

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, communicable disease outbreak updates, disease fact sheet distribution, and personal protective recommendations during an emergency event.

Fourteen 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 *2014 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.

2014 Grant Programs

Prevention

In 2014, the Hales Corners Health Department conducted an agency accreditation readiness self-assessment to prepare for voluntary accreditation. The information was compiled and entered into an electronic data collection tool. Participation in this process helps local health departments consider whether to apply for national accreditation and assists the health department in charting a course of action to prepare for accreditation.

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 114 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 37 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
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Hales Corners Health Department 2014 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 2014: Arboviral Illness, West Nile Virus (1); Campylobacteriosis (2); Chlamydia (18); Cryptosporidiosis (2); Giardiasis (1); Gonorrhea (1); Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive Disease (1); Hepatitis C (4); Influenza-Associated Hospitalization (14); Lyme Disease (3); Measles (1); Meningococcal Disease (1); Metal Poisoning (non-lead) (1); Mycobacterial Disease, Non-Tuberculous (4); Pertussis (9); Rubella (1); Salmonellosis (1); Stretococcal Disease, Invasive, Group B (1); Stretococcus Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease (1); Tuberculosis (1); Varicella (6).

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 2014: 246

Maternal/Child Program

In 2014, 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-two childhood blood lead level reports from healthcare providers were reviewed and follow-up conducted for levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater.

Chapter 140 Review

Every five years, in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Rule, each local health department in Wisconsin must participate in a review process to assess compliance with required core Public Health functions and services. The HCHD prepared for the review by compiling evidence of infrastructure components and public health services provided to the community over the past 5 years and submitted the information to DHS electronically. On September 26, 2014 the Wisconsin DHS review team conducted an on-site visit, meeting with the Hales Corners Health Officer and staff members to review and evaluate the evidence provided and to complete the assessment. Successful completion of this process assures that the HCHD is meeting statutory requirements and providing core public health functions and services to protect the health of the community.

Immunizations

In 2012, policy changes implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the national immunization program mandated that insured children and adults be directed to their primary health care provider for needed immunizations. This change impacted the health department's ability to provide immunizations for our residents since Hales Corners has a highly insured population. In addition, the Affordable Care Act expanded coverage of immunizations by private health insurance. The HCHD entered into a cooperative agreement with the Greenfield Health Department in 2014 to provide immunization services to Hales Corners residents who are uninsured or underinsured. This shared services agreement provides a cost-effective approach to ensure that qualified residents receive needed immunizations.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The HCHD administered 77 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine to Village employees and residents between September and December, 2014.

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. Thirty-nine individuals received TB skin testing and results documented in 2014.

Training Highlights

Trainings attended by Health Department staff included:

- Weekly Ebola Response
- Surveillance of Tickborne Diseases in WI
- Mass Fatalities Management
- Annual Communicable Disease Seminar
- Emergency Public Health Preparedness
- Annual Vaccine for Children Workshop
- WI Perinatal Hepatitis B

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 2014 licensing year are as follows: 61 licensed restaurants and food establishments received 92 inspections; 17 complaints generated an additional 17 inspections and 3 enforcement actions. Five school lunch programs received a total of 10 inspections. One bed and breakfast establishment received one inspection. Five public swimming pools received a total of 5 inspections. Sixteen massage establishments received one inspection each. One tattoo and body piercing establishment received one inspection. In addition, 21 inspections and contacts were made for non-licensed establishments or one-day food sales.

HealthSpace: This state-supported, web-based environmental health program provides the Health Department the ability to record all types of inspections on-site, monitor and track complaints, generate licenses and renewals, and create reports for program analysis. The Health Department provided information to Health Space to develop the capability for residents and the general public to view Hales Corners restaurant inspection reports online.

Nuisance Complaints: Air and water quality, housing, solid waste, vector, and lead complaints and investigations totaled 5 in 2014.

West Nile Virus: Targeted catch basin mosquito larviciding was done in collaboration with DPW, with 121 Village catch basins treated with Natar product. Larviciding helps to reduce the mosquito population and the risk of WNV disease in humans.

Rabies Control: Three 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 2014.