

# MONTHLY REPORT OVERVIEW

NOVEMBER 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



## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Our quarterly Board of Health (BOH) meeting was held on November 17. We updated our BOH members on our flu and COVID-19 immunization success, our 2023 proposed budget progress, our Community Health Assessment (CHA), our involvement with the River Place Apartment fire response, and our Lead-in-Water grant project.
- ▶ In total in November we administered 242 vaccines, including 125 influenza vaccines and 110 Pfizer Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters.
- ▶ One of our Public Health Nurses is hosting a group of Alverno nursing students this semester for their public health clinical. The students presented their "Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow" project on safe driving at a community blood pressure clinic. They also helped at three vaccine clinics and presented an overview of our department to another Alverno nursing clinical group.



## UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- ▶ Continued to have meetings regarding the updated North Shore Health Department funding formula and new building construction
- ▶ Met with Bayside Communications to discuss future collaboration and toured their communication center
- ▶ Hired a Public Health Nurse who is starting in December
- ▶ Attended the Southeast Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) meeting and several other local health officer meetings
- ▶ Prepared for our department's strategic planning meeting, which will involve updating our mission, vision and values to better serve the North Shore communities and ultimately guide our work moving forward.
- ▶ Followed up on habitability complaints and human health hazard investigations

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## #1 MENTAL HEALTH

Attended an in-person conference - *A New Era Reducing Social Isolation for Older Adults through Technology* - hosted by Bader Philanthropies, Inc.

Participated in Wisconsin Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness meeting

**7** Social media posts related to mental health, including promotion of Social Isolation & Loneliness Awareness Week events

Building partnership with area senior resource centers to increase senior programming with the objective to decrease social isolation

## #3 INJURY PREVENTION

Attended the Shorewood Lead Service Line Replacement Program public event to share information about the effects of lead in water on health

Sampled the drinking water at two more childcare centers to test for lead. This work is through the Lead-in-Water initiative, which offers free sampling, testing, and lead abatement for childcare sites.

**11** Car Seat Installations

The current cohort of Stepping On continued throughout November with 15 participants learning fall prevention techniques.

Attended a Safe Kids Wisconsin meeting

Attended a learning session about the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHPSS), which is the system we manage elevated blood lead level reports through.

## #2 SUBSTANCE USE

Attended the Milwaukee County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting

Attended Stimulant Use Disorder Training at UW-Milwaukee put on by Wisconsin CONNECT

Presented at the Milwaukee OFR Community of Practice meeting on the trauma-informed care for first responders training that we hosted in August 2022

Received confirmation that the WI Department of Justice was awarded another drug disposal grant, allowing for the purchasing of Deterra Drug Deactivation kits to distribute to partners, including our department, to then distribute in the community.

Developing policies and procedures for the distribution of Narcan at our department. We are anticipating distribution to begin in January 2023.

**4** Social media posts about substance use prevention and harm reduction

## #4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

**1** Newborn Home Visit & Lactation Consultation

Attended the Maternal and Child Health meeting

Continued to plan the Whitefish Bay Bike Rodeo that will occur in April 2022

**2** Blood pressure clinics at locations out in the community



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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

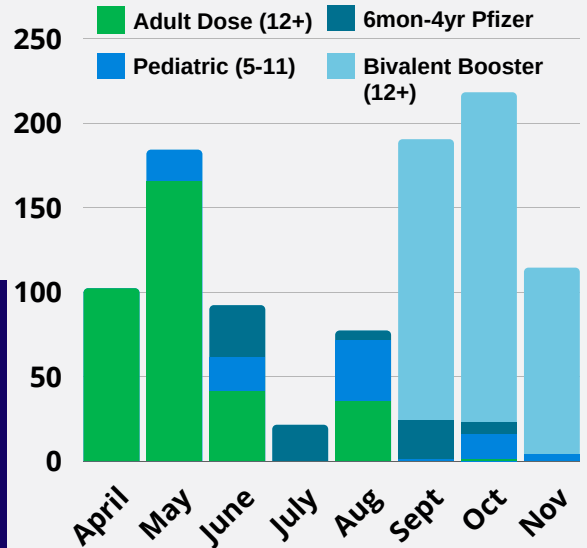
### VACCINATIONS

We held two vaccine clinics at our Brown Deer office and three vaccine clinics at our Shorewood office in November. We also hosted three off-site clinics, including clinics at a long-term care facility in both Glendale and Brown Deer. Both COVID-19 vaccines and influenza vaccines were available at most of these clinics. We also provided homebound influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

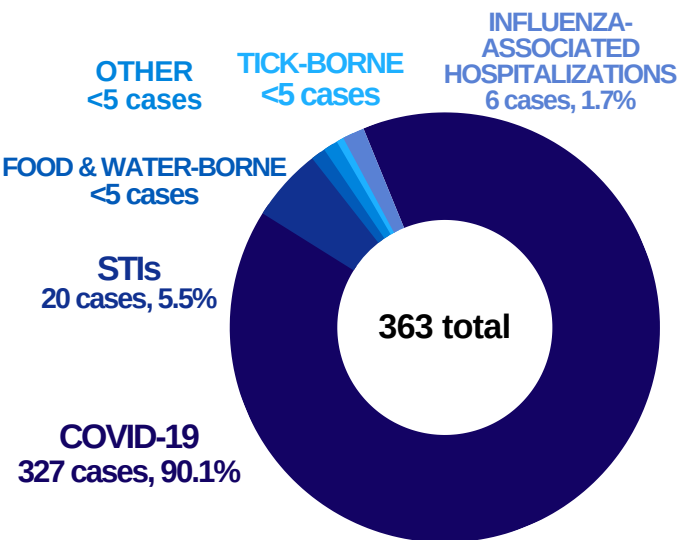
### CASE FOLLOW-UP

In total, we received notification of 327 positive COVID-19 cases in November in the North Shore, which is less than the 345 cases we received in October. Follow-up is initiated for individuals who test positive who are 12 and under or 70 and older. In November, we attempted follow-up for 33 cases 12 and under and 65 cases 70 and older, for a total of 98 cases in which follow-up was attempted.

## COVID-19 Vaccines Administered, 2022



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



### ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP

Positive influenza cases are not reported to NSHD unless they are hospitalized. Influenza activity is increasing in Wisconsin. State level data is available from WI DHS: [Weekly Report Nov 26](#)

Received notification of 6 animal bites that required follow-up & quarantine for rabies prevention & control.

Continued follow-up procedures for several Latent Tuberculosis cases.

## North Shore Environmental Health Consortium

- Completed 56 inspections
- Issued 1 new license
- Followed up on habitability complaints and human health hazard investigations
- Continued training our new Environmental Health Specialist, with a focus on school food service inspections.

### ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Continued to support childcare centers and long-term care facilities in the North Shore by managing communicable disease outbreaks and promoting healthy environments for staff and clients

Attended an in-person Incident Command System (ICS) 300 for Expanding Incidents training to further our public health preparedness efforts

Attended Southeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) meeting and submitted our NSHD Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) to prepare for the HERC HVA review in December. The HVA allows us to identify priority hazards and better prepare for them as a region.