

Public Health Emergency Response

Earned 'Project Public Health Ready' national recognition as the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. This is a model for regional collaboration.

Served as fiscal agent for the CDC Milwaukee/Waukesha County Emergency Preparedness Consortium grant.

Partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop a southeast regional and local Pandemic Influenza Plan.

Continued local planning efforts, drill exercises, and ongoing workforce development. Completed Management Academy for Public Health course.

Compliant with the NIMS requirement.

Collaborated in the Cities Readiness Initiative for the metropolitan area.



Level III Health Department

Conducted services, programs, and enforcement under Chapter HFS 140 and state statutes 250-255, administrative rules, and local ordinances.

Selected programs & services include:

Immunization Program

Communicable Disease Prevention & Control

Environmental Health, Inspection, Enforcement

Child Lead-Poisoning Prevention & Abatement

Physical Activity & Nutrition

Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement

Adult Health Clinics & Senior Health

Maternal Child Health Program

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Other Accomplishments

Designed databases for environmental health, mass clinics, and public health nursing

Conducted GIS mapping of health issues

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What Have We Done for You Lately?

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Preventing Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Investigated 263 communicable disease reports including 48 sexually-transmitted diseases.

Tracked immunization requirements for 27 Wauwatosa public and private schools and over 33 child care facilities.

Offered consultation to schools and day cares on interpreting immunization compliance, reporting, using the WI Immunization Registry computerized database.

Met with the CDC to share WHD's best practices that resulted in a 95% immunization rate. The national goal is 90%.

Administered 809 vaccines during immunization clinics that served infants, children, and adults.

Administered 1,300 flu shots to homebound clients, community-based residential facility residents, and high-risk individuals.

Investigated 17 tuberculosis-related reports and protected the public from an active case of TB through prompt action.

Investigated over 28 complaints of suspected food-water-vector borne illness.

Protecting Against Environmental Hazards and Preventing Injury

Under State Agent Contract, conducted 710 health inspections for 521 licensed establishments, including restaurants, retail food, temporary restaurants, hotels, public pools, school kitchens, and vending machines. Issued 56 citations for state and local code violations.

Enforced the Human Health Hazard Ordinance for 16 events. Issued 11 orders for clean up and abatements related to human health hazards, including unsafe or unsanitary housing, and a boil water advisory on the Milwaukee County Grounds.

Jointly enforced the Regulations of Animals Ordinance with the police department to address rabies exposure and control, keeping of animals, and dangerous and vicious dogs. Quarantined and monitored 43 animals, 35 of which involved dogs or cats.

Conducted 128 nuisance investigations or contacts prompted by 170 citizen complaints. Issues included garbage, rodents, and establishment complaints.

Partnered with the public works department, engineering, DHFS, DNR, and other Milwaukee County health departments on West Nile Virus prevention, surveillance, investigation, and follow up. 680 storm drain catch basins were treated with larvicide and evaluated.

Promoting Education and Encouraging Healthy Behaviors

Successfully implemented and enforced the first Milwaukee County Smoke-Free Restaurant Ordinance to address public health.

Implemented the Wauwatosa Health Plan, *Healthiest Wauwatosa 2010*. Priorities focus on nutrition, physical activity, communicable disease prevention/control, and environmental health. Tobacco prevention is an ongoing priority.

Facilitated the Physical Activity and Nutrition Committee of 30 community agencies to focus on community-based interventions and recommendations. Hosted the Mayor's Summit on child health. Surveyed worksites for wellness initiatives.

Provided radon education and awareness through the distribution of 150 radon kits for citizens to check their homes.

Provided outreach and education for 250+ clients through the Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC) Clinic.

Responded to 1,062 community inquiries through the Information & Referral Nurse Line.

Documented 920 contacts through adult health clinics for senior residents.