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Mission Statement

"Promoting, Protecting & Preserving Health while Providing Care with Partnerships throughout our Communities"

Our Vision

"Live Well Lafayette" ... Active, healthy families and people of all ages, abilities, and cultures living, playing, and working in thriving communities.

To the People of Lafayette County

The Lafayette County Health Department Board Members and Staff work hard every year to provide ongoing quality public health services. In 2019 we were proud to have implemented some new services and partnerships that meet the growing need of our community:

- ✓ Chronic Disease Prevention Program (blood pressure screening and lab draw)
- ✓ Partnership with Faith in Birth Midwifery to offer Lab Services for the local Amish Communities
- ✓ Water Testing Lab for Bacteria (total coliform), Nitrates, Nitrite, Lead and Arsenic
- ✓ Partnership with First Breath for smoking prevention

The Health Department also ensures that core services required by State Statute are provided, including:

1. Public Health Nursing-General Prevention Programming
2. Communicable Disease Prevention & Control
3. Health Promotion and Injury Prevention
4. Chronic Disease Prevention
5. Environmental Human Health Hazard Control and Prevention

Additionally, these are the **Ten Essential Public Health Services** that we as a Health Department strive to provide for you every day.



Our Health Department works hard to keep you informed about public health issues that impact our County. Stay informed by visiting our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lafayettecountyhealthdepartment> for current and up to date information.

We hope you enjoy looking at the Lafayette County Health Department 2019 Annual Report. If you have any questions about any of our services, please call 608/776-4895, access our website at <https://www.lafayettecountywi.org/healthdepartment>, or email us at publichealth@lafayettecountywi.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Townsend, BHS, MPA
Public Health Director
Lafayette County Health Department

Public Health Services

Environmental Health

Our Environmental Health programs provide community outreach and education on environmental health issues. The following areas are handled within our Department:

- **Air & Water Quality**-Water & Radon Test Kits are available at our office.
- **Human Health Hazards**-Investigations may take place to make sure that our residents are living in safe conditions.
- **Mosquito & Arboviral Control**-Education on prevention and treatment are available.
- **Asbestos & Mold**-Educational materials are available. Any type of inspection is based on the environmentalists, need to basis.
- **Lead Hazards**-Educational materials are available - Any type of inspection is based on the environmentalists, need to basis.
- **Public Health Nuisance**-Investigates and addresses public health nuisances, and enforce the public health nuisance ordinance.
- **Flood Safety**-Educational materials are available.
- **Radon Test Kits**-Free Radon Test Kits are provided to Lafayette County Residents.

Food	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	0
Hazard	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	0
Air Quality	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	34
Animal	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	26
Solid Waste	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	28
Housing	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	24
Water	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	23
Radon	<i>Kits</i>	37
	<i>Results</i>	23
Asbestos	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	21
Lead	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	24
Sewage	<i>Home Visit</i>	0
	<i>Contacts</i>	32
TOTAL Environmental Health		272

Rabies Prevention

Our Health Department investigates all animal bites in the County and enforces animal quarantine for rabies observation. Our role in animal bites is a requirement under Wisconsin State Statute for protecting the community from rabies.

Dog Cases		-
Dog Bites		35.00
Dog Quarantines	<i>Home</i>	24.00
Dog Quarantines	<i>Clinic</i>	5.00
Dog Specimens to State Lab		3.00
Dog Bite Cases Open		-
Dog Bite Cases Closed		-
Cat Cases		-
Cat Bites		8.00
Cat Quarantines	<i>Home</i>	1.00
Cat Quarantines	<i>Clinic</i>	2.00
Cat Specimens to State Lab		4.00
Cat Bite Cases Open		-
Cat Bite Cases Closed		-
Bat Cases		-

Bat Exposures		1.00
Bat Specimens to State Lab		1.00
Wild Animal Cases		-
Wild Animal Bites		1.00
Wild Animal Specimens to State Lab		
Other Animal Bites		
Other Animal Cases		
Other Animal Specimens to State Lab		-
TOTAL Animal Control		85.00

Communicable Disease

Our Health Department investigates all reportable diseases occurring in Lafayette County in order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We also offer valuable education and materials for the community/individual education. In addition, we offer TB Skin Testing, treatment, and follow up care.

Arboviral Illness, Zika Virus		-
Anaplasmosis		
Brucellosis		-
Campylobacteriosis		12.00
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning		
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection		30.00
Coccidioidomycosis		
Cryptosporidiosis		6.00
cryptococcus infection		
E-Coli, Shiga Toxin Producing		7.00
Giardiasis		1.00
Gonorrhea		3.00
Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive Disease		3.00
Hepatitis B, Chronic		6.00
Hepatitis C, Chronic		13.00
Histoplasmosis		
Influenza		30.00
Legionellosis		1.00
Lyme Disease (B. Burgdorferi)		4.00
Lyme Laboratory Report		4.00
Measles		
Meningitis		
Metal Poisoning (Non-Lead)		1.00
Mumps		1.00
Mycobacterial Disease (Non-Tuberculous)		-
Non Reportable		1.00
Parapertussis		2.00
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)		3.00
Q Fever, Acute		1.00
Q Fever, unspecified		2.00
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever		-

Rubella	-
Salmonellosis	5.00
Shigellosis	-
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive, Group B	3.00
Streptococcal Disease, Other Invasive	-
Syphilis Reactor	3.00
Toxoplasmosis	
Tuberculosis, Class A or B	5.00
Varicella (Chickenpox)	5.00
TOTAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	163.00

Childhood Lead Testing

Our Public Health Nurses conduct lead testing follow-up including phone calls, home visits, consultation with the primary health provider and a home risk assessment if lead levels are 5 or greater. A blood lead level of 5 or greater is considered to be lead poisoning.

Number of Blood Tests	139.00
Home Investigations	-
5<	8.00
TOTAL Childhood Lead Testing	147.00

TNC (Transient non-community) Water Systems

Our Health Department ensures safe drinking water at all establishments in the County who provide their own private well water to the public. This is done through a process of regular testing, education and guidance for these establishments. The Health Department does testing on establishments that serve a minimum of 25 people for at least 60 days/year, but not the same 25 people over 6 months. The most common establishments that we serve through this program are campgrounds, restaurants, taverns, churches, parks and golf courses.

Annual Site Visits	20.00
Additional Nitrates	
Seasonal Sites	
Additional Bacteria	
Follow Ups	9.00
Level 2	3.00
TOTAL TNC Program	60.00

Immunizations for Children & Adults

Our Department offers vaccines for adults and children through the federal VFC and VFA programs. In addition to these programs, our Department offered flu vaccines for children with a total of 990 this year. In 2019 we increased our immunization Benchmark rates among children in the County by 7%:

- 2019 Benchmark Report for Children 24 months & under: Total Clients: 203
- Clients that met all benchmark criteria: 121 (60%)
- Late up-to-date clients: 136 (67%)
- Amish Clients: 36 (18%)

versus

- 2018 Benchmark Report for Children 24 months & under: Total Clients: 207
- Clients that met all benchmark criteria: 109 (53%)
- Late up-to-date clients: 125 (60%)
- Amish Clients: 35 (17%)

Additionally, we increased our School Flu Immunization Clinics by 3.75%

2018= 938 students 2019= 973 students

Overall Immunizations decreased this year for two reasons:

1. We did not have private flu this year
2. Local providers are carrying and providing immunizations to insured clients

Water Quality Program & Bacteria Lab

Lafayette County Health Department recommends that all wells used for drinking water be tested annually for safety. In 2019, the Department became DATCP Certified Water Testing Laboratory for Bacteria (total coliform). In addition to the lab, Our Department offers private well water testing kits along with educational materials and techniques that allows residents of the County to properly test and monitor their own well water.

Loan Closet

Our Department offers a loaner program for gently used walkers and wheelchairs. This program is funded through donations from residents and healthcare agencies in the County. We ask for a small donation for any equipment that is borrowed and we are always accepting gently used walkers and wheelchairs for this program.

Total Loan Closet items loaned to County Residents in 2019: **96**

Sharps Program

Lafayette County Health Department offers a free sharps container and disposal program. This program offers a safe way to dispose of sharps containers. Residents can also pick up empty sharps containers to properly dispose of their sharps at home.

Disposal	60.00
Given out	86.00
TOTAL Sharps Containers	146.00

School Nursing Services

Lafayette County Health Department provides school nursing services to six schools in the County. This service is contracted individually with each school and offers:

- Immunizations
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Fluoride Mouth Rinse
- Employee health
- Lice screening and follow-up
- Communicable Disease follow-up
- Emergency Nursing
- Human Growth & Development education
- Blood Borne pathogen education and training

Public Health Preparedness & Response

Our Departments Emergency Preparedness Program is funding through grant dollars from Federal pass through funding and the Wisconsin Department of Public Health. This allows our Department to train and prepare for emergency public health disasters. Training includes Incident Command, Epidemiology/disease follow-up, mass clinics and many other skills that pertain to a public health emergency.

Human Services Nursing

Our Department partners with Lafayette County Human Services to provide nursing for the Community Support Program (CSP). This program serves a variety of County residents who may suffer from chronic mental illness, or that require medication

management. Our Public Health Nurses work directly with case managers, psychiatrists, and provide client assessments, education, and skilled nursing assessments.

Regional & Local Participation & Collaboration

Lafayette County Health Department collaborates and participates in many regional local level agencies, groups, boards and committees:

- Southwest Alliance for Tobacco Prevention
- Mental Health Matters Lafayette County
- Community Connections Free Clinic
- Highway Safety Committee
- Lafayette County Emergency Preparedness Task Force
- Child Death Review-Maternal Child Health Grant
- Live Well Lafayette
- Rural Safety Coalition
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

Financials

2019 Financial Summary

Revenues	\$197,231.67
Expenses	\$554,270.30
Levy	\$357,038.63
Year End Balance	-\$37,335.63