

Health Education, Information and Referral Services

Public Health Nurses provided information on HCHD programs and local resources. Nurses conducted confidential health consultations, provided information on immunization requirements/needs, and educated about communicable disease prevention. Mandatory reporting and follow up on communicable diseases was provided.

HCHD generated and distributed a newsletter for residents and a school newsletter, *Kids' Health Connection*, to Hales Corners Schools. Educational visual displays were provided in the lobbies of the Ben Hunt Center and Hales Corners Library. HCHD maintains both a Facebook Page and Twitter account. Collaboration between the HCHD and local news media outlets provide information to the public. HCHD updates a page on the village web site www.halescorners.org. Topics covered in 2020 include:

- COVID-19: Reports, Updates, Guidance, and Recommendations
- Health Risks of Vaping in Youth
- Vaccination Updates
- Radon: Awareness, Health Risks, Detection
- Influenza
- Mental Health Resources and Treatment
- Foodborne Illnesses
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Disaster Preparedness
- Home Safety
- Healthy Lifestyle Options
- Healthy Aging
- Violence Prevention

The HCHD Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) completed 3 car seat installations. Car seat installations were put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 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. Community Alliance in Hales Corners and Greendale community activities were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. Seventy-seven percent of 2 year-olds in Hales Corners met all immunization requirements. Unfortunately, many wellness appointments were cancelled, postponed, or done virtually due to the pandemic. Vaccination numbers are rising as in-person appointments resume.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

HCHD continued to analyze and modify current preparedness plans by participating in trainings and exercises. In collaboration with Zone D local health department partners, HCHD worked toward creating a Zone D Emergency Preparedness Plan to respond to emerging Public Health threats and worked with other local health departments in Milwaukee County to standardize Emergency Preparedness plans.

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)

In 2020, many of the health department activities were in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PERSONNEL

Board of Health

Jillian Theobald, MD
Bette Schubert, RN
Dennis Garvin, ANP
Mike Jansen
Don Schwartz, Village Board Liaison
Kathy Radloff, Health Officer (ex-officio)

Health Department Staff

Health Officer
Kathy Radloff, RN (1.0 FTE)

Medical Advisor
Jillian Theobald, MD, PhD (Consultant)

Public Health Nurse
Sanja Miljevic, RN (0.6 FTE)

Administrative Assistant
Cari Terry (0.5 FTE)

Registered Sanitarian
Mary Kapelis, RS (0.2 FTE)

(FTE = Full-Time Equivalent)

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Trainings attended by Health Department staff included:

- Preparedness planning meetings and exercises
- WIR Users Training
- PHN Residency Program
- DHS Pertussis + Diphtheria Updates Webinar
- DHS weekly Communicable Disease Webinars
- DHS COVID-19 Vaccination Webinar
- Public Health Data Training
- Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management COVID-19 Response Exercise
- DATCP Healthspace Training



Public Health
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Hales Corners Health Department

2020 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 suspect, probable, and confirmed cases of communicable diseases, including food-borne, water-borne, and vector-borne diseases, outbreaks, and sexually transmitted infections.

2020 Disease Investigation Reports:

Campylobacteriosis (2); Chlamydia (25); Giardiasis (1); Gonorrhea (3); Hepatitis C, Chronic (1); Influenza (1); Influenza Associated Hospitalization (4); Legionellosis (1); Lyme Disease (2); Mycobacterial Disease (non-tuberculous) (3); Shigellosis (1); Streptococcal Disease, invasive, Group B (1); Tuberculosis (Latent Infection)(LTBI) (1)

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. TB skin tests performed in 2020:10

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Village of Hales Corners had 707 confirmed cases and 50 probable cases of COVID-19 in 2020. The Health Department, following guidance from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the CDC, conducted case investigation and contact tracing making recommendations for isolation and quarantine of cases and contacts. 702 contact investigations were completed. Guidance, recommendations, and prevention were provided by nurses and contact tracers.

Grants

During the pandemic, the health department received CARES Act and Public Health Emergency Preparedness COVID-19 grant funding. These funds allowed for the hiring of 2 part time contact tracers and 4 part time registered nurses to assist in case investigation and contact tracing. Grant funds were also used to support COVID-19 testing.

Partnerships

The Health Department provided support, leadership, and guidance to Hales Corners Board of Trustees, local schools, churches, child care centers, businesses, and long-term care facilities to help control the spread of COVID-19. The Health Department worked closely with all Village Departments to disseminate COVID-19 information and safety protocols. Health Department staff collaborated with other local health departments and Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management throughout the pandemic to; plan strategies to limit the spread of the virus, contribute to the planning of COVID-19 testing sites, and provide safe reopening plans for the community.

IMMUNIZATIONS

HCHD provides counseling and education on adult and childhood immunizations and Wisconsin Immunization Registry. HCHD has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Greenfield Health Department to provide immunization services to Hales Corners residents who are uninsured, underinsured or have BadgerCare, creating a cost-effective approach to ensure that qualified residents receive needed immunizations. Immunizations administered: 12

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

HCHD administered 43 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine to Village employees and residents in 2020.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Alliance: Awareness & Prevention of Substance Misuse addressed prevention strategies and stigma reduction through the Wake Up Call Room presentation at Whitnall High School. The annual Community Wellness Event and senior medication safety workshops/medication take-back were cancelled due to the pandemic.
- Collected 96 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 32 Hales Corners residents.
- Distributed information to local health care providers on current Public Health topics from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

HEALTH PROMOTION

Public Health Nurse Contacts

Nurses conducted home, office, and telephone visits to provide consultation, assessment, health education, and blood pressure screening, referral to other agencies, community resource information, and resources for parents.

Client contacts in 2020: 28

Blood pressure screenings in 2020: 4

Maternal/Child Program

In 2020, families of newborns were offered a home visit and apprised of Health Department services via an informational packet sent to the home. Total births: 84.

School and Day Care Services

A PHN provided consultation services to 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 day care centers, and 1 pre-school in Hales Corners. Illness surveillance and immunization reports were reviewed/reported according to Wisconsin immunization statutes.

Blood Lead Level Surveillance

117 childhood blood lead level reports from healthcare providers were reviewed and 1 follow-up was conducted for levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater.

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 2020 licensing year are as follows: 47 licensed restaurants and food establishments received a total of 24 inspections. Four school lunch programs received a total of 4 inspections. One bed and breakfast establishment received one inspection. Six public swimming pools received a total of 7 inspections. 17 massage establishments received 17 inspections. Six tattoo and body piercing establishments received 0 inspections. Three food complaints were received and investigated. 1 pool complaint was received and investigated. Inspections of licensed establishments were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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: There were no air and water quality, housing, solid waste, vector, and lead complaints and investigations in 2020.

Rabies Control: 5 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 2020.

Radon Testing: Ten radon test kits were issued to residents with information on radon health risks. Seven kits were submitted for testing; 57.14% of radon tests were elevated.