

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

- 2,585 Polk County children were immunized
- 1,108 children were immunized through the Vaccines for Children Program
- 1,622 children were immunized (COVID-19 vaccine)

Travel Immunizations

- 1,463 individuals were immunized
- 3,281 immunizations were provided to travelers

School Immunization Audits

- 152 schools were audited in Polk County
- Staff reviewed 86,906 immunization records
- 95.2% of students were fully immunized

Influenza Immunization and Outreach

- Health Department hosted 11 private and 41 public influenza clinics
- 2,755 influenza immunizations administered

COVID-19 Vaccines

- Health department staff administered 3,099 COVID-19 immunizations

Mpox Vaccines

- Health department staff administered 1,420 Mpox immunizations

Sexually Transmitted Disease Case Investigations

- Chlamydia: 3,368
- Gonorrhea: 1,275
- Syphilis: 582
- HIV: 77
- Total: 5,302

**STI cases are investigated by public health investigators*

Healthy Women Program

- 1,363 women received services
- 480 patients received case management services from nurse case manager (from abnormal results through diagnostic testing to diagnosis and treatment as applicable)
- 18.2% 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
- 217 women received WISEWOMAN (cardiovascular) services
- 94.5% 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

- 14 new cases of active TB
 - 8 diagnosed with pulmonary TB
 - 5 diagnosed with extra pulmonary TB
 - 1 diagnosed with both pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB
- 210 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 Investigations

- 433 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 11 foodborne outbreaks and 8 respiratory outbreaks
 - 7 Enteric outbreaks
 - 2 Salmonella outbreaks
 - 2 Norovirus outbreaks
 - 2 Influenza outbreaks
 - 6 COVID-19 outbreaks

Harm Reduction

- 150 harm reduction kits have been picked up
- 100 hygiene kits have been picked up

Lead Remediation and Case Management

- 31 clients received case management and a home lead inspection due to evaluated blood levels
- 179 clients received education services due to evaluated blood levels
- **34 clients received lead hazard home repairs**
- 11 clients received healthy home repairs
- 50 clients received radon testing
- 28 clients received new mitigation systems

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