



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the quarter of are enumerated in the attached report. The Department continues to work toward fulfilling the goals of our department, keeping in mind the belief statements that support and enhance our mission statement.

“Plays a vital role assessing and assuring the health needs and trade practices in the community”

“Keith Verhagen, Weights & Measures Specialist, inspected the Appleton Downtown Inc., Farm Market on August 21, 2021. Of the 40 vendors inspected, there were 2 vendors with labeling issues. The overall compliance was very high. Weights and Measures met with vendors in May for the annual vendor information meeting which provides information regarding recent changes in policies. The meeting which is mandatory provides a great foundation for high compliance throughout the Farm Markets summer duration. This is a great value to the community by seeing staff presence during the Farm Market as well as updated seals on scales.”

“Provides services to protect and promote the health and well-being of the citizen and consumer”

COVID-19 response is still the focus for public health emergency preparedness. Unfortunately, cases started to rise again at the end of July 2021. Testing and vaccination needs were closely monitored through the third quarter.

Vaccination and testing continue to be the best defense against COVID-19. Small vaccination clinics were offered at the Appleton Public Library through August. The health department also worked with the Appleton School District to offer vaccination during school registration at three different middle schools. Booster dose discussions started during the third quarter, and by the end of September a booster dose was approved for Pfizer. On September 30th, the Appleton Health Department opened another vaccination clinic on Thursdays and Fridays with Pfizer and Janssen vaccines available.

Testing soon became difficult to schedule with the demand increasing. Hearing from citizens and doing some firsthand research, we decided to bring back a reoccurring testing site at the former Best Buy on the east side of Appleton. On September 21st, the new testing site opened and completed 195 tests on the first day.

“Develops and evaluates departmental programs, policies and procedures based on community needs and collaborate with community agencies and providers to assess those needs and ensure high quality services”

In September, all 3 Environmental staff (Steve, Michelle, and Ryan) renewed their Lead Risk Assessor certification by attending a full day refresher class put on by the WI Lead Program. Recertification is required every 2 years. This year, the training was virtual.

“Professional staff works together as a cohesive team by cooperating, communicating, and supporting each other to achieve departmental and individual goals”

In July, Environmental Health Staff completed the establishment license renewal process. One establishment elected to close, rather than pay the Health License fee and other debts owed to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

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