

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 created, enabling residents using social media to obtain health-related emergency preparedness information on a timely basis. Examples include health alerts, communicable disease outbreak updates, disease fact sheet distribution, and personal protective recommendations during an emergency event.

Approximately 250 File of Life Emergency Notification packets were handed out.

Thirty radon test kits were distributed to Hales Corners residents. Results were evaluated for mitigation purposes, and added to an existing GIS map for our zip code.

Over 250 copies of the *2013 Farm Fresh Atlas* were distributed in the lobbies of the Library and Health Department.

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

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

2013 Grant Programs

Prevention

The Health Department developed an agency Five-Year Strategic Plan to help prepare for voluntary accreditation. Evidence-based strategies were identified to build organizational direction for a five-year period consistent with the Health Department vision and mission.

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, clinics, and parents were resources used to identify children with complete or needing to complete immunizations.

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 analyzed gaps and worked to close gaps identified in the three chosen capabilities by creating or modifying plans, participating in trainings and exercises, or obtaining needed equipment.

Cities Readiness Initiative

The Health Department worked on the four objectives for this grant, which included updating plans to provide oral medications during an incident to the entire jurisdiction of Hales Corners within 48 hours, conducting three drills from the CRI suite of drills, completing all required assessments, technical assistance reviews and metrics, and participating in an annual HSEEP-compliant exercise as required by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

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 Nurse
Kathy Radloff, RN (0.6 FTE)
Administrative Assistant
Mary Lou Bradstreet (0.5 FTE)
Registered Sanitarian
Mark Meske, RS (0.2 FTE)
(FTE = Full-Time Equivalent)

Community Partnerships

- Collected 72 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.

Public Health



Caring for the Community

Hales Corners Health Department

2013 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 2013: Chlamydia (17); Gonorrhea (4); Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive Disease (1); Hepatitis C (2); Influenza-Associated Hospitalization (3); Lyme Disease (6); Meningitis, Bacterial (1); Mycobacterial Disease, Non-Tuberculous (6); Meningococcal Disease (1); Pertussis (4); Salmonellosis (1); Shigellosis (1); Stretococcal Disease, Invasive, Group B (1); Stretococcus Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease (1); Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (1); Varicella (2).

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 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 2013: 210.

Maternal/Child Program

In 2013, 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 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.

Blood Lead Level Surveillance

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

Training Highlights

Trainings attended by Health Department staff included:

- WIC Update
- FEMA Training
- HealthSpace
- Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place
- CDC Blood Pressure Update
- Mass Fatalities
- Red Cross Sheltering
- Emergency Public Health Preparedness
- Vaccine Workshop

Immunizations

Routine childhood and select 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.

In late 2012, the federal government (CDC) made changes to the national immunization program which impacted local programs. Individuals with insurance that covered immunizations, regardless of a deductible or co-pay, were directed to receive those immunizations from their private health care provider under the new policy. Certain vaccines provided by the Wisconsin Immunization Program to local health departments could be offered to uninsured and underinsured children and adults. In addition, the Affordable Care Act expanded coverage of immunizations with provisions for no co-payments under certain situations. As a result, local health departments experienced a decline in the number of immunizations administered at public clinics. In 2013, 14 clients received 37 vaccines at the health department.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The HCHD administered 73 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine to Village employees and residents between September and December, 2013.

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. Twenty-seven individuals received TB skin testing and results documented in 2013.

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 2013 licensing year are as follows: 70 licensed restaurants and food establishments received 102 inspections; 15 complaints generated an additional 15 inspections. Five school lunch programs received a total of 10 inspections. One bed and breakfast establishment received one inspection. Six public swimming pools received a total of 15 inspections. Three pool complaints generated an additional three inspections. Fifteen massage establishments received one inspection each. One tattoo and body piercing establishment received one inspection. In addition, 30 inspections and contacts were made for non-licensed establishments or one-day food sales.

HealthSpace: This is a state-supported, web-based environmental health program which provides the Health Department the ability to record inspections on-site, monitor and track complaints, generate licenses and renewals, and to create reports for program analysis. In early 2013, Health Department staff received HealthSpace training and created the database for our local establishments. The Health Department began entering all inspections into HealthSpace as of the 2013-14 license year.

Nuisance Complaints: Air and water quality, housing, solid waste, vector, and lead complaints and investigations totaled 15 in 2013.

West Nile Virus: Targeted catch basin mosquito larviciding was done in collaboration with DPW, with 117 Village catch basins treated with Natular product. Larviciding helps to reduce the mosquito population and the risk of WNV disease.

Rabies Control: Nine 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 2013.