

Buffalo County Public Health

List of Programs

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Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

A nurse provides case management for high-risk, MA-eligible pregnant women during pregnancy and through 60 days postpartum. Services available to eligible women include assessment, ongoing care coordination, health education and nutrition counseling, psychosocial support, referrals and follow-up, arrangements for needed services (ie-transportation, child care, language interpretation), and postpartum support.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC provides supplemental food and nutrition as well as nutrition counseling from our Nutritionist for pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and infants and children up to age 5. Many working families are eligible; income guidelines and nutritional need must be met to qualify. Also, the breastfeeding peer counselor program is available for any new mom in WIC who needs support with breastfeeding.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

A nurse will assess children/family needs to identify if resources and referrals are needed. Serves children from birth to 21 years old with chronic health conditions and developmental, physical, or behavioral/emotional concerns.

Immunizations

Vaccines are free to eligible children newborn to 18 years of age. To be eligible, children must be uninsured, underinsured (cannot afford the copay), be on Medical Assistance, or be Alaskan Native/American Indian. Although we try not to turn anyone away, children with affordable insurance are asked to get the vaccines at their healthcare provider. Hepatitis B vaccine (\$110 for the series of 3 vaccinations), Tetanus boosters (free), and TB skin tests/Mantoux (\$15) tests are available for adults.

Fluoride Supplements and Varnish

Free fluoride supplements are provided to children 6 months to 16 years of age. Also, oral health screening, education, and free fluoride varnish are available to MA-eligible pregnant women and children through 10 years old.

Water Testing for Bacteria, Nitrates, Fluoride, and Metals

No cost water test for any household under 150% of the federal poverty level with a pregnant women, a child under 6 months of age, a breastfeeding mother, or a WIC Program client. For all others, test kits are available for a fee to test bacteria (\$20) and nitrates (\$15). Resources and support are provided to those with abnormal test results.

Transient Non-Community Water Program

For the safety of the public, our Environmental Health Specialist inspects water systems and collects water samples of for businesses and establishments that are not on community water supplies and serve more than 25 people. Water samples taken from these establishments and from residents who don't qualify for fee exempt tests are tested in the in-house water lab, possible through a partnership with UW-Oshkosh.

Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)

Women 35-64 years old can get free breast and cervical cancer screenings through the WWWP (eligibility based on income and being uninsured or underinsured). A nurse follows-up on all abnormal results and works with women to get them needed free or low-cost treatment.

Public Health Clinic

Provides medication set-up for clients with mental illness who wish to remain in their homes. Allows for periodic walk-in immunizations and blood pressure checks for community members needing this service.

Elevated Lead Levels

Our Environmental Health Specialist provides information, assistance, recommendations, assessment, and referrals to children/families with elevated blood lead levels or questions about lead. Children in WIC are tested for lead at 1 and 2 years old or at 3-5 years of age if not previously tested.

Communicable Disease Follow-Up/Animal Bites

Surveillance, information, investigation, and follow-up of all reportable and several non-reportable communicable diseases. A nurse calls individuals with reportable diseases to provide information. Our receives animal bite reports and ensures that the victim is treated appropriately and the animal is properly vaccinated and quarantined to prevent human contraction of rabies. Rabies is nearly 100% fatal in humans once symptoms appear, thus, prevention is the key to success.

Human Health Hazards

The Health Officer or designee inspects potential human health hazards and enforces the Human Health Hazard Ordinance #01-08-02 as necessary.

Radon

Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer and a problem in many homes. A knowledgeable public health professional can answer questions you may have about radon and its effects on health. Kits to test your home for radon are available for \$10.

Preparedness

Public health staff can provide information and assistance with preparedness planning for individuals and families. Buffalo County Public Health is continuously creating, updating and exercising plans that address emergency functions such as a mass clinic, community containment of disease and continuity of operations. In addition, Public Health works to identify and fill in gaps that may hinder response to the needs of the public in an emergency, and create/foster partnerships within and beyond the community.

Buffalo/Pepin Wellness Coalition

This coalition (formerly called the Buffalo County Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition) works to address nutrition, obesity, and physical activity issues in Buffalo and Pepin Counties. There are a number of subcommittees focusing on preschool, school-age/adolescents, and adults. To learn more or attend a meeting, contact Lori Miller at (608) 685-6350.

Tobacco Programs and the Tobacco-Free Coalition

Tobacco programs and initiatives are tackled by a 7 county consortium. This group addresses tobacco issues, completes tobacco compliance checks with area youth to remind retailers to not sell to minors, and provides tobacco prevention and control through referrals to programs like the quit line.

Agent Program

The Health Department has an agreement with the Department of Health Services and Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection to license and inspect all food or lodging facilities, as well as swimming pools and tattoo shops in the county. This ensures that the food and lodging provided is safe for residents.

***In addition to the programs listed above, Public Health will assist residents with information and resources as available. Public Health also works to address identified population-based health needs according to data and other available resources (ie-Community Health Improvement Plan or CHIP).*

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