

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY
HEALTH DISTRICT**

MONTHLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 18, 2022



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UPDATE FROM LISA MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Dear Community,

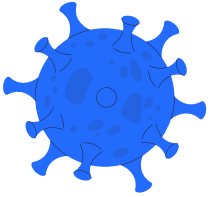
Our September and October months have been busy and our fall vaccination clinics are in full swing! Our Community Health team has administered approximately 1,900 of flu vaccines at over 40 different clinics. In addition to administering flu vaccines, they have also been administering COVID-19 vaccines at our community clinics at our New Milford and Southbury Clinic locations. Our Environmental Health team has been busy conducting food establishment inspections alongside their regular inspections.

We are happy to announce that we are expanding the number of walk-in flu shot clinics starting Tuesday, November 1st and will offer both the flu vaccine and COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccines. Walk-in clinics will be held on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm at their Southbury Clinic Location (77 Main Street N, Southbury, CT 06488) and on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm at their New Milford Clinic Location (2 Pickett District Road, New Milford, CT 06776). Appointments are suggested but not required. Visit www.hvhd.us to learn more!

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 (September 14 - October 18, 2022):

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster for ages 5 -11 on Wednesday, October 12th. Following the FDA's announcement, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention also authorized the expanded use. The Pfizer bivalent booster has been authorized for children aged 5 and older and the Moderna bivalent booster for children aged 6 and older.
- The CDC changed the definition of “Up to Date” on September 30, 2022 to “you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.”
- The CDC updated their COVID Data Tracker’s Vaccinations in the US to include bivalent booster dose data. Additionally, the “Vaccine Administration by Vaccine Type” and “Vaccine Distribution by Vaccine Type” charts were relabeled with “Pfizer/Moderna original” and “Pfizer/Moderna updated booster.”



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:

- Administered approximately 1,900 flu vaccines at 44 flu clinics
- Coordinated vaccination schedules with the Public Health Communication Coordinator and Griffin Health to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at the community drive-thru clinics



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.

80

Total Number of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered

from 9/14 - 10/18

N/A

Total Number of COVID-19 Tests Administered

from 9/14 - 10/18

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

HVHD conducted blood pressure clinics throughout all 5 towns.

10

Total Number of Blood Pressure Clinics

from 9/14 - 10/18

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

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

~1,900

Total Number of Flu Vaccines Administered

from 9/14 - 10/18



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:

- Worked to obtaining items for our MRC award
- Completed progress report to meet our state deliverables
- Conducted call down drill to test our communication plans
- Volunteers have been assisting at our flu clinics and have been completed activation forms per DEMHS and MRC state leads



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

September 14 – October 18, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
Potable Water:					
Private Well	0	0	0	0	0
Well Permits	4	0	3	0	4
Sewage Disposal:					
Plan Review	13	4	2	0	4
Inspections	10	9	2	1	4
Soil Testing	11	3	4	8	4
Building Additions	13	8	10	0	10
Septic Permits (to construct)	2	3	4	0	5
Septic Permits (to discharge)	1	0	2	0	1
Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Lot Line Revisions	0	0	0	0	0



Environmental Health Report

September 14 - October 18, 2022

	New Milford	Oxford	Southbury	Washington	Woodbury
Food:					
Food Service Establishment Inspection	12	10	16	1	17
Itinerant Vendor Inspections	-	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	2	2	0	0	0
Food Establishment Permit	5	0	0	0	0
Temporary Permits	2	1	0	0	0
Other:					
File Requests	111	56	64	-	57



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:

- Assisted the community health team with coordinating appointments for flu vaccines and covid vaccines and assisted at several flu clinics at various locations
- Trained the full-time and part-time Public Health Client Specialists.
- Worked on the Cirma Audit for staff members.
- Gathered information for auditor for FYE 21-22
- Worked with VOYA and interlok for the staff retirement
- Working on new health insurance for the staff



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 the “Influenza”, which includes the CT DPH dashboard for up-to-date statistics, and “Ebola” info pages on the HVHD website
- Distributed reminder emails to stakeholders regarding fall vaccination clinics at various locations throughout the community
- Set up Google Analytics to collect statistics for the HVHD website
- Distributed the October HVHD advertisements to the Tribuna, Hearst Media, Waterbury Republican, and Voices for print
- Drafted and distributed 5 COVID-19 reports to community stakeholders



Ruth Quattro, MPH
Public Health Communications Coordinator



Communications Statistics:



Press Releases/Advertisements

1

Press Releases were drafted and distributed to 8 media outlets

5

Advertisements were distributed to 4 media outlets



Reports

5

COVID-19 reports were distributed to community partners and stakeholders



Social Media



Facebook Page Likes: 27



Total Instagram Followers: 69



Twitter Followers: 10



LinkedIn Followers: 130



Communications Statistics (Cont.):



Google Business Profile

17

Phone Calls

41

People Asked for Directions

46

Website Visits

333

Profile Views

176

Web Searches



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