### NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# **MONTHLY REPORT OVERVIEW**

OCTOBER 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**



### **OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hosted our vaccination clinic at Nicolet High School on Saturday, October 8. We administered 67 vaccines, including the Pfizer Bivalent COVID-19 Booster, influenza vaccines, and school-required immunizations.
- In total in October we administered 605 vaccines, including 360 influenza vaccines and 195 Pfizer Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters.
- Two new staff started at NSHD this month. Leslie is in the role of Environmental Health Specialist and Lydia is in the role of Public Health Assistant.
- Our Senior Environmental Health Specialist presented at the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association (WEHA) conference to 152 people along with North Shore Fire & Rescue.

### UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- Had several meetings related to the reconstruction of North Shore Fire and Rescue Fire Station 82, which will include office space for our department. The Fire Department Board of Directors met because we received bids for the construction project. The Board will reconvene later in November to take action on the bids.
- Presented the North Shore Health Department 2023 budget to the Brown Deer Village Board
- Attended an active assailant tabletop exercise at Molson Coors, hosted by the Southeast Wisconsin Homeland Security Partnership, to increase preparedness for these incidents.
- Attended new health officer training, and participated in the new health officer curriculum design. Attended several board meetings, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council meeting, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards meeting, and local health officer meetings.
- Conducted 12 interviews for vacant staff positions, including a public health nurse position.
- Transitioned our department's IT support to Bayside Communications.

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# #1 MENTAL HEALTH

Attended Elder Services Advisory Board (Shorewood) to discuss Dementia Consortium activities and also connect about ideas for increasing social connectedness.

Connected with PRISM, Wraparound Milwaukee, and Social Development Commission

**Attended Milwaukee Summit on Poverty** 

Joined Milwaukee Child Death Review to better understand causes of non-homicidal deaths among children in Milwaukee County

# #3 INJURY PREVENTION

Met with the YMCA to discuss collaboration on a fall prevention grant to offer fall prevention classes in the community.

Attended the Milwaukee Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR), a multidisciplinary case review of all infant deaths and stillbirths.

## 6 Car Seat Installations

Another round of Stepping On Fall Prevention class hosted by NSHD and NSFR started at Lydell Community Center on October 25. The class covers a range of issues, including falls and risk, strength and balance exercises, home hazards, safe footwear, vision and falls, safety in public places, community mobility, coping after a fall, and understanding how to initiate a medication review.

One of our nurses completed Lead Investigator recertification training this month and followed up on 9 reportable lead test results for children.

Started planning a 2023 Spring Bike Rodeo in Whitefish Bay

## #2 SUBSTANCE USE

Attended the Milwaukee County
Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting

Additional staff attended Naloxone Training through WI DHS. Attending this training qualifies NSHD for the NARCAN Direct Program through DHS, meaning our department will have Narcan to distribute to the public and we are certified to provide trainings when we distribute the Narcan. We received our first shipment of Narcan in October and are preparing to distribute it.

Distributed Deterra Drug Disposal Bags at a community-based blood pressure clinic

Met with Washington Ozaukee Health Department to build a stronger partnership in preventing substance misuse in shared locations

Attended trainings for our Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)

Social media posts about substance use prevention and harm reduction, including posts about Wisconsin Prescription Drug Take Back Day that happened on October 29. The next Drug Take Back Day will be held in April 2023.

# #4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

Newborn Home Visits & Lactation Consultations

Building a partnership with YMCA to better serve those in our community.

NSHD staff assisted Village of Brown Deer staff in distributing tokens for SNAP, Milwaukee Market Match, and WIC benefits at the final farmers market of the season.

Blood pressure clinics at locations out in the community

Provided nutrition information to families that have a child with elevated blood lead levels.



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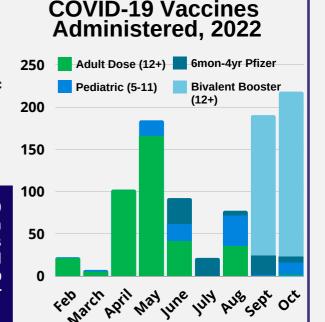
### **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

#### **VACCINATIONS**

We held five vaccine clinics at our Brown Deer office and five vaccine clinics at our Shorewood office in October. We also hosted 12 off-site clinics, including clinics for the public and for municipal employees of our seven communities. Both COVID-19 vaccines and influenza vaccines were available at most of these clinics. We also provided homebound influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

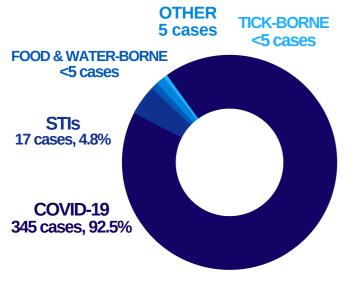
### **CASE FOLLOW-UP**

In total, we received notification of 345 positive COVID-19 cases in October in the North Shore, which is less than the 482 cases we received in September. Follow-up is initiated for individuals who test positive who are 12 and under or 70 and older. In October, we attempted follow-up for 47 cases 12 and under and 65 cases 70 and older, for a total of 112 cases in which follow-up was attempted.



### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

(PROBABLE + CONFIRMED) CASES, PERCENTAGE



### ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP

Received notification of 4 animal bites that required complete follow-up and quarantine for rabies prevention & control. Notification of potential bat exposure was followed up with rabies testing at the WI State Lab of Hygiene. There were no positive rabies results.

Provided guidance for Ebola monitoring due to the current outbreak in Uganda.

### North Shore Environmental Health Consortium

- Completed 15 inspections
- Issued 4 new licenses
- Attended the Annual Rabies Control Training through the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Followed up on habitability complaints and human health hazard investigations
- Responded to 2 fire related events

#### ADDITIONAL OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Two of our staff attended a two-day grant writing training hosted by Grant Writing USA.

Attended training on Winter Weather Hazards Preparedness hosted by WI Department of Health Services

Attended the Milwaukee Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP) workgroup

Working on developing an internship program at NSHD for public health and nursing students, to provide exposure to a local health department and give hands-on experience.