

## 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.

Distributed 750 File of Life Emergency Notification packets.

Distributed 30 Radon test kits to Hales Corners residents, evaluated results for mitigation purposes, and added results to GIS mapping for our zip code.

Distributed over 500 copies of the *2012 Farm Fresh Atlas* in the lobbies of the Library and Health Department.

The Seventh Annual Medicine Collection Day for Milwaukee County residents was promoted via media outlets. Implemented a local "Get the Meds Out Program" for unwanted or expired household medication disposal.

*Choose Wisely: A Healthy Guide for Eating Fish in Wisconsin* brochures were distributed in collaboration with Sherper's.

The HCHD maintained current health information on a variety of topics on the Village's website at [www.halescorners.org](http://www.halescorners.org).

Incoming phone inquiries were received and Health Department personnel assisted callers by offering consultation services, answering questions, providing additional resource information, and scheduling appointments.

## Training Highlights

Trainings attended by Health Department staff included:

- CDC Immunization Update
- Senior Disaster Planning
- Mass Fatality & Body Tracking
- Animal Health in Emergencies
- CDC Blood Pressure Update
- Risk Communication
- Johns Hopkins Public Health Infrastructure
- Emergency Public Health Preparedness
- Project Public Health Ready
- Forward Assessment Team

## Community Partnerships

- Collected 83 containers from residents as part of the Household Sharps Drop-Off program
- Supported the WIC partnership with Cudahy and Greenfield Health Departments for Hales Corners residents
- Regularly contributed to the Hales Corners Village Newsletter
- Created displays at the Hales Corners Health Department on various public health topics
- Distributed information to local health care providers on topics such as immunization compliance, disease reporting requirements, influenza and other communicable diseases, and Health Alerts from the State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health

## Grant Programs

Health Department staff were involved with state-funded grant activities focused on increasing immunization rates, preparing a community health improvement plan, and assessing homes for radon levels. Summaries of these program activities are detailed in grant contracts available at the Health Department.

## Personnel

### Board of Health

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

### Health Department Staff

*Health Officer*  
Debra J. Persak, RN (1.0 FTE)

*Medical Advisor*  
Lyn Ranta, MD (Consultant)

*Public Health Nurses*  
Kathy Radloff, RN (0.6 FTE)  
Kathi Harnack, RN (0.3 FTE) (thru 3/15/12)

*Administrative Assistant*  
Mary Lou Bradstreet (0.5 FTE)

*Registered Sanitarian*  
Mark Meske, RS (0.2 FTE)

(FTE = Full-Time Equivalent)

# Public Health



## Caring for the Community

## Hales Corners Health Department

## 2012 Annual Report

### Vision Statement:

Healthy People in a Healthy Hales Corners Community

### Mission Statement:

To Protect and Promote the Health of all People in Hales Corners

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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 Health Department investigated the following disease reports in 2012:

Campylobacteriosis (1)	Meningococcal (1)
Chlamydia (22)	Parapertussis (1)
Giardiasis (1)	Pertussis (18)
Gonorrhea (1)	Streptococcal Disease,
Influenza-Associated	Invasive (2)
Hospitalization (1)	Toxoplasmosis (1)
Lyme Disease (2)	Varicella (1)
Mycobacterial Disease	West Nile Virus (1)
(Non-TB) (5)	

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.

## Health Promotion

### Public Health Nurse Visits

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 visits in 2012: 181

### Maternal/Child Program

In 2012, the number of births to Hales Corners families totaled 80. Each family was offered a home visit and apprised of Health Department services via an informational packet sent to the home or by telephone contact.

### School and Day Care Services

A Public Health Nurse (PHN) provided consultation services to 6 elementary schools, 1 day care center, and 2 pre-schools in Hales Corners. Weekly illness surveillance was conducted for all schools. Immunization reports were reviewed and monitored for compliance with Wisconsin immunization statutes.

## Emergency Preparedness

Health Department staff were involved with on-going planning and implementation activities related to emergency preparedness. Activities in 2012 include maintaining and updating our comprehensive Public Health Emergency Response Plan, working toward achieving and enhancing staff competency and training, participating in mass clinic exercises and drills, completing CDC performance measures, and collaborating with community partners to address at-risk populations during public health emergencies.

## Immunizations

Routine childhood and selected adult immunizations were administered during clinics held at the Health Department. Upon permission, immunizations given to residents were entered into the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, a computer database, to assure protection from vaccine-preventable diseases and to improve immunization rates.

### Summary of Immunizations Administered in 2012:

Number of clients:	49
Number of vaccines:	74

### Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The HCHD administered 123 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine to Village employees and residents between September and December, 2012.

### 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. Eighty-three individuals received TB skin testing and results documented in 2012.

## Environmental Health & Safety

The Health Department licenses the following establishments within the village:

- Restaurants & Food Establishments (75)
- School Food Service Programs (5)
- Bed & Breakfast Establishments (1)
- Public Swimming Pools (6)
- Massage Establishments (15)
- Tattoo & Body Piercing Establishments (1)

### Complaints/Inspections/Enforcement Actions

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Restaurants*	16	190	0
Bed & Breakfast	0	1	0
Swimming Pools	1	14	0
Massage	0	34	0
Tattoo & Body Piercing	0	5	0

\*Includes retail food establishments & schools

**Nuisance Complaints:** Air and water quality, housing, solid waste, vector, and lead complaints and investigations totaled 13 in 2012.

**Water Advisories:** No community well tested positive for E. coli in 2012.

**Food Recalls:** Three food recalls were initiated by the FDA in 2012. The Health Department responded to this recall by notifying appropriate grocery stores and food establishments.

### West Nile Virus

Health Department staff responded to citizen inquiries on West Nile Virus and placed informational articles on the Village website.

### Rabies Control

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. Eight animal bites were investigated in 2012.