

# MONTHLY REPORT OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 2023

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



## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Completed the Vaccines for Children Site Visit. The visit went well, and we will continue to work to ensure program adherence in the future.
- ▶ We completed our Annual Report for 2022. [Check it out here](#) to learn about data on communicable diseases, environmental health, immunizations, and more in the North Shore.
- ▶ Attended Disability Etiquette Competence and Inclusion Training that focused on incorporating individuals with access and functional needs into public health emergency preparedness planning.
- ▶ Three staff members attended the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security in Madison, WI. There were four breakout sessions specific to public health and community resilience.
- ▶ In anticipation of our COVID-19 vaccines expiring, we conducted outreach on social media and were able to vaccinate four residents with the bivalent booster.

## UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- ▶ Attended the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) Operations Conference. Session topics included *Resiliency and Recovery for the Public Health Workforce, Public Health Forward - Supporting Health Departments' Modernization Needs, and Improving Nursing Student' Clinical Placement Experience to Strengthen the Public Health Workforce.*
- ▶ Followed up on several habitability investigations
- ▶ Stayed updated on the progress of our new building. Fire Station 82 in the City of Glendale is being reconstructed and will be home to the North Shore fire/EMS station, administrative offices, fleet maintenance, and the North Shore Health Department.

South Rendering



North Rendering



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## #1 MENTAL HEALTH

Collaborated with Whitefish Bay Recreation on programming focused on emotional and mental wellbeing for the future.

Attended a meeting with Brown Deer Parks and Recreation to discuss potential partnerships, including parent social groups to allow new parents to connect with others.

Attended the Maternal Child Health grant learning community meeting about social connectedness during and after pregnancy.

Spoke with municipalities regarding various senior programs, to identify opportunities to increase social connectedness in the community.

## #3 INJURY PREVENTION

Worked with Hayat Pharmacy, Whitefish Bay Parks and Recreation, and Brown Deer Parks and Recreation to discuss opportunities for an "Ask a Nurse" programming. Surveys to gauge interest will be sent to seniors in Spring 2023.

Continuing to plan bike rodeos with Whitefish Bay and Glendale for this spring and summer.

Attended the monthly SafeKids meeting and spoke with the Whitefish Bay Village Manager to advocate for bike pedestrian safety.

### 1 Lead Home Visit

Attended the Dementia Awareness Work Groups (DAWG) in Shorewood.

Discussed Milwaukee County Fall Prevention Coalition partnership and areas of impact and opportunity.

## #2 SUBSTANCE USE

Attended the Milwaukee County Opioid Settlement Community Conversation to learn about regrant opportunities and discussed ways to utilize the funds.

Applied to receive a harm reduction vending machine for the Village of Brown Deer and met with the Village of Shorewood staff to discuss the idea of placing a harm reduction vending machine in a municipal building.

Attended the Milwaukee Overdose Fatality Review (OFR). Hosted the North Shore OFR where we welcomed two new members and reviewed two overdose fatalities in our jurisdiction.

Worked on a vaping presentation and youth alcohol presentation for the Community Health Series in February and March.

Attended the Milwaukee Heroin Opioid Task Force Meeting and the MKE Elevate Safety and Violence Prevention action team meeting.

6 Social media posts about substance use prevention and harm reduction

## #4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

2 Newborn Home Visits & Lactation Consultations

Shared information with the Brown Deer Farmers Market based off of experience planning other farmer's markets in nearby areas.

3 Blood pressure clinics at locations out in the community

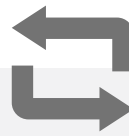
Blood pressure screenings are available on the first Wednesday of the month at the Lydell Community Center and Lois & Dolan Community Center. Stay updated on our [website](#).



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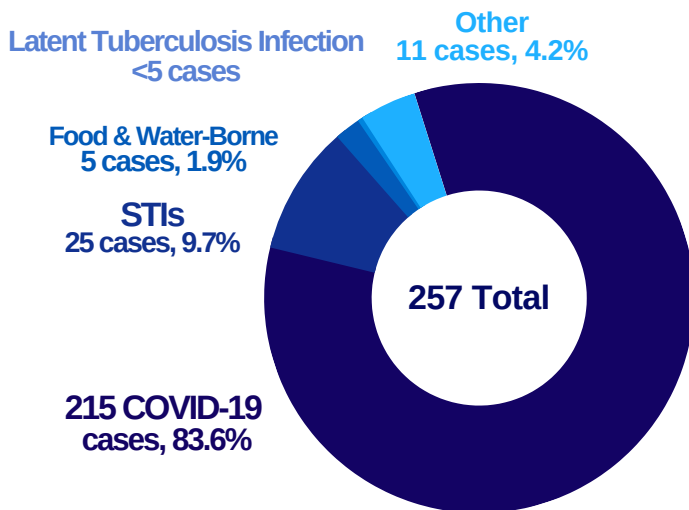
## HEALTHY HIGHLIGHTS RECAP



The weekly Healthy Highlights in February covered the topics of children's dental health, Real Talks, underage drinking discussions, and the Lead-In-Water Initiative. You can review some brief points below. [View all of our Healthy Highlights here.](#)

- **More than half of adolescents aged 12-19 have had a cavity in at least one of their permanent teeth. Help your child brush their teeth until they have good brushing skills and be a good example of oral hygiene. (2/1)**
- **Real talks are frequent conversations on substance use. They happen between family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. They happen anytime, anywhere people feel safe and comfortable being open about what's happening in their lives. Some techniques to have an effective real talk include asking open-ended questions, listening with empathy, problem solving together, and watching your words. (2/8)**
- **Short, casual conversations with kids when the moment feels right, starting around age 8, make a big difference in underage drinking. Why age 8? Research shows this is when children start to form their earliest opinions about alcohol and alcohol use. (2/15)**
- **Lead in water from old pipes and infrastructure can enter the bloodstream when consumed. This can lead to health complications like behavioral and learning problems, lower IQ and hyperactivity, anemia, and hearing problems particularly in infants and young children. The Lead-in-WTR initiative helps combat this at childcare sites. (2/22)**

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (PROBABLE + CONFIRMED) CASES, PERCENTAGE



### NORTH SHORE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

- Completed 40 inspections
- Issued 2 new licenses
- Attended the Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Our staff completed CPR training and received respirator fit testing from North Shore Fire Rescue (NSFR)

Staff members were properly trained on how to respond to potential drug overdose and how to administer NARCAN

Staff continued working with our public health undergraduate student intern and public health nurse intern

### ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP

Positive influenza cases are not reported to NSHD unless they are hospitalized. No influenza hospitalizations were reported for the month of February in the North Shore.

Received notification of 1 animal bite that required follow-up & quarantine for rabies prevention & control.