

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY
HEALTH DISTRICT**

MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 14, 2023



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NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS



**It is my pleasure to introduce some new staff members!
Join me in welcoming:**

Liana Rodriguez is one of our new Public Health Client Specialists. Liana is majoring in Health Promotion Studies with a concentration in Holistic and Integrative Health at Western Connecticut State University. As a part-time Public Health Client Specialist, she helps answer questions the community may have, responds to information requests, and provides assistance to the office manager. In her free time, she enjoys reading, exercising, and spending time with her dogs.



COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

The Community Health Division is continually building relationships with community members to serve as an educational resource for residents, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders.

During this reporting period, the Community Health Division completed the following:

- Placed the flu order for 2023-24 and collaborated with the community health team on a flu schedule for next year that meets the needs of the community.
- Will implement blood pressure clinics for the first time in March at Southbury Senior Center.
- Continue to work with DPH on Covid-19 outbreaks and food-borne illness interviews within our community.
- Private insurance companies contracts were updated and medicare was approved for CureMD claim submission.



Heidi Bettcher, RN, BSN
Community Health Nursing Supervisor



COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

COVID-19 CLINICS

HVHD held weekly COVID-19 clinics at our New Milford and Southbury locations.

17

Total Number of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23

5

Total Number of COVID-19 Tests Administered

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

HVHD conducted blood pressure clinics throughout all 5 towns.

12

Total Number of Blood Pressure Clinics

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

HVHD offers childhood immunizations on a request basis

15

Total Number of Childhood Immunizations Administered

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23

HOMEBOUND IMMUNIZATIONS

HVHD offers homebound immunizations on a request basis

1

Total Number of Homebound Immunizations Administered

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23

INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVIEWS

HVHD conducts infectious disease interviews based on reported disease infections

4

Total Number of Infectious Disease Interviews

from 1/18/23 - 2/14/23



Public Health Preparedness and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Report:

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Division aims to build community relationships and prepare our communities to deal with emergency situations. The Division serves as an educational resource for personal and community preparedness through community building and volunteer recruitment.

During this reporting period, the PHEP/MRC Division:

- Met with ASPR Regional Liaison for our annual technical assistance meeting where we discussed our goals for the HVMRC unit and were able to get insight on how to build our unit further
- Submitted PHEP programmatic report as well as HVMC programmatic report to regional lead
- Submitted BP4 PHEP revision to regional lead to reflect staffing changes
- Inquired on staff and employee CPR training. We hope to have sessions for both in the coming months before inviting our community.



Megan McClintock, MS
PHEP/MRC Coordinator



Environmental Health Report:

The Environmental Health Division provides a multitude of services, which include but are not limited to, land use plan review and inspection, food service establishment plan review and inspection, septic plan review and related inspections and daycare inspections.

The Environmental Health Division focuses on the interrelationships between people and their environment, promotes human health and well-being, and fosters healthy and safe communities. This includes providing services such as:

- Food service establishment plan review and inspection
- Septic plan review and related inspections
- Well water testing for portability (through the CT DPH Laboratory)
- Public swimming pool code compliance and inspection



Joe Kametz
Chief Sanitarian



Environmental Health Report

January 18 – February 14, 2023

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
Potable Water:					
Private Well	0	0	0	0	0
Well Permits	0	1	2	0	1
Sewage Disposal:					
Plan Review	2	1	3	0	1
Inspections	3	2	2	1	3
Soil Testing	10	1	6	0	2
Building Additions	4	3	8	0	2
Septic Permits (to construct)	3	0	6	0	2
Septic Permits (to discharge)	0	1	4	0	1
Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Lot Line Revisions	0	0	0	0	0
Daycare:					
Daycare Inspection	0	0	0	0	0
Daycare License	0	0	0	0	0



Environmental Health Report

January 18 – February 14, 2023

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
Salons:					
Massage Est. Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0
Food:					
Food Service Establishment Inspection	0	6	12	0	6
Itinerant Vendor Inspections	-	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	1	0	0	0	0
Food Establishment Permit	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Permits	0	0	0	0	0
Other:					
File Requests	51	21	66	-	30



Administrative Division:

The Administrative Division is responsible for planning and executing a comprehensive range of administrative services which support office operations. These services encompass the areas of human resource management, financial management, systems and information management, facilities management and support services.

During this reporting period, the Office Manager completed the following tasks:

- Continued training new Public Health Client Specialist
- Accounts payable, including changing vendors to online accounts and auto pay
- Continued working with auditor for FYE 22
- Worked with Voya to set up for staff retirement
- Worked on new Health insurance for staff
- Assisted the Community Health Team with coordinating appointments for flu vaccines and COVID vaccines.



Jennifer Luis
Office Manager



Grants Updates:

Grant Agency	Program Supported	Award Amount	Award Dates	Project Status
National Assoc of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)	Professional Development: MRC Unit Leader travel scholarship to Preparedness Summit	\$1,800	April 4, 2022 - April 7, 2022	Completed
Assistant Secretary of Preparedness & Response (ASPR)	Medical Reserve Corps (Respond, Innovate, Sustain & Equip 'RISE')	\$75,000	May 1, 2022 - December, 2022	Awarded; contract pending
ASPR (administered through NACCHO)	Community Health; Vaccination Clinics; MRC (Volunteer Immunization Partnership for Emergency Response 'VIPER') Initiative	\$10,000	March 1, 2022 - September, 2022	Awarded
CT Dept. of Public Health (DPH)	SFY 2022 Per Capita Funding	\$188,658.60	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022	Awarded
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & NACCHO	Global Local Health Exchange (mental health workshops) for HVHD constituents	\$20,000	February, 2021 - July, 2022	Awarded
CT DPH	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$43,472	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Awarded
CT DPH	Housatonic Valley Medical Reserve Corps (HVMRC)	\$16,332	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Awarded
CT DPH	Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity Grant	\$286,463	March 2, 2022 - February 29, 2024	Awarded; contract pending



Communications Division:

The Communications Division handles internal and external communications. This includes communicating with stakeholders, the media, and staff. This division works closely with other departments to ensure it adequately promotes services, accomplishments, and conveys accurate information to the community. The Communications Division is responsible for enhancing, developing, and promoting the HVHD brand across multiple platforms; accomplished through web programming, multimedia development, public relations, media outreach, social media management, graphic design, and print production.

During this reporting period, the Communications Division completed:

- Collaborated with the Office Manager to submit the State Annual Report due on January 31, 2023
- Continued making content edits to the HVHD website
- Worked with the Community Health Team to create the 2023–2024 flu schedule
- Began producing communication materials for the 2023–2024 flu season
- Reconfigured the HVHD org chart
- Began working on the 2023 communication strategic plan



Ruth Quattro, MPH
Public Health Communications Coordinator



Communications Statistics:



Press Releases/Advertisements

0

Press Releases were drafted and distributed to 8 media outlets

0

Advertisements were distributed to 3 media outlets



Reports

2

COVID-19 reports were distributed to community partners and stakeholders



Social Media



Facebook Followers: 38



Instagram Followers: 69



Twitter Followers: 10



LinkedIn Followers: 130



Communications Statistics (Cont.):



Google Business Profile

5

Phone Calls

36

People Asked for Directions

0

Website Visits

311

Profile Views

161

Web Searches



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