

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY
HEALTH DISTRICT**

MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 17 - APRIL 13, 2022



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UPDATE FROM LISA MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Dear Community,

National Public Health Week was April 4 - 10 and during this time, we launched our month-long HVHD Walking Challenge and hosted a Mindfulness Meditation session with Prabha Makayee. Going forward, we will be hosting a monthly virtual Mindfulness Meditation session on the first Wednesday of each month. You can register for these sessions on our website.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health released the 2020 Annual Childhood Lead Poisoning Surveillance Report, which is now available in a downloadable format.

The Community Health Division has been busy providing the additional booster COVID-19 vaccine to those who are either 50 years or older and/or immunocompromised. Visit our website to schedule an appointment. Additionally, they have been conducting rapid PCR COVID-19 tests in preparation for Spring Break.

During the next reporting period, we will be hosting another Mindfulness Meditation session on May 4th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Google Meets and a "Coping During Times of COVID-19" virtual program. Registration is required for both programs.

May 4 Mindfulness Meditation with Praba Makayee*
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
on Google Meets

May 12 Coping During Times of COVID-19*
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
on Google Meets

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



LISA MICHELLE MORRISSEY, MPH
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH



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:

- Provided 50+ COVID-19 vaccines each week.
- Worked with all 5 Senior Centers to create a program schedule for the next few months.



Heidi Bettcher, RN, BSN
Community Health Nursing Supervisor



COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

COVID Vaccination Clinics

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

14

Total Number of COVID Clinics

from 3/17-4/13

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

HVHD conducted blood pressure clinics throughout all 5 towns.

18

Total Number of Blood Pressure Clinics

from 3/17-4/13



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:

- Planned an orientation for our volunteers on 4/20 at 6pm virtually. Volunteers will have a chance to see the improvements made to the MRC and take their loyalty oath, which protects them if injury occurs.
- Provided volunteers with the opportunity to assist at our blood pressure clinics for the month of April. We are hosting them throughout our district.
- Attended Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA. Discussion was set around vaccination equity, different systems of monitoring COVID 19, and several hot washes took place to create a national "lessons learned" digest.
- Received MRC RISE Award in the amount of \$75,000.00. This will be used for recruitment of volunteers throughout the five towns along with strengthening our unit through trainings and a standardized activity intake system.
- Reached out to vulnerable population organizations in our area to see if HVMRC volunteers could volunteer in any capacity.



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 potability (through the CT DPH Laboratory)
- Public swimming pool code compliance and inspection



Joe Kametz
Chief Sanitarian



New Milford Environmental Health Report

Food

2

Food Establishment Plan Reviews

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

33

Food Inspection

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

4

Food Establishment Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Septic

11

Septic Permit

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

10

Septic Plan Review

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

9

Septic Inspections

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

6

Permit to Discharge

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Building

32

Building Additions

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

4

Well Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Soil

3

Soil Tests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Daycare

0

Daycare License

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

File Request

86

Property File Requests

during February 1 - March 16, 2022



Oxford

Environmental Health Report

Food

1

Food Establishment Plan Reviews

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

1

Food Inspection

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Food Establishment Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Septic

0

Septic Permit

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Septic Plan Review

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

4

Permit to Discharge

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Permit to Construct

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

1

Final Inspections

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Building

15

Building Additions

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Well Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Soil

7

Soil Tests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Daycare

0

Daycare License

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Complaints

0

Health Code Violation Complaints

during March 17 - April 14, 2022



Southbury Environmental Health Report

Food

1

Food Establishment Plan Reviews

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

1

Food Inspection

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

1

Food Establishment Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Septic

5

Septic Permit

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

4

Septic Plan Review

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Permit to Discharge

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Permit to Construct

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Final Inspections

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Building

3

Building Additions

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Well Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Soil

4

Soil Tests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Daycare

0

Daycare License

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

File Request

120

Property File Requests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Complaints

0

Health Code Violation Complaints

during March 17 - April 14, 2022



Washington Environmental Health Report

Food

0

Food Establishment Plan Reviews

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Food Inspection

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Food Establishment Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Septic

2

Septic Permit

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

3

Septic Plan Review

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Permit to Discharge

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Permit to Construct

during February 1 - March 16, 2022

0

Final Inspections

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Building

25

Building Additions

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Well Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Soil

3

Soil Tests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Daycare

0

Daycare License

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

File Request

47

Property File Requests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Complaints

0

Health Code Violation Complaints

during March 17 - April 14, 2022



Woodbury Environmental Health Report

Food

2

Food Establishment Plan Reviews

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Food Inspection

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

0

Food Establishment Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Septic

7

Septic Permit

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

4

Septic Plan Review

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

3

Permit to Discharge

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Permit to Construct

during February 1 - March 16, 2022

3

Final Inspections

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Building

8

Building Additions

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

2

Well Permits

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Soil

7

Soil Tests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Daycare

0

Daycare License

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

File Request

-

Property File Requests

during March 17 - April 14, 2022

Complaints

0

Health Code Violation Complaints

during March 17 - April 14, 2022



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:

- Processed the renewal letters for 2022 and applications for Food Establishments, Salons, Daycres and Pools licensed through the District.
- Finalized a new banking account for the district with Bank of America.
- Assisted with the finalization of new Environmental health applications and fees.
- Working to create databases for the Environmental Health team.



Jennifer Luis
Office Manager



Marvalee Washington-Allen, MS
Public Health Operations Manager



Grants Division:

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 through April 7, 2022	complete
Assistant Secretary of Preparedness & Response (ASPR)	Medical Reserve Corps (Respond, Innovate, Sustain & Equip 'RISE')	\$75,000	May through December, 2022	Approved; contract forthcoming.
ASPR (administered through NACCHO)	Community Health; Vaccination Clinics; MRC (Volunteer Immunization Partnership for Emergency Response 'VIPER') Initiative	\$10,000	March through September, 2022	Revised, fully executed contract received; invoice submitted; payment forthcoming
State of CT Dept of Public Health (DPH)	SFY 2022 Per Capita Funding: (5) constituent towns of HVHD	\$188,658.60	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022	Budget proposal submitted; approval pending
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & NACCHO	Global Local Health Exchange (mental health workshops) for HVHD constituents	\$20,000	February, 2021 through July, 2022	Contract revised to reflect HVHD name-change; no-cost extension secured; in-person and virtual workshops in progress



Grants Division (Cont.):

Grant Agency	Program Supported	Award Amount	Award Dates	Project Status
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and CT State DPH	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) NMHD and PDDH	\$43,472	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	DPH reviewing fiscal and programmatic reports; payment pending
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)	Housatonic Valley Medical Reserve Corps (HVMRC)	\$16,332	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	DPH reviewing fiscal and programmatic reports; payment pending
CDC and CT State DPH	Epi Lab Capacity (ELC) 2nd round of ELC funding to support Local Health Dept Covid Response	\$286,463	March 2, 2022 through February 29, 2024	HVHD application (workplan & budget) submitted; payment pending



Robin Lucas, MA
Grants Coordinator



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:

- National Public Health Week event planning and social media campaigns.
- Launched the HVHD Walking Challenge.
- Ongoing implementation of website redesign.
- Created and revised slide decks about the history of HVHD.



Ruth Quattro
Public Health Communications Coordinator



Communications Statistics:



Press Releases

2

Press Releases were drafted and distributed to 8 media outlets

Reports

4

COVID-19 reports were distributed to community partners and stakeholders



Social Media



Facebook Page Likes: 10



Instagram Followers: 24



Twitter Followers: 2



LinkedIn Followers: 12



Communications Statistics:



Google Business Profile

8

Phone Calls

76

People Asked for Directions

99

Website Visits

349

Profile Visits

163

Web Searches