



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT April 2020 – June 2020

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”

“On June 2, 2021, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Weights & Measures staff participated and spoke at the annual Appleton Downtown Saturday Farm Market Vendor meeting in a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting. City Sealer Maggio provided information regarding policies as well as going over rules. Weights and Measures staff tested 47 farm market vendor's scales as well as package and labeling inspections after the meeting. The meeting which is mandatory provides a great foundation for high compliance throughout the Farm Markets summer duration. Weights and Measures staff will monitor the farm market closely throughout the summer to ensure compliance.”

On June 2, 2021, Environmental Supervisor Steve Kihl conducted annual training for the ADI Farm Market food vendors. Approximately 30 vendors participated in the training.

In June, Steve Kihl successfully completed DATCP Standardization maintenance. The purpose of standardization is to promote statewide uniformity and establish proof of inspector proficiency in the food establishment inspection process and knowledge of the Wisconsin Food Code.

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

Public health nursing staff followed up with 492 individuals with confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 in the 2nd quarter of 2021. In addition, nurses followed up with contacts of these confirmed and probable cases.

“Communicates with the public on health and consumer related issues”

On June 8th, an intern joined the health department from the Wisconsin Area Health Education Center System (AHEC) to assist with PHEP related activities until July 30th. Hope Schaefer Kemps is a senior at the University of Oshkosh and completing a degree in Human Services. She assisted with the vaccination clinic registration area at the Appleton Public Library. She created some safety social media messaging for June, safety month. She also assisted with the AARs. Her big project for the summer was the development of a scavenger hunt for 30 youth during the Appleton Parks and Recreation Safety Summer Camp in the month of July.

“Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner”

In December of 2019, the nation was made aware of a small outbreak occurring in Wuhan China. Since March 16, 2020 we have activated the Public Health Emergency Preparedness plans and opened the Appleton Emergency Operations Center (EOC). During the 2nd quarter of 2021, the focus of the EOC has been testing, implementation of vaccine distribution, and the return of staff to city departments.

On January 11th, a new indoor testing site opened to the public at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center. Due to the vaccine clinic and reopening of city building and activities, the testing site moved twice during the operation. On February 2nd the testing site moved to Reid Golf Course with limited interruption. On March 31st, the testing site made its final move to a former Family Video. There it stayed until May 27th when testing demand significantly declined. The National Guard tested 3,483 individuals while operating indoors. Testing is still a critical component to the fight against COVID-19.

“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”

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection recently enacted changes to Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. ATCP 75 which impacted the license types assigned to food establishments. These changes were published in July of 2020 and effective in October of 2020. Included in the changes were the renaming of Retail Food Establishment types and the assessment criteria used to place establishments into one of these license categories. In short, restaurants are now referred to as “Retail Food Establishments – Serving Meals” and general retail food stores such as convenience stores and grocery stores are now called “Retail Food Establishments – Not Serving Meals”. Under one of these main headings, establishments will fall into one of several subcategories based on the complexity of the operation and risk of the processing activities that occur. The license category names for all food establishments have been changed to reflect this new terminology.

On February 2, 2021, the Fox Cities COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic began vaccinating the 65 and older population. The demand to be vaccinated at the Exhibition Center was extremely high for 2.5 months. Towards the end of April, the

demand began to drop significantly. In May, there was a struggle to fill appointments and the decision was made to close the vaccination clinic on May 27th. Even with the decline in demand, the vaccination clinic was extremely successful and vaccinated 32,984 citizens.

Vaccination and testing are still the best defense against COVID-19. Testing is available in several locations throughout the City of Appleton. Vaccination also is available in many locations. It was decided to continue vaccination in a smaller capacity at the Appleton Public Library. The first clinic was June 8th and will continue through August.

After June 1st, the rest of the month was dedicated to writing After Action Reports (AAR) and finishing the State PHEP Deliverables which were due June 30th. All state deliverables were finished on June 26th. An AAR was completed for the testing site at Appleton North Highschool and the indoor testing site June 23rd. The vaccination clinic AAR was completed by Outagamie County Emergency Management at the end of June as well. A future AAR meeting will happen in July for the overall city response to COVID-19.

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

On June 4, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht retired after more than 21 years of service to the City of Appleton. Appleton Health Department staff are grateful that delayed his retirement for a year to give leadership and direction during the pandemic.

In May, public health nurse Krista Waterstradt successfully completed the coursework and passed the examination to become a Certified Lactation Counselor. The Certified Lactation Counselor certification identifies a professional in lactation counseling who has demonstrated the necessary skills, knowledge, and abilities to provide breastfeeding counseling and management support to families who are thinking about breastfeeding or who have questions or problems during breastfeeding/lactation.

Respectfully submitted,

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