

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY  
HEALTH DISTRICT**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**JULY 13 - AUGUST 16, 2022**



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# UPDATE FROM LISA MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Dear Community,

We hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and staying cool. As we get closer to starting a new school year, our team has been busy preparing COVID-19 recommendations for schools, daycares, businesses, municipalities, and the community to ensure that everyone is well-informed to stay safe.

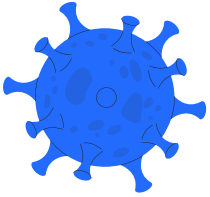
Our Environmental Health Team continues to conduct weekly public beach water testing, in addition to their regular inspections, permit distribution, etc, within towns that fall under our jurisdiction.

Our Community Health Team has been working tirelessly to prepare for the upcoming flu season and partnering with Town Halls, Schools, Senior Centers, and more to offer flu vaccination clinics to all our participating towns. They have also partnered with Griffin Hospital in order to offer both flu and COVID-19 vaccinations at our drive-thru flu clinics. Visit [www.hvhd.us](http://www.hvhd.us) to learn more about our upcoming flu vaccination clinics. Additionally, the Community Health Team is preparing to launch sports physicals so keep an eye out for more information on how to sign up.

The following pages contain reports from each team, which include ongoing activities.



**LISA MICHELLE MORRISSEY, MPH**  
**DIRECTOR OF HEALTH**



# COVID-19 UPDATE

During this reporting period (July 13 - August 16, 2022):

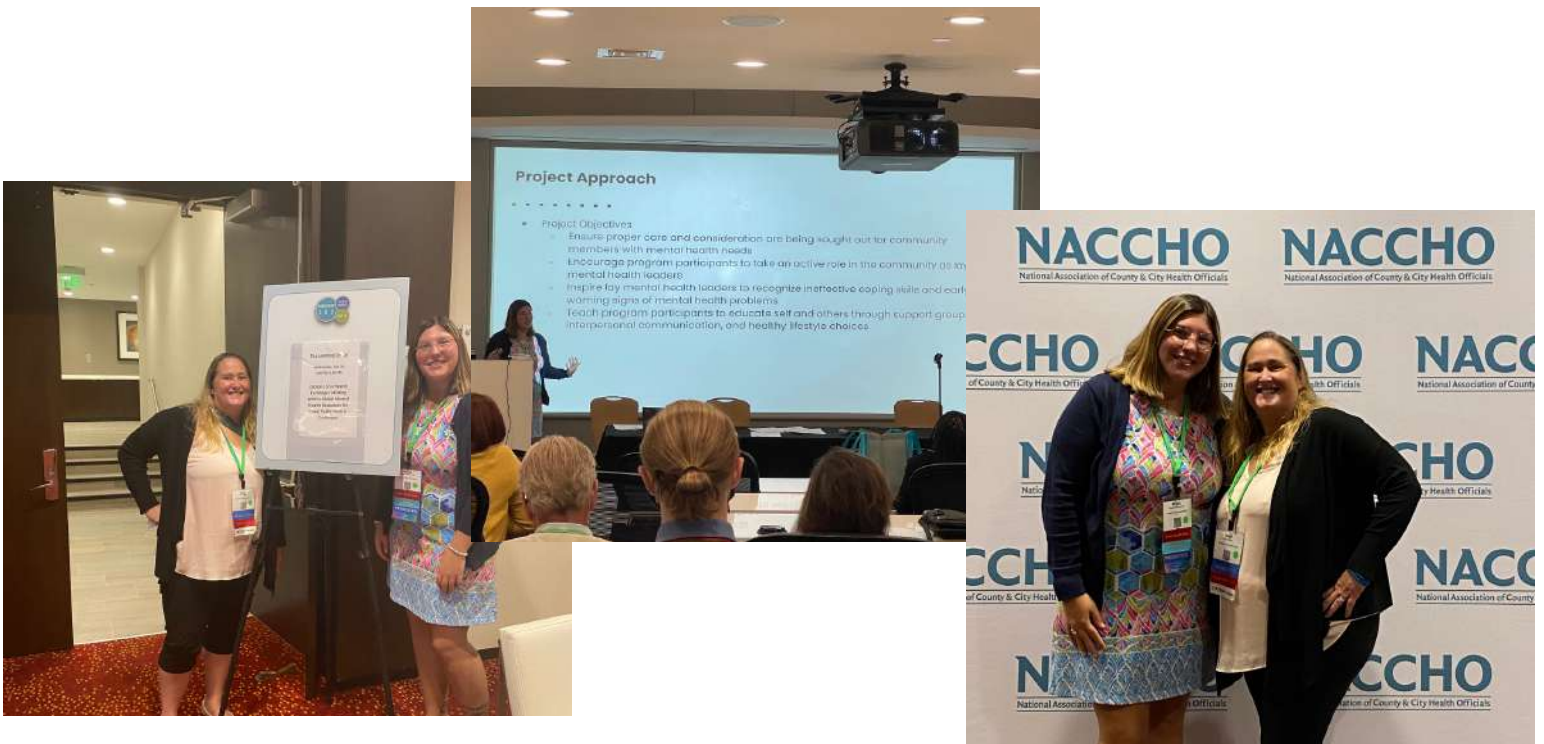
- On July 14, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine.
- On August 1, 2022, the Connecticut State Department of Health (CT DPH), State Department of Education and Office of Early Childhood (OEC) released COVID-19 School Guidance for the 2022-2023 School Year.
- On August 11, 2022, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their isolation guidelines to eliminate quarantining if exposed to COVID-19.



# CONFERENCES/TRAININGS

During this reporting period (July 13 - August 16, 2022):

- The PHEP/MRC Coordinator and the Community Health Nursing Supervisor presented their findings at the NACCHO Conference in Atlanta, GA from July 18 - July 21st.





# 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:

- Attended the NACCHO 360 conference which was a great learning experience and brought some great educational information/ideas back to HVHD.
- Presented our Coping with COVID-19 Program at NACCHO 360. This program was well attended and had great feedback from NACCHO.
- Working on getting flu clinics ready for the 2022-2023 season plus partnering with Griffin to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at the flu clinics as well.



**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.

**35**

**Total Number of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered**

from 7/13 - 8/16

**15**

**Total Number of COVID-19 Tests Administered**

from 7/13 - 8/16

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

HVHD conducted blood pressure clinics throughout all 5 towns.

**11**

**Total Number of Blood Pressure Clinics**

from 7/13 - 8/16

## COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

HVHD conducted community health programs at senior centers and virutally.

**1**

**Total Number of Community Health Programs**

from 7/13 - 8/16



# 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:

- Submitted MRC activation paperwork for our upcoming blood drive on 8/24 at the New Milford VFW
- Submitted completed contract for our NACCHO RISE award and expecting payment soon
- Assisting our Community Health team with the upcoming flu clinics in regards to managing and scheduling volunteers
- Went to NACCHO 360 to present on our "Coping with Covid 19" sessions with our Community Health team,, which used MRC volunteers as ley leaders to help the ongoing fight for mental health in 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

## July 13 – August 16, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
<b>Potable Water:</b>					
Private Well	0	0	0	0	0
Well Permits	9	2	3	0	3
<b>Sewage Disposal:</b>					
Plan Review	16	2	12	0	4
Inspections	20	0	12	3	2
Soil Testing	11	4	5	4	4
Building Additions	28	17	11	1	14
Septic Permits (to construct)	8	3	12	0	7
Septic Permits (to discharge)	7	3	8	0	1
Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Lot Line Revisions	0	0	0	0	0



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	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
<b>Housing:</b>					
Housing Complaints	-	-	-	-	-
Day Care Inspections (Initial)	0	0	0	0	0
Day Care Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0
Body Care Inspections	-	-	-	-	-
Body Care Plan Review	-	-	-	-	-
Massage Establishment Inspections	-	-	-	-	-
Massage Establishment Plan Review	-	-	-	-	-
Lead Home Visit	-	-	-	-	-
Lead Abatement Plan Review	-	-	-	-	-



# Environmental Health Report

## July 13 - August 16, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
<b>Food:</b>					
Food Service Establishment Inspection	3	0	5	0	0
Itinerant Vendor Inspections	-	0	0	0	0
Complaints	1	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	2	2	0	0	0
Plan Revisions	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Permits	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Seasonal:</b>					
Public Pool Inspections	7	0	1	0	0
Public Beaches: # of Sample Collected	6	6	-	6	-
<b>Other:</b>					
File Requests	167	66	66	1	44



# 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 and Operations Manager completed the following tasks:

- Served as main point of contact for the distribution of Board of Directors Meeting Materials
- Assisted customers with questions about environmental applications
- Processed daily environmental health applications and distributed to sanitarians for processing.
- Reviewed renewal applications for food establishments, salons and pools.
- Created and distributed licenses for establishments
- Entered and monitored data through the environmental database
- Worked with Interlock for new staff retirement package
- Onboarded several nurses for part-time seasonal positions for vaccination clinics



**Jennifer Luis**  
Office Manager



**Marvalee Washington-Allen, MS**  
Public Health Operations 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:

- Updated and distributed COVID-19 Health District Recommendations to Schools, Daycares, Businesses, Municipalities, and the Community to reflect the CDC updates.
- Worked with the Community Health Team to create a 2022-2023 Flu Vaccination schedule
- Implemented the September and October social media calendars, including Flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic advertising.
- Created an Onboarding Guide and Video Tutorials to outline how to update reports and the website.



**Ruth Quattro, MPH**  
Public Health Communications Coordinator



# Communications Statistics:



## Press Releases

0

Press Releases were drafted and distributed to 8 media outlets

## Reports

5

COVID-19 reports were distributed to community partners and stakeholders



## Social Media



**Facebook Page Likes: 20**



**Total Instagram Followers: 67**



**Twitter Followers: 10**



**LinkedIn Followers: 130**





# Communications Statistics (Cont.):



## Google Business Profile

15

Phone Calls

68

People Asked for Directions

36

Website Visits

208

Profile Views

119

Web Searches



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