

Polk County Health Department

Quick Stats

Mission: To create the conditions for all people to live healthy lives by engaging residents, reducing health disparities and attending to the needs of our most vulnerable families.

Childhood Immunizations

- 4,931 Polk County children were immunized
- 1,471 children were immunized through the Vaccines for Children Program
- 3,460 insured children were immunized (COVID-19 vaccine)

Travel Immunizations

- 518 individuals were immunized
- 1,100 immunizations were provided to travelers

School Immunization Audits

- 151 schools were audited in Polk County
- Staff reviewed 87,180 immunization records
- 95.6% of students were fully immunized

Influenza Immunization and Outreach

- Health Department hosted 31 private and 26 public influenza clinics
- 2,213 influenza immunizations administered

Lead Remediation and Case Management

- 36 clients received case management due to evaluated blood levels
- 14 clients received a home lead inspection due to evaluated blood levels
- 153 clients received education services due to evaluated blood levels

Sexually Transmitted Disease Case Investigations in 2021

- Chlamydia: 3,585*
- Gonorrhea: 2,054*
- Syphilis: 440*
- HIV: 71*
- Total: 6,150*

**STI cases are investigated by public health investigators*

Healthy Women Program

- 1,262 women received services
- 348 patients received case management services from nurse case manager (from abnormal results through diagnostic testing to diagnosis and treatment as applicable)
- 38.9% of patients newly diagnosed with cancer were diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer at an early stage
- 100% of eligible cancer patients enrolled in BCCT Medicaid
- 183 women received WISEWOMAN (cardiovascular) services
- 90.5% of WISEWOMAN participants participated in health coaching services

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Vision: To be a leader in encouraging everyone to take responsibility for improving their own health and building the kind of society that supports and enables all of us to live healthy lives.

Tuberculosis (TB) Program

- 16 cases of active TB
11/16 diagnosed with pulmonary TB
9/16 diagnosed with extra pulmonary TB
4/16 diagnosed with both pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB
- 237 latent TB (LTBI) patients
- 100% active TB patients and their close contacts with latent Tuberculosis Infection received nurse case management and direct observed therapy services
- Communicable disease team visited TB patients 1,489 times

Communicable Disease Investigations

- 231 cases of communicable disease (except COVID-19) investigated
- 100% follow up on K-12 schools with greater than 10% student absence during a school day

Outbreak Investigations

- The communicable disease team investigated five foodborne outbreaks
3 Enteric outbreaks
1 Salmonella outbreak
1 Norovirus outbreak

COVID-19 Vaccines

- Health department staff administered 38,714 COVID-19 immunizations

COVID-19 Call Center

- Answered 14,793 live calls
- Scheduled 4,493
- Call center staff also scheduled 297 flu immunizations and answered 161 tornado relief live calls

Call center data from January 2021 - March 2022

Communicable Disease Team: COVID-19 response

- Investigated 58,731 COVID-19 cases
- Communicable disease team staff contact traced all positive (58,731) COVID-19 cases
- 116 Congregate Settings (LTC, Assisted Living, Corrections, Group Homes, etc.) received ongoing guidance, mitigation recommendations, resources and support including outbreak management when during outbreaks

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