

## **NSHD HEALTH PRIORITY AREAS**

This report highlights recent progress across NSHD's priority areas from the 2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and North Shore THRIVE 2025–2029 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), sharing key initiatives and department activities to promote transparency and adapt to community needs.



#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

This involves sharing important health information and building partnerships with communities to promote well-being and improve access to resources.



## MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL ISOLATION

Mental health focuses on emotional, psychological, and social well-being, affecting how people think, feel, and interact with others.



### HEALTHY LIVING

Healthy living includes practices that lower illness risk, such as preventing infectious diseases, managing chronic conditions, and encouraging physical activity, nutrition, and wellness.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental health examines how the environment—air, water, land, and living conditions—impacts health and works to reduce harmful exposures.



### **NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

NSHD launched a new sharps disposal program, giving residents a safe way to drop off up to 2 gallons per month for a small fee. The program has been well-received, with **25 gallons** safely collected in its first month.

Case manager provided hoarding education to North Shore Fire/Rescue staff, focusing on health and safety risks and ways to support individuals impacted by hoarding.

NSHD partnered with the Village of Brown Deer, Brown Deer Library, Village of Whitefish Bay, and North Shore Library to host the "North Shore Neighbors Give Back" foodraiser.

Together, the community donated nearly 1,000 pounds of food and raised more than \$1,800, providing an estimated 767 meals for their neighbors.

25

Gallons of sharps materials collected in November

767

Neighbors fed through North Shore Neighbors Give Back

With one PH Strategist on maternity leave, our **Environmental Health Specialist** stepped in to support this month's **Breastfeeding Circle**. She offered thoughtful guidance, helped create a welcoming space, and made a positive impact on participating families. One coworker called her a true "**public health rockstar**."

## **HEALTH OFFICER UPDATES**

Met with the WI DHS Office of Policy and Practice Alignment to start our **five-year strategic planning process**. We'll begin by updating our mission, vision, and values (revised in 2019) before the January 2026 staff workshop.

The CHA/CHIP coordinator is finalizing a working draft of **North Shore THRIVE**, **the 2025–2029 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**. Board of Health members are helping refine the goals and objectives. The CHIP will guide our department's work.

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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**



Health Officer completed 2025 staff appraisals, highlighting staff achievements and recognizing their key strengths and skills over this past year.



## **MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL ISOLATION**

- Distributed 48 naloxone boxes (96 doses) through events and vending machine.
- Received 2026 NaloxoneDirect grant to provide Narcan 4 mg and Revive 3 mg.
- Held quarterly **North Shore Overdose Fatality Review, adopting new recommendations** and **updating case selection criteria to** allow reviews by theme.

• Hosted a session with four adults to discuss postpartum experiences, breastfeeding challenges, and ways to support non-birthing parents, creating a supportive space.

96 Naloxon

Naloxone doses distributed

## **HEALTHY LIVING**

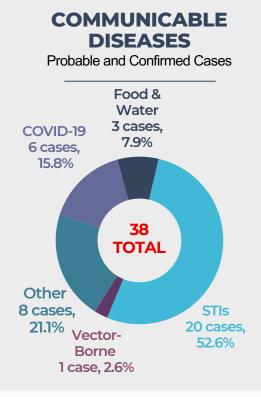
- Created new community resources, including a list of STI testing sites after the recent clinic closure and a comparison of vaccine prices at local pharmacies to help residents access vaccines NSHD doesn't carry or is out of stock.
- PH Nurses attended the DHS Communicable Disease Regional Seminar, building skills to investigate enteric and STI illnesses, respond to outbreaks, and share ideas with other local health departments.
- Staff also attended the **Glen Hills Resource Fair**, sharing tips and supplies to **help 37** community members stay healthy during respiratory season.

**O** Lactation Home Visits

**4**Car
Seat
Fittings

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- EH staff completed required standardization, a twice-yearly field exercise with Department of Agriculture, Trade
  and Consumer Protection (DATCP0 that verifies our team's food code knowledge and fulfills our agent contract
  and MOU requirements.
- One PH Strategist also presented "Increasing Radon Awareness Through Outreach Materials" at the 2025
   Wisconsin Radon Conference, where her session was well attended.





Fall-specific calls dispatched, all of which were contacted

Referrals received and followed up on

**26** Home visits

EMS consultations or trainings

• Responses to overdoses

4 Community agency site visits

# NORTH SHORE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSORITUM

32 Inspections

New licenses

5
Animal bite follow ups