



School & Child Care Newsletter

• Monthly Bulletin for Staff •

I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings.

Jenny Han



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Key:

- 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)
- DCF (Department of Children and Families)
- HAN (Health Alert Network)
- ED (U.S. Department of Education)
- WIR (Wisconsin Immunization Registry)
- VFC (Vaccines for Children)
- VFA (Vaccines for Adults)



Announcements

Puberty Educational Talks for 4th Graders

Provided by County Health Department Staff

During the month of August, Rebecca Greisen (Public Health Educator/Specialist) will be reaching out to Clark County school districts to set-up 4th grade puberty educational talks for November or December for schools that are interested. Rebecca is reaching out in place of Katie Cook (Public Health Nurse), as she is on maternity leave until mid-September.

If you do not hear from Rebecca Greisen, but are interested in CCHD staff coming to your school to provide a puberty educational talk for 4th graders, please email [Rebecca Greisen](#).

Keeping and Disposing of Medications Safely

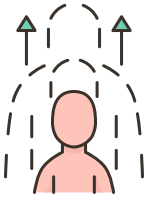
Medication Lock Boxes and Medication Deactivation Pouches

Upon request, the Clark County Prevention Partnership is offering medication lock boxes and medication deactivation pouches to Clark County schools.

- **Medication Lock Boxes:** Each medication lock box is comprised of alloy steel, and can only be opened with a key or electronic passcode. Dimensions are 13" W x 4.4" H x 10" D. The Clark County Prevention Partnership would like to partner with each school district so that schools can have these available for distribution to families who need them. The purpose of these lock boxes is to promote safe medication storage and handling within households. **Each school district may request up to 7 medication lock boxes.** Click [here](#) for additional information specific to the type of medication lock boxes that are being offered.
- **Deterra Drug Deactivation and Disposal Systems:** To reduce the risk for unintended access to prescription medications, leftover opioids and stimulants should be properly disposed of. The Clark County Prevention Partnership would like to offer **up to 35 Deterra pouches to each school district in Clark County.** With the addition of water, each pouch is capable of permanently and irreversibly deactivating up to 45 pills, 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 patches. Pouches can then be disposed of in the normal trash. Click [here](#) for more information. These pouches may be distributed to families, or can be used internally to dispose of medications that have not been collected at the end of the school year. Pouches are also available to the public at 5 locations throughout Clark County. Click [here](#) for the locations.

To obtain these products, please email [Rebecca Greisen](#), indicating which product(s) you would like, as well as the quantity. The Clark County Health Department will then coordinate delivery to your school.

For more information about disposal of unwanted medications or sharps, please click [here](#).





Announcements

HIPAA Forms - Clark County School Districts



Yearly Communicable Disease Agreements: 2023-2024 School Year

Administrative School Staff: Please watch for HIPAA agreements from the Clark County Health Department in the next month or two. HIPAA agreements will be sent via DocuSign. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Corrine Spencer](#).

Got Veggies?

Garden-Based Nutrition Education Curriculum

Got Veggies? is a garden-based nutrition education curriculum created with the goal of getting children to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables. Got Veggies? features seven full lesson plans that are aligned with Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Nutrition, Health, Science, and other related subjects. A series of shorter garden-based activities is also included, as well as fun recipes and helpful tips for cooking and eating in the garden. The curriculum provides an all-around great way to nurture students' interest in growing and eating fresh fruits and vegetables!

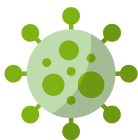


- [Got Veggies? Website](#)
- [Got Veggies? Toolkit](#)

2023-2024 School Year COVID-19 Precautions

Preparing for Back-to-School

CDC's school guidance remains the same as it was in May 2023. The emphasis continues to be staying home when sick. There remains a specific recommended isolation period for those testing positive for COVID-19 (5 days). DPI resources for infection control, COVID-19, etc., should be updated in the coming weeks. Visit the Reminders section on page 5 for more information. COVID-19 at-home test kits remain available to the public at 5 locations in Clark County. Click [here](#) for the locations.



Back-to-School Immunization Campaign

What Can Schools Do as Trusted Sources of Information?

Education professionals and school leaders are trusted sources of information for parents and guardians to support getting children caught up on their school required vaccinations. The CDC has a call-to-action for schools on how they can help school-aged children get back on track with their vaccinations. Click [here](#) for more information.

The CCHD will be having a series of immunization-related Facebook posts in the month of August - gearing parents back up for the 2023-2024 school year. Feel free to share these Facebook posts!





Announcements

CESA 6 and DHS Joint Webinar

Improve Access to School Health Services

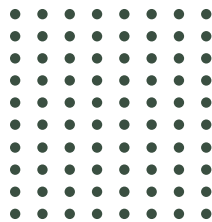
CESA 6 will be hosting a webinar on the WI K-12 Telenursing Project that is being made available to schools in 2023-2024. The webinar will be held on **Thursday, August 3rd at 2:00pm**. The webinar will help explain an additional opportunity to improve access to school health services as part of the workforce development grant.



The project will fund telenursing activities in Wisconsin focused on increasing access to school health services to support existing school health personnel and provide services to schools that lack the resources to fund full-time or part-time staff to address school health concerns. The funding is coming through DHS.

More information:

- **You must register to attend the webinar.** Click [here](#) to register.
- [WI K-12 Telenursing Project](#)
- Questions? Email telenursing@cesa6.org.



Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)

Free Training - Wisconsin Rapids

There will be a free Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) on **August 17th and August 18th** in Wisconsin Rapids. This is an excellent course for school administration, school nurses, school resource officers, and more. The training is designed to provide a systematic approach to recognize and evaluate individuals in the academic environment who are abusing and impaired by drugs, both legal and illegal, in order to provide early recognition and intervention. Click [here](#) for more details. **The registration deadline is August 11th.**



Spanish Hotline (Phone Line)

Clark County Health Department

The CCHD now has a Spanish Hotline: 715-743-5291 or 715-743-5105 (Option 8). You can promote this number as needed!

Individuals who call the Spanish Hotline will be routed to a Spanish voicemail inbox, where they are requested to leave their name, call back number, and a brief message. Someone who speaks Spanish will call them back as soon as possible!





Reminders

Communities Coming Together - Services for All



- Community partners come together to provide services to all community members on a routine basis.
- Services include, but are not limited to: water testing information, immunizations, WIC, blood pressure checks, vision screenings, car seat checks, reproductive health services, and more!
- Click [here](#) for more information!

COVID-19 Guidance

- Click [here](#) to find Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning. **Last Updated: 5/11/23**

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 **4/25/23**.

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). **The CCHD does have large wall charts to hang up for quick reference if any school or child care center is interested.**

Free Resources at Local Libraries

- Free medication disposal kits, COVID-19 at-home 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.



*We wish you all a
happy, fun, and
healthy 2023-2024
school year!*

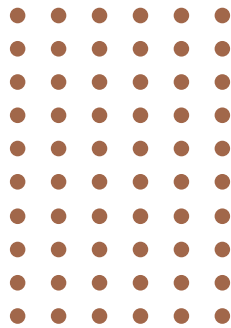




Clark County Health Department

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 8: CCHD Staff
- Page 9: Seal-A-Smile
- Page 10: Immunization Services
- Page 11: Reproductive Health Services
- Page 12: Emergency Preparedness
- Injury Prevention (*In Progress*)
- Water Testing (*In Progress*)
- Radon Testing (*In Progress*)



Main Line: 715-743-5105

Spanish: 715-743-5291

Fax: 715-743-5115





Clark County Health Department Staff

Brittany Mews

Health Officer/Director

Kelsey Wussow

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Katie Cook

Public Health Nurse

Corrine Spencer

Public Health Nurse



Megan Lindau

Public Health Nurse

Judy Crothers

Jail Nurse

Dillon Brost

Environment Health Specialist/Sanitarian

Paige Lindner

Environmental Health Specialist



Rebecca Greisen

Public Health Educator/Specialist

Alyssa Suda

Finance Manager

Brianna Chwala

Administrative Assistant



Clark County COVID-19 Team

Autumn Marshall
Laura Garcia-Torres
Marisol Garcia

Not Sure Who to Contact?

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



Seal-A-Smile

Clark County Seal-A-Smile (SAS) is a school-based oral health program with a focus on dental sealants.

Clark County SAS provides FREE oral health services for ALL children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, regardless of insurance status, in participating schools.

Oral Health Services

Oral health services are provided by a licensed professional on various dates throughout the school year! Oral health services include:

- Teeth Screening & Cleaning
- Teeth Brushing Education
- Fluoride Treatment(s)
- Dental Sealants (If Applicable)

Consent Form

Parent/guardians can sign-up their child to receive SAS services at their school!

Paper consent forms are sent out at the beginning of the school year.

Information about the online consent form can be found [here](#).

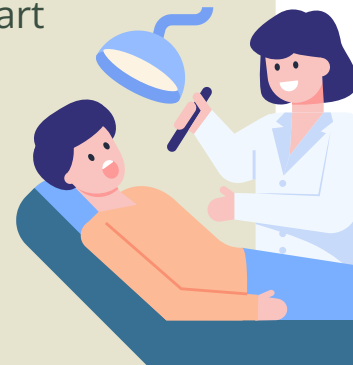
Multiple consent forms are acceptable. SAS staff would rather have multiple consent forms for each student, than none at all!

Videos

- [Parents - Learn About the Seal-A-Smile Program](#)
- [Dental Sealants: Seal in Your Smile](#)

Participating Schools

- Abbotsford
- Colby
- Dorchester Head Start
- Colby St. Mary's
- Granton
- Greenwood
- Loyal
- Loyal St. Anthony's
- Neillsville
- Neillsville St. John's
- Thorp
- Thorp Catholic



2022-2023 Clark County SAS Program End of Year Report

To learn how this program is making a difference both in local school districts, and in Clark County as a whole, click [here](#).



Kaye Nowobielski
Registered
Dental Hygienist



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Registered
Dental Hygienist



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
- Communities Coming Together Services for All
Click [here](#) for more information.

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 (VFA)

Adults (age 19+) can receive a Td or Tdap vaccine free of cost, regardless of insurance status (donations welcome).

Adults underinsured, or with no insurance, may be able to receive select adults vaccines for free.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The following Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is available free of charge.

- Bivalent Booster (Age 6+)

What vaccines are available?

Children

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

Adults

- Everyone*
- Tdap
 - Td
- VFA*
- Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - MMR
 - Varicella
 - HPV
 - Meningococcal
 - Meningococcal B
 - Pneumococcal

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine

Children

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

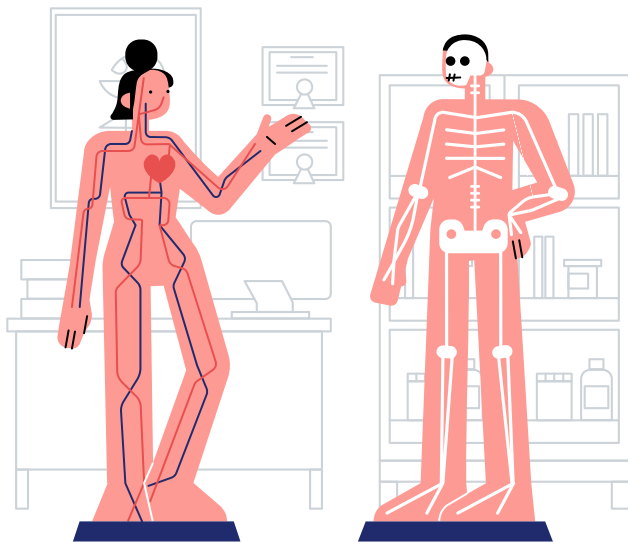
Adults

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

Unavailable until October 2023.



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

Nurse Practitioner (NP)

By Appointment Only: A NP is available on the 4th Wednesday of each month! Services include (not an all-inclusive list):

- Annual Reproductive Health Exams (PAP, Pelvic & Clinical Breast Exams)
- Comprehensive STI Testing & Treatment Services (HIV & Syphilis)
- Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (Intrauterine Devices & Nexplanon) Insertion & Removal

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.

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) in Clark County.

- 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 in Clark County.

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

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)



Emergency Preparedness

The CCHD wants to ensure that Clark County residents and community members are informed and prepared for public health emergencies within Clark County.

To help prepared, the CCHD belongs to the Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC). To learn more about [WWPHRC](#), click here!

Examples

Inclement Weather

- Thunderstorms and Tornadoes
- Flooding
- Winter Storms
- Etc.

Communicable Diseases

- Disease Outbreaks
- Immunizations
- Etc.

Other

- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Fight the Bite (Ticks)
- Air Quality Concerns
- Power Outages
- Etc.

Educational Topics

- Carbon Monoxide Safety
- Preparedness Plans and Preparation
- Winter Preparation
- Teach Children How to Call 911
- Fight the Bite
- Thunderstorm Safety
- And more!



Nixle

You can sign up to receive alerts from Clark County WI Emergency Management through a system called Nixle. You can receive alerts via email, text message, and/or voice message. Alert types include inclement weather, various emergencies, and more. [Click here](#) to sign-up today!

WWPHRC

Purpose: To help our members develop local capacity to effectively respond to all types of health emergencies, including bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and natural disasters.



The WWPHRC creates short educational videos related to Emergency Preparedness and how it ties into to local health departments. This videos are great conversation/project starters and reminders for students and families to learn about being prepared! [Click here](#) to learn more!