk	Violation														
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Total	51	0	0	1	8	13	68	37	1	1	0	0	6	0	
	11.9%	0%	0%	0.23%	1.87%	3.04%	15.8%	8.64%	0.23%	0.23%	0%	0%	1.40%	0%	
High	42	0	0	1	8	9	57	33	0	1	0	0	5	0	
Medium	8	0	0	0	0	4	7	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Low	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	

**3. Communicate**

## Digital Media

TOP 3 Viewed Webpages For July 2025		TOP 3 Social Media Post For July 2025	
# 1	Birth and Death Certificates 985		Heat Advisory July 28, 2025 – 2,115
# 2	Get A Permit or License 592		YLC Applications July 24, 2025 – 2,033
# 3	Schedule A Clinic Appointment 280		Hot, Hot, Hot! Temperature July 22, 2025 – 1,414

# Forms Received Through Website For July 2025	
Submit Question/ Concern Submitted To WCHD	55
Request for Involvement	3



**4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships**

## Youth Prevention Education (YPE)

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>School</b>	n/a	n/a	RESA/Johnson	RESA/Flinn/Johnson
<b>Students</b>	0	0	175/58= 233	320/140/128 = 438
<b>Curriculum(s)</b>	n/a	n/a	Too Good for Drugs	RESA/Flinn/Johnson

## Youth Leadership Council

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Youth Served</b>	0	0	23	49
<b>Schools Represented</b>	0	0	10	10

## Illinois Youth Survey (IYS)

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Schools Registered for the Illinois Youth Survey</b>	0 (Off year)	0	0 (Off year)	22
<b>Schools That Completed the IYS</b>	0 (Off Year)	0	0 (Off year)	17

**5. Policies and Plans**

## MRC Volunteers

New MRC Volunteers July 2025	Total New MRC Volunteers for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
0	0

**6. Laws & Regulations**

## EH Code Enforcement

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar YTD 2025	Calendar YTD 2024
<b>Foods</b>	504	609	3415	3449
<b>Wells</b>	14	8	71	52
<b>Septic</b>	12	6	46	38
<b>Loan inspection</b>	15	20	85	89



	Administrative Hearing July 2025	In-House Hearing July 2025	Calendar Year To Date 2025 Administrative	Calendar Year To Date 2025 In House	Administrative Hearings Calendar Year 2024	In House 2024
Housing	16	24	128	113	108	158
Foods	0	2	0	4	0	9
Wells/Septic	1	0	6	1	0	0

## Illinois Tobacco Free Communities: Smoke Free Illinois Act Compliance Checks

	Random Checks	Targeted Checks	July Totals	Calendar Year
Number of new compliance checks	7	5	12	170
Number of rechecks (businesses may be rechecked more than once)	16	4	20	158
Number of businesses found to be in compliance during new checks	1	1	2	70
Number of businesses in compliance during rechecks	13	4	17	115
Number of violations observed during compliance checks (businesses may have more than one violation)	10	6	16	130

## Tobacco Enforcement Program: Compliance Checks

	Benchmark	Round 1 Dec 2024	Round 1 Cont'd Jan 2025	Round 2 March 2025	Round 3 April 2025	Round 3 May 2025
Checks Completed	158	64	91	159	75	82
Sales to Youth	0	3	8	10	1	2
Communities Involved	5	3	2	5	1	4

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

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Kits Sent</b>	64	18	230	420
<b>Families Recruited</b>	39	11	145	230
<b>Families Who Access a Dental Provider or Home</b>	10	0	89	30

**Igrow**

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b># CIAT Completed (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool)</b>	26	55	247	580
<b>MIECHV Home Visiting Programs Referrals</b>	16	35	177	372
<b>Non MIECHV Home Visiting Agencies Referrals</b>	10	20	90	186

**Family Planning**

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Number of Clients Seen</b>	93	111	696	1196
<b>New Clients</b>	39	51	314	496
<b>Continuing Clients</b>	54	60	382	700
<b>Pregnancy Tests</b>	34	43	274	397

**Family Planning Quality Measures**

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Initial Visits</b>	13	12	95	155
<b>Charts Reviewed</b>	22	39	170	300
<b>ACES Screenings</b>	22	33	166	289
<b>Pre/Interconception Education Documented</b>	22	37	166	283
<b>ACES Compliance</b>	100%	95%	98%	98%
<b>PRE/Interconception Compliance</b>	100%	95%	98%	95%



## Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention/ WISEWOMAN Services

Service	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Clinical Breast Exam	22	29	128	221
Mammograms	19	15	113	182
Pap Smear	4	8	29	42

## WISEWOMAN Services

Service	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
WISEWOMAN census	8	-	17	7
WISEWOMAN sessions completed	13	-	38	22

## Integrated Clinic

Service	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Clinic Visits	85	93	588	965
Nurse Visits	187	222	1204	2363
Total Visits	272	315	1792	3328



## Refugee Health

Nationality	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Afghanistan	0		6	26
Burma	0		4	12
Burundi	0			
Central Africa Rep.	0			7
Congo	0	5	23	186
Cuba	0		1	6
Eritrea	0			
Ethiopia	0			
Guatemala	0	4		4
Haiti	0		1	17
Iran	0			
Iraq	0			16
Ivory Coast	0			
Malaysia	0			
Pakistan	0			
Rwanda	0		2	
Sudan	0			
Syria	0		7	16
Tanzania	0			
Thailand	0			
Ukraine	0			1
Venezuela	0		4	12
Vietnam	0			
Total	0	9	48	303

## Harm Reduction Program



Harm Reduction Services	July 2025	July 2024	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Harm Reduction Kits Distributed (Drug testing strips)	54	28	449	374
Naloxone Kits Distributed	647	515	4094	5834
People Trained (DOPP)	400	98	2143	1412
Reversal Forms Received (DOPP)	0	0	3	4
Community Sites for Rapid Naloxone Deployment/Trainings (DOPP)	43	19	252	314

**PrEP Access**

# Prescribed PrEP at WCHD in 2025	Attended 1 <sup>st</sup> PrEP Apt with Community Provider	Didn't Attend 1 <sup>st</sup> PrEP Apt/Unable to Reach	Taking PrEP 6 Months Post WCHD Visit	Taking PrEP 9 Months Post WCHD Visit
8	3	4	0	0

**Ryan White**

Ryan White Services	# of Individuals Served in Reporting Month	2025 Year to Date Total Served
Case management	65	408
Oral Health Care	3	16
Outpatient Medical Care	0	4
Housing Services	8	56
Emergency Financial Assistance (Utilities)	0	0
Medical Transportation	0	2

**Tuberculosis Activities**

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>New Clients</b>	11	13	63	100
<b>Returning Clients</b>	29	27	140	203
<b>Total Encounters</b>	40	40	203	303
<b>Physician Contact</b>	12	14	88	147
<b>Medication (direct observation therapy visit)</b>	140	57	870	693
<b>Diagnostic Testing (x-rays, CT scans, etc.)</b>	14	10	86	163
<b>Screening – TB Skin Test, Quantiferon Test</b>	20	2	140	301
<b>Screening – Positive TB Skin Test/T-Spot</b>	2	1	8	21
<b>Total Active Cases in Winnebago County</b>	9	4	9	4





## Women, Infants, and Children Program

Caseload (goal is 90%)

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Caseload Goal	6760	6961	6760	6961
Current Caseload	5618	5524	5405	5463
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved	83%	79%	80%	79%

## WIC Caseload Population

	% of WIC Population July 2025
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.6%
Asian	4%
Black or African American	40%
Native Hawaii or Other Pacific Islander	0.5%
Hispanic or Latino	37%
Multi-Racial	11%
White	65%

## WIC Breastfeeding Rates (exclusivity goal is 15%)

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
Percent of Infants Exclusively Breastfeeding	14.7%	11.3%	13.9%	11.5%
Percent of Infants Partially Breastfeeding	28.0%	27.4%	27.8%	27.0%
Percent of Total Infants Breastfeeding	42.7%	38.7%	41.8%	38.6%

## WIC Medicaid Enrollment Numbers

Medicaid Enrollment Numbers	July 2025
Number of WIC clients checked for Active Medicaid	542
Number of clients who needed to enroll/reactivate	4



	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Caseload</b>	57	148	115 avg	150 avg
<b>Referrals Received Pregnant</b>	11	-	-	-
<b>Referrals Received Infant</b>	55	-	-	-
<b>Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved (300)</b>	19%	-	-	-
<b>Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved (Caseload max 60)</b>	75%	72%	66% avg	81% avg

## Healthworks

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Caseload in Winnebago County (under 6 years)</b>	205	168	180 avg	169 avg
<b>Caseload in Winnebago County (6 - 21 years)</b>	467	506	493 avg	489 avg
<b>Caseload in Border Counties (Under 6 years)</b>	206	206	198 avg	199 avg
<b>New Cases to DCFS Custody (0-21 years)</b>	25	30	255	379
<b>Case Closure - Winnebago County (0-21 years)</b>	26	5	125	335

## Lead Poisoning Prevention

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Total Caseload</b>	229	135	203 avg	136 avg
<b>New Cases</b>	22	16	111	158
<b>Contact Made</b>	573	321	2782	3436
<b>Home Visits</b>	28	8	112	151

## Medication Takeback

	July 2025	July Last Year (2024)	Calendar Year To Date 2025	Calendar Year 2024
<b>Envelopes Issued</b>	3	-	10	-



#### 8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

##### WCHD Workforce

	Total Employees	Full-Time Employees	Part-Time Employees	Seasonal /Employees	Temporary	New Hires	Separated Employees
July 2025	102	99	3	1	0	1	1

#### 9. Improve & Innovate

#### 10. Organizational Infrastructure