CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

School & Daycare Newsletter

• Monthly Bulletin for Staff •

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

Albert Einstein

Newsletter Topics:

- Annoucements
- COVID-19 Resources
- Reminders
- Immunization Services
- Reproductive Health Services
- Staff Contact Information
- Happy Holidays







Key:

- DPI (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)
- DHS (Wisconsin Department of Health Services)
- CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- CCHD (Clark County Health Department)

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Announcements

Funding Opportunity

Round 2: DPI School-Based Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Grants



The Student Services/Prevention and Wellness Team at DPI is pleased to announce a 2nd round of grants. For more information, click here.

- What: With a focus on training Wisconsin students to recognize the signs of suicide shown by fellow students, peer-to-peer programs use messages of hope, health, and strength to develop peer leaders and resources for students who may be struggling.
- Who: Any school at which pupils attend high school grades that have not already applied in the 2022-23 school year.
- When: Applications are due on **Friday, December 9th at 4:30pm**. For the application, click here.

Rise in Respiratory Illnesses

RSV, Influenza & COVID-19



The CDC has issued a HAN (Health Alert Network) about early, elevated respiratory disease incidence caused by multiple viruses occurring especially among young children and placing strain on healthcare systems. This early increase in disease incidence highlights the importance of optimizing respiratory virus prevention and treatment measures, including prompt vaccination and antiviral treatment. For more information, click here.



Data from DHS shows respiratory viruses are spreading rapidly in Wisconsin (RSV, influenza and COVID-19) - DHS HAN #51. People at greatest risk include: children, older adults, and those with a weakened immune system. This is the **first year** that these three viruses are circulating at the same time. RSV and influenza cases are rising earlier in the year than normal, causing an increase in hospitalizations.

To stay up-to-date on how respiratory illness are spreading in Wisconsin, click here. DHS releases weekly respiratory virus surveillance reports.

October Local Public Health and School Stakeholders

Quarterly Virtual Meetings



The recording for the meeting held in October is now available! The webinar was hosted by DPI and DHS. Topics discussed included the prevalence of respiratory viruses, outbreak planning and monkeypox, among other topics. To watch the recording, click here. At this time, the next quarterly meeting date is not set.

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COVID-19 Resources

Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI)

COVID-19 Infection Control and Mitigation Measures for Wisconsin Schools 2022/2023
Last Updated: 8/12/2022

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

Schools and Childcare Programs
Last Updated: 10/25/2022

Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning
Last Updated: 10/5/2022



Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)

K-12 Schools
Last Updated: 8/12/2022

Early Care and Education Programs
Last Updated: 8/16/2022

Wisconsin Department of Children & Families (DCF)

COVID-19 Childcare Resources

Clark County Heath Department (CCHD)

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Isolation & Exposure Infographic

Questions on COVID-19 Cases? Please email: contact.tracers@co.clark.wi.us

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Reminders

Seal-A-Smile (SAS) Program Updates



- SAS staff are making their way through Clark County school districts who participate in the SAS program.
- Corrine will be reaching out soon to schedule 1st Round Dates for the following schools: Loyal St. Anthony's, Greenwood, Neillsville, Neillsville St. John's and Granton. We promise we will get to you!
- As 1st Round schools are completed, Corrine will start reaching out to schools again to schedule 2nd Round dates.

COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits

- Schools/districts can order at-home rapid antigen tests to be distributed to students and staff. Click here to learn more.
- Adults can also order a free package of five rapid antigen tests, per month, for their household at Say Yes Covid Test!



Communicable Disease Outbreaks

- With the increase of respiratory illnesses in Wisconsin, it is important for schools and daycare to have a plan to address respiratory outbreaks.
  - COVID-19 Outbreak Definition
  - DHS Disease Reporting Requirements

Louise Wilson School Nurse DPI Office Hours



Third Friday of Each Month

8:00am-9:00am

Join Zoom
Meeting ID: 898 5613 6209
Passcode: 357787
Call-In: 1-309-205-3325

Clark County Health Department Programs and Services

The following pages include information about some of the programs and services that the Clark County Health Department has to offer.

www.clarkcounty.wi.gov/healthdepartment

715-937-4303

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Immunization Services

Appointments Strongly Encouraged - Walk-Ins Welcome

Immunization Hotline: 715-743-5292

Clark County Health Department (Neillsville)
- Every Monday
- 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Clark County Rehab & Living Center (Owen)
- Second Wednesday of Every Month
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Abbotsford)
- Second Thursday of Odd Months
- 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Food Panty Hours
2:00pm-4:00pm
Click here for more information.



Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Children through age 18 can be vaccinated, free of cost, if they meet any of the criteria below:

- Enrolled or eligible for Medicaid.
- Do not have health insurance.
- Have health insurance, but vaccines are not covered, or only some vaccines are covered.
- American Indian or Alaska Native

Vaccines for Adults (Age 19+)

Adults can be vaccinated, free of cost, if they meet any of the criteria below:

- Do not have health insurance.
- Have health insurance, but vaccines are not covered, or only some vaccines are covered.

What vaccines are available?

Children
- DTaP
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- HIB
- Polio
- MMR
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal
- Rotavirus
- HPV
- Meningococcal
- Tdap
- Td

Adults
- Tdap
- Td



COVID-19 Vaccine

The following Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge.
- Primary Series (Age 12+)
- Bivalent Booster (Age 6+)

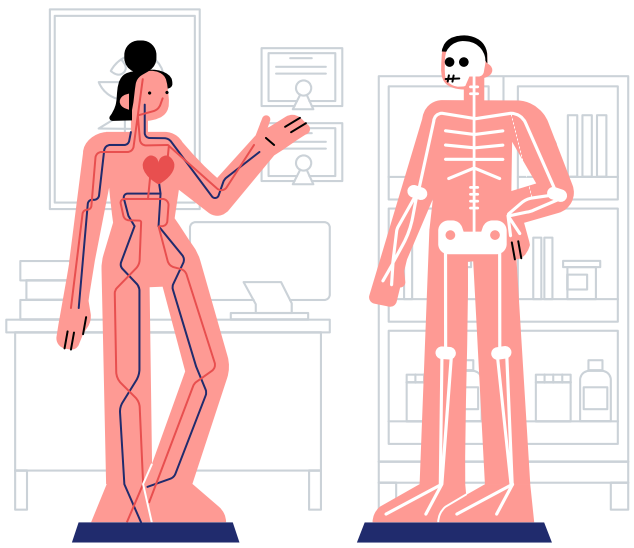
Influenza (Flu) Vaccine

Children
- Available for those age 6 months through 18 years if meet VFC criteria.

Adults
- Available for those age 19+ with certain insurance plans, or private pay cost of $40.

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Reproductive Health Services



ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL



Expanding Services in 2023

CCHD is pleased to announce that reproductive health services in 2023 will be expanding to include on-site Nurse Practitioner (NP) services, which may include:

- IUD or Nexplanon (Long-Acting Reversible Birth Control Methods)
- PAP/Pelvic Exams
- Other NP Consultation Services

Start Date: TBD

Education Available to Schools?

Upon request, CCHD staff members can provide **puberty** education (45 minutes - 1 hour class period) to 4th or 5th graders (recommended for 4th graders).

- To request, contact Katie Cook.

Upon request, CCHD staff members can provide **sex education** (45 minutes - 1 hour class period) to high school age students.

- To request, contact Kelsey Wussow.

Available Services

Services are available to men and women of reproductive age. Free services and supplies available to those who qualify. Financial assistance available.

- Sexual Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing
- Pregnancy Testing
- Condoms
- Oral Contraceptives
- Depo Injection
- Other Birth Control Options
- Plan B
- Referral Options

Location & Availabilty

Services are available in Neillsville Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm via appointment.

In unique circumstances, a reproductive health nurse can provide services on-site to students at school, or other CCHD off-site locations.

Questions?

Individuals are encouraged to contact Kelsey Wussow with any questions, concerns, etc.

Office: 715-743-5113 (Call Only)
Work Cell: 715-937-4303 (Call or Text)

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Staff Contact Information

Clark County Health DepartmentStaff Members

COVID-19 Team

- Megan Lindau (LTE Public Health Nurse): 715-937-0342
- Autumn Marshall (Contact Tracer): 715-743-5291
- Laura Garcia-Torres (Contact Tracer): 715-937-5818
- Marisol Garcia (Contract Tracer): 715-743-6517

Not Sure Who to Contact?

Contact Corrine Spencer (Public Health Nurse)

- Work Cell (Call or Text): 715-937-4303
- Office: 715-743-5107

The Clark County Health Department wants to thank each and every one of you for all the hard work that you do! All of your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed! You're appreciated!



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The Clark County Courthouse will be closed on the following dates for the Holidays:

Friday, December 23rd
Monday, December 26th
Monday, January 2nd



Looking for specific information to be included in this monthly newsletter?

Contact: Corrine Spencer