

LANGLADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Langlade County Health Department



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Mission

Promote health and wellness for all in Langlade County; regardless of social, economic, or cultural reasons; by providing public health services essential for a safe and healthy community.

Vision

Langlade County: thriving people, healthy communities, and safe environments.

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A Message from the Health Officer

Public health in its truest form, promotes and protects the health of people and communities where they live, learn work and play. It is incredible to think that in 2022 we entered the third year of pandemic response while also trying to look forward to resuming the services and programs that were temporarily put on hold in 2020.

I continue to be inspired by the public health workforce here in Lantana County as well as statewide. When I joined this team in May of 2022, I was continually impressed by the staff in this department and their dedication and passion to their work each and every day. The response has been a team effort and it is my privilege to work with each of them every day.

This annual report looks at the 10 essential services of Public Health as provided by the Lantana County Health Department. The end of 2022 saw a large shift back into the community, doing what public health does by providing programs and services that meet the needs of our community. Staff has been ecstatic to get back out into the community.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, board of health and community in supporting us in 2022. As we look into 2023 we aim our efforts to make the greatest positive impact on public health outcomes in our community.

Meghan Williams

Meghan Williams, REHS
Health Officer

2022 Highlights

- COVID-19 testing continued throughout 2022. Added rapid antigen testing in September 2022.
- Began working on Health Department website complete revamp.
- Developed a Suicide Prevention billboard.
- Completed a Community Health Needs Assessment with Aspirus Langlade Hospital.
- Completed and began implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Continued targeted outreach to underserved populations.
- Received a \$10,000 grant to increase radon testing in Langlade County.
- Developed a Branding & Communications Plan and strategy.
- Organized a spring Walk for Wellness with over 100 participants.
- Updated the Performance Management & Quality Improvement Plan.
- Formed a PMQI Team to ensure that performance management and quality improvement is integrated in LCHD.
- Completed the Community Outreach Grant focused on increasing immunization rates.
- Conducted both walk- in flu vaccination clinics as well as drive through vaccination clinics.
- Partnered with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare to provide COVID-19 vaccination clinics on 5 occasions.
- Continued work in Health Equity.



Thank You



A special THANK YOU to Dr. Kristine Flowers who served as the medical advisor for the Langlade County Health Department since 2004 serving on the Board of Health for over 18 years. Dr. Flowers has long been an advocate for public health in our community. We greatly appreciate Dr. Flower's commitment to the Langlade County Health Department and public health over the years.

10 Essential Public Health Services



Community Snapshot

TOTAL POPULATION: 19,491



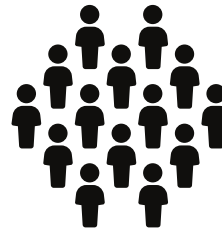
50% MALE



50% FEMALE



Median Age:
48.8 years



Poverty: 10.7%

\$49,491

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Race & Ethnicity

95.2% WHITE

2.1% HISPANIC OR LATINO

1.7% TWO OR MORE RACES

1.4% AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKAN NATIVE

1.2% BLACK

0.5% NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

Communicable Disease Investigation & Control

Public health works to decrease illness in the community by investigation, controlling and preventing diseases that spread from person to person, animal to person and environment to person.

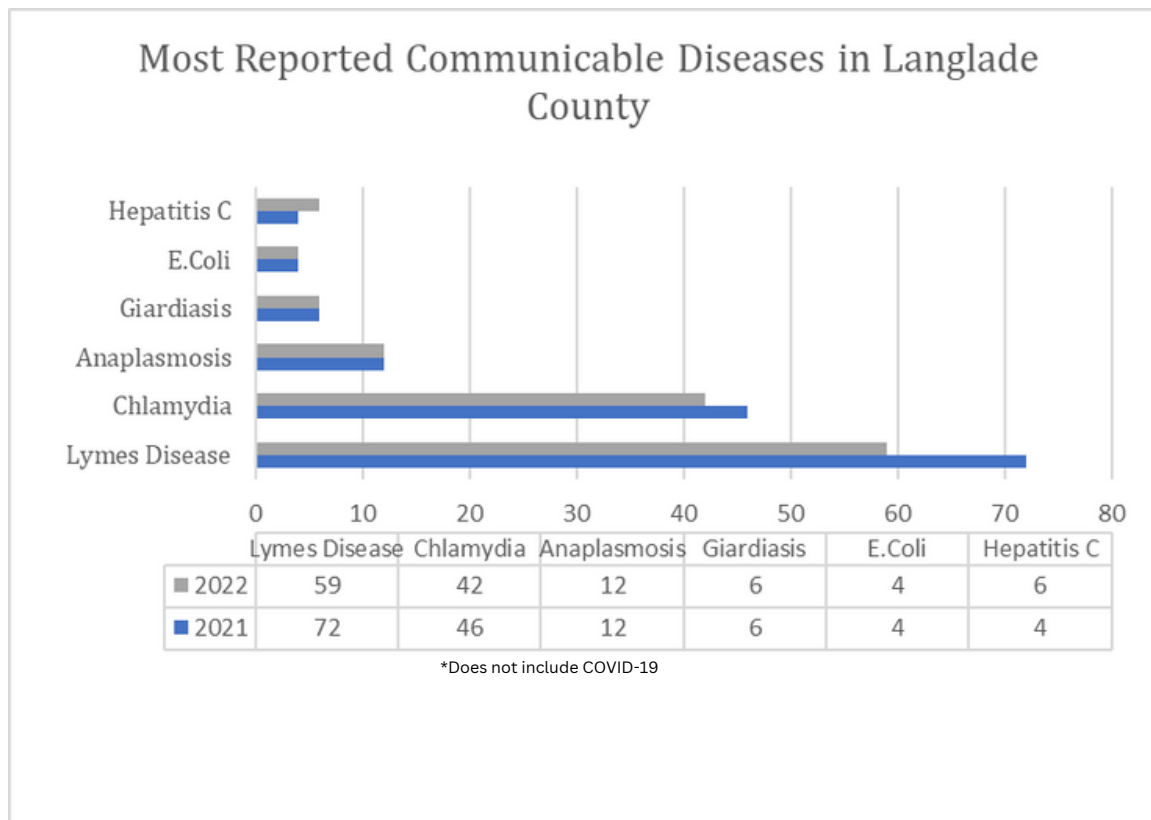
COVID-19 was the most commonly reported communicable disease in 2021 with 1953 cases and in 2022 with 2608 cases.

By state statute, certain diseases must be reported to local health departments. These diseases pose a public health concern because of their severity and/or their potential for spread. The Lantlade County Health Department receives and investigates these communicable diseases.

Lantlade County Most Commonly Reported Diseases in 2022:

- 1) COVID-19--- 2608 cases
- 2) Lyme's Disease---59 cases
- 3) Chlamydia---42 cases
- 4) Anaplasmosis---12 cases
- 5) Giardia--- 6 cases
- 6) E.Coli---4 cases

Lantlade County Health Department will continue to provide education and vaccine accessibility to the community, highlighting the importance for children and families.



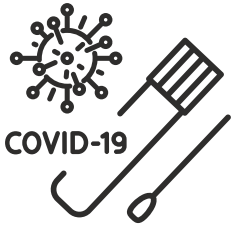
COVID-19

2022 continued to be a busy year with a total of 2,608 COVID-cases reported to the LCHD. LCHD utilized several methods to interact with and engage the community during the ongoing COVID-19 response. This included general messaging to the public with up-to-date Covid-19 infections, hospitalizations, guidance and recommendations. We also monitored community risk and the status of Covid-19 at the community-level through data collection, analysis, and interpretation. LCHD continued to provide COVID-19 testing to Langlade County residents and added rapid antigen testing as well as PCR testing in 2022. Additionally as the year progressed, strategies were developed to minimize inequities related to COVID-19, including five Covid-19 Bivalent Booster/Influenza Immunization Clinics that were held over the course of 2 months. These clinics provided the opportunity for those needing influenza vaccines as well as COVID-19 vaccines. LCHD continued to provide over 15,670 masks and over 1,200 Covid-19 home tests.

Contact tracing has widely been used as an important tool in helping to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 on our community. As the number of cases continued to decline in 2022 we began to look forward at the programming and services offered by LCHD that was stopped during COVID-19. The Health Department continued to be creative, accommodating and flexible, so we could continue to provide services to the community. The words "going virtual" continued to be the main theme for trainings, meetings, and collaborations with other stakeholders.

In 2022, we also saw the U.S. surpass more than a million total Covid-19 deaths, vaccine authorizations for very young children, and a year-end tripledemic. However, as the year went on, Covid-19 became less of a disruption of our lives and made it possible to resume pre-pandemic activities like travel, attending large events, and going to school in person again unmasked.

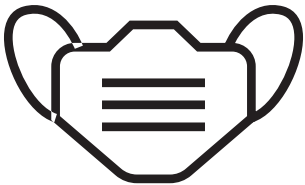




630 COVID-19 tests complete by LCHD.



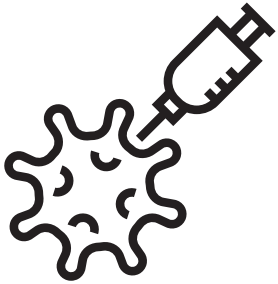
Over 1,200 home tests provided.



15,670 masks provided to Langlade County residents



50 weekly updates provided via newsprint and Facebook.



5 dual flu vaccine and COVID-19 bivalent booster clinic events held.

THANK YOU!

to our community, dedicated staff and volunteers for all their efforts!

County Health Rankings

Health outcomes represent how healthy a county is right now, in term of length of life but quality of life as well.

Langlade County is ranked among the least healthy counties in Wisconsin (0-25%).



Areas for Improvement:

- Child Mortality- 70 (number of deaths per 1,000 births)
 - Wisconsin- 50
- Diabetes Prevalence- 9%
 - Wisconsin- 7%
- Poor Physical Health Days- 4.0 (number of physically unhealthy days in the last 30 days).
 - Wisconsin- 3.6
- Poor Mental Health Days- 4.7 (number of mentally unhealthy days in the last 30 days).
 - Wisconsin- 4.4

Health factors represent those things we can modify to improve the length and quality of life for residents.

Langlade County is ranked in the lower middle rank of counties in Wisconsin (25-50%).



Areas of Strength

- Air Pollution-Particulate Matter
- Mammography Screening- 53%
 - Wisconsin- 49%
- Primary Care Physicians- 1,200:1
 - Wisconsin: 1,260:1
- Preventable Hospital Stays: 2,230
 - Wisconsin: 3,260

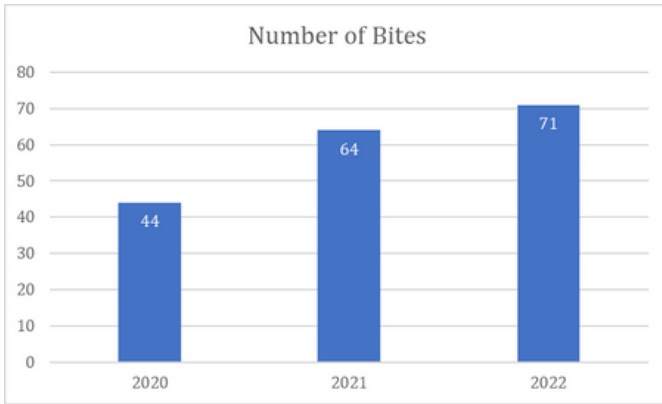
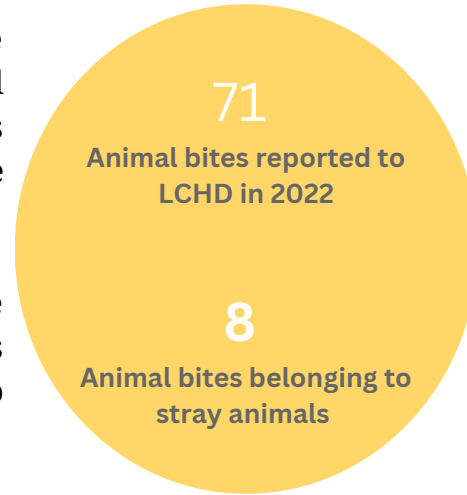
Areas for Improvement

- Adult Smoking- 20%
 - Wisconsin- 16%
- Adult Obesity- 36%
 - Wisconsin- 34%
- Physical Inactivity- 27%
 - Wisconsin- 22%
- Excessive Drinking- 25%
 - Wisconsin-25%
- Flu Vaccination- 35%
 - Wisconsin-53%
- High School Completion- 90%
 - Wisconsin- 93%

Rabies and Animal Bite Investigation

Animal bites are reported to the Health Department where a staff person receives the reports of animal bites and provides follow-up, ensuring that the veterinarian checks are completed and advise the bite victim to receive the proper medical treatment as necessary.

If the stray animal is caught, it can be taken to the Humane Society to be quarantined, or submitted to the state. This will prevent the individual who was bitten, from having to go through the rabies vaccine series.



Lead Poisoning Prevention

Lead poisoning prevention is a service provided to families with children that have elevated blood lead levels. The CDC identified the blood reference value of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter to identify children with blood lead levels that are higher than most children's levels. No blood lead level in children has been identified as safe and even low levels of lead can be harmful. The effects of lead poisoning can be permanent and disabling.

A public health nurse follows up on all elevated lead levels and provides education on proper cleaning techniques, hand washing, diet/nutrition, and prevention strategies to prevent further exposure. The public health nurse also ensures that follow-up testing is completed as recommended.

Year	Number Children Tested	Number Children > 3.5 (mcg/dl)
2021	204	0
2022	186	5

Investigate, Diagnose, & Address
Health Hazards & Root Causes

Human Health Hazard Investigation

To protect the health of the citizens of Langlade County, LCHD investigates and enforces complaints regarding human health hazards.

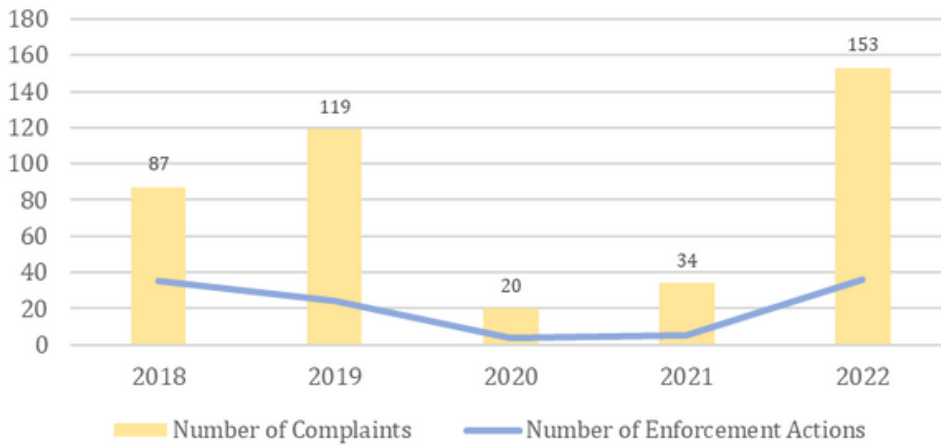
In 2022, Chapter 10 of Langlade County Ordinances was updated and revised to reflect changes in definitions related to human health hazards.

HAZARD

2022

- 153 complaints investigated
- 36 enforcement actions

Human Health Hazard Complaints & Enforcement



A guide is currently under development to aid investigations and further clarify partner resources and responsibilities.

Investigate, Diagnose, & Address
Health Hazards & Root Causes

Radon- It's No Joke!

The Langlade County Health Department received a \$10,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to increase radon testing by working with stakeholders to provide 200 free short-term radon test kits to members of our community as well as 20 free long term test kits. At the start of the grant less than 1% of all homes in Langlade County had been tested for radon.

The Langlade County Health Department did outreach to each township in Langlade County and partnered with some townships to provide an insert that went out with property taxes notifying residents of this opportunity. Further, outreach, education, and advertisements were done via Facebook, a press release to the newspaper, a spot on the local radio station, and our community calendar. The health department saw participation from all thirteen townships in our county by December 31, 2022. At the close of 2022, 100% of results that have had been received had been shared with each participant. The health department also did a follow up phone call to all participants with a result greater than or equal to 4 pCi/L . The health department is actively continuing to follow up on all results that are sent in into 2023 and will complete a report to the community when the project is finished.

Percent of homes with results greater than 4 pCi/L



Source: WI Department of Health Services Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Health

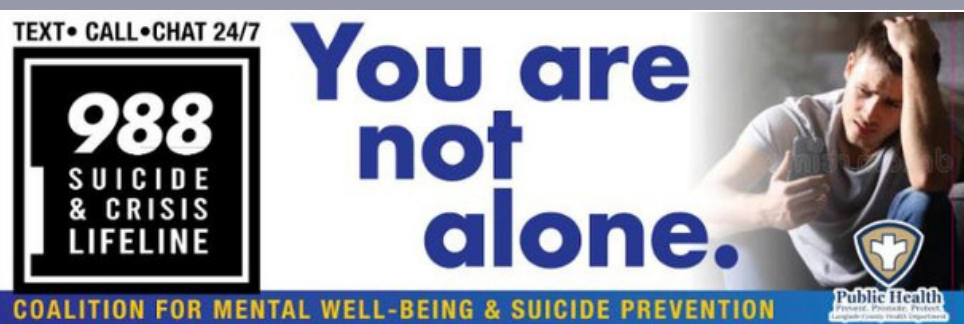
Car Seat Safety

DID YOU KNOW?
4 out of 5 car
seats are
installed
incorrectly.

Kids Travel Safe of Langlade County was created in 2001 when a group of community individuals went to be trained in car seat safety. Since then, there are a total 9 active car seat technicians in Langlade County. A fitting station is held the 3rd Wed. of each month from 4-6 p.m. at the City of Antigo Fire Department where individuals can bring their vehicles in along with their car seats, and have them inspected to make sure they are properly installed.

Despite COVID-19 impacting the ability to provide in-person car seat checks and inspections, certified technicians were still able to help assist parents in correctly installing **16** seats.

Maternal and Child Health



The Maternal and Child Health program works to improve the health and well-being of mothers, infants, children and youth.

As part of this work the Mental Well-Being & Suicide Prevention Coalition meets bimonthly with a focus on providing hope, raising awareness and supporting all people adversely affected by mental health. This is done through education, intervention and prevention. Positive mental health allows people to realize their full potential, cope with the stress of life, work productively, and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Activities in 2022 included: educational displays at various community locations; launch of 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline promoted through stickers that were designed, printed and provided to schools; Child Death Review team that reviews and recommends actions to prevent deaths; gun locks provided to Langlade County residents, and a new 988 billboard installed in Langlade County.



Communicate Effectively to Inform & Educate

Tobacco, Alcohol & Other Drugs Prevention

As a result of our community health needs assessment our tobacco, alcohol and drug programs greatly expanded in 2022. The Langlade County Health Department joined two new coalitions, Nicotine Prevention Alliance of Central Wisconsin and Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition. We have also partnered with the Wisconsin WINS program and plan to complete tobacco compliance checks in 2023.

In 2022, Action Alliance of Langlade County held educational sessions of "In Plain Sight" at Antigo High School and Elcho Schools educating parents on where youth might hide drugs and alcohol in plain sight.

LCHD continues to utilize public education campaigns to educate on the dangers of tobacco and other drugs.





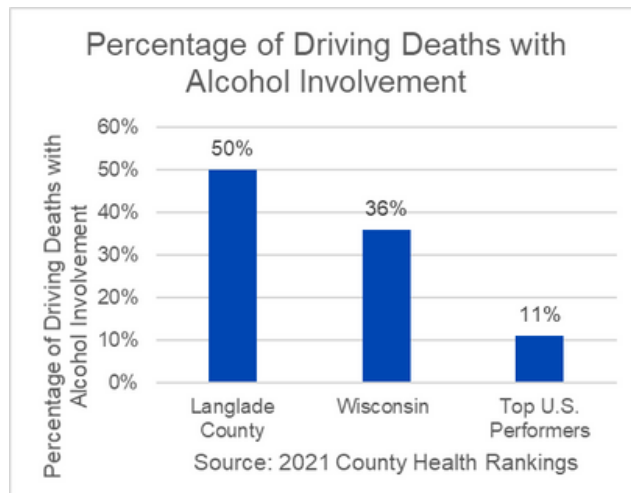
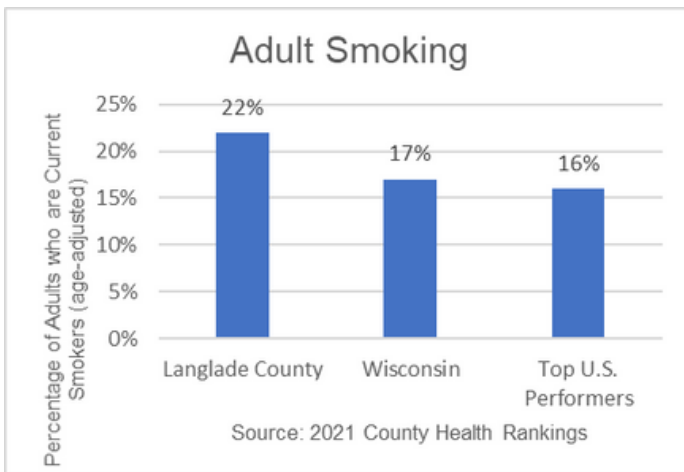
IN PLAIN SIGHT

The purpose of the "In Plain Sight" Mock Bedroom and Backpack is to educate parents, guardians, teachers, and the community where children are hiding their drugs and paraphernalia in plain sight.

INTERESTED? ☎ 715-627-6250

Action Alliance of Langlade County





Communicate Effectively to Inform & Educate

According to the County Health Rankings 12% of Laclede County residents have reported experiencing food insecurity. In 2022, Laclede County Health Department hosted our First Annual Give Hope. Give Love. Give Food, Food Drive. Our generous community helped us donate 586 pounds of food to the food pantries in Antigo, Elcho and White Lake.



In 2022, Laclede County Health Department extended our outreach promoting COVID-19 vaccines with a focus on reaching our Spanish speaking population and youth population. Through this we provided 18 educational sessions or outreach events, 106 social media posts, 395 advertisements on local radio, 6 billboards promoting vaccination, and hosted 5 vaccination clinics. We celebrate increasing vaccination rates in these groups by close to **15%**



Health Promotion

The LCHD works collaboratively with community partners to implement strategies that create conditions to promote healthy communities.

In 2022, the LCHD was able to bring back the Walk for Wellness, an event aimed at promoting health and wellness within our community.

Health Promotion continued/restarted in the following areas:

- blood pressure screenings,
- educational sessions including Music in the Park in Elcho and Music at the Depot in White Lake. The Senior Center of Langlede County has continued to support our efforts and these sessions will continue to be offered in 2023.
- vision screening at local schools with referrals as needed.

15
educational
sessions

226
students
vision
screened



586 pounds
of food
collected
and donated

389 people
screened for
high blood
pressure.

Communicate Effectively to Inform & Educate

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) is intended to support a "whole community" approach to emergency response and recovery. During 2022, efforts towards supporting COVID-19 response activities continued. COVID-19 related efforts included disease investigation through contact tracing, vaccine administration, community testing and mitigation strategies.

As continued work in Public Health Emergency Preparedness capabilities were worked on throughout the year to build a stronger public health preparedness program. These capabilities included: Community Recovery, Emergency Operations Coordination, Information Sharing, Medical Countermeasures Dispensing & Administration, Public Health Surveillance & Epidemiological Investigation, Responder Health & Safety & Volunteer Management.

Part of the public health emergency preparedness program is ensuring exercises and trainings of all staff in order to quickly respond to emergency events.

Exercises:

- Mass Immunization Clinic Exercise at 9 schools in Langlade County.
- Drive through Mass Immunization Clinic for flu vaccine.
- Walk-In Mass Immunization Clinic for COVID and flu vaccine with partnership from AMI Expeditionary Healthcare.

Trainings:

- Respiratory Fit Testing for front line staff.
- ICS 100, ICS 200 and NIMS 800 training for the Community Health Specialist
- ICS 200, NIMS 800 and ICS 300 training for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator/Public Health Nurse.
- ICS 100, ICS 200 and NIMS 700 training for the Administrative Assistant.
- Participation in biweekly emergency preparedness learning session calls.



Want to Receive Emergency Notifications in Langlade County?

- Sign up to receive Antigo/Langlade County Emergency Alerts at the link below.
- You can choose what local alerts you wish to receive about emergencies and other important news in Langlade County.

Wisconsin Emergency Management
www.ready.wi.us

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Strengthen, Support, & Mobilize
Communities & Partnerships

Building a Healthier Langlade County Coalition

In Langlade County a unique and long standing partnership among community organizations has been established. This group known as "Building a Healthier Langlade County" is supported by key stakeholders from organizations and agencies among various sectors of the community. This group oversees the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning process.

To complete this assessment a survey that asked Langlade County residents about their health habits, health status a, healthcare services and social and environmental factors was developed and distributed. There were 374 responses received. There were also 16 interviews with key leaders, partners and community members regarding the health status of Langlade County.

From the data collected and sources of qualitative data such as the County Health Rankings, an ad hoc group of Building a Healthier Langlade County met to identify the priority areas of focus for 2023-2025.

After the top priorities were identified, a community health improvement plan was developed. The Community Health Improvement Plan is a long-term effort to address public health issues in a community. It is based on the results of the community health needs assessment. This document is developed collaboratively and defines a vision for the community's health.

HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR 2022-2025

Mental Well-Being

Alcohol Use & Other Drugs

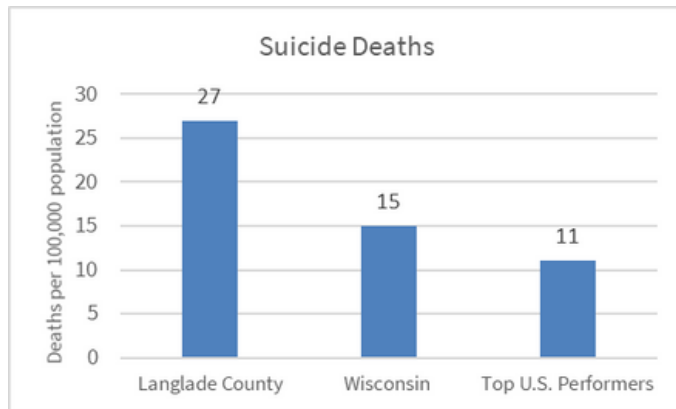
Healthy Living & Active Lifestyle

According to the County Health Rankings, Langlade County ranks #59 out of 72 counties.

**Strengthen, Support, & Mobilize
Communities & Partnerships**

Mental Well-Being

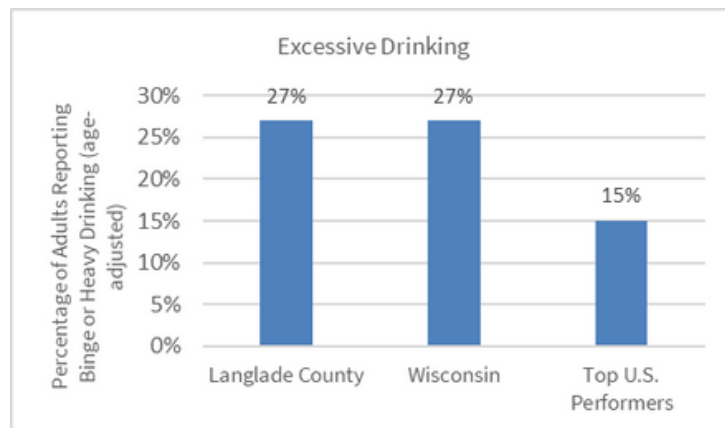
Approximately 20 percent of the population experiences a mental health problem during any given year. Mental health issues are associated with increased rates of risk factors such as smoking, physical inactivity, obesity and substance abuse. Langlade County has a higher than Wisconsin average of suicide deaths per year as well as poor mental health days per year.



Source: 2021 County Health Rankings

Alcohol Use & Other Drugs

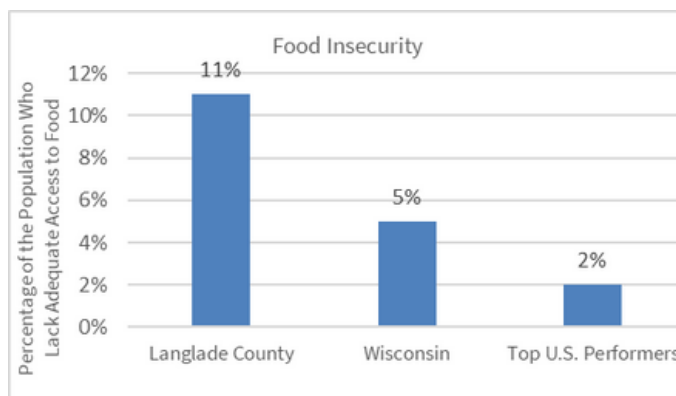
74% of community survey results indicated substance use as a "major issue." 11 out of 16 interviews identified drugs and/or alcohol as an important community issue. Langlade County and Wisconsin have a higher than average excessive drinking rate. Drug and alcohol use can also head to costly physical, mental and public health problems.



Source: 2021 County Health Rankings

Healthy Living & Active Lifestyle

Chronic diseases are among the most avoidable illnesses. Diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are among the leading causes of death and disability in the United States. Approximately 40% of individuals in the community survey selected "access to healthy food" as a top health issue. Food insecurity in Langlade County is more than double Wisconsin's rate.



Source: 2021 County Health Rankings

Create, Champion, & Implement Policies, Plans, & Laws

Ordinance Updates

In November 2022, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approved an update to the Langlade County Code of Ordinances. This provided an update to two chapters that impact the health department.

Chapter 10- Human Health Hazards and section 11.06 in Chapter 11-Public Health Standards for Lodging, Recreation and Food Establishments

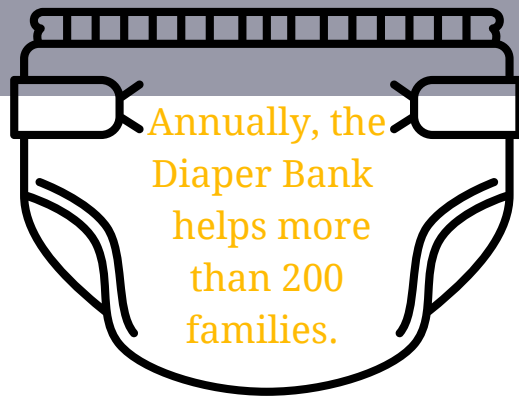
140 Review



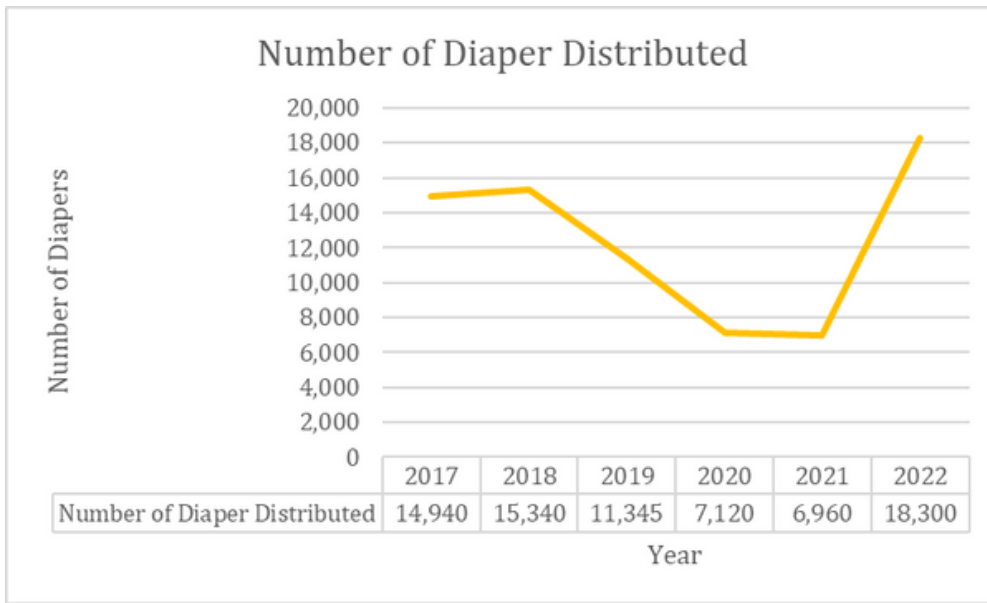
Wisconsin Admin. Code DHS 140 specifies the required services for Level 1, Level II and Level III local health departments. Further, every local health department must undergo a review by DHS every 5 years to verify a level of service. In August 2022, Langlade County Health Department completed its review to verify that it is a Level II health department.

Diaper Bank

The Langlade County Area Diaper Bank was established in 2015 to be a resource for families in need. The Diaper Bank is a collaboration of four community agencies: Avail, Head Start, Langlade County Health Department and Langlade County Social Services. Nearly 1 in 5 children in Langlade County live in poverty and we continue to see families struggle to afford the basic necessities such as diapers.



Since 2015 we have provided 77,095 diapers to families in Langlade County and help over 200 families per year. The Diaper Bank is supported through donations, local grants and an annual diaper drive. In 2022, we gave out over 18,300 diapers to area families in need.



The diaper bank also includes in each packet that goes out, a postpartum depression screening along with information on postpartum depression and resources available.



7th Annual Diaper Drive at Pick 'n Save in Antigo, WI

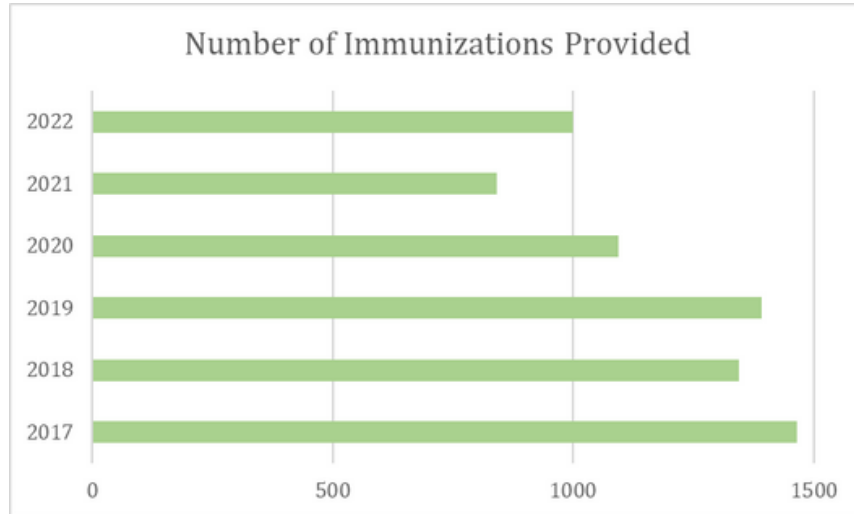
Enable Equitable Access

Immunization

Immunizations are one of the greatest achievements in public health.

The immunization program provides immunizations to eligible children and adults striving to reduce or eliminate vaccine preventable diseases. In 2022, LCHD held vaccination clinics by appointments and provided 1,000 vaccinations to 969 individuals. This was a cost savings of \$23,282 thru the Vaccines for Children program, which adults and children who are uninsured or under insured are eligible for free vaccinations.

In 2022, LCHD also went into all 3 school districts (Antigo, Elcho, White Lake), and also Peace Lutheran and All Saints, to provide free flu vaccines through a mass clinic exercise. Through the mass clinic exercise, a total of 461 flu vaccines were given to children at no cost, regardless of insurance status.



In September, 2 staff had the privilege of attending a National Immunization Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We all know when COVID hit, it also hit the vaccination world pretty hard. People were staying home and not going in for routinely scheduled vaccinations, therefore, putting a decline in the immunization rates and more vaccine preventable diseases were re-emerging.

The Health Department has an immunization coalition made up of medical professionals, pharmacists, state representatives, school nurses and vaccine reps, to help work together to bring the most accurate information to the community. Working together, the coalition likes to share immunization updated recommendations with the community through reminder letters to individuals who may be behind on their immunizations or not aware they are due for an immunization.

New this year, were also 2 billboards sharing information on vaccination in both English and Spanish. The LCHD also provided vaccines local farm workers via on-site vaccine clinics at the farm locations.

The state also has a great registry called the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR), where you can look up your own immunization records from home. Not sure how to do that? Call the Health Department and we will make sure you are set up to view your immunization records.



Lora- Interpreter, Donna- Public Health Nurse and Meghan- Health Officer providing immunizations at local farm

Prenatal & Postnatal Care

Prenatal & Postnatal Care provides home visits to parents to assist families before and after the birth of their child. Mothers receive support and education, baby weight checks, health teaching, child development and referrals to community services. This program is developed for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and beyond. The education is provided by a Public Health Nurse and lets you know about resources for help with baby items, housing assistance, food assistance, and parenting support. Many of our prenatal and postnatal baby visits were curtailed in 2022 due to Covid-19 restrictions. In the later part of 2022, we were able to resume visits and provided four home visits to families in Langlede County.



Enable Equitable Access

Drug Take Back Day & Clean Sweep

Having access to dispose of unused or unwanted medications is key in preventing those from getting in the hands of others. In 2022, Langlede County Health Department participated in the Clean Sweep in which 25 pounds of medication was collected and properly disposed of.

In October 2022, Action Alliance partnered with the Antigo Police Department to host a Drug Take Back Day. On that day 12.25 pounds of prescriptions were collected with a total of 284 pounds since April.



Workforce Development

Ensuring a competent, skilled and dynamic workforce is essential in order to contribute to Langlade County Health Department's strategic plan. In 2022, LCHD updated its Workforce Development plan to include the Council on Linkages Core competencies which are evaluated annually. This enables staff to have individualized training plans as well as seek trainings that build on their competencies. The workforce development plan continues to address recruitment and retention efforts, succession planning and challenges to the public health's charge to improve the health of populations.

LCHD was able to increase our workforce with additional staff. The addition of these instrumental positions allows the health department to develop and implement the resources, programs and services needed to achieve the health departments mission and vision as well as the Community Health Improvement Plan's goals and objectives.

Training

developing the skills, employees need to perform improve their performance skills, and abilities, spe

2022 Workforce Highlights:

- Workforce Development Plan updated
- Individualized training plan developed for all staff.
- **NEW** Community Health Specialist position added that is funded solely through pass through state grants.
- **NEW** Environmental Health Specialist position added that is funded solely through contract with the WI Department of Natural Resources & WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection.



Tammy, RS
Environmental Health Specialist

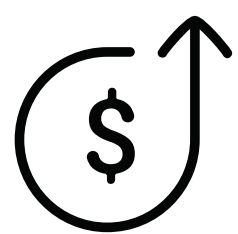


Kendall, MS
Community Health Specialist

Build a Diverse and Skilled Workforce

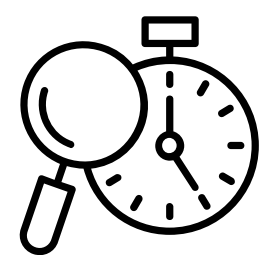
The Langlade County Health Department developed a Performance Management/Quality Improvement Plan (PMQI) in 2022. This plan uses a dynamic and strategic combination of performance standards and measures to integrate them into everyday operations of the LCHD. The PMQI plan ensures the 10 Essential Public Health Services are met, health equity is a main focus within LCHD's public services, and the performance measures are in alignment with the Wisconsin State Health Improvement Plan, Langlade County Community Health Improvement Plan, and the LCHD Strategic Plan. In doing this, the performance management system is driven by state and local needs and that the LCHD goals and objectives that align with public health needs in the community.

2022 Quality Improvement Projects



Grant Budgets
and Billing

Tracking Staff
Time



Results:

- Accurate staff time tracking system.
- Grant budgets and billing accurately and timely completed.

Findings

In order for residents of Langlade County to achieve maximal health and well-being, the most fundamental need is supportive community environments. Supportive community environments are just as important to the people living in bustling downtown Milwaukee as they are to the people living in Wisconsin's beautiful Northwoods. In order for people to live their best lives supportive communities need to contain the following assets:

- Social and Community Communications
- Infrastructure
- Health Environmental Surroundings
- Economic Opportunities for all
- High Quality Health Care and Public Health
- Policies that support equitable outcomes and opportunities to be healthy.



Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative
Retrieved February 27, 2023 <https://www.barhii.org/barhii-framework>

Build and Maintain a Strong Organizational Infrastructure for Public Health

Looking to 2023

As we look to close 2022 and move into 2023, the Langlade County Health Department has big plans for the new year which includes:

- Opening a Certified Water Lab for well water testing.
- Contract with the Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection for the inspection and licensing of restaurants, retail food establishments, hotels, motels, campgrounds, pool and recreational camps in Langlade County.
- Contract with the Department of Natural Resources for the inspection and testing of private wells that serve the public (bars, churches, etc.).
- Continually developing, tailoring and implementing programs to best serve the residents of Langlade County.
- Develop and implement a new LCHD Strategic Plan.
- Continue quality improvements based on our community needs.
- Update LCHD Mass Clinic Plan
- Update LCHD's website.
- Increase partner engagement in coalition work.



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2022 Budget

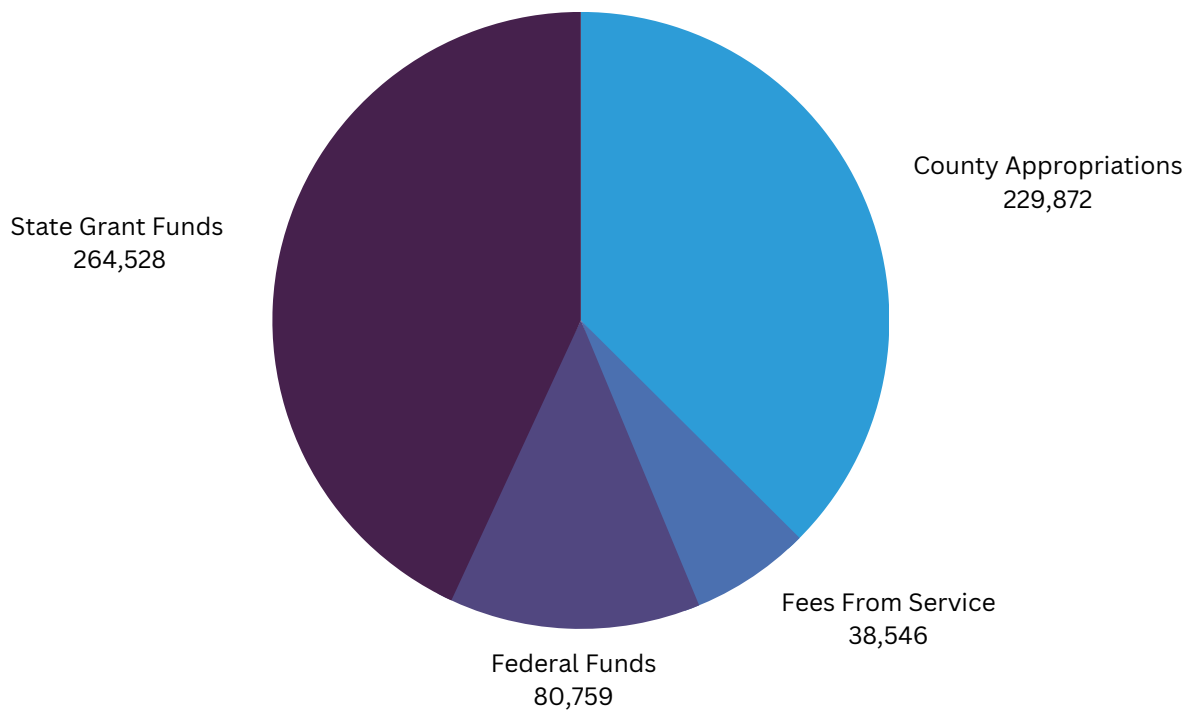
In order to maintain an adequate operating budget, LCHD works to identify and apply for additional grant funding on an ongoing basis.

Grant funding sources for 2022 include the State of Wisconsin DHS, federal funding from the CDC and HHS, and other private funding sources.

Grant funds included:

- ARPA Recovery
- Lead Poisoning Prevention
- COVID Detection
- Workforce Development
- COG Vaccination Outreach
- Public Health Preparedness
- Immunization
- Communicable Disease Prevention
- Maternal & Child Health
- Preventative Health
- WI DHS Tracking- Radon

2022 Revenue Total= \$613,706





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