

# MONTHLY REPORT OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 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.

As we focus on COVID-19 recovery at NSHD, we are re-aligning our work with our department's four priority areas that were established prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This 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



## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Flu vaccination began for the season. We administered 85 flu vaccines in September and have over 20 clinics already scheduled for October and November.
- ▶ We started to administer the new Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent Booster.
- ▶ One of our Public Health Strategists presented our Community Health Assessment process to a class of University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee students.
- ▶ Our Community Health Assessment (CHA) survey was closed at the end of September after receiving 868 survey responses from the public.
- ▶ Our Community Health Assessment (CHA) key informant interviews were finished at the end of September. We conducted nearly 60 interviews of key community leaders to gain their perspective on the most important health issues in the North Shore.

## UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- ▶ Conducted nine interviews for two open positions at our department: Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) and Public Health Nurse. One hire has been made for the EHS position with a start date of October 24.
- ▶ Attended WALHDAB Local Health Officer Orientation in Stevens Point
- ▶ Convened four times with area health officers regarding COVID-19 response. Attended two Local Health Officer (LHO) Connection meetings.
- ▶ Inspected a variety of properties for safety and habitability.
- ▶ Attended the Wisconsin Radon Conference, which is a training geared towards radon measurement and mitigation contractors, realtors, public health professionals, and others working in indoor air quality.
- ▶ Attended the Southeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) Public Health Caucus meeting. Started discussing preparations for the Republican National Convention (RNC) in 2024.

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## #1 MENTAL HEALTH

**Our Health Officer attended the Shorewood Elder Services Advisory Board meeting.**

**Our Health Officer presented the North Shore Dementia Resolution to the Village Managers who will present it to their boards in October.**

**Attended a virtual webinar *Knocking at Your Door: The National Mental Health Crisis is Actually a Local Public Health Issue***

**Continued to share information about the new nationwide 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. 988 is for people experiencing suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crises. You can call or text 988.**

## #3 INJURY PREVENTION

### 3 Car Seat Installations

**Attended Safe Kids Coalition meeting where they alerted us to counterfeit car seats being sold on Walmart/Amazon online stores. Shared information for public to be aware of counterfeit car seats.**

**We launched the Lead-in-Water initiative, which offers free sampling, testing, and lead abatement for childcare sites in the North Shore.**

**Promoted Fall Prevention Week events happening in Milwaukee County. Prepared for our next Stepping On Fall Prevention class that starts in October.**

## #2 SUBSTANCE USE

**Attended the Milwaukee County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting**

**Prepared to present at the next Milwaukee County OFR meeting in October**

**Several of our staff attended a 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.**

**Contacted the Nalox-ZONE Program through Wisconsin Voices for Recovery about installing boxes with nasal Narcan, like boxes for AEDs, in our Brown Deer office, Shorewood office, and our Medical Advisor's clinic. A Nalox-ZONE box is a type of rescue kit that is used to prevent fatality from an opioid overdose.**

**6 Social media posts about substance use prevention, including posts alerting people to the dangers of fentanyl and a Public Health Alert because of an increase in suspected opioid drug overdose activity in Milwaukee County on September 5.**

## #4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

**Met with community partners to identify ways to collaborate services to support nutrition and physical activity in the North Shore.**

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

**Expanded partnership with WFB Recreation to include other North Shore Park and Recs in NSHD Community Health Series, focusing on health topics that matter to the community, including physical activity and nutrition.**



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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

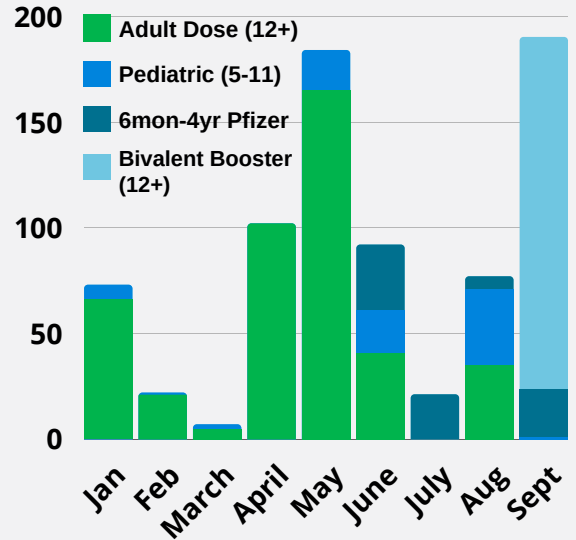
### VACCINATIONS

We held two vaccine clinics at our Brown Deer office and three vaccine clinics at our Shorewood office in September. We also hosted an off-site clinic at Porticos Apartments in Fox Point. In total, we administered 166 Pfizer Bivalent Boosters (12+), <5 Pfizer 5-11yr vaccines, and 23 Pfizer 6mon-4yr vaccines. At each of our COVID-19 vaccine clinics, we also offered flu immunizations.

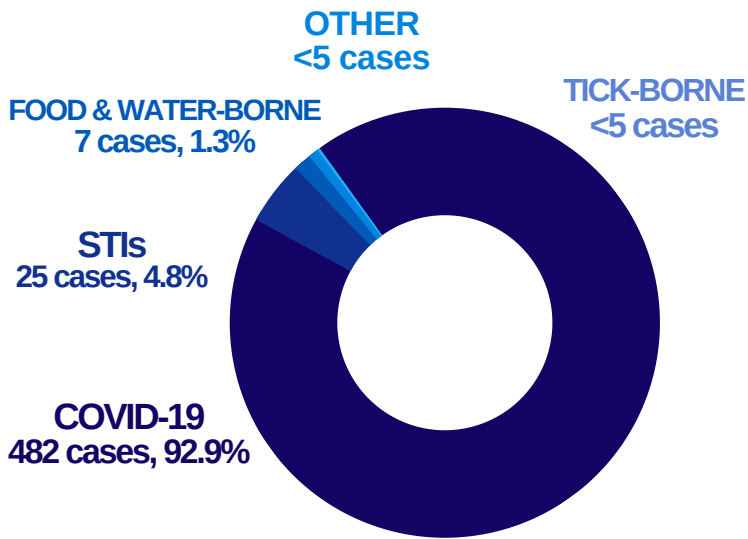
### CASE FOLLOW-UP

In total, we received notification of 482 positive COVID-19 cases in September in the North Shore. Follow-up is initiated for individuals who test positive who are 12 and under or 70 and older. In September, we attempted follow-up for 69 cases 12 and under and 79 cases 70 and older, for a total of 148 cases in which follow-up was attempted.

### COVID-19 Vaccines Administered at NSHD



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



### North Shore Environmental Health Consortium

- Completed 32 inspections
- Issued 7 new licenses
- Followed up on habitability complaints and human health hazard investigations
- Attended virtual sessions from the FDA Retail Food Protection Seminar 2022

### ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Attended the Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP) meeting. Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff attended the meeting to coordinate public health emergency response plans with county the and to assess how the county and public health can work together with future planning.

Met with community partners to explore collaboration opportunities, including New Life Worship Center and the YMCA in Brown Deer.

### ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP

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