



Public Health
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**Winnebago County
Health Department**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



From top, left to right: Staff wear neon during Winnebago County Employee Appreciation Week; Community outreach booth at vaccine clinic; The health department was the recipient of WPHA's Excellence in Health Promotion Award; Wisconsin Department of Health Services recognizes pandemic efforts during their Thank You Tour; Health department nurses; Serving Blender Bike smoothies at the ADRC Open House; Winnebago County receives Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant; Doug Gierny is named 2022 Health Officer of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards; Staff greets We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community Conference attendees, an event that brought together over 350 people to support the recovery community

OUR ORGANIZATION

The Winnebago County Health Department is a Level III local health agency, the highest level recognized by state statute. The Health Department is comprised of six divisions: Administration, Communicable Disease, Community Health and Prevention, Environmental Health, Healthy Lifespan and Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Each division is overseen by a supervisor who reports to the Health Officer.

MISSION

The Winnebago County Health Department protects health through services, partnerships, and equitable practices and policies so all can live their best life.

VISION

Healthy people building thriving communities.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Health begins where we live, learn, work and play.

Social determinants of health are conditions in the places where people live, learn, work and play that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. They are the barriers to health upstream from our traditional health care system—things like poor education, low income or lack of transportation, as well as food insecurity and loneliness. SDOH have been shown to have a greater influence on health than either genetic factors or access to healthcare services.

The five key areas of social determinants of health are: health care and access; education access and quality; social and community context; economic stability; and neighborhood and built environment. Addressing the SDOH is a core public health function and opportunity for collaboration with many sectors and types of organizations.



OUR ORGANIZATION



In 2022, the Winnebago County Health Department had an average of 46 permanent employees on staff. An additional 29 temporary and project employees assisted, at part- to full-time capacity, with the COVID-19 response.

Director/Health Officer:
Doug Gieryn

Division Supervisors:

Administration:
Julia Salomón

**Communicable
Disease:**
Melissa Stahmann

**Community Health &
Prevention:**
Ashlee Rahmlow

**Environmental
Health:**
Anne Boyce

Healthy Lifespan:
Alana Erickson

WIC:
Jamie Thibodeaux

BOARD OF HEALTH



The Winnebago County Board of Health has nine members, appointed by the County Executive, with County Board and citizen representation. The Board is advisory for the health department and advocates for the provision of reasonable and necessary public health services.

From left: Toby Vanden Heuvel, Lois Gruetzmacher, Jeffrey Beem, Rachel Youngquist (Chair), Ralph Harrison (Vice Chair), Karen Powers, Dr. Eric Smiltneek. Not pictured: Mike Norton, Paula McNeil

2022 FINANCES

REVENUE

State/Federal
Grants & Contracts: \$2,293,116

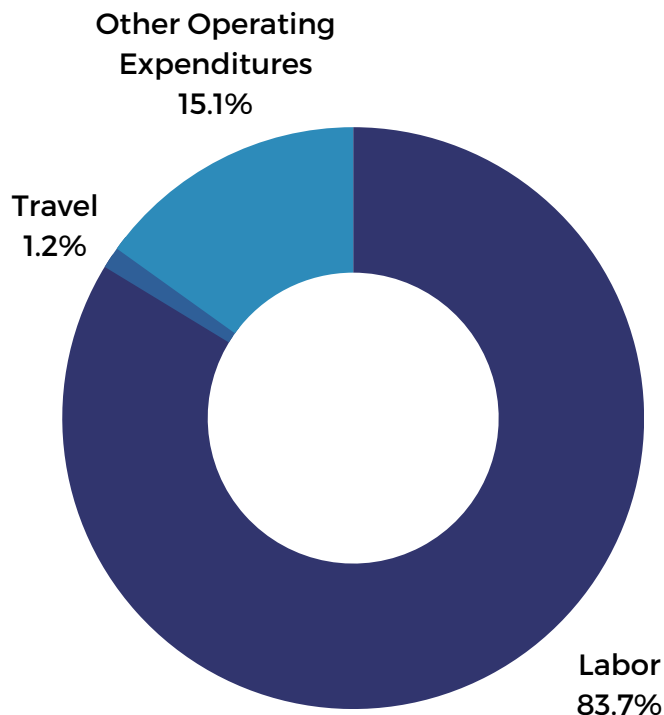
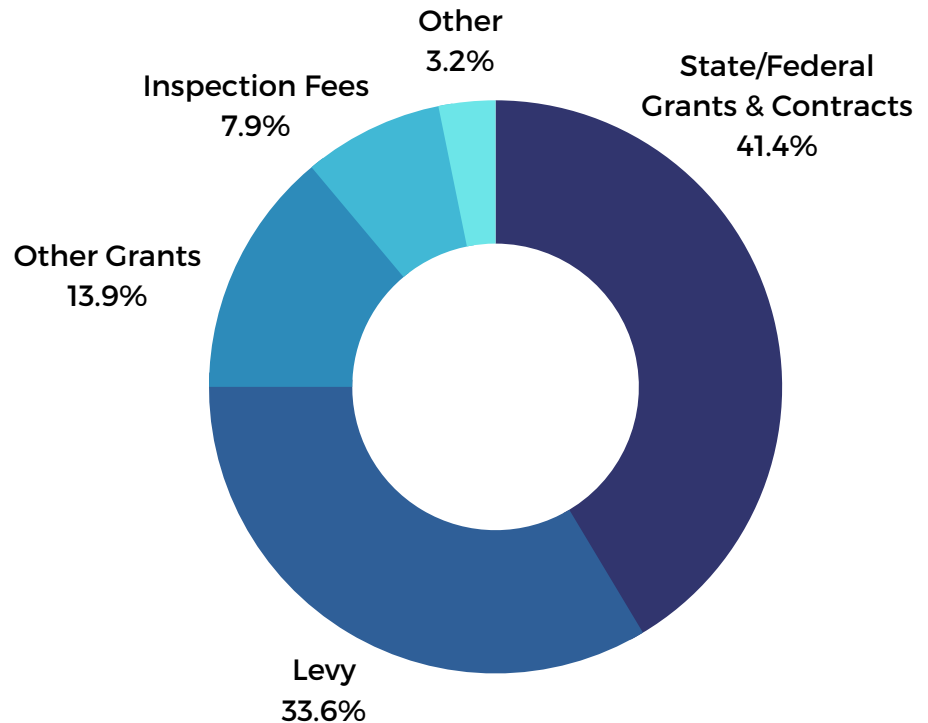
Levy: \$1,862,466

Other Grants: \$771,183

Services & Fees: \$436,918

Other: \$179,562

Total: \$5,543,245



EXPENSES

Labor: \$4,604,746

Travel: \$64,832

Other Operating
Expenditures: \$833,556

Total: \$5,503,134



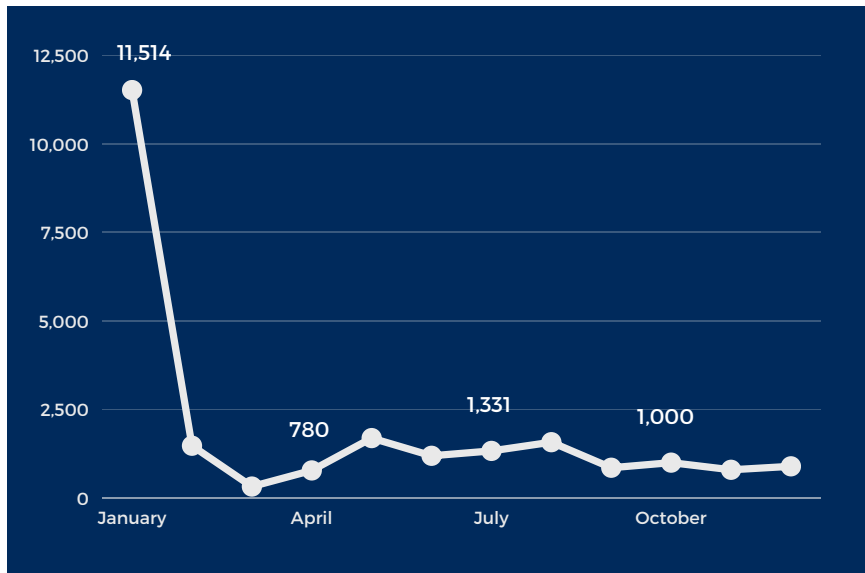
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2022 COVID-19 RESPONSE

BY THE NUMBERS

COVID-19 STATS FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

COVID-19 CASES* PER MONTH IN WCHD JURISDICTION (2022)



168,224
PCR Tests
Given



23,440
PCR Confirmed &
Probable Cases*



Over 60,000
Vaccine Doses
Given

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COVID-19 RESPONSE



26,952
Unique Visits to
WCHD COVID-19
Webpage



2,436
COVID Hotline
Calls Received



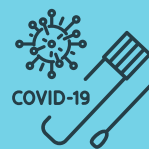
62
Situation
Updates & Data
Reports Sent



194
Vaccination
Clinics Held



20,260
Unique Visits to
wcvaccine.org
Website



10,504
PCR Tests
Given at
Sunnyview**

*Represents data for the Winnebago County Health Department jurisdiction, which does not include the City of Menasha or City of Appleton.

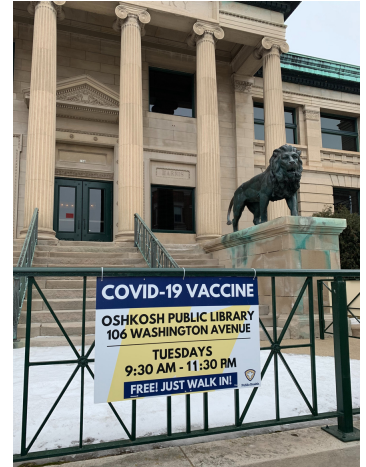
**Includes data from organizations the health department partnered with to provide services to Winnebago County.

2022 COVID-19 RESPONSE

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Positive Cases and Disease Investigation

- Winnebago County recorded over 11,500 positive cases in January 2022, accounting for approximately half of the total cases in 2022.
- Cases drastically dropped in February and our disease investigators shifted their focus to manage outbreaks.
- Text messaging, emails and automated voice messages were used to notify positive cases in Winnebago County.
- The content of Data Summaries and Situation Updates evolved as cases decreased, and we transitioned to a broader Health Department update.



Vaccination and Testing

- The Wisconsin National Guard finished their mission at the Sunnyview Expo Center testing and vaccine clinics. Over 100,000 tests and 27,000 vaccines were provided with their aid. The clinics remained open through 2022 with the help of health department staff, temporary staff, community partners and volunteers. In February, ACL Laboratories joined the Health Department to help with testing.
- In May, boosters were administered to those five and older. In June, primary doses were extended to those 6 months and older. In September, the bivalent vaccine was available to those eligible.



Outreach


- The Health Department provided free at-home antigen tests at community locations and vaccine clinics.
- A vaccine tour was provided to rural towns in Winnebago County.
- We launched the "I am the Change" campaign featuring local leaders and familiar faces telling their reasons for getting vaccinated. Posters, videos, and social media graphics were created and shared in multiple languages with local businesses, media, partner organizations, and community members.
- Direct mail campaigns were launched for rural vaccine clinics and a county-wide mailing with the Winnebago County ADRC featured testing and vaccination locations.

Boost your protection against COVID-19.



LOCAL VACCINE CLINICS IN JUNE!	RUSHFORD TOWN HALL	NEPEUSKUN TOWN HALL
Just walk in! No appointment needed.	3413 COUNTY RD K, OMRO Thursdays June 2, 9, 16 3 - 5 pm	1475 COUNTY RD E, RIPON Tuesdays June 7, 14, 21 11 am - 1 pm

Fall into healthy habits...



...Get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by protecting yourself and family against the virus. Stay up-to-date on vaccinations and test if you are sick, have been exposed, or before attending a gathering.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division provides support for all divisions in the health department and assists with department-wide administrative efforts. This division is comprised of an Accounting Associate, Administrative Associate, Communications Specialist, Epidemiologist, Planning Specialist, Public Health Aide and Preparedness Specialist. In 2022, this division continued to focus primarily on COVID-19 response and had a large role in the coordination of testing and vaccination efforts and providing information to the public through the health department's hotline, data summaries, media, website, and educational materials.



HIGHLIGHTS:

Preparedness: Worked closely with county departments and community partners to promote preparedness for all hazards and participated in local, regional and state workgroups to strengthen community readiness to respond to disasters and emergencies.

Planning: The community health assessment (CHA) is a wide-angle examination of the health status, challenges, and assets of people who live in Winnebago County. The health department formed a Community Health Assessment Advisory Team to provide input and direction during the assessment process. The CHA is used to identify needs and prioritize areas for improvement.

Media: 29 press releases were sent to local media outlets on various topics including COVID-19, lead poisoning, mpox and Narcan.



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Community Health Assessment



Housing, good paying jobs and access to transportation are examples of things that impact a person's ability to be healthy.

What is a Community Health Assessment (CHA)?

Local Health Departments are required to complete a Community Health Assessment (CHA) every 5 years. It is a [process to help select the most important issues](#) impacting the health of a local community.

Why does it matter?

The ultimate goal of a community health assessment is to [spark change in a community](#) for the better! Once the top priorities are identified, the community comes together to figure out solutions and next steps.

It's important to include a variety of viewpoints and experiences from our community members to make sure we understand what the barriers are for good health.



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**Reached 131,679 people
through Facebook.**

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Communicable Disease (CD) staff play an important role in detecting, preventing and controlling illness in the community by investigating all reportable communicable diseases, monitoring disease rates and trends, and guiding strategies to prevent spread of diseases in the county. During the pandemic, this team led much of the COVID-19 response. They have been a leader in all vaccine efforts, in addition to managing outbreaks, working with disease investigators, and providing guidance tailored to the specific needs of the public, local organizations, businesses, long term care facilities and schools.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):

Confirmed STI cases in Wisconsin must be reported to the local health department so staff can verify treatment and provide disease surveillance to prevent further spread.

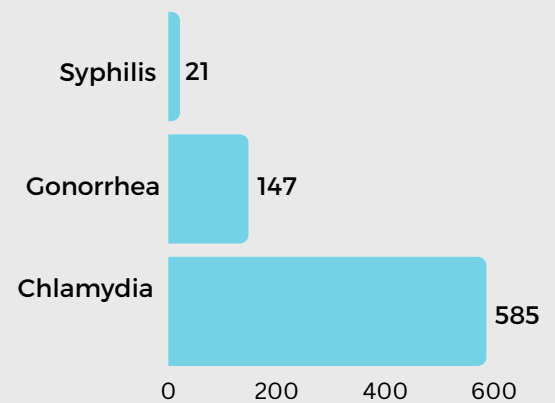
Reportable STIs in Winnebago County include Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis. Our health department is working on ways to reduce STIs, including partnering with UW-Oshkosh on campus and at school events to provide educational resources and testing. In addition, anyone can stop by the health department to pick up free condoms.

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine: CD staff schedules flu shot clinics for county staff. In 2022, 305 flu vaccines were administered to county staff that were interested.

Mpox: Our health department provided vaccine clinics, education, monitoring and outreach in response to the global mpox outbreak. We also worked closely with UW-Oshkosh to provide resources and opportunities for vaccination on campus. One mpox case was reported in our jurisdiction and 63 doses of the mpox vaccine were provided.



Winnebago County
STI Case Counts in 2022



MPOX VACCINE

Available at the Winnebago County Health Department

Schedule an appointment today!

 **CALL**
920-232-3026

 **EMAIL**

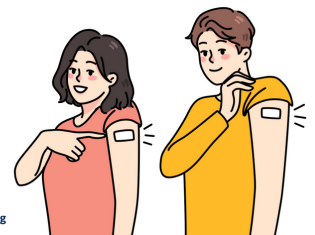
WCHD.CD@WINNEBAGOCOUNTYWI.GOV

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Tuberculosis (TB): We follow up with those at risk for TB and treat people with latent and active TB disease to reduce rates of the infection, since the bacteria can be spread through the air by coughing, sneezing or speaking. Active TB treatment requires health department staff to provide daily observation and therapy for at least three months. In 2022, the team monitored 37 latent cases and one active.

CD Reports: Quarterly CD Reports resumed in 2022. These reports provide timely data for the community and healthcare partners on diseases that are prevalent in Winnebago County. Tracking this data helps detect, prevent and control illness and outbreaks in the community.

School Surveillance Reports: Partnerships with area schools allow us to analyze student illness data and reduce the spread of communicable disease. Our health department is informed on the number of students absent due to influenza-like illness, gastrointestinal illness or other illnesses. The data is reviewed daily, and schools are kept informed of illness trends and receive guidance on control measures to help decrease the spread of disease throughout the school and community.

Childhood & Adolescent Vaccines:

Childhood & Adolescent Vaccine Clinics resumed at the health department after being on hold due to COVID-19. Free vaccines are provided for children under age 19 that qualify under the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children Program. The program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from 16 diseases. In 2022, 225 doses of vaccine were administered under the Vaccines for Children Program.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE					
Quarterly Report					
Third Quarter 2022					
Reportable Diseases					
A selection of common reportable disease are showcased in the table and in the one-page report . A more extensive list can be found in the full-length report .					
Reportable Diseases	WCHD* Q3 Cases		WI Q3 Cases		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
STIs					
Chlamydia	139	151	6,351	7,115	
Gonorrhea	39	32	2,194	2,718	
Syphilis	6	4	499	521	
Spotlight: Monkeypox					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinics are held at Winnebago County Health Dept - Oshkosh. Please call our public health hotline at 920-232-3026 to schedule. Current eligibility and where to get Jynneos vaccine can be found here. Additional Monkeypox information can be found on our health dept website. 					
Vaccine Preventable Diseases					
Hep A	0	1	6	9	
Hep B	1	4	102	81	
Mumps	0	0	5	2	
Pertussis	0	0	10	2	
Varicella	2	1	34	39	
Respiratory					
COVID-19	3,723	4,092	137,035	147,439	
Influenza hosp.	0	0	31	12	
TB Disease	0	0	7	24	
TB Infection (LTBI)	0	4	162	301	
Spotlight: Latent Tuberculosis Infection					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a medication shortage of Rifampentine and INH. If you have a patient with LTBI who is a TB contact or is immunocompromised, consider an alternative regimen in order to ensure no treatment interruptions. If the patient is high risk and is unable to take an alternative regimen, please email the Wisconsin TB program or call 608-261-6319. 					
GI Diseases					
Campylobacteriosis	9	16	404	540	
Shiga Toxinigenic E Coli	1	5	166	189	
Giardia	5	4	146	247	
Hepatitis C	5	9	289	506	
Salmonellosis	14	10	386	357	
Shigellosis	0	0	32	9	
Yersiniosis	1	0	37	31	
Spotlight: COVID-19					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is safe to get both a COVID-19 vaccine and a flu vaccine at the same visit (CDC). Everyone 5 years and older needs an updated (bivalent) booster dose to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Community Level: LOW (10/20/2022) Transmission Level: HIGH (10/21/2022) Find COVID-19 vaccine information at wcvaccine.org. Additional COVID-19 Data can be found on our health department website. Data on influenza vaccine can be found on the WI DHS website. 					
Spotlight: Immunization & Childhood Vaccines					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisconsinites aged 5-18 are tracking at 37% lower for routinely administered vaccines than they were pre-pandemic. More data can be found on DHS. Follow the Catch-up schedule for children and adults. The Consistent, Confident, and Concise Method of vaccine recommendation helps parents feel comfortable with vaccination. 					

Childhood & Adolescent Vaccines

Including*:

- Influenza
- HPV
- Rotavirus
- Polio



Eligibility for children to receive vaccines at the health department includes:

- No Insurance
- Underinsured (a child who has health insurance, but the coverage does not include all vaccines)
- Medical Assistance (includes Badger Care)
- Native American or Native Alaskan

Contact the Winnebago County Health Department at 920-232-3000 to set up an appointment.



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*For a full list of vaccines or for more information, please visit [www.wcvaccine.org](#).

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

The mission of the Community Health and Prevention division is to work with residents and partners on systems and policy change to create equitable conditions and improve community health.

Goals:

1. Laws and policies are equitable and systems and institutions are effective, accessible, and accountable.
2. People are empowered to be involved in the decisions that impact their lives.
3. Hear from our community and share data that is accessible and available to the community.

The Community Health Prevention Division strives to center authentic community engagement and health equity in all areas of our work.



What is Community Engagement?



The practice of using multiple strategies to provide opportunities for all Winnebago County residents - particularly those historically excluded, under-represented, or under-resourced - to own the change they want to see and be involved in communication, problem-solving, governance, and decision-making.

What is Health Equity?



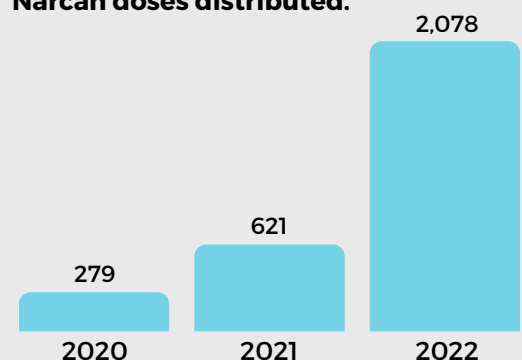
"Fair and just inclusion into society where everyone can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential" - Angela Glover Blackwell

Stages of Work in Community Health and Prevention

Inform: Share, listen, seek clarity

- Provided education and information on the rise of fentanyl in the community.
- Added fentanyl test strips to harm reduction services offered at the health department.
 - 4325 fentanyl test strips distributed
 - 55% reported positive for fentanyl

As a result of increased community support and partnerships, WCHD drastically increased the number of Narcan doses distributed.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & PREVENTION

Consult: Two-way communication & feedback

- Listened to clients served by the LifePoint program about the need for private in-person services and hired a Harm Reduction Program Coordinator to better meet the community's needs. In 2022, there were approximately 1,000 LifePoint visits, over 100,000 syringes distributed and 60,000 syringes returned.



Collaborate: Shared decision making

- Worked with local organizations to identify and address barriers to transit and transit use. This team celebrated Transit Equity Day, which is observed on February 4 to commemorate the life and legacy of Rosa Parks. Observing Transit Equity Day with our community partners is an opportunity to highlight how public transit provides basic mobility for many residents. Equitable public transit is essential urban infrastructure – just like roads, bridges and utilities. It is crucial for economic, social and environmental well-being.

Transfer-Decision Making: Shift power and decision making to community

- Supported the launch of the Peer Response Team at Solutions Recovery, Inc, an agency identified by the community as a trusted and safe partner to receive peer substance use recovery services.

Community Driven & Led: Support community to lead and implement their own projects

- Convened housing providers in the county to identify gaps and successfully receive \$10.3 million from the Neighborhood Investment Fund through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act. The organizations receiving these funds are creating projects that provide housing throughout the county, such as the new Day By Day Warming Shelter, Oshkosh Kids Foundation Tiny Homes Village, Solutions Recovery sober living homes and Habitat for Humanity homes.
- Hosted the State Health Officer for the Opioid Initiatives Roundtable and convened a panel of people with lived experience and service providers to discuss community needs related to addiction, opioids and initiatives needed to support this work.

OUR WORK IN ACTION

Partnered with Solutions Recovery Inc. to conduct listening sessions to understand the support needs of people in recovery (2021)

Parents in recovery struggle with juggling childcare and recovery.

Utilized grant funds to launch childcare at a local recovery organization

People in recovery need a strong, supportive community.

Worked alongside partners to create the We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community Event which aimed to break the silence of addiction, reduce the stigma of recovery and connect the community to resources.

People in recovery need safe and supportive places to live.

Included sober living in the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Application

Next Steps: In 2023, we will hear more from Parents in Recovery.

BREAKWATER: SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION COALITION



Breakwater is a community coalition supported by the Winnebago County Health Department. **Breakwater's mission is to prevent and reduce youth and adult substance use in Winnebago County.**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Breakwater engaged with the community through participation in partnerships and events. During these events, Breakwater distributed over 200 Detera bags, 100 fridge locks, and almost 100 medication lock bags to reduce youth access to prescription medications and alcohol.
- The Breakwater Coalition advocated for community change that would reduce youth access to alcohol during the proposed Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and keep the Oshkosh Farmers Market family friendly and alcohol free. Breakwater brought in members of the recovery community to speak about the need for more alcohol-free events in Oshkosh and provided education to City Council on the need to continue to have an alcohol-free Saturday Farmers Market. Breakwater continues to promote and implement more alcohol-free events in our community.
- Breakwater launched a six-part Winnebago Recovers: Substance Use and Opioid Response Series with local community organizations on the topics of Resource Navigation & Family/Friend Support, Breakwater: Prevention Coalition, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Recovery & Housing and Peer Support.
- In partnership with the Oshkosh Herald, Breakwater launched a six-part "Be Courageous Series." This series focused on lived experience stories from people in our own community around substance use.
- The Breakwater Podcast released 10 new podcasts, including two Be Courageous anonymous podcasts led by Oshkosh North Communities Students.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health (EH) division provides inspections, consultations and education to prevent and minimize the harmful environmental exposures from food air, water, housing, places of work, toxic materials, vector control, nuisances and human health hazards.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sanitarian Inspections: The goal of the sanitarian inspections and licensing is to prevent communicable diseases and foodborne illnesses from affecting residents and visitors. In 2022, staff conducted a total of 1,029 inspections. Locations included:

Food Establishments: 821

Lodging: 71

Body Art Establishments: 24

Pools: 74

Campgrounds: 29

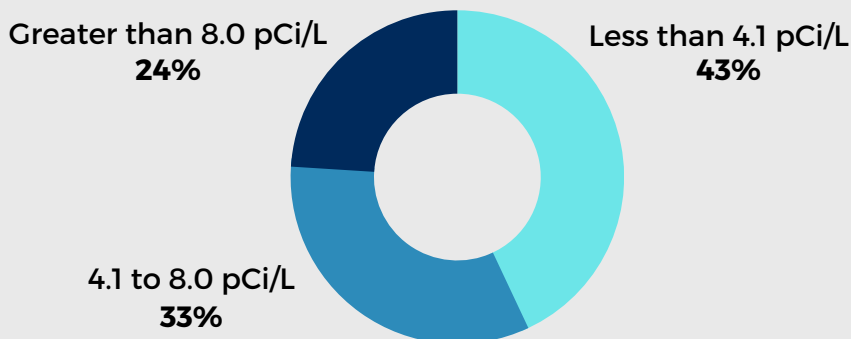
Mobile Home Communities: 10

Transient Non-Community Water: Transient non-community water systems provide water to 25 or more people for at least 60 days/year, but not to the same people and not on a regular basis (for example: gas stations, campgrounds). In 2022, we tested 123 of these water systems and 4 had unsafe bacteria levels requiring 23 additional samples.

Radon Testing: Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. Routine radon testing is recommended in Winnebago County due to higher than average levels of the gas. Short-term radon test kits are sold at the health department year-round, with a discount during Radon Awareness Month in January. In 2022, 436 radon kits were sold and 323 homes were tested. The EPA recommends fixing homes with levels above 4.0 pCi/L. A follow-up long-term radon test is recommended for levels between 4.1 to 8.0 pCi/L. Consultation with a professional to consider a radon-reduction system is recommended for levels greater than 8.0 pCi/L.



High levels of radon, in excess of 4 pCi/L, were reported in 57 percent of homes tested in Winnebago County.



Protect your home from radon.

Pick up a test kit today.

Radon test kits are \$5 at the Winnebago County Health Department in January.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Lead Consultation & Assessment: A child with lead poisoning may not have visible signs or symptoms. A blood lead test is the best way to find out if a child has lead poisoning. A blood lead reference value of 3.5 mcg/dL or greater is considered higher than most children. In 2022, there were 33 reported cases of elevated blood levels in children under the age of 6 in Winnebago County. All cases received consultation from a public health nurse, and a home visit and environmental assessment were done at 4 homes where children had levels at or greater than 10 mcg/dL.

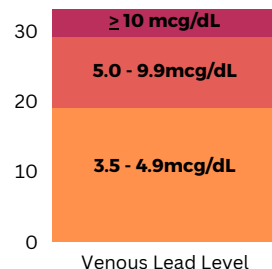
Drug Drop: There are four locations in Winnebago County where residents can drop off unwanted medication to be properly disposed to prevent accidental poisoning, prescription drug misuse, and environmental hazards. In 2022, health department staff assisted with sorting and disposing over 2,300 pounds of medication from the Oshkosh location.

Carbon Monoxide: In Wisconsin, an average of 500 people are sent to the emergency room each year due to carbon monoxide poisoning. When a blood test results shows an elevated level of Carboxyhemoglobin (COHb) at or above 5%, our staff conducts follow-up interviews to determine the cause. In 2022, 11 cases required follow-up investigations.

Animal Bite Investigations: We work with law enforcement, veterinarians, physicians and state officials to investigate and provide guidance when a person or animal may have been exposed to rabies. In 2022, our staff investigated 249 animal bites, mostly from dogs, cats and bats.

NEW! Lead-Safe Homes Program: In 2022, the health department established a new Lead-Safe Homes Program to help coordinate and pay for the safe removal of lead hazards from homes and rental properties in Winnebago County. The program, which is supported by state and federal funds, is designed to make homes safe and help prevent childhood lead poisoning. Exposure to lead damages the brain, body and nervous system, and children under age 6 are at greatest risk for harm. Work on eligible homes will begin in 2023.

High levels of lead were reported in 33 children in Winnebago County.



The Lead-Safe Homes Program helps coordinate and pay for the safe removal of lead hazards from homes and rental properties in Winnebago County.

Why is lead bad? Exposure to lead damages the brain, body and nervous system. Even at low levels, it affects learning capacity, ability to pay attention and academic achievement. Lead is toxic to everyone, but children under age 6 are at greatest risk for harm. Lead is most commonly found in lead-based paint, lead dust and contaminated soil in homes built before 1978. Exposure in kids typically happens when they put things in their mouths that are contaminated with lead dust, eat paint chips or chew on windowsills and door frames.

Lead poisoning is preventable. The Winnebago County Health Department's Lead-Safe Homes Program makes homes safe for kids and pregnant women by safely removing lead hazards to ensure that kids do not experience long-term effects of lead exposure.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE LEAD-SAFE HOMES PROGRAM?

Homeowners: The program covers up to 100% of the costs to make your home lead-safe.

Landlords: The program covers 85-100% of the costs to make your rental properties lead-safe.

Renters: There is no cost to you. Encourage your landlord to apply today! All costs are subject to approval.

WHAT TYPES OF LEAD HAZARD REPAIRS ARE COVERED?

- Flooring
- Fences
- Porches
- Soil
- Paint
- Doors & windows
- Siding
- Garages & sheds
- Gutters & exteriors

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM?

Apply to the program if:

- You own or rent your home and it was built before 1978, and
- Your home has children or a pregnant woman living or regularly visiting who are on, or eligible for, Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus, and
- Your property is insured and taxes are up to date.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Call: 920-232-3000
- Visit: www.wchd.pub/lead
- Email: health@winnebagoountywi.gov
- Point your phone's camera at the QR code
- Stop by the Winnebago County Health Department



www.winnebagohealth.org

HEALTHY LIFESPAN

The Healthy Lifespan division promotes health throughout all stages of life by providing health education and advocacy, community engagement and coalition work. Focus areas include injury prevention, maternal and child health, aging adult services, and improving health access. Staff are also stationed at the Winnebago County/ Oshkosh Housing Authority to provide services to residents in subsidized housing to help them remain in their independent living residence as long as possible.



HIGHLIGHTS:

Dream Up! Grant: Childcare programs play an integral part in the development of children and help prepare them for success. A Winnebago County childcare provider survey showed that more than 900 children are on waitlists for child care and almost half of the programs in the county aren't running at full licensing capacity, mostly due to staffing shortages. The Dream Up! Grant was awarded to a collective group of organizations in Winnebago County, including the health department, to support strategic planning that addresses the childcare challenges our communities are facing. Work related to this grant will continue through 2023.



Diaper Bank: In 2022, the health department distributed free diapers to 685 children in Winnebago County. These diapers are provided to families in need through a partnership with Jake's Diapers and Fox Cities Diaper Bank. Feminine care products are also provided as needed.

Wellness Plus: Our Wellness Plus classes started up again in 2022, and we saw significant increases in the number of participants and class leaders. Wellness Plus classes are designed to help participants be active, manage chronic conditions and prevent falls. All classes are researched and proven to help participants self-manage their health.



Wellness Plus Class Highlights 2022



Classes by Community:

Neenah: Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls, Strong Bodies

Oshkosh: Stepping On, Stand Up and Move More, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls

Menasha: Stepping On, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls, Adapted Tai Chi, Stand Up and Move More, Healthy Living with Diabetes, Strong Bodies

Winneconne: Strong Bodies, Mind Over Matter

Omro: Strong Bodies

HEALTHY LIFESPAN

Help Me Grow: In our community, there is a grid of early learning opportunities, health care services, parent supports and other resources that help keep children healthy and able to develop to their full potential. Help Me Grow strengthens the grid by maintaining a current directory of available services and connecting service providers to each other to create an interconnected system. Families benefit as Help Me Grow listens to them, links them to services and provides ongoing support.



The Winnebago County Health Department partners with First 5 Fox Valley to provide a Help Me Grow call-in center, Family Resource Navigator, and expanded developmental screening and assessments to support a solid foundation for children in their first five years.

Parent Resource Hours: In 2022, the Winnebago County Health Department was awarded a Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant. The goal of the grant is to support the health and well-being of all mothers, children and families. This grant is supporting a new model for prenatal and postpartum care that includes Parent Resource Hours, a new service to be implemented in 2023. Parent Resource Hours will allow families to access nurse expertise and multiple services in one visit to the health department. Services will include developmental screenings, vaccination, breastfeeding support, car seat safety checks, and more.

Milk Depot: The Mothers' Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes distributes pasteurized donor human milk to premature, critically ill and chronically ill babies. Our health department serves as a depot where donors can drop off milk. In 2022, our Oshkosh depot collected approximately 7,000 ounces of donor milk.

Wisconsin Well Woman Program: The Wisconsin Well Woman Program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings to people with little or no health insurance. The Winnebago County Health Department coordinates the program for a nine county region. Staff evaluated and improved efficiencies in 2022, resulting in an increase in enrollment. This program services many rural and Spanish-speaking residents.

WISCONSIN WELL WOMAN PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW 2022



TOTAL ENROLLMENTS:
2022: 365
2021: 288

RE-ENROLLMENTS:
2022: 282

NEW ENROLLMENTS:
2022: 83

ENROLLMENT BY COUNTY:

Calumet: 34
Fond Du Lac: 45
Green Lake: 16
Marquette: 5
Outagamie: 107
Sheboygan: 43
Waupaca: 10
Waushara: 14
Winnebago: 88
Other: 3



Wisconsin Well Woman Program
211 N Commercial Street
Neenah, WI 54956

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)



WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for children younger than age five and people who are pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, supplemental nutritious foods and connections to other community services. WIC operates within the Winnebago County Health Department offices in Oshkosh and Neenah.

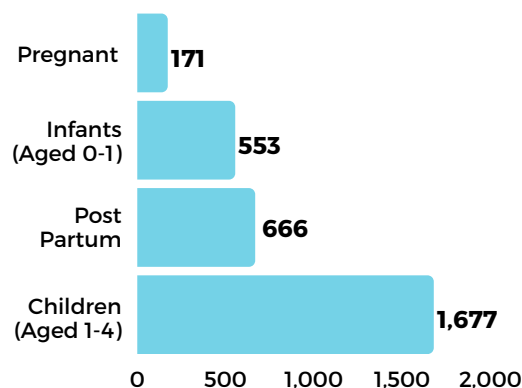
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) waived the requirement that WIC participants attend office visits in person. This flexibility extended throughout the entire 2022 year. In response, most families have been meeting with WIC staff over the phone, and accommodations were made for families that preferred to meet in person.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2022, WIC participants redeemed benefits worth over \$1.4 million within Winnebago County at local retailers.
- 50 families from Winnebago County were enrolled in Fit Families, a program for two- to four-year-olds that empowers families to adopt healthy eating and physical activity behaviors.
- WIC participants in Winnebago County redeemed \$7,387 Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers at local markets.
- In 2022, many WIC clients were impacted by the nationwide shortage of formula. We worked with community partners to help families navigate the crisis and worked with food pantries to secure formula for infants in need.



3,067 WIC Participants in Winnebago County



WIC Benefits
Redeemed at Local
Retailers: \$1,428,838

Free at OACP!

BABY FORMULA

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry
2251 Jackson Street, Oshkosh



- Free & open to the community!
- Pick up anytime during regular hours.
- Nestle Nan Pro 1 formula (dairy-based).

Hours:
Monday: 2:00-6:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00am-2:45pm
920-651-9960
info@oacptoday.org



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Neenah

Winnebago County Human Services
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Neenah, WI 54956
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