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Vision, Mission, & Values

Vision: The vision of the Oak Creek Health Department is to equitably enhance our community's health.

Mission: The Oak Creek Health Department is dedicated to strengthening and empowering our community through collaborative partnerships, intentional outreach, and vital public health services.

Values: The values we hold in fulfilling our vision and carrying out our mission include

- Promoting equity by responding to the diverse needs of the community and assuring access to inclusive services
- Fostering collaboration through community outreach and meaningful partnerships
- **Empowering our community** through advocacy, leadership, and education
- Responding to community needs by incorporating evidence-informed programs and community input
- Practicing integrity through honest, respectful, and transparent interactions

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Foundational Public Health Services

The Foundational Public Health Services framework outlines the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and defines the minimum set of foundational capabilities and foundational areas that must be available in the community to provide equitable opportunities for all to be healthy.

Foundational Areas



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

- Disease
 Investigations
- Contact
 Tracing
- Tuberculosis Case Management
- Immunizations



CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION

- Harm Reduction Resources
- Bike Helmet Fittings
- Medication
 Disposal
- SharpsDisposal
- Mental Health Resources
- Senior Classes



ACCESS TO & LINKAGE TO CLINICAL CARE

- CaseManagerServices
- Blood Pressure
 - Screenings
- Tuberculin
 Skin Tests
- · Home Visits
- Community
 Clinics



MATERNAL, CHILD, AND FAMILY HEALTH

- Developmental Screenings
- Safe Sleep Education
- Breastfeeding Support
- Car Seat
 Safety



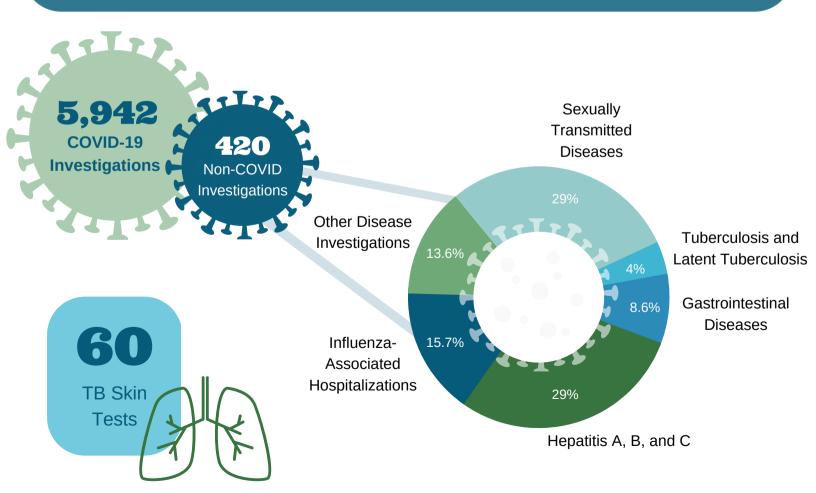
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

- Animal Bite
 Follow-Up
- Lead Investigation and Follow-Up
- Facility
 Licensing &
 Inspection
- Complaint Investigation
- EmergencyPreparedness
- · Radon Kits
- Beach Water Monitoring

Communicable Disease



The Communicable Disease program helps to protect the health of Oak Creek residents and visitors by preventing and controlling the spread of disease. Wisconsin State Statute requires the Health Department to investigate all suspect, probable, and confirmed cases of reportable communicable diseases, which are illnesses that are spread to a person from another person, an animal, a surface, or food. Management of communicable diseases comprises a large portion of the Public Health Nurses' time as it requires comprehensive follow-up activities which may include investigation, case management, inspection, laboratory specimen collection, quarantine or isolation, referrals for additional treatment, and/or the provision of medications or vaccines.



Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

In 2022, the Health Department continued our work to prevent injury through multiple efforts related to harm reduction and substance use prevention strategies. Some of these efforts included providing free Narcan and Narcan training, fentanyl test strip distribution, and the offering of in-home medication disposal bags.

The Health Department has continued our leadership of the South Shore Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team that was formed in 2021. An OFR is a multi-disciplinary process for understanding the risk factors and circumstances leading to fatal overdoses and identifying opportunities to prevent future overdoses. The team meets quarterly to review overdose deaths that have occurred in the South Shore communities of Cudahy, Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, and St. Francis, using a systematic process to examine the causes of overdose fatalities and develop actionable recommendations meant to prevent future overdose. Six fatal overdose deaths were reviewed in 2022.





Number of Reported Overdoses in Oak Creek from 2020-2022

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

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The Health Department has continued to offer evidenced-based programs and services to prevent and manage chronic diseases, prevent injuries, and promote healthy behaviors. In 2022, the Health Department collaborated with the Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, and senior living facilities throughout Oak Creek to promote programs and screen residents for health conditions.



Stepping On On

Stand Up and Move More

Evidenced-based program
designed to decrease daily sitting
time and improve health,
decreasing risk of heart disease,
cancer, and obesity.



Stepping On

Evidenced-based program that has been proven to reduce falls by improving strength, balance, and practical skills.



Stand Up and
Move More

Participants

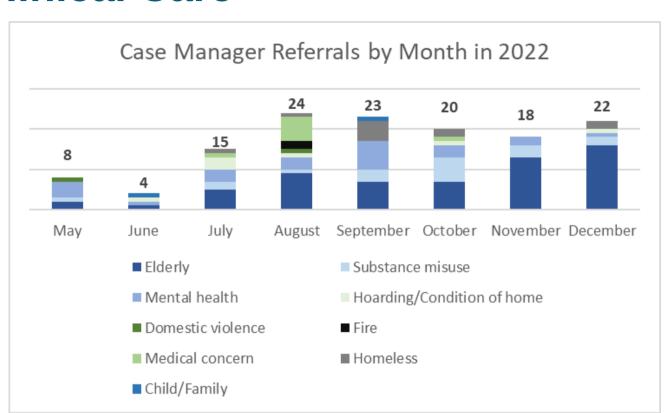
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Blood Pressure Screenings

25

Stepping On Participants

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care



In collaboration with the Fire and Police Departments, the Health Department added a Case Manager position in 2022. The Case Manager supports community residents by connecting them with resources and information that help to address challenges they may be experiencing. The Case Manager assists residents with a variety of issues including safe and healthy aging, substance misuse, mental health, physical or chronic health conditions, domestic violence, housing concerns, and other health or wellness challenges. Residents are able to meet with the Case Manager in their home or another community location or to connect with them by phone. Most Case Manager referrals come from the Fire and Police Departments, but the Case Manager is available to work with any community resident who could benefit from their services.

The Case Manager program began in May of 2022, and 134 referrals were received between May and December. The most common referral types were for elderly residents in need of resources to assist with safe and healthy aging, individuals in need of mental health support, and individuals experiencing homelessness or other housing challenges.

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

The Health Department is committed to health equity and strives to ensure that everyone has access to necessary and desired health services. To promote access to vaccinations and clinical care, the Health Department organized several community events. The department partnered with the Oak Creek Lions to hold a community health fair. The event was attended by over 100 community residents who were able to connect with over 20 vendors offering a variety of screenings, resources, and information. OCHD partnered with the Oak Creek-Franklin School District, senior living facilities, and religious institutions to offer community vaccine clinics in locations that were accessible and comfortable for community members. Public health nurses also provided visits to home-bound residents to provide in-home COVID-19 and influenza vaccines.



1,481 Adult Vaccinations (non-flu)

451 Child Vaccinations (non-flu)

512 Flu Vaccinations



Public Health Nurse administering vaccine on a home visit

14

Community-based clinics

42

Home Visits for Home Bound Residents



Community vaccine clinic at Sikh
Temple in Oak Creek



Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Certificate for Zünd America, Inc.



Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Certificate for Creative Explorers Learning Center



Car seat check

Maternal, Child, & Family Health



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The Health Department is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, pregnant, postpartum, and parenting people, and families. In September, the Health Department's Certified Lactation Conselor (CLC) collaborated with Zünd America, Inc. and Creative Explorers Learning Center to designate them a Breastfeeding Friendly Business. Toward the end of 2022, two Health Department staff members became Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, allowing them to provide free car seat checks and car seats to those who were income eligible.

Breastfeeding clients supported by CLC

Car seat checks conducted

Sagar Baby letters sent to families with newborns

Sent to families with newborns

Clients recieved safe sleep education

Car seats given out

Environmental Public Health

The Health Department serves as an agent of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and is responsible for licensing, inspecting, and investigating complaints for all food service and recreational facilities. Licensed facilities include restaurants, grocery stores, lodging facilities such as hotels and motels, pools, campgrounds, and tattoo and body piercing facilities. All licensed facilities are routinely inspected at least annually, but more frequent inspections occur as needed to achieve compliance with all applicable regulations.

In 2022, the City of Oak Creek had 242 licensed establishments. Inspection reports for all Oak Creek licensed establishments are available for review on the Health Department website.

FOOD SAFETY AND RECREATIONAL LICENSING DATA

	2022	2021
RESTAURANT LICENSES ISSUED	125	92
RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES ISSUED	72	73
POOL LICENSES ISSUED	29	25
LODGING FACILITY LICENSES ISSUED	16	14
INSPECTIONS COMPLETED	414	409
COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED	53	30





EnvironmentalPublic Health

The Health Department gave out 206 radon kits in 2022 than ever before in 2022, with a total of 206! Thanks to grant funding received from the Department of Health Services, the department was able to distribute radon test kits at no cost to residents. Those who received test kits were encouraged to report their results back to the Health Department in order to receive guidance on next steps, including whether re-testing or installing a mitigation system is recommended. Based on feedback surveys given to participants, 83% of participants said that this program increased their knowledge of radon.



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Animal Bite Investigations

OCHD follows up on animal bites that occur from animal-to-human to prevent and control rabies transmission.





Environmental Health Investigations

OCHD investigates reports of human health hazards in the community such as hoarding, animal and human waste, infestations, and uninhabitable living conditions.

Emergency Preparedness

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The Health Department remains focused on planning, preparing for, and responding to public health emergencies. Throughout 2022, each aspect of emergency preparedness was addressed with the following initiatives.

Plan: Throughout the year, the Health Department dedicated staff time to preparedness by using the "preparedness in all positions" framework. Training sessions were incorporated into staff meetings to reorient staff to the Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP), emergency communications systems, and more.





Prepare: Through enhanced collaboration with local public health and emergency management agencies, the Zone E Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) was conceived. This combined plan will establish a framework for greater coordination, collaboration, and communication between Oak Creek, Cudahy, South Milwaukee, and St. Francis during an emergency. The estimated completion of this plan is September 2023.

Respond: In 2022, the Health Department provided the community with updates and safety tips during extreme weather events. To further strengthen OCHD's extreme weather response, the department also partnered with community-based organizations to standardize a process for opening and operating Cooling and Warming Centers, which will provide additional protection against extreme weather for those in need.



Community Partnerships





The Health Department is most successful in creating meaningful change through collaboration with community partners. In order to foster collaboration with community members and organizations, the Healthiest Oak Creek Coalition (HOCC) was formed in 2021. Representatives from more than 15 organizations along with community members serve the coalition, all of whom are passionate about improving the well-being of the Oak Creek community.

Within the HOCC, the Health Department serves as the lead organization, facilitating meetings and ensuring that progress is made, within the group's action plans. HOCC members were involved in all stages of the Community Health Improvement Plan development process and will continue to be involved throughout implementation.

The Health Department and HOCC can often be found at community events throughout Oak Creek. Some of the events attended in 2022 include Drug Take Back Day, the Police Department sponsored Bike Rodeo, Farmer's Markets, the Health Department Health Fair, Ascension Family Night, and National Night Out.



Bike helmet fitting



Coalition table at event

Community Health Improvement Plan



The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a roadmap and action plan for how the Health Department will work alongside community members and partners to address some of the most important health issues in Oak Creek. Based on findings from the 2020 South Shore Community Health Assessment and input from our partners, the two health priorities that were chosen to be addressed in the 2022-2025 CHIP are substance misuse and mental health. The CHIP outlines the action plans created for these priorities which include the goals listed below, objectives, and action items which will be carried out with help from partners. The full report can be found on the Health Department's website: ocwi.org/health.

A CHIP is a roadmap and action plan for addressing health disparities and improving health in a community.



- Goal 1: Increase education and decrease stigma surrounding substance misuse
- Goal 2: Increase equitable access to and individual awareness of holistic health services in Oak Creek
- Goal 3: Reduce substance misuse in Oak Creek



- Goal 1: Work to promote mental health wellness across all age groups
- Goal 2: Reduce barriers to accessing mental health services
- Goal 3: Create a resilient Oak Creek community

Communications

The Health Department prides itself on intentionally creating and sharing helpful, educational information through our social media platforms, as well as our website and city communications: The Acorn and Current. We strive to connect with and engage our community members through interactive and innovative channels including community events, social media, radio, and direct mailings.

Tips for Staying Healthy **During the Pandemic**



This time can be challenging. Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope with the changes you are experiencing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Get vaccinated, Get boosted, Wear a well-fitting mask
- Stay home when you are feeling sick.
- Keep in touch with your primary care provider (PCP).
- Stay connected with family, friends, and your community.
- Be kind to yourself. Look for positive ways to process emotions. It's normal to feel alone, scared, and stressed during this time. Help is available
- Listen to your body and your mind. Take a break. Disconnect from the news or social media if you are feeling
- Use community resources when you need help.

Community Resources

211 Wisconsin connects residents with resources and services based off of your ZIP code. Please call either 211 or 877-947-2211 to learn more, or text your ZIP code to 898211. Multiple languages available.

Resilient Wisconsin helps individuals learn to manage stress and adapt to changes. Resources available online at dhs.wisconsin.gov/resilient.



Save a LIFE. Opioid Overdose & **Prevention Training** Save a COMMUNITY. In-Person Training Event

Date: Saturday, June 18th

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: The Salvation Army Oak Creek Church& Community Center 8853 S Howell Ave, Oak Creek

Through this training, you will gain the tools and skills to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. You will learn about opioids, the signs and symptom of an overdose, and how to administer naloxone. Life-saving training is right around the corner. Limited supply of FREE Narcan will be available

Hosted By:









The misuse of opioids

poisoning. Narcan can

overdose and its deadly effects on our families and communities.

Please Pre-Register:

bit.ly/SAendOD

can lead to drug

reverse an opioid



40000 Social media

posts shared with

70.00000 People reached through social media





The flu can hurt even healthy people.



Join our more than 3,000 followers! @OakCreekHealth







Equity

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The Health Department is committed to centering our work around health equity and acknowledges that doing so is vital to promoting and ensuring the health of our entire community. A wide variety of disparities or variation in age, race, income, sexual orientation, gender, culture, language, and religion can present barriers to achieving health and accessing needed services and providers. Our determination to address these disparities and promote equity deeply drive and motivate our commitment to improving health throughout our community.



EqualityEveryone gets the same - regardless of if it is needed or right for them

EquityEveryone gets what they need - understanding the barriers, circumstances, and conditions

In order to determine the impact of COVID-19 on the community and to identify recovery objectives, the Health Department, in conjunction with the Cudahy and South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Departments implemented the South Shore Equity in Recovery Project with funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The Health Department has used this funding to collect qualitative data through focus groups and interviews with community partners, historically marginalized community members, and individuals with access and functional needs. The information obtained during these sessions will be used to create equity-focused objectives and initiatives to help address identified community needs.

Appendix



	2020	2021	2022
Clinical Services			
Communicable disease investigations	4023	4759	6362
Contact investigations	2550	92	19
Immunizations (non-flu) administered	11	5368	1932
Flu immunizations administered	193	345	512
High blood lead investigations	3	1	3
TB skin tests administered	23	45	60
Blood pressure screenings administered	11	4	31
Maternal and Child Health			
Pack n' plays distributed	4	1	6
Baby boxes distributed	16	2	4
Car seat checks completed	23	23	16
Car seats distributed	8	8	4
Breastfeeding support clients	10	8	8

Appendix



	2020	2021	2022
Environmental Health			
Environmental health investigations	12	11	37
Sharps containers collected	86	394	458
Sharps containers distributed	186	259	337
Animal bites investigated	66	72	70
Radon testing kits distributed	19	25	417
Licensed facility inspections completed	342	409	414
Licensed facility complaints investigated	33	30	53
Community Health			
Narcan distributed	-	-	29
Case Manager referral follow-up	-	-	134