

MONTHLY REPORT OVERVIEW

DECEMBER 2022

The goal of these monthly reports is to showcase the work being done at the North Shore Health Department and to increase transparency with community leaders, partners, elected officials, and the public.

We align our work with our department's four priority areas that were established in the last Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) published in 2020. The monthly report highlights the work done in each of our four priority areas over the past month, as well as other important work and activities done by our department.

NSHD PRIORITY AREAS



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Our team participated in an end-of-year staff retreat. We started the strategic planning process for our department to ultimately create an updated NSHD Strategic Plan. We also conducted a department-wide workforce skills assessment and created posters to hang in our office.
- ▶ Completed key informant interview transcription for the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and started coding the interviews to identify key themes



UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- ▶ Submitted the final draft of our NARCAN (Naloxone) distribution policy
- ▶ Attended a bike safety team meeting in Whitefish Bay with the police chief and superintendent to discuss the increased number of incidents involving bikes and potential for education around bike safety
- ▶ Attended the board meeting for each one of our seven municipalities to update the health department's formula for 2024-2031. All seven boards unanimously supported the updated formula, as well as the request for funding for a new North Shore Fire and Rescue/North Shore Health Department building project.
- ▶ Completed end-of-year staff performance reviews
- ▶ Attended the Southeast Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) meeting and other local health officer meetings
- ▶ Onboarded a new Public Health Nurse and hired another Public Health Nurse who has since started in January

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#1 MENTAL HEALTH

NSHD was registered as a member of the WI Social Isolation and Loneliness Coalition. Participated in the WI Social Isolation and Loneliness Coalition meeting.

Participated in the Adolescent Wellbeing Learning Community and learned how to conduct a Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

6 Social media posts related to mental health, including self-care tips for the holiday season

Met with community partners to support emotional well-being and social connectedness. Planned the Community Health Series topics for Winter-Spring 2023, with a focus on mental health and well-being.

#3 INJURY PREVENTION

Met with Whitefish Bay Superintendent and police to brainstorm ideas that increase bike and pedestrian safety

Attended the Elder Advisory Board in Shorewood to discuss ways to serve older adults, including fall prevention

Worked with local organizations to brainstorm ways to provide services to residents that the health department does not currently provide, or services in which we need support with moving forward, including fall prevention classes and blood pressure clinics.

6 Car Seat Installations

Attended a statewide Chronic Disease Prevention seminar to discuss 2023 CDC funding for health departments and programming

Continued outreach to childcare sites to encourage participation in the Lead-in-Water grant

Worked with the Village of Shorewood to potentially establish a warming center

#2 SUBSTANCE USE

Attended and presented at the Milwaukee County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting

Attended and completed the Next of Kin Interviewer training

Prepared a case for presentation at the January 2023 Milwaukee Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting

Attended the Milwaukee County local health department Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) monthly meeting to collaborate with other local OFR teams and learn about local initiatives

Discussed and brainstormed substance use prevention actions with our partners

3 Social media posts about substance use prevention and harm reduction

Three of our staff registered to attend the virtual National OFR summit in January

Submitted our quarterly OFR grant report to our funders

#4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

2 Newborn Home Visits & Lactation Consultations

Provided home visit for new parents with baby to answer questions and remind them of the importance of breastfeeding as baby continues to grow

Another staff member will participate in the course to become a Certified Lactation Counselor

2 Blood pressure clinics at locations out in the community



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COVID-19 RESPONSE

VACCINATIONS

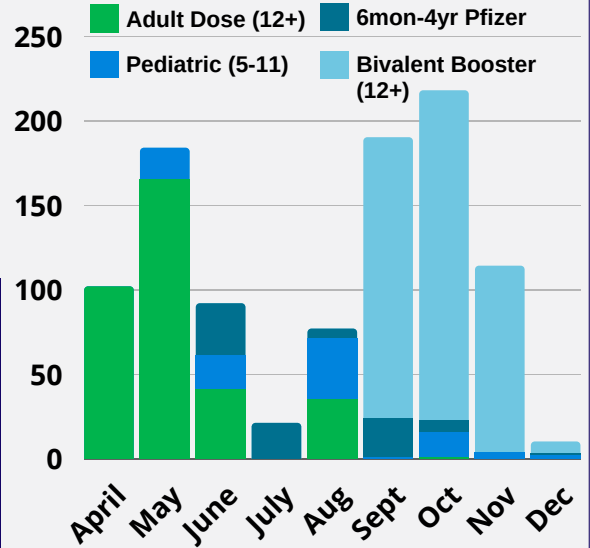
We ordered the new single dose vial (SDV) bivalent boosters to avoid wasting doses if only one person wants to get vaccinated.

We held a vaccine clinic in our office in Shorewood where scheduled and walk-in appointment were able to get COVID-19 vaccines and other needed vaccines. Clinics were limited this month due to the holidays.

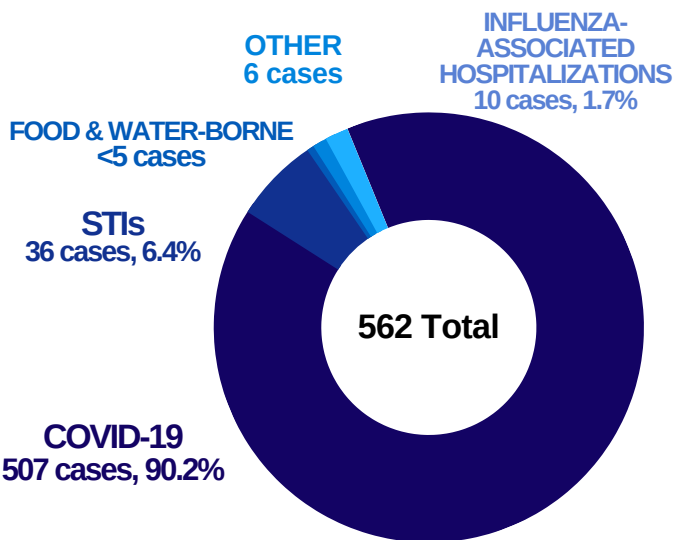
CASE FOLLOW-UP

In total, we received notification of 507 positive COVID-19 cases in December in the North Shore, which is a 55% increase from the 327 cases we received in November. Follow-up is initiated for individuals who test positive who are 12 and under or 70 and older. In December, we attempted follow-up for 50 cases 12 and under and 100 cases 70 and older, for a total of 150 cases in which follow-up was attempted.

COVID-19 Vaccines Administered, 2022



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (PROBABLE + CONFIRMED) CASES, PERCENTAGE



North Shore Environmental Health Consortium

- Completed 39 inspections
- Issued 1 new license
- Continuing to educate food operators on diseases communicable through food (norovirus, E.coli, salmonella, shigella, etc.)
- Informing operators that they need to notify the health department if a worker is diagnosed with a disease communicable through food.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Met with staff from Green Lake County Health Department to collaborate on the Community Health Assessment process

Improved our disease investigation protocols for greater efficiency

We continue to work with our municipalities and community organizations to build trust and create partnerships to support the residents of the North Shore

Continued to maintain close relationships with early childhood care and elderly care providers.

Attended active shooter After Action Report (AAR) educational session with Southeast Wisconsin Homeland Security Partnership

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP

Positive influenza cases are not reported to NSHD unless they are hospitalized. Influenza activity is decreasing in Wisconsin. State level data is available from WI DHS: [Weekly Report December 31.](#)

Received notification of 11 animal bites that required follow-up & quarantine for rabies prevention & control. Began revising the animal bite program to better meet our needs.

Followed up with travelers from Uganda due to the Ebola outbreak there. Completed interview to assess Ebola risk level and provided education.