



School & Child Care Newsletter

• Monthly Bulletin for Staff •

**Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I
remember. Involve me
and I learn.**

Benjamin Franklin



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- DPI (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)
- DHS (Wisconsin Department of Health Services)
- CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- CCHD (Clark County Health Department)
- FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)



Announcements

Immunization Requirement Changes

Changes to Wisconsin Admin. Code Ch. DHS 144

This update includes new additions since last newsletter update (see previous newsletter for more information).

A public hearing for the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative rules, including DHS 144 Relating to Immunization of Students, is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2023** at 11:00am. This includes the committee hearing and considering testimony related to the possible suspension of portions of DHS 144. See the [hearing announcement](#) for further details.

What does this mean? Legislature can suspend the changes after holding a public hearing (something similar happened back in 2017 when changes were proposed). We will keep you all updated as we learn more. We are apologizing in advance to the tough spot this puts everyone in when trying to communicate these changes out to the community in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year.

In the meantime, below are some helpful resources on the current DHS 144 updates:



- [DHS - Immunization Requirements](#) (Webpage)
- [School Immunization Requirements: K-6th Grade](#) (Handout)
- [School Immunization Requirements: K-6th Grade - Spanish](#) (Handout)
- [School Immunization Requirements: 7th-11th Grade](#) (Handout)
- [School Immunization Requirements: 7th-11th Grade - Spanish](#) (Handout)
- [School Immunization Requirements: 12th Grade](#) (Handout) *(Not Available in Spanish Yet)*
- [Child Care Entry - What Vaccines Are Required?](#) (Handout)
- [Student Immunization Record - English](#) (Blank Form)
- [Student Immunization Record - Spanish](#) (Blank Form)
- [Child Care Immunization Record - English](#) (Blank Form)
- [Child Care Immunization Record - Spanish](#) (Blank Form)

Reminders:

- You can find all of the resources linked above on our Clark County Health Department [Immunizations - Adults & Children](#) webpage.
- Wisconsin state statute continues to permit waivers to vaccination for reasons of health, religious, or personal conviction.
- There continues to be no requirement for seasonal flu or COVID-19 vaccination. These remain strongly recommended by leading health experts, including DHS, CDC, AAP, ACOG, AAFP, and more.



Announcements

Immunization Requirement Changes

Varicella (Chickenpox) History

There has been some recent confusion on the immunization requirement changes in regards to grandfathering of varicella (chickenpox) history. Previously, parental report of history of varicella was acceptable. The new immunization requirements does not accept parent history, but requires confirmation from a qualified health care provider.

Schools - At this time, it is still being clarified if school age children with a previous parental report of varicella history are grandfathered in or not.

Child Care - At this time, the following has been confirmed:

- Children at your center who had parental report of chickenpox disease before February 1, 2023 are grandfathered in. They may continue to use parental report of chickenpox throughout their attendance at your center.
- Children who are new enrollees at your center must fill out a [Child Care Immunization Record](#) form. Parental report of chickenpox documented at a former center will not carry over when enrolling in a new center.

Large Increase in Positive Strep Throat Cases

Reports from Marshfield Clinic

Marshfield Clinic Health Systems (MCHS) updated area health departments recently on a large increase in positive strep throat cases within their system. In February alone, MCHS reports 158 positive cases of strep throat, with a 50% positivity rate, in just the Marshfield Clinic pediatric department.

We are passing on this information for situational awareness. Visit the links below for some helpful information on strep throat:

- [CDC - Strep Throat: All You Need to Know](#)
- [DHS - Strep Throat](#)
- [Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases \(Wall Chart\)](#)

According to the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Wall Chart linked above:

- The incubation period for strep throat is 2-5 days (period of time from exposure to symptoms).
- Individuals should be excluded from school or group for 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotic therapy and fever resolved.





Announcements

Toxic Shock Syndrome

Increased Reports in Wisconsin Associated with Super Absorbency Tampons

As of February 7, 2023, DHS had identified four cases of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) related to super absorbency tampon use since July 2022. In typical years, 0-1 cases of TSS are reported to DHS. The last year that more than one case of TSS was confirmed was 2011. The recent cases were identified in adolescent girls and young women, who were between the ages of 13 and 17. This is the largest number of reported cases in over 10 years.



Symptoms of TSS include sudden fever, vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, muscle aches, low blood pressure, rash, and shock with multi-organ dysfunction. Appropriate tampon use includes using the lowest absorbency tampons, changing tampons every four to six hours, and avoiding use of tampons overnight. You can find more information [here](#).

DHS Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health

How to Safely Manage Fentanyl Contamination - A Guide for School Staff

DHS's Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health has created a new resource that was published on February 7, 2023, called, "[How to Safely Manage Fentanyl Contamination - A Guide for School Staff](#)." You can find this guide, and other information about Opioids, on DPI's [Resources and Publications](#) webpage.



Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center

Every Child Safe, Healthy and Connected

You can sign up to receive the WI Safe and Healthy Schools newsletter [here](#). It is often packed full of resources.

School-Based Mental Health (SBMN) Grant Application

Grant Competition Now Open

The State SBMH Services Grant Program is a two-year grant aligned with the Wisconsin biennial budget. The next grant cycle runs from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025. Applicants may apply for up to \$75,000 per year of the two-year grant. All grant applications submitted via the application link by **4:00pm on May 5th, 2023** will be reviewed.



The SBMH services grant provides funding to support the development and sustainability of Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems (CSMHS). A CSMHS provides an array of supports and services that promote school climate, social and emotional learning, and mental health and well-being, while reducing the prevalence and severity of mental illness. Click [here](#) for more information.



Announcements

\$2.75M in Grants Available for MCH Programs and Projects Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

Municipal, tribal, county, and governmental entities, school districts, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations in Wisconsin are eligible to apply for funding to develop and implement strategies to address mechanisms by which social determinants impact Wisconsin's significant disparities in maternal and child health outcomes.

Applicants can apply for grants for up to \$250,000 for projects to be completed within 18 months, from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. The deadline to apply for these funds is **5:00pm CST on March 6, 2023**. You can find more information [here](#).

Governor Evers Announces Budget Initiatives

Do What's Best for Kids, Support K-12 Schools

The Governor's plan aims to improve reading and literacy outcomes, expand access to mental health services and school nutrition, address staffing shortages to help keep class sizes small, and increase per pupil and special education aids. You can find the full press release [here](#).

Say Yes! COVID Test Orders Every Month

Now Includes Two Self-Testing Kits

All Wisconsin households can now receive two free COVID-19 self-testing kits per month. Each test kit includes a total of five self-tests. Ordering reopens on the 1st of every month for those who have placed an order the month before. Once test kits are ordered, delivery is expected to take 1-2 weeks.

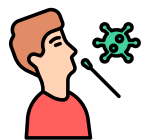
Communities Coming Together - Services for All

Services Coming to Northeast Clark County

The Clark County Health Department is excited to share that we are partnering with neighboring Health Departments to bring a plethora of services to the Northeast corner of Clark County on select dates in 2023 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Abbotsford. In addition, there is a community drive-through food distribution site every Thursday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please see the flyers below to learn more, and please share with those who would benefit:

- [Partners and Services - St. Bernard Catholic Church](#) (Flyer)
- [Partners and Services - St. Bernard Catholic Church](#) (Flyer) (Spanish)





Announcements

Central Wisconsin Partnership for Recovery (CWPR)

Summary of Supports for Clark County School Districts

Clark County School District's should have received an email in February about the services that are available through CWPR. CWPR is a consortium of over 40 members from at least 24 different organizations in Clark and Wood Counties, and is facilitated by Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (FHC). Partners have come together with the mission to create awareness and work together to reduce the prevalence of substance use disorders through prevention, treatment, and recovery programming for those living in central Wisconsin.

More information about available services is available in the following resources:

- [CWPR Newsletter Story](#)
- [Curriculum and Support Menu](#)

Clark County Health Department Website

Updates, Additional Resources, and More!

Staff within our department have spent a lot of time updating, improving, and adding to our website. We encourage you all to spend some time to get to know our website, and to share it with others. We hope that the website is now more user-friendly, and helps highlight the programs and services that we have available.

In addition to showcasing the programs and services that we have available for the community, our staff has also created a [Resource](#) page, that highlights some programs and services available to the community from other entities. Some of these resources include WIC, Dental, Medication or Sharps Disposal, Wisconsin Well Women Program, Badger Resource Center, Childcaring, and more.



Phew! Finally at the end of the announcements!

– Every Single One of Us





Reminders

March 18th - Global Recycling Day



- Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.
- See how you can help [here!](#)

Joint DPI/DHS School Stakeholder Webinars

- You can find the recordings of previous Joint DPI/DHS School Stakeholder Webinars [here](#). The latest recording was from the joint webinar on 2/7/23.

School Nurse Communications from DPI

- You can find previous School Nurse Communications from DPI on the [School Nurse Communications](#) DPI webpage. Communications usually come out 1-2 times per month.

Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Wall Chart

- Click [here](#) to view and/or print the wall chart. The wall chart includes important information about communicable disease and/or conditions, including criteria for exclusion from school or group (such as child care).

Free COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits & N95 Masks

- Free test kits and N95 masks can be picked up at 5 different locations throughout Clark County. Click [here](#) for more information (Spanish [here](#)).

Wisconsin DHS Stockpile Requests

- Schools and daycares are strongly encouraged to order gloves, KN95s, and pediatric masks via the [DHS Stockpile](#) webpage.

Louise Wilson School Nurse DPI Office Hours



Third Friday of
Each Month

8:00am-9:00am

Join **Zoom**

Meeting ID: 898 5613 6209

Passcode: 357787

Call-In: 1-309-205-3325



COVID-19 Resources

Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI)

[COVID-19 Infection Control and
Mitigation Measures for Wisconsin
Schools 2022/2023](#)

Last Updated: 8/12/2022

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)

[K-12 Schools](#)

Last Updated: 2/16/2023

[Early Care and Education Programs](#)

Last Updated: 8/16/2022

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

[Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

Last Updated: 10/25/2022

[Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools
and Early Care and Education
Programs to Support Safe In-Person
Learning](#)

Last Updated: 10/5/2022

Wisconsin Department of Children & Families (DCF)

[COVID-19 Childcare Resources](#)

Clark County Health Department (CCHD)

[COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)

[Isolation & Exposure Infographic](#)



Questions on
COVID-19 Cases?
Please email:

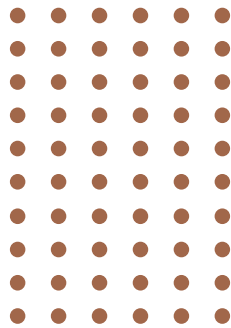
contact.tracers@co.clark.wi.us



Clark County Health Department

The following pages include information about programs and services that the Clark County Health Department has to offer. These pages will be updated as programs and services change.

- Page 10: CCHD Staff
- Page 11: Immunization Services
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- Page 13: Injury Prevention (*Coming Soon!*)
- Page 14: Water Testing (*Coming Soon!*)
- Page 15: Radon Testing (*Coming Soon!*)



Main Line: 715-743-5105
Spanish: 715-743-5105 (Option 8)
Fax: 715-743-5115



Our team has been working hard to update our website. Check it out!



Clark County Health Department Staff

Brittany Mews

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Public Health Nurse



Corrine Spencer

Public Health Nurse



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Public Health Nurse



Judy Crothers

Jail Nurse



Dillon Brost

Environment Health Specialist/Sanitarian



Brittnay Fortuna

Environmental Health Specialist



Rebecca Greisen

Public Health Educator/Specialist



Alyssa Suda

Finance Associate



Brianna Chwala

Administrative Assistant



Clark County COVID-19 Team

Autumn Marshall: 715-743-5291
Laura Garcia-Torres: 715-937-5818
Marisol Garcia: 715-743-6517

Not Sure Who to Contact?

Contact: Corrine Spencer
Work Cell (Call or Text): 715-937-4303
Office: 715-743-5107



Immunization Services

Appointments Strongly Encouraged - Walk-Ins Welcome

Immunization Hotline: 715-743-5292

Find our Immunization Brochure (English & Spanish) [here!](#)

Clark County Health Department (Neillsville)

- Every Monday
- 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Clark County Rehab & Living Center (Owen)

- Second Wednesday of Every Month
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Abbotsford)

- Second Thursday of Odd Months
 - 2:00pm to 4:30pm
- Food Pantry Hours
2:00pm-4:00pm
Click [here](#) for more information.



Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Children through age 18 can be vaccinated, free of cost, if they meet any of the criteria below:

- Enrolled or eligible for Medicaid.
- Do not have health insurance.
- Have health insurance, but vaccines are not covered, or only some vaccines are covered.
- American Indian or Alaska Native

Vaccines for Adults (Age 19+)

Available vaccines and costs below, to any adult regardless of insurance status.

- Td or Tdap (Donations Welcome)
- Adult Seasonal Flu (Information Below)

COVID-19 Vaccine

The following Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge.

- Primary Series (Age 12+)
- Bivalent Booster (Age 6+)

What vaccines are available?

Children

- DTaP
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- HIB
- Polio
- MMR
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal
- Rotavirus
- HPV
- Meningococcal
- Tdap
- Td

Adults

- Tdap
- Td



Influenza (Flu) Vaccine

Children

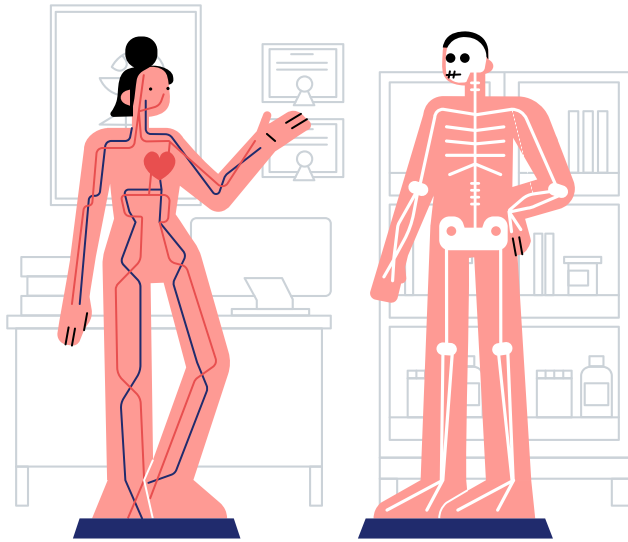
- Available for those age 6 months through 18 years if meet VFC criteria.

Adults

- Available for those age 19+ with certain insurance plans, or private pay cost of \$40.



Reproductive Health Services



ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL



Available Services

Services are available to men and women of reproductive age. Free services and supplies available to those who qualify. Financial assistance available.

- Sexual Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing
- Pregnancy Testing
- Condoms
- Oral Contraceptives
- Depo Injection
- Other Birth Control Options
- Plan B
- Referral Options

Location & Availability

Services are available in Neillsville Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm via appointment.

In unique circumstances, a reproductive health nurse can provide services on-site to students at school, or other CCHD off-site locations.

Questions?

Individuals are encouraged to contact Kelsey Wussow with any questions, concerns, etc.

Office: 715-743-5113 (Call Only)
Work Cell: 715-937-4303 (Call or Text)

Expanding Services in 2023

CCHD is pleased to announce that reproductive health services in 2023 will be expanding to include on-site Nurse Practitioner (NP) services, which may include:

- IUD or Nexplanon (Long-Acting Reversible Birth Control Methods)
- PAP/Pelvic Exams
- Other NP Consultation Services

Start Date: TBD

Education Available to Schools?

Upon request, CCHD staff members can provide **puberty** education (45 minutes - 1 hour class period) to 4th or 5th graders (recommended for 4th graders).

- To request, contact [Katie Cook](#).

Upon request, CCHD staff members can provide **sex education** (45 minutes - 1 hour class period) to high school age students.

- To request, contact [Kelsey Wussow](#).