

Health Education, Information and Referral Services

Public Health Nurses provided information on Health Department programs and local resources, conducted confidential health consultations, provided information on immunization requirements and needs, educated about communicable disease and prevention, provided follow-up on mandatory reporting of communicable diseases, answered health-related questions, and distributed available literature or health packets.

A Facebook account was maintained, enabling residents using social media to obtain health-related emergency preparedness information on a timely basis. Examples include health alerts, such as foodborne illness outbreaks and seasonal influenza. In addition, information was posted on substance abuse prevention, disease prevention, disaster preparedness, home safety, and healthy lifestyle options.

Bulletin board displays in the lobby of the Ben Hunt Center included education on Smoking: Negative Health Effects and Cessation, Positive Parenting, Stress Management, Food Safety, Heart Health, Radon Awareness, Influenza, Travel Precautions for Zika Virus; and information on Mental Health and Preventing Substance Misuse.

Disaster Preparedness for Businesses presentation was provided to the Hales Corners Chamber of Commerce.

The Health Department generated a school newsletter, *Kids' Health Connection*, and distributed it to Hales Corners schools 3 times during the school year.

Current health information was maintained on a variety of topics on the Village's website at www.halescorners.org.

2017 Grant Programs

Prevention

In 2016, the Health Department staff created a 5-year Community Health Improvement Plan, *Healthy Hales Corners 2020*. Focus Areas for the Plan are: Reduce Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Promote Emotional Wellbeing and Prevent Violence. In 2017 activities related to substance abuse prevention included participation in the Franklin Stairway to Heroin Summit and in Hales Corners Night Out with emphasis on positive parenting strategies to keep kids drug and alcohol-free.

Immunization

The Health Department worked to address the Healthy People 2020 objective to increase the proportion of Hales Corners children two years of age who receive the recommended doses of DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hib, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and PCV vaccines. The Wisconsin Immunization Registry, physicians, and clinics were resources used to identify children needing to complete immunizations. Follow-up was conducted to provide education and encourage parents to complete their child's immunizations. HCHD successfully met the grant objective with 90% of 2 year-olds in Hales Corners being fully immunized.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

In March 2011, CDC developed 15 capabilities to serve as national public health preparedness standards. Wisconsin identified three capabilities to be addressed statewide each year during the five-year grant period. The Health Department continued to analyze and modify current preparedness plans by participating in trainings and exercises. In collaboration with Zone D local health department partners, the HCHD created a Family Assistance Center Plan to be utilized in the event of a local mass fatality incident.

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)

In 2017, the Health Department staff assisted in planning and participated in a tabletop exercise regarding a response to an infectious disease outbreak. The Health Department continued to hold quarterly drills to test communication methods during a disaster event.

Personnel

Board of Health

Lyn Ranta, MD
Bette Schubert, RN
Dennis Garvin, ANP
Mike Jansen
Dan Besson, Village Board Liaison
Kathy Radloff, Health Officer (ex-officio)

Health Department Staff

Health Officer
Kathy Radloff, RN (1.0 FTE)

Medical Advisor
Lyn Ranta, MD (Consultant)

Public Health Nurse
Kate Barrett, RN (0.6 FTE)

Administrative Assistant
Mary Lou Bradstreet (0.5 FTE)

Registered Sanitarian
Mary Kapelis, RS (0.2 FTE)

(FTE = Full-Time Equivalent)



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Hales Corners Health Department

2017 Annual Report

Vision

Through services based on prevention, education and promotion of healthy lifestyles, create an environment to optimize the health of Hales Corners residents.

Mission

The Hales Corners Health Department will provide leadership to protect and promote the health of Hales Corners residents.

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Communicable Disease Control

Reportable Disease Summary
Specific communicable diseases are required to be reported to the Hales Corners Health Department (HCHD) via the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System. After a disease is reported, Public Health Nurses implement control measures which include client assessment, epidemiological investigation, case finding, health education, counseling, referral, and enforcement of Wisconsin State Statutes related to communicable disease.

The communicable disease investigation process requires an understanding of the epidemiologic principles of disease and illness; receiving disease-related lab and healthcare provider reports; identifying disease cases and the potential exposure of others; monitoring signs, symptoms and treatment; collecting and analyzing data; containing disease through measures such as isolation and quarantine; working with other agencies including the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and CDC; and educating and protecting the public. The HCHD investigated all potential and actual communicable disease reports, including food-borne, water-borne, and vector-borne diseases, outbreaks, epidemics and sexually transmitted infections.

The Health Department investigated the following disease reports in 2017: Arboviral Illness, Zika Virus (2); Babesiosis (1); Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection (18); Cryptosporidiosis (1); Gonorrhea (1); Haemphilus Influenzae, Invasive Disease (1); Hepatitis A (1); Hepatitis B, Chronic (1); Hepatitis C, Chronic (2); Influenza-Associated Hospitalization (3); Lyme Disease (5); Meningitis, Bacterial Other (1); Metal Poisoning (non-lead) (2); Mycobacterial Disease (non-Tuberculosis) (8); Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (5); Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Disease (1); Syphilis Reactor (1); Varicella (Chickenpox) (5).

Health Promotion

Public Health Nurse Contacts
Nurses conducted home, office, and telephone visits to provide consultation, assessment, health education, blood pressure screening and education, referral to other agencies, community resource information, and resources for parents. Number of client contacts in 2017: 235
Number of blood pressure screenings in 2017: 91

Maternal/Child Program
In 2017, the number of births to Hales Corners families totaled 61. Each family was offered a home visit and apprised of Health Department services via an informational packet sent to the home.

School and Day Care Services
A Public Health Nurse (PHN) provided consultation services to 6 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 day care center, and 2 pre-schools in Hales Corners. Weekly illness surveillance was conducted for all schools. Immunization reports were reviewed/reported according to Wisconsin immunization statutes.

Blood Lead Level Surveillance
One hundred childhood blood lead level reports from healthcare providers were reviewed and follow-up conducted for levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater.

Community Partnerships

- The Health Department, in collaboration with the Greendale Health Department, formed the Community Alliance: Awareness & Prevention of Substance Misuse to address prevention strategies and stigma reduction.
- Collected 98 containers from residents as part of the Household Sharps Drop-Off program.
- Supported the WIC partnership with West Allis and Greenfield Health Departments to serve 27 Hales Corners residents.
- Distributed information to local health care providers on topics such as immunization compliance, disease reporting requirements, smoking cessation, influenza and Health Alerts from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.
- Collaborated with Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division to organize a community drug awareness campaign: Light and Unite Red.

Immunizations

The Health Department provides counseling and education on adult and childhood immunizations and Wisconsin Immunization Registry. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mandates that insured children and adults be directed to their primary health care provider for needed immunizations. The HCHD entered into a cooperative agreement with the Greenfield Health Department in 2015 to provide immunization services to Hales Corners residents who are uninsured or underinsured, creating a cost-effective approach to ensure that qualified residents receive needed immunizations.
Immunizations administered: 33

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
The HCHD administered 30 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine to Village employees and residents in 2017.

Tuberculosis Skin Testing
TB skin testing was offered to individuals who live and/or work in Hales Corners for the purpose of contact investigation and/or employment screening. Thirteen TB skin tests were performed in 2017.

Training Highlights

- Trainings attended by Health Department staff included:
- Bi-Weekly Public Health Emergency Preparedness updates
 - Annual Vaccine for Children Workshop
 - Meningitis Tabletop Exercise
 - CEASE Tobacco Cessation training
 - Environmentalist Maintenance Exercises
 - Maternal Child Health Annual Conference
 - Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Conference

Environmental Health & Safety

The Health Department inspects and licenses certain establishments within the Village. Each licensed establishment receives one annual routine inspection and additional inspections based on findings and complaints.

Establishment type and number of inspections in the 2017 licensing year are as follows: 50 licensed restaurants and food establishments received a total of 74 inspections; there were 3 complaints. Five school lunch programs received a total of 9 inspections. One bed and breakfast establishment received one inspection. Five public swimming pools received a total of 8 inspections; there were 3 complaints. Twenty massage establishments received 20 inspections. One tattoo and body piercing establishment received one inspection. One animal fancier residence was inspected and approved.

HealthSpace: This web-based program provides the Health Department the ability to record inspections on-site, monitor and track complaints, generate licenses and renewals, and create reports for program analysis. The general public is able to view Hales Corners restaurant inspection reports online.

Nuisance Complaints: Air and water quality, housing, solid waste, vector, and lead complaints and investigations totaled four in 2017.

Rabies Control: Eight animal bites involving a break in the skin were reported to the Police Department and follow-up for rabies exposure and control was conducted by the Health Department in 2017.

Radon Testing: Twenty-nine kits were distributed to residents with educational materials and radon mitigation information.