

Washburn County Health Department 2016 Annual Report

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Washburn County Health Department has served the community for 80 years beginning in 1936.

Washburn County Health Department continues to meet the statutory requirements for a Level II Health Department in the State of Wisconsin following the 140 Review completed by the State in late 2014.

We completed the Community Health Assessment in 2015 in partnership with Spooner Health System. The top health priorities for the next five years were: Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Abuse, Mental Health Barriers, Access to Health Care, Chronic Disease Prevention and Nutrition, Obesity and Physical Activity Issues. The Community Health Improvement Plan continues to address the highest health priorities and reports the outcomes annually over the next five years on the county website.

Communicable disease management continues to prioritize Public Health activities as does the increased demand for jail nursing services. Safe infant sleep education was offered to area day care providers this year. BadgerCare crisis enrollments have increased. We continue to work with area providers to ensure citizens have access to medical care. Monitoring and reporting the health status of the community continues as we meet regularly with the Board of Health and Human Services. Programming continues to meet the unmet needs of the community as funding allows. We thank our Voluntary Medical and Veterinary Advisors for their willingness to supervise all our programming as required by statute.

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Immunizations

As part of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 252, the Washburn County Health Department provides vaccinations to children and adults to prevent communicable diseases. We offer all recommended vaccines for uninsured children 0-18 years and limited adult. Through electronic monitoring of records and quarterly reminders in 2016 **70%** of all 2-year-olds met immunization requirements while **76%** were considered "late up-to-date" and met the immunization benchmark by the age three.

Communicable Disease Control & Prevention

Wisconsin Statute 252 requires that local hospitals and clinics report communicable diseases to Local Health Departments for investigation and surveillance. In 2016, Washburn County Health Department conducted **233** communicable disease investigations confirming **179** cases. Preventing the spread of communicable disease remains a public health priority.

Reportable Diseases in Washburn County

Disease	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Arbovirus	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Babesiosis	2	1	1	1	5	4	1	1	3	1
Blastomycosis	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	1
Campylobacter	3	1	4	2	4	3	4	3	2	5
Cat Scratch Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chlamydia	15	15	22	17	23	16	30	34	35	28
Clostridium	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cryptosporidium	1	3	0	0	3	6	5	1	3	2
Dengue	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
E Coli	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	4
Ehrlichiosis	14	17	21	20	39	56	24	23	22	23
Genital Herpes	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giardia	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	7
Gonorrhea	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Hib (Invasive)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
H1N1 Influenza	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hepatitis C	6	4	5	14	9	5	8	9	11	6
HIV (<5=0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza (Hospitalized)	6	0	0	0	1	1	10	9	13	2
Legionnaire's	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lyme	72	73	80	139	83	84	88	68	54	95
Meningitis - Bacterial	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningitis - Viral	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0
Mycobacterium (Non-Tb)	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	0
Norovirus	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pertussis/Parapertussis	0	0	0	5	2	58	27	6	3	0
Rocky Mt Spotted Fever	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonella	8	5	3	1	3	0	3	1	3	0
Shigella	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strep B	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1
Tuberculosis (latent)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Varicella	NR	2	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	1
Yersiniosis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	144	138	151	221	188	243	206	164	164	179

NR = Not Reportable

Reproductive Health Services

The Washburn County Reproductive Health Program provides services through the Maternal Child Health block grant, per Wisconsin Statutes 252 & 253. In 2016, 79 clients received on-going Reproductive Health Services. The program provides:

- Reproductive Health, Pregnancy Prevention and Birth Control Counseling, Education and Supplies
- Sexually Transmitted Infection risk assessment, counseling, education and testing; with referrals for treatment as needed.
- Pregnancy risk assessment, counseling, testing and referral.

Maternal Child Health (MCH) Program

Washburn County recorded **135** births in 2016. Programs available for families with children include:

Car Seat Safety Program - In 2016, Parents with children from birth through 8 years of age are taught how to properly position their children in car seats by our certified Car Seat Safety Inspector. Free car seats were available for given away to a parent in need.

Child Death Review Team - offered safety recommendations to the Keeping Kids Safe team for implementation. All child deaths are reviewed for prevention strategies implementation.

Keeping Kids Safe Initiative - was implemented in collaboration with our community partners. Car seat safety, ATV safety and co-sleeping messages were given to the community to prevent child injury and deaths.

Immunization Reminder/Recall Letters - Parents of children under age 3 receive immunization reminder letters and a copy of their current immunization record for review. Immunization recall letters are intended to increase the percentage of children up to date with immunizations by age 2, to ensure protection against vaccine preventable diseases.

Newborn Mailing Program- Education packets containing materials on Immunization, Infant Safety, Healthy Birth Spacing and other Public Health services were mailed to the parents of all **135** Washburn County newborns.

Well Water Testing - Kits are offered at no charge to households where a pregnant or breastfeeding woman or an infant resides.

BadgerCare +

ForwardHealth Outreach programming began in 2008 when Washburn County Health Department became a BadgerCare+ Express Enrollment site for pregnant women, children and Family Planning Only services. This service allows eligible individuals to receive immediate, temporary health care coverage and assistance with long-term certification.

In 2016, Washburn County Health Department assisted 203 clients in one of the several ForwardHealth programs. Most enrollments were crisis enrollments.

WIC

(Women Infants and Children)

Under Wisconsin State Statute 253, Washburn County Health Department provides the WIC Program.

The WIC Program is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC helps income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women and infants and children up to age 5 years who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition.

The program improves pregnancy outcomes, reduces infant mortality and provides infants and children with a healthy start in life by improving poor or inadequate diets

In 2016, an average of 306 women infants and children received nutritional education and food stipend benefits monthly through the WIC Program. Benefits are now on an e-card for convenience.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Rabies Control

Wisconsin Statute 254 requires that the Health Department investigate all animal bites/exposures involving humans.



Public Health Nurses provide education regarding the need for human medical evaluation and animal quarantine or rabies testing.

In 2016, 41 animal bites/exposures were reported and investigated. No animal or human cases of rabies were reported.

Coalition Memberships

Washburn County Health Department was an active member of the following coalitions in 2016 promoting Public Health in all policies.

- Childhood Death Review Team (CDR)
- Children's Coordinated Services Team (CCST)
- Continuum of Care (COC)
- Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team
- Hazard Mitigation Work Group
- Keeping Kids Safe in Washburn County
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Multidisciplinary Team (M-Team) includes Drug Endangered Children (DEC)
- New Paradigm Partners
- Northwest WI Health Care Coalition
- Washburn County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee (AODA)
- Washburn County Preparedness Committee (WCPC)
- Western Regional Jail Health
- Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB)
- Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC)
- Wisconsin Family Planning Reproductive Health Association (WFPRHA)

Jail Health

Washburn County Health Department provides nursing services to inmates at the Washburn County Jail.

Services include case management, medication monitoring, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infection screening and limited treatments.

In 2016, Washburn County Public Health Department provided 1,187 hours of nursing services in the jail setting.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Washburn County Health Department engages in a continuous planning process with community partners to respond to public health emergencies, from large scale disease outbreaks to acts of bioterrorism. The Health Department is part of a Regional Preparedness Coalition which provides continuity of planning across county lines.

In 2016, the Volunteer Reception Center Training was again conducted with our local volunteer groups.

The Health Department will continue to work with partners to improve planning, training and response. Local partners include Emergency Management, Medical Providers, Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Schools, Volunteer groups and many others.

Tuberculosis Testing /Surveillance

Tuberculosis (TB) skin tests are provided to community members, jail staff and inmates. TB case surveillance is state mandated by Wisconsin Statute 252. In 2016, Washburn County Health Department administered 166 Tb skin tests, with no positive results.

Childhood Lead Monitoring

The Washburn County Health Department provides Childhood Lead Screening Surveillance and Lead Abatement Authority under State Statute 254.

There is no safe level of lead in the human body. Even very low levels of lead exposure can cause permanent brain damage and negatively affect health throughout the child's life, The Centers for Disease Control defines lead poisoning as a blood lead level of 5 mcg or greater.

There were no children with elevated blood lead levels in Washburn County in 2016

Environmental Health

Under Wisconsin Statute 254, the Health Department is responsible for investigation and abatement of known human health hazards to the public. A moratorium on Chapter 30 of the Washburn County Environmental Nuisance Ordinance was enacted in 2013 due to budget constraints and enforcement challenges. There were no immediate Human Health Hazard investigations.