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**\*Amended Date: 1/8/2024**

**The following documents are included in the packet for Health Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.**

- January 10, 2024, Health Advisory Committee Meeting agenda.
- October 11, 2023, Health Advisory Committee Meeting draft minutes.
- Community Health Improvement Plan
- \*2023 Annual Report- draft



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**Health & Human Services Health Advisory Committee Meeting Notice**

**Date: January 10, 2024, Time 8:00 AM**

**Green Lake County Government Center  
571 County Rd A, Nurses Screening Room #1159, Green Lake WI**

**AGENDA**

**Committee  
Members**

*Joan Blum  
Pat Brandstetter  
Nancy Hoffmann  
Terri Mauel  
Rachel Prellwitz  
Abigail Puglisi, DO  
Harley Reabe  
DeAnn Thurmer*

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1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes (10/11/2023)
5. Environmental Health Update  
– Kyle Alt
6. Diabetes Prevention Program Update- Nancy Gimenez
7. Community Health Assessment/CHIP update- Lauren Olson
8. Health Dept. Vision Statement Change
9. Annual Report- Draft
10. Public Health updates
11. Quarterly Health Unit Report
12. Committee Discussion  
- Future Meeting Date (April 10, 2024)  
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion
13. Adjourn

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## **Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee**

### **October 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Hoffman at 8:02am on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Green Lake County Health and Human Services Nurses Screening room, Green Lake County Government Building, Green Lake WI. The meeting was held in person and via Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Nancy Hoffman, Rachel Prellwitz, Harley Reabe, Terri Mael, Pat Brandstetter, Joan Blum, Abigail Puglisi, D.O., Deanne Thurmer (via Teams).

Absent: None.

Other Present: Kayla Yonke (via Teams), Sarah Petit, Lauren Olson, Jason Jerome, Cate Wylie (via Teams), Nancy Gimenez, Kyle Alt.

#### **Minutes of 4/12/2023**

Motion/Second (*Brandstetter/Reabe*) to approve the minutes from July 12, 2023, Health Advisory Committee meeting with no additions or corrections, All Ayes Motion Carries.

#### **Environmental Health Update- Kyle Alt:**

6 quarantines for dog/cat bites or scratches. 20 well water tests. 2 Radon tests. 1 abatement order. 1 garbage complaint. 4 housing complaints. 1 complaint of swimmers' itch. 3 beaches were closed. Inspections were completed. Discussion followed.

#### **Healthy Living Guide- Nancy Gimenez:**

Reviewed and discussed new Healthy Living Guide for Green Lake County. A limited number of printed copies will be available. Guide is available on the Green Lake County website. Discussion followed.

#### **Community Health Assessment/CHIP update- Lauren Olson:**

Reviewed and discussed 'One Pager' in packet. Focus areas are- Access to healthcare, mental health, and substance misuse. Difficulty with finding local dentist who accept Medicaid. Thedacare in Neenah and SSM Health in Ripon have behavioral health walk-in clinics. Discussion followed.

#### **Budget Update- Rachel Prellwitz/Jason Jerome:**

Draft budget is in its final stage and will be presented to the Finance Committee later today. Discussion followed.

#### **Public Health Updates July-September 2023- Rachel Prellwitz/Lauren Olson:**

- Community Flu Clinics will be held in all communities.
- New COVID vaccine available for those without insurance. Referring individuals with insurance to pharmacies.
- Employee Health Fair (Welloween) to be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Multiple vendors committed to attending.
- Diabetes Fair to be held in November with Lions Club at Grace Lutheran Church in Berlin.
- Amish home visits were conducted in July and August.
- Swim Advisory issued on 07/27/2023 for the Green Lake Conference Center Beach for elevated E. Coli levels from testing on 07/24/2023. Water was resampled on 7/27 and results showed levels had returned to normal limits. Advisory cancelled on 7/28/23.
- Staff attended the Berlin Farmer's and Artists Market Community Night event on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Biometric Screening in July. Counts toward the Well Wisconsin \$150 incentive through County health insurance. Total participants: 30
- 2320 Grant through WI DHS- This is secured and in the amount of \$20,000. This grant will focus on becoming a Medicare supplier for DPP and streamlining the referral process for providers to refer more easily into the program. Goes through 6/29/24. Discussion followed.
- Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Update- 1<sup>st</sup> cohort has completed the 1-year program.
  - *Total cohorts to date: 4*
  - *Total Participants: 44*
  - *Cohorts completed: 1*
  - *Next Cohort: planned for Dec/ Jan dependent on interest.*
- Bright Spot Initiative Grant Year 2: This grant is in the amount of \$10,000 and runs through 7/31/24. The work will continue to focus on enrolling men 35 years or older into the DPP.
- Another new cohort was started in August, with 10 participants. Have been averaging 1 new cohort every quarter or so.
- DHS came to do some work to help with Video testimonials. They gave great feedback on the material they were able to capture and say that the videos may

be used statewide. Once they are completed will share with this committee. Discussion followed.

- Submitted data for the 2nd data period on 9/29/23. Hoping that the program will achieve full recognition, then will be able to apply to bill MC. Discussion followed.
- Tobacco compliance checks with 2 youth on July 25<sup>th</sup>. 10 locations were visited with one selling tobacco products to the minors. Education to retailers was provided. Discussion followed.
- Staff attended National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup>, held at the GLC Government Center. Education booth and blender bike to make smoothies.
- Green Lake County Fair was held August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Fair booth focused on Well Water testing and Water Safety. Well water samples brought in by fairgoers were able to be tested for Nitrates on site with results in just a few minutes.
- Health Unit Retreat held on August 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Retreat included: annual core competencies and trainings, update of strategic plan for year 2, professional development planning and team building activities.
- Beach closure issued on 08/16/2023 for the Green Lake Conference Center Beach, Dodge Memorial Park Beach and Boat Launch, and Sunset Park Boat Launch for high levels of E. Coli levels. Water was resampled and results on 8/18/2023 showed levels had returned to normal limits. Closure lifted on 8/18/23.
  - Advisory issued on 8/30/2023 at Sunset Park Boat Launch for high levels of E. Coli, returned to within normal limits on 9/1/23 and advisory lifted.
- Back to school vaccination clinics held at: Berlin Public School, Princeton School, All Saints School, and Boys and Girls Club of the Tri-County. Total of 41 vaccines provided.
- Attended the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety on August 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells. Focus of conference was on child passenger safety with included the ability to obtain mandatory CEUs for recertification as child passenger safety technicians.
- Collaboration continues with other HHS staff on the Zero Suicide Initiative. National Suicide Prevention Month held in September. Activities included: social media

campaigns, new articles, QPR training offered, and candle lighting on the night of September 20<sup>th</sup> in honor of suicide presentation and awareness.

- Meeting held with Bridging Brighter Smiles (BBS), WIC and Health Unit staff. Discussed feasibility/details on bringing dental services to Green Lake County for WIC participants including children. WIC to follow-up with other counties who are currently working with BBS to determine next steps.
- Several educational presentations this past quarter:
  - Presented on various health topics to all staff at All Saints Catholic school on 09/06/2023.
  - Presented to the Home and Community Education group on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Topic: Diabetes Prevention.
  - Taught puberty class for students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at All Saints Catholic School.
  - Hosted Narcan training at Berlin Library on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Total of 5 attendees.
- Attended the Substance Use Prevention Conference on September 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the first annual Senior Health fair on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Provided education on diabetes and advanced care planning. Provided BP screenings and education on hypertension.
- Hosting nursing students from UWO for their community health clinicals. Will host Marian students in the Spring 2024.
- Opioid Fatality Review Update
  - The Tri-County Overdose Fatality Review team community event, “Dash for the ‘Stache”, was held on July 15<sup>th</sup> in Redgranite. Event included: run/walk, presenters, live performances, raffles, and food. The event was very well attended with 126 attendees in the run/walk alone.
  - The OFR OD2A Grant cycle ends August 31<sup>st</sup>. Tri-Count OFR transitioned into a joint death review process (that would cover Child Death Review, Suicide Death Review and Overdose Death Review).

Discussion regarding CHIP initiative and adding a medical provider for prescribing needs. Also, suggested was a community/county wide baby shower.

**Future Meeting Date:**

The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

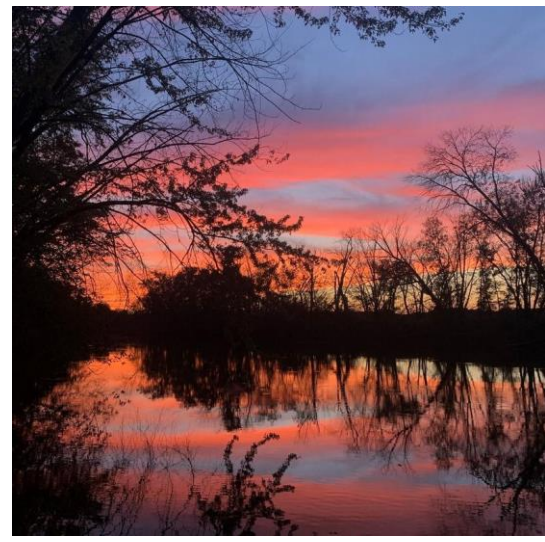
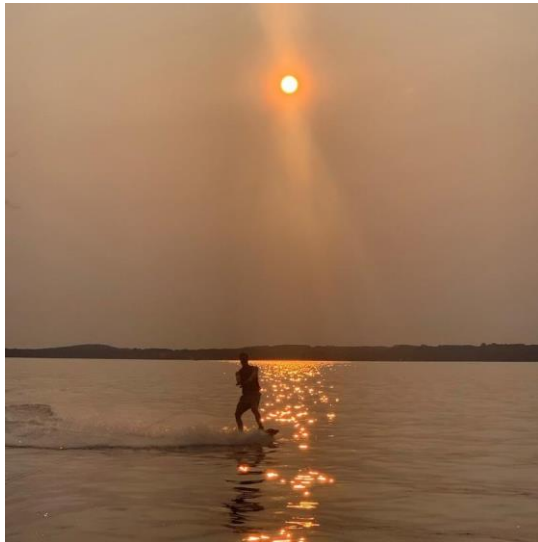
**Future Agenda Items:** Direct to Rachel Prellwitz and Lauren Olson.

**Adjournment:** Hoffman adjourn the meeting at 9:08 am.

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# Community Health Improvement Plan

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Green Lake County



# Access to Healthcare

Goal: Improve access to healthcare, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County

## Performance Measures

- **Non-Traumatic Oral Health Emergency Department Visit Rate**
- **Dentist Rate**
- **Adults who Visited a Dentist**
- **Adults who have had a Routine Checkup**
- **No Recent Dental Visit**



Dental

**Strategy 1:** Planning and coordination of services and activities to increase awareness about dental health in Green Lake County.

**Objective 1:** By 2025, provide dental services (via Bridging Brighter Smiles) to 20 WIC participants.

**Strategy 2:** Coordination of prevention and education efforts to improve dental services in Green Lake County.

**Objective 2:** By 2025, increase oral health services through implementation of the FHLC Mobile Dental Unit in Green Lake County.

## Other Possible Strategies

- **Increase health literacy**
- **Increase awareness of school based dental programs**
- **Support Community Health Worker in Green Lake County**

# Access to Healthcare

Goal: Improve access to healthcare, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County

## Performance Measures

- **Non-Physician Primary Care Provider Rate**
- **Persons with Health Insurance**
- **Adults without Health Insurance**



Medical

**Strategy 1:** Connect and educate on preventative services to improve healthcare access and navigation in Green Lake County.

**Objective 1:** Increase access to primary/preventative care services in partnership with community organizations and programs.

**Strategy 2:** Ensure residents in Green Lake County have access and knowledge of resources to support a healthy life.

**Objective 2:** Host Health Clinic Fair targeting social determinants of health to Green Lake County communities.

## Other Possible Strategies:

- **Increase health literacy**
- **Create materials to assist community members how to connect to telehealth services**
- **Promote alternative locations for medical care (fee-based clinics, pop up health department clinics, Vivent, etc.)**
- **Support Community Health Worker in Green Lake County**

# Mental Health

Goal: Build a culture of mental wellness throughout Green Lake County

## Performance Measures

- **Mental Health Provider Rate**
- **Poor Mental Health: Average Number of Days Adults Ever Diagnosed with Depression**
- **Depression: Medicare Population**



Mental Health

**Strategy 1:** Support countywide collaborative efforts to reduce suicides and promote mental health prevention, and treatment services.

**Objective 1:** By 2026, implement the Zero Suicide program in partnership with Health and Human Services Department.

**Strategy 2:** Coordination of prevention and education related to mental health programming and services in Green Lake County.

**Objective 2:** By 2026, increase awareness of the National Suicide and Crisis line 988 and other mental health services.

**Strategy 3:** Coordination of mental health prevention and education for children and adolescents.

**Objective 3:** By 2026, increase the awareness and education of mental health in Green Lake County schools.

**Strategy 4:** Expand the use of promising practices, evidence based or adaptive based practices to improve treatment outcomes.

**Objective 4:** By 2026, increase training opportunities and programming related to the peer support specialist (PSS) program.

## Other Possible Strategies

- **Support actions to reduce access to lethal means for persons at risk of suicide such as distributing gun locks and medication lock boxes.**
- **Promote mental health resources directed toward vulnerable communities, veterans, farmers, youth, etc.**
- **Host evidence based mental health trainings in the community (QPR, Mental Health First Aid, etc.)**
- **Distribute the Green Lake County Healthy Living Guide with mental health resources for community members to share.**

# Substance Misuse

Goal: Prevent or reduce substance misuse among youth and adults in Green Lake County

## Performance Measures

- Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths
- Death Rate due to Drug Poisoning
- Adults who Binge Drink
- Mothers who Smoke During Pregnancy



Substance Misuse

**Strategy 1:** Build collaboration and capacity of substance use prevention.

**Objective 1:** By 2026, increase community and organization knowledge about more effective and efficient delivery programs and eliminate duplication of efforts by creating a Substance Misuse Coalition.

**Strategy 2:** Coordination of prevention, education and services related to Narcan Distribution Program, and alcohol and other drug misuse programs.

**Objective 2:** By 2026, increase knowledge about interventions, treatments, or recovery services among residents.

**Strategy 3:** Expand the use of promising practices, evidence based or adaptive based practices to improve treatment services.

**Objective 3:** By 2026, increase training opportunities and programming related to the peer support specialist (PSS) program.

## Other Possible Strategies

- Educate the community on identifying a drug overdose and what to do when someone overdoses
- Educate parents and the community on current drug trends
- Promote additional harm reduction strategies in Green Lake County
- Advocate for alcohol-free and smoke-free spaces in community spaces and at community events
- Promote tobacco cessation opportunities for Green Lake County residents
- Promote 'THC is Changing' campaign



Green Lake County  
Health Department

# 2023 Annual Report

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**Prepared by:**

Green Lake  
County Health  
Department Staff

**Presented by:** Rachel Prellwitz



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



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# Message from the Health Officer

I am proud to present you with the 2023 Annual Report. The Green Lake County Health Department's Annual Report provides a snapshot of the health status of our community and the work we do to improve the overall health of Green Lake County. Our work is done in partnership with individuals, families, organizations, and the public. We focus on all factors that affect health: health behaviors, social and economic factors, clinical care, and the physical environment. The core functions of public health and the 10 essential public health services provide structure to our mission.

This year continued to be a year of resilience and recovery for our team and our communities. As we continue to step away from heavy COVID work and back into the work we are passionate about, we recognized that the pandemic changed our communities and our team. We engaged in an extensive strategic planning process to regroup, refocus, and develop a comprehensive plan to help our employees get their feet back under them and redevelop our foundation as a department. We look forward to implementing the strategies identified in our new plan throughout 2024 and beyond.

The Health Department also completed our Community Health Assessment (CHA) as required by WI State Statute. The CHA is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the health of our community. After compiling data from the CHA, we prioritized the top health concerns to create the 2023-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The finished assessment and plan will be available early 2024! We look forward to working with the Green Lake County community to continue to improve the health and well-being of our residents.

Sincerely,



Rachel Prellwitz, RN



# Meet Our Team



**LAUREN OLSON**  
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

As Deputy Health Officer and Health Educator of Green Lake County I work on a variety of health topics; from tobacco prevention, physical activity and nutrition, car seat education, substance use prevention, community outreach, education on a variety of topics, working with our schools, and our community health improvement plan (CHIP).



**ALLISON KRAUSE**  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Allison's focus is primarily on investigating all communicable diseases, work on our emergency preparedness plans and providing immunizations to adults and children. We carry most vaccines including flu, tetanus and all childhood vaccines. She also provides home visits to the Amish and provides a variety of health education individually and in classrooms.



**NANCY GIMENEZ**  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The areas that Nancy is primarily responsible for at Green Lake County are: Managing the Diabetes Prevention Program, coordinating the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, following up with new moms/families and assisting them to find resources and services to support them. She also provides 1:1 advance care planning, and assists the other PH staff with vaccinations, community events and more.



# Meet Our Team



**LISA ROLLIN**  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Lisa's focus was supporting Public Health with the COVID pandemic. Since the needs in COVID/pandemic management has reduced, her attention has shifted to being a Diabetes Prevention Lifestyle Coach and helping with our Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.



**KYLE ALT**  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

As the health inspector Kyle licenses and inspects food facilities, lodging facilities, campgrounds, pools and rec-ed camps. The other large part of his job is responding to human health hazards in the community. Kyle uses chapter 154, health and sanitation, of Green Lake County's code of ordinances to address these concerns."

# Our Organization

## Mission

The mission of the Green Lake County Health Department is to promote and protect health and prevent disease.

## Vision

We will become the leader in public health in Green Lake County promoting healthy people, thriving communities and safe environments.

### THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

*To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities*

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.



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# Health Equity

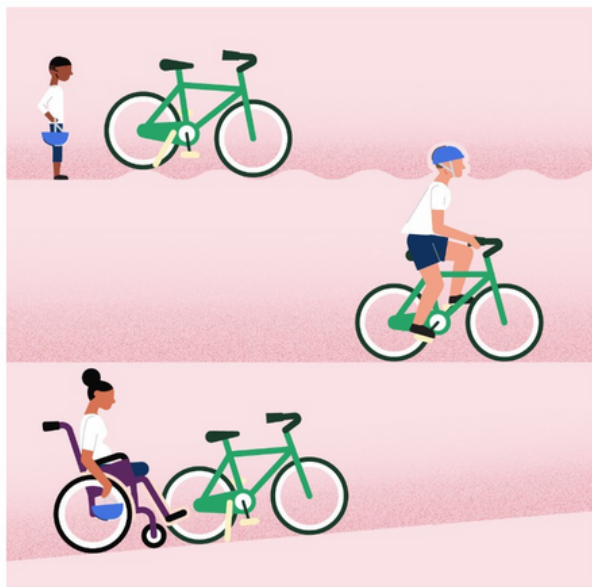
As public health has evolved to address the complex health issues of today, health departments have transitioned to a Public Health 3.0 model that is population-based, focusing more on policy change, community-wide interventions, collective impact, and improving the social determinants of health (SDOH). SDOH are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and play and these conditions in part contribute to health disparities and inequities. In order to create social and physical environments that promote good health for all we must approach problems through a health equity lens.



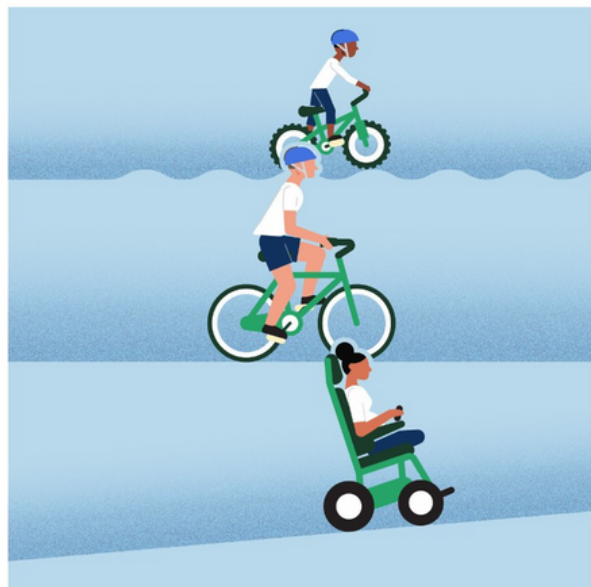
Examples of Social Determinants of health

The Green Lake County Health Department is committed to ensuring health equity for all residents. In the past year, and as we continue to move forward, we have made improvements in addressing health disparities and promoting health equity through our programs, partnerships, and initiatives.

**EQUALITY:**  
Everyone gets the same—regardless if it’s needed or right for them.



**EQUITY:**  
Everyone gets what they need—understanding the barriers, circumstances, and conditions.

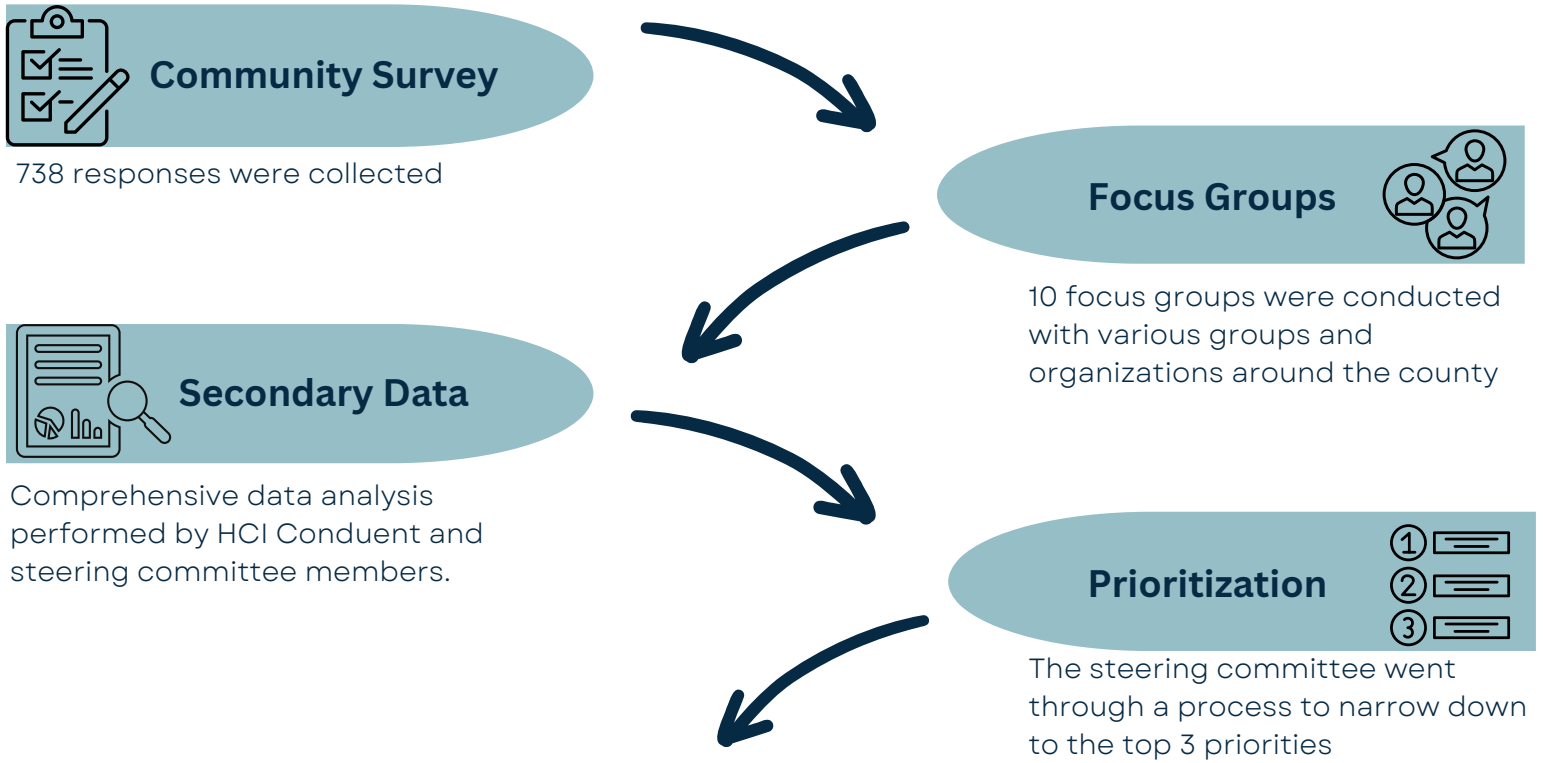


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# Community Health Assessment (CHA)



Every 5 years, the Green Lake County Health Department is required to develop and implement a health plan that addresses health conditions that affect the communities. We began the process of the health assessment in the beginning of 2023. This health assessment is a collection of data through community surveys, focus group conversations, and secondary data analysis. A steering committee made up of local organizations, agencies, and citizens, helped to guide this 6-month process.



## The Three Health Priorities for the 2023-2027 cycle are:

		<b>Access to Care</b> (Medical and Dental)	} <b>Transportation</b>
		<b>Mental Health</b>	
		<b>Substance Misuse Prevention</b>	

# Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)



Continuing beyond our health assessment, we then develop an improvement plan. This is where the goals, measurable objectives, and implementation strategies are set to address the top health priorities chosen.



## Access to Care-Medical

*Improve access to health care, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County.*

Strategy 1:

Connect and educate on preventative services to improve healthcare access and navigation in Green Lake County.

Strategy 2:

Ensure residents of Green Lake County have access and knowledge of resources to support a healthy life.



## Access to Care-Dental

*Improve access to health care, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County.*

Strategy 1:

Planning and coordination of services and activities to increase awareness about dental health in Green Lake County.

Strategy 2:

Coordination of prevention and education efforts to improve dental services in Green Lake County.



## Substance Misuse

*Prevent or reduce substance misuse among youth and adults in Green Lake County.*

Strategy 1:

Build collaboration and capacity of substance use prevention

Strategy 2:

Coordination of prevention, education and services related to Narcan Distribution Program, and alcohol and other drug misuse programs.

Strategy 3:

Expand the use of promising practices, evidence based or adaptive based practices to improve treatment services.



## Mental Health

*Build a culture of mental wellness throughout Green lake County.*

Strategy 1:

Support countywide collaborative efforts to reduce suicides and promote mental health prevention, and treatment services.

Strategy 2:

Coordination of prevention and education related to mental health programming and services in Green Lake County.

Strategy 3:

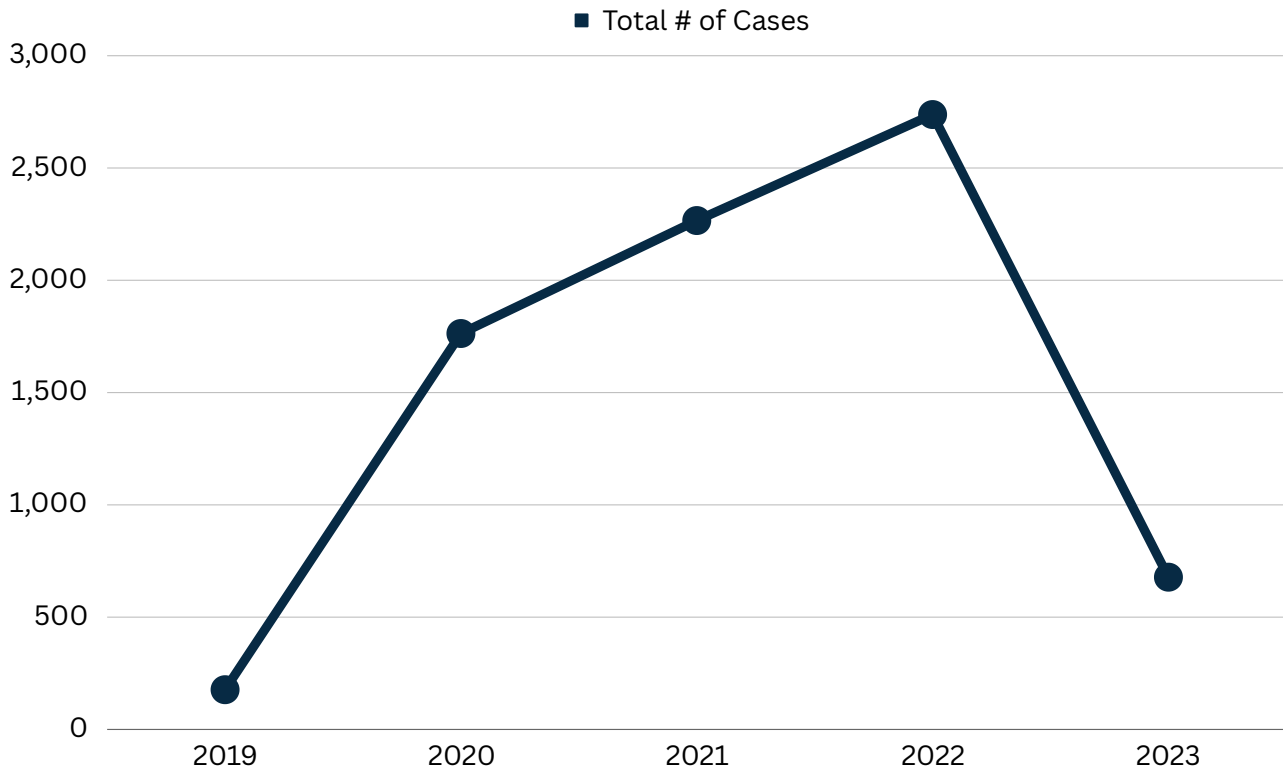
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Strategy 4:

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# Disease Control and Prevention

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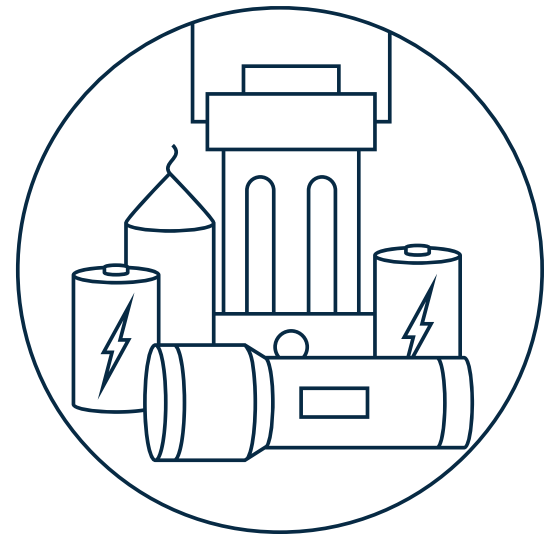
Public Health is required by state statute to follow up on acute and communicable diseases. Using the WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), we are able to monitor trends and track outbreaks as they occur. The above graph shows total number of cases reported to Green Lake County Health Department over the last 5 years.

The Health Unit again partnered with the Green Lake Association (GLA) and Green Lake Sanitary District (GLSD) on the Blue Green Algae and E. Coli beach monitoring program. The GLA & GLSD tested water samples at locations around Green Lake for the presence of blue-green algae toxins and E. Coli. Results were used to inform the community of potential beach advisories or closures by the health department. Throughout this testing season, two beach advisories/closures were issued. Once conditions improved, beach closures were lifted. Communicable disease funding was used to support this effort.



# Public Health Preparedness

Allison Krause is our Public Health Preparedness Program Coordinator for Green Lake County. We continue to be an active member in the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition attending monthly meetings and participating in various preparedness exercises throughout the year. In addition, we are also active partners in the Local Emergency Planning Committee with Emergency Management.

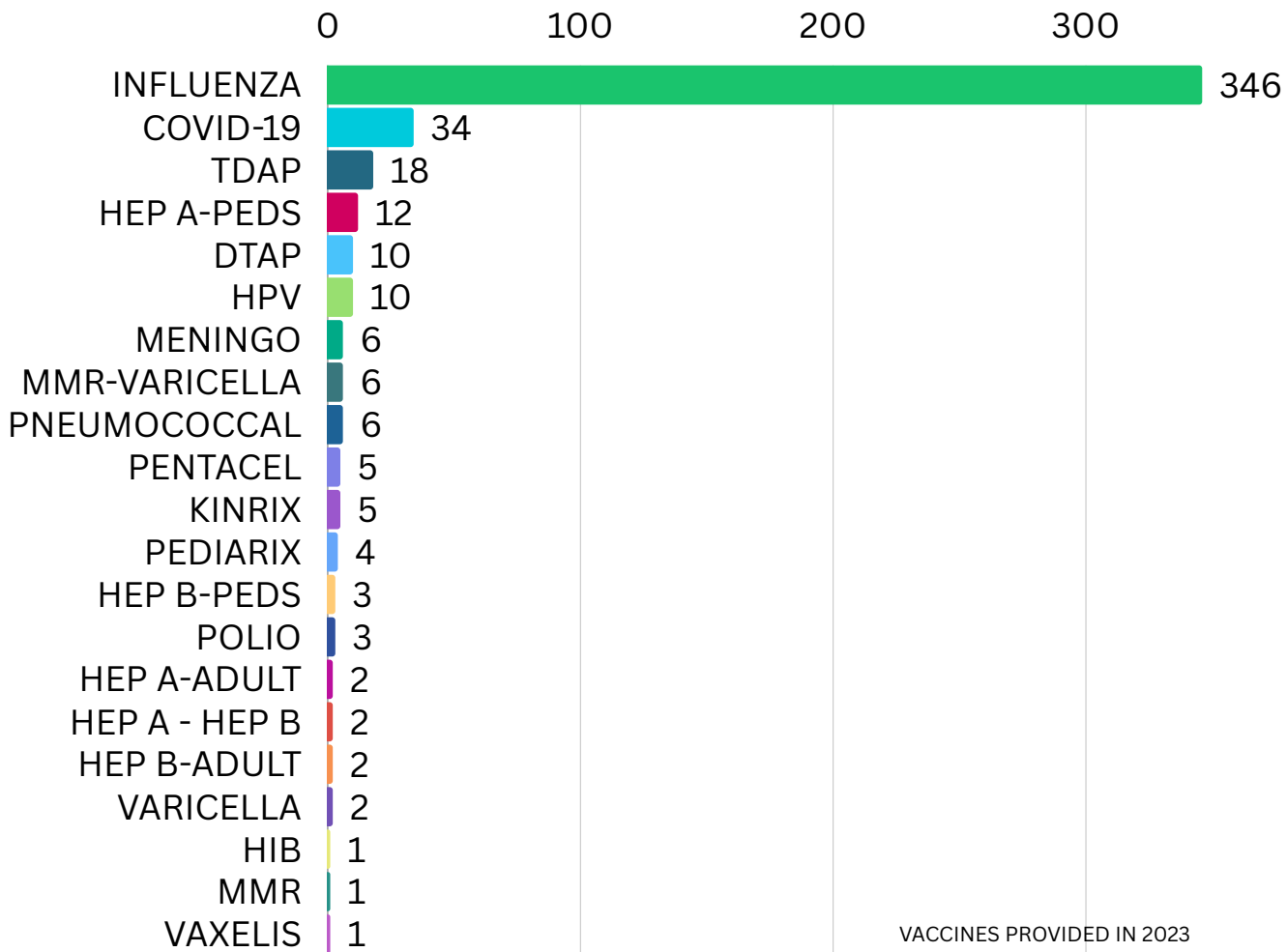


The Wisconsin Department of Health Services and a handful of other public health emergency planners, including Allison, are participating in a Public Health Emergency Plan re-writing/updating committee. This will lead to our emergency preparedness plan to be aligned with surrounding counties' plans as we update ours within the next year.

**Allison attended a 3-day training for Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) at the Waupun Fire Department in April. HSEEP provides a set of guiding principles for PH Preparedness exercise and evaluation programs. The training also provides a framework for a common approach to exercise program management, design and development, in addition to conducting, evaluating, and improvement planning. Allison is now a certified HSEEP evaluator.**



# Immunizations



We have continued with monthly immunization clinics in Green Lake and a home visitation program to provide immunizations to the Amish community. Due to low interest in immunizations since COVID, we have started focusing efforts to increase vaccination rates in all communities with some new locations for vaccination. This fall we provided staff and vaccinations at several of the school's back to school open house events. This proved to be beneficial to parents offering required school vaccines at school.

For our cohort turning 2 years of age this year, benchmark immunization rates of having vaccines completed before their 2nd birthday decreased to 37%. That is down 2% from last year. This data does include all Amish children. Our immunization rate of all 2-year-olds meeting immunization requirements was 47% this year. Again, this is a 2% decrease from last year. We continue to encourage all families to call and set up an appointment to come in for vaccinations and send out letters to all families that are behind the recommended schedule. We also are continuing to offer home visits to Amish families and other families with transportation issues. WIC has continued utilizing their new mobile unit in the parking lot during WIC instead of in the building and providing more phone visits than in person. This is continually reducing the number of children under the age of 5 that we see for appointments.



# Dental

We contract with Carrie Knurowski, Dental Hygienist, to provide services to Head Start and school age children for dental cleanings. Carrie provides services in Marquette and Fond du Lac counties as well. Carrie also provides sealants for school aged children through the Seal-A-Smile program. In 2023, Carrie was able to bill over \$65,000 to MA and Badgercare for dental services.

419

Total number of children who were screened and provided fluoride treatments

172

Total number of children that had prophylactic cleanings performed

73

Total number of children that had sealants placed

112

Number of referrals given for further care and treatment

**This program provides dental needs in our county that are greatly unmet due to providers not accepting patients with MA/Badgercare.**

# NUTRITION/WIC



WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children – offering nutrition education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support, and referrals for healthcare providers and community services to those participating.

## 2023 WIC Participation

All served by Family Health La Clinica WIC

**1,004**

Total number of individuals served

**57**

pregnant women served

**200**

infants under 12 months

**\$6,570**

spent on fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets from June-October with the Farmers Market Nutrition Program

**211**

Postpartum women

**536**

Children ages 1-4

## WIC Clinic Updates

In Green Lake County, WIC helped many income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children ages 1-4. WIC transitioned off federal COVID waivers in August, at which time the new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) waivers began. These new waivers are active through September 2026 and require WIC staff to make concerted efforts to collect height, weight and hemoglobin through referral data from providers, or in person WIC appointments. Since the transition to hybrid services, there have been many families returning to the WIC clinic for height, weight and hemoglobin measurements (averaging 30-40 per month), and there have also been great efforts to obtain this information from doctor offices. WIC remains flexible to meet the needs of the families, and added 4 additional locations (2 of which are in Green Lake County – the Tri County Boys & Girls Club in Berlin and the Princeton Public Library) where families can come in person for appointments on the mobile unit.



## WIC Outreach

WIC provides a breastfeeding peer mentor, which is an invaluable resource to new mothers. The Mommy and Me breastfeeding group was offered all year, with very low attendance causing December to be the last month of this offering. WIC will continue to explore other options to support breastfeeding mothers through the peer counseling program, including planning to add a bilingual Spanish speaking Hispanic breastfeeding peer counselor in 2024. WIC also applied for the [USDA Breastfeeding Gold Award of Excellence](#) in December which is a measure of the quality of the breastfeeding peer counselor programming and overall breastfeeding initiation and rates.

WIC is focusing on building stronger relationships with healthcare providers and breastfeeding professionals to increase referrals and awareness of the services offered. Staff held a diaper drive/flu clinic in partnership with medical staff at the Wautoma clinic in September with over 100 infants/children receiving diapers and 13 flu shots administered. Outreach such as WIC staff visiting with clinical and lactation staff at local hospitals and clinics to offer WIC informational presentations will continue into 2024. WIC staff also participated in various community events such as children's health day, fairs, family adventure day, touch a truck/national night out, farmers markets, parades, etc.



THIS WIC Telehealth Grant through Tufts University wrapped up mid-year. The platform being tested was deemed a success and plans are underway to roll out the Online Nutrition Education system statewide in 2024.

# Childhood Lead

Lead assessment and education is a service provided by Green Lake County Health Department. A partnership of a Public Health Nurse and an Environmental Health Specialist with our Tri-County Consortium.

\*In 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the blood level reference value to 3.5mcg/dL (Previous value was 5mcg/dL). Any child with a venous blood lead level of 3.5mcg/dL or higher is considered lead poisoned.

**At Green Lake County Health Department, all families who have children with a level of, or over, 3.5ug/dl (regardless of if it is venous or capillary), are attempted to be contacted by phone to perform an assessment and provide education, which is then followed up with an e-mail containing various educational handouts and county contact information. Those families that the nurse is unable to contact, have letters sent to their home, and the health care provider is notified if there still is no response. For those children presenting with a capillary test above 3.5 ug/dl, parents are instructed of the need for confirmatory venous blood lead testing and instructed when to obtain this.**

Outreach and education to retailers and the public was done during an “applesauce product recall” that was found to have elevated lead levels in it.



# 138

Total blood level tests completed for children residing in Green Lake County

# 4

Children with elevated confirmatory venous blood lead levels (VBLL) ranging from 3.7-6.3 ug/dL

\*Continue to be followed

\*None of their levels were over the 10ug/dl level, so no home visits were required, however each of these 4 cases were offered a home visit and declined.

# Mother, Child and Family

To help support healthy family development, Green Lake County Health Department provides outreach and education to all families when a baby is born. Outreach is done through phone support and mailings.

 **194**  
Births in 2023  
vs. 207 in 2022

**4.6%**  
Smoked during pregnancy  
vs. 9.52% in 2021

**6.7%**  
babies born low birthweight  
vs. 6.19% in 2021

**58.76%**  
women received prenatal care beginning in the first trimester

“Women who receive early and regular prenatal care are more likely to have healthy infants,” (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Guidelines for Perinatal Care, eighth ed., 2017).

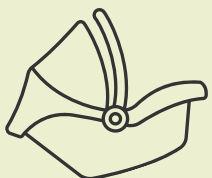
Programs and resources that families have been referred to because of our outreach include Children’s Wisconsin Program, First Breath, Wisconsin Works, Well Badger Resource Center, various lactation consultants, dental services and WIC.

## Car Seat Program

The Green Lake County Health Department offers car seat checks to anyone in Green Lake County free of charge. The Health Department has two certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) who educate caregivers on the proper selection, installation, and use of car seats and booster seats. This program allows eligible, low-income caregivers to receive car seats and booster seats for free. It is supported by local and state grant funds and/or donations.

### 2023 Activities/Outreach

- Secured Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) grant funds to help sustain the program
- Provided parents with education on car seat safety, including outreach with the Plain Communities
- Both Child Passenger Safety Technicians attended the Annual Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety-Car Seat Track



**100%**

of those who had a car seat installation check reported having an increase in knowledge of proper car seat use.

**25**

Total number of car seats were given to families along with education.



# Diabetes Prevention Program



Diabetes and prediabetes remain overwhelming problems in our county like the rest of the country. It is estimated that 1 of every 3 adults now has prediabetes.

When left unnoticed, prediabetes generally becomes diabetes within 5 years. It is well known that when diabetes is not well controlled, it can lead to many complications such as heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, limb amputation, blindness and more. The best strategy is to prevent diabetes. In 2022, Green Lake County Health Department initiated a CDC recognized diabetes prevention program (DPP), which continues to positively impact many people in Green Lake County.



Attained Full Plus CDC Recognition through the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP), after collecting a year's worth of data from the program and meeting certain standards.

\*This was the first step in becoming a Medicare supplier to allow us to start billing for this program in 2024, for long term sustainability.

## 2023 Program Highlights



The first cohort completed their year-long program in August 2023. Most of the participants met their weight loss and activity goals. This single group had a collective weight loss of 181 pounds!



Worked with Wisconsin DHS who helped create multiple video testimonials for Green Lake County DPP, using participants from the first two cohorts and is currently being promoted not only locally but at a state level.



An additional staff member achieved their Lifestyle Coach certification, making for 3 coaches now able to teach. Interest in the program continues to increase, as we saw starting 3 more cohorts in 2023. Total number of people who have enrolled to date is 54.



# Tri-County Environmental Health

- Pre-inspections
- Routine Inspections
- Re-inspections
- Housing Complaints
- Animal Bites
- Well Water Concerns
- Meth House Placards
- Sewage Issues
- Nuisance/Other

**During the calendar year of 2023, the following was completed in Green Lake County**

**Facility Inspections:**

- Pre-inspections: 44
- Routine inspections: 192
- Re-inspections: 3
- Complaint investigations: 4

**Other Activities:**

- Animal Bites
- 22 animals quarantined-all showed normal behavior
- 1 dog was sent in for rabies testing-results negative
- 2 cats were sent in for rabies testing- results negative
- 2 raccoons were sent in for rabies testing-results negative

**Meth House Placards—None**

**Housing Complaints—16**

**Sewage issues- 3**

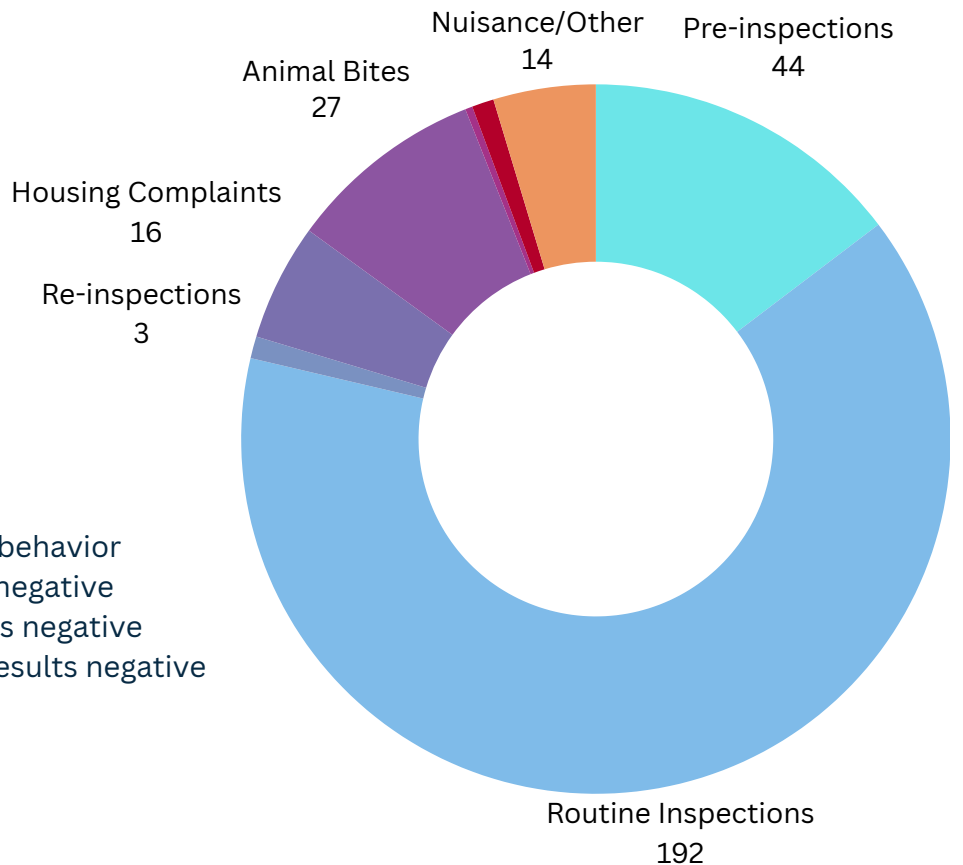
**Nuisance/Other— 14**

**Radon Kits Distributed— 39 short term test kits. 1 Long term test kit.**

**Water Kits Distributed— 84 (not including test kits distributed for land conservation well water program)**

**Well Water:**

Concerns/Investigations: 9



The Health Department participated in a well water testing project in collaboration with the Land Conservation Dept. distributing 150 free water test kits to residents, with focus on wells located in the Townships of Princeton and Dalton. A community meeting was held on June 5th to go over results and provide education/resources on mediation for wells that tested over public health standards.

# Community Health and Prevention

## Opioid Fatality Review Team

Green Lake County finished the grant cycle as a Tri-County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team (in partnership with Marquette and Waushara Counties). In looking at how our team was operating, it became clear that proceeding with further grant funding would present several challenges for the Tri-County, and it was ultimately decided that each county would proceed with a joint death review team rather than the OFR format.

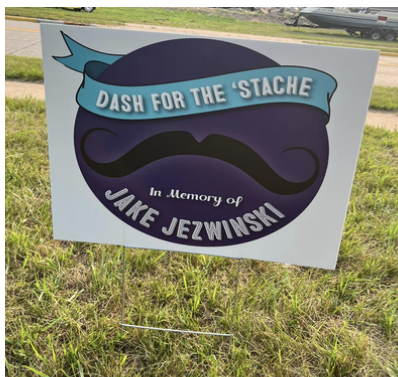
→ Cases Reviewed in 2023: 2

## Overdose Awareness Event

Despite transitioning out of OFR, the team utilized grant funding to partner with the Jezwinski family to host a Tri-County overdose awareness event that was held on July 15th called **Dash for the 'Stache** in Jake Jezwinski's memory.



This event was held in Redgranite and started with a fun 1 mile or 5k walk/run, followed by live bands, presentations from Rise Together and Tree House Central. All proceeds from the run/walk, food sales, and raffles were given to the Jezwinski family, who is starting a foundation in Jake's name. From this event, Jake's legacy is continuing to impact Green Lake County!



The Jezwinski family has generously donated \$2,000 to assist in hosting a presentation for Green Lake County schools from Rise Together in 2024. Green Lake County will then continue to build connections with our schools to bring awareness, education, and hope to our youth regarding substance misuse.

## Opioid Overdose Awareness

More than **20** Doses of Narcan distributed through the Narcan Direct Program

**2** Community Narcan Trainings offered

**NARCAN Training**

During the **FREE** training, learn to:

- Recognize an opioid overdose
- Respond to an opioid overdose
- Safely administer Naloxone (Narcan)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023**  
**6:00PM**  
**BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
121 W. Park Ave, Berlin

Each participant will receive a Narcan Kit.  
Please register by calling 920-294-4070.

Presented by:  
Green Lake County Health and Human Services

ANYONE can be at risk of an overdose if they take prescription or non-prescription opioids.  
Help save lives by being prepared.

# Community Health and Prevention



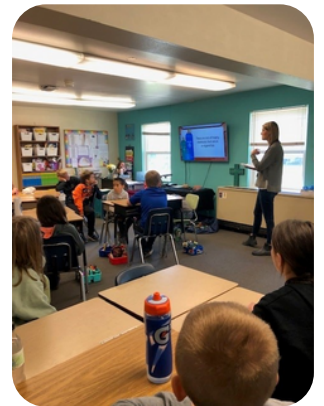
## EAST CENTRAL ALLIANCE for Nicotine Prevention

### Tobacco Prevention and Control

Green Lake County is a member of the East Central Alliance for Nicotine Prevention. This multi-jurisdictional coalition is made up of Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Fond du Lac Counties, with Fond du Lac being the lead.



With coalition funding, Tobacco Prevention Earth Day events took place in April, with students at two parochial schools in the county.



# 19

Tobacco Compliance Checks were completed

### WI Wins

The Wisconsin Wins (WI Wins) campaign is a science-based, state-level initiative designed to decrease youth access to tobacco products. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services contracts with local partners to conduct investigations to establish retailer compliance with the law. Direct outreach is done with tobacco retailers and the community throughout the year.



CATCH My Breath is an evidence-based youth vaping prevention program for grades 5-12 that has been proven to substantially reduce students' likelihood of vaping.

# 80

5th-8th grade students have received this education. Collaborations with more schools will happen in 2024.

### General Outreach

The Health Department continues to work to educate the public through news and social media outlets.



Content published on Facebook reached **40,675** accounts in 2023.

Articles published in local newspapers totaled **35** in 2023.

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# Community Health and Prevention

## Advanced Care Planning

Advance Care Planning helps adults at any age or stage of health understand and share their personal values and preferences regarding future medical care. It is a gift you give your loved ones to help them make choices about your care.

A partnership of our Public Health Nurse, Nancy Gimenez and Kristen Dorsch in the Aging Unit, who are both certified Advance Care Planning Facilitators.



3

Informational Sessions



42

People participated in the informational sessions

These sessions focused on increasing awareness about the importance of ACP, promoted discussion of the topic and provided all supportive material necessary to begin having advance care planning talks with loved ones. The facilitators also offered State of Wisconsin appropriate advance directive documents to those ready to complete such forms.

## Coverdell Stroke Prevention

At the end of 2022 Green Lake County became a Coverdell Community Stroke Partner, to help address the issue of stroke throughout our county. The benefits of participating as a Coverdell Community Partner include:

- Free stroke community education materials
- Networking and community of practice opportunities with other Coverdell Community Partners
- Technical assistance to answer questions regarding stroke and stroke prevention
- Invitations to stroke education opportunities
- Recognition on the state stroke program website



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