

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY  
HEALTH DISTRICT**

# **MONTHLY REPORT**

**OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 15, 2022**



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# 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:

- Offered 9 walk in flu vaccine clinics during this reporting period. We will continue to offer walk in flu vaccines on Tuesdays in Southbury and Wednesdays in New Milford.
- Offered 9 COVID-19 bivalent and monovalent vaccine clinics to the community. We will continue to offer COVID-19 bivalent and monovalent Pfizer and Moderna vaccine clinics on a weekly basis in both our Southbury and New Milford clinical locations.
- Prepared for the Bi annual state site visit for our Connecticut Vaccine Program.
- Working on the winter schedule for more opportunities to offer COVID-19 testing, vaccines and flu vaccines.
- Working with our MRC volunteers, staff and Nuvance staff for a winter schedule to more opportune times and days for clinics for our community members.



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.

**100**

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

from 10/19 – 11/15

**5**

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

from 10/19 – 11/15

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

HVHD conducted blood pressure clinics throughout all 5 towns.

**10**

**Total Number of Blood Pressure Clinics**

from 10/19 – 11/15

## FLU VACCINE CLINICS

HVHD hosted over 40 clinics at area schools, town halls, and senior centers.

**772**

**Total Number of Flu Vaccines Administered**

from 10/19 – 11/15



# 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:

- Collaborated with the Community Health Team and the Communications team to draft an After Action Report for the 2022 Flu Clinic season
- Continued to provide support for Community Vaccination Clinics



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

October 19 – October 15, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
<b>Potable Water:</b>					
Private Well	0	0	0	0	0
Well Permits	0	2	3	0	1
<b>Sewage Disposal:</b>					
Plan Review	4	8	3	0	2
Inspections	2	3	2	3	3
Soil Testing	6	3	3	2	0
Building Additions	13	9	8	0	9
Septic Permits (to construct)	2	5	3	0	6
Septic Permits (to discharge)	2	4	3	0	1
Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Lot Line Revisions	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Housing:</b>					
Daycare Inspection	1	0	0	0	0
Daycare License	1	0	0	0	0



# Environmental Health Report

## October 19 – November 15, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
<b>Food:</b>					
Food Service Establishment Inspection	0	0	7	1	12
Itinerant Vendor Inspections	-	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	0	0	6	0	0
Food Establishment Permit	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Permits	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other:</b>					
File Requests	77	30	37	-	32





## 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:

- Onboarded and trained new Public Health Client Specialist
- Accounts payable, including changing vendors to online accounts and auto pay
- Assisted the Community Health Team with coordinating appointments for flu vaccines and COVID vaccines.
- Working on information for new liability insurance
- Continue working with VOYA and Interlok for the staff retirement
- Continue working on new health insurance for the staff
- Worked on the HVHD Board meeting agenda, minutes and cancellations.



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:

- Created and schedule social media posts for November and December, focusing on communicable disease safety
- Constructed GIS maps to show reach of COVID-19 vaccines and Rapid PCR Testing
- Collaborated with all departments to update forms and translated forms to web-based forms
- Began drafting the 2023 HVHD Communication Strategy
- Updates HVHD website with current vaccination clinic schedules for COVID-19, Flu, and child immunizations



Ruth Quattro, MPH  
Public Health Communications Coordinator



# Communications Statistics:



## Press Releases/Advertisements

0

Press Releases were drafted and distributed to 8 media outlets

3

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: 68**



**Twitter Followers: 10**



**LinkedIn Followers: 130**



## Communications Statistics (Cont.):



### Google Business Profile

**25**

Phone Calls

**34**

People Asked for Directions

**23**

Website Visits

**300**

Profile Views

**156**

Web Searches



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