UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

- Attended ICC meeting on May 9 - local health officials discussed uptick in COVID-19 cases across Milwaukee County
- Met with all seven Police Chiefs in the North Shore for introductions and discussed opportunities for partnership
- Attended Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) meeting on May 11
- Presented at new elected officials orientation with North Shore Fire & Rescue and Bayside Dispatch
- Held quarterly Board of Health Meeting - COVID-19 situation update, Community Health Assessment (CHA) presentation from NSHD Public Health Specialist and Assistants
- Attended the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area Heat Task Force meeting
#1 MENTAL HEALTH

Attended the Maternal Child Health Adolescent Suicide Prevention meeting

Promoted REDgen event at USM - Dr. Michele Borba: Helping the Pandemic Generation

Healthy Highlight about Mental Health Awareness month

Attended the Milwaukee County Wellness committee meeting

Social media posts about mental health, focusing on Mental Health Awareness month, the Community Advocates Mental Health Resource Guide, and Roger’s Behavioral Health resources

#2 SUBSTANCE USE

Held the North Shore Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) meeting

Attended the Milwaukee County Overdose Fatality Review meeting

Attended virtual Opioid, Stimulant and Trauma Summit hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Sent survey to long term care facilities in the North Shore to learn about their polices around drugs and what additional education they could benefit from

Health Officer attended a Meth Response training for local health officials

Attended open house event at Oxford House, an alcohol and drug addiction recovery home in Milwaukee

Connected with Cudahy Health Department to learn more about the training they had for first responders to assist with planning the training we will host in August

Deterra drug disposal bags were distributed

Social media posts about alcohol use prevention

Social media posts about substance use prevention

#3 INJURY PREVENTION

10 Car Seat Installations

Began a new cohort of Stepping On, our fall and injury prevention training that targets older adults who want to continue safely living at home or alone.

Bike rodeos were held by local police departments and our staff assisted with bike helmet fittings & bike safety.

Promoted several workshops:
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop hosted by Wauwatosa Health Department
- Memory Camp - an experience for participants with mild to moderate dementia, their care partners and families.
- Brain Health Resource Fair

#4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

Promoted several workshops:
- Food Allergy Awareness article written by Public Health Assistant published in local magazines

Attended Elder Service Board Meeting

Our Public Health Nurse working on becoming a Certified Lactation Counselor passed two of the required exams, with one left in June.

Shared information about infant formula shortage

Responded to several children with elevated blood lead levels. Conducted home visits for lead and used the HEPA vacuum.

Distributed two lead water test kits to the public
COVID-19 RESPONSE

VACCINATIONS
Our department hosted six COVID-19 vaccination clinics between our Brown Deer and Shorewood offices in May. One additional off-site clinic was held at a senior living residence in Brown Deer. In total, we administered 165 adult (12+ year olds) COVID-19 vaccines and 19 pediatric (5-11 year olds) COVID-19 vaccines.

CASE FOLLOW-UP
Follow-up on positive COVID-19 cases is only done for those 0-18 and 65+ years at NSHD. This follow-up includes a phone call to assist with isolation and quarantine questions. In May 2022, we attempted follow-up for 273 cases 0-18 years and 187 cases for 65+ years.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
(PROBABLE + CONFIRMED)
CASES, PERCENTAGE

TUBERCULOSIS, LATENT
<5 cases

FOOD & WATER-BORNE
<5 cases

OTHER
7, 0.6%

STIs
26, 2.1%

COVID-19
1209, 96.7%

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP
Received notification of 23 animal bites
10 required complete follow-up and quarantine for rabies prevention & control
13 required partial follow-up and were either transferred to another health department due to address outside jurisdiction, or closed due to quarantine date past

North Shore Environmental Health Consortium
• Completed 44 inspections
• Issued 5 new licenses
• Attended village board meetings to propose a change in fees
• Inspected & licensed multiple food vendors at the Bayshore Art Fest
• Attended WAHLDAB-EH meeting

ADDITIONAL MAY HIGHLIGHTS
Our Health Officer and one of our Public Health Nurses attended the Wisconsin Public Health Association conference in Wisconsin Dells. Topics covered include: the injury prevention center at MCW, alcohol consumption in WI, connecting people in recovery for substance use, environmental health capacity, and changes to the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

Our three Public Health Assistants graduated this May - two Masters in Public Health, one BS in Public Health. Congratulations!