

Report to the Community 2021



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Franklin Health Department Overview

Local health departments are established based on Wisconsin Statute Chapter 251.02(2) which states counties with populations over 500,000 must establish a local health department. Therefore there is no Milwaukee County Health Department but rather 12 Local Health Departments that are maintained at the municipal level. The Franklin Health Department is a Level II health department and provides public health nursing, environmental health, health promotion and education information as well as emergency preparedness services in the community.

The Mission of the Franklin Health Department (FHD) is to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury to all those that live, work, and play in the community. Although some may never have direct contact with FHD, many of the improvements you see that prolong life, health, and safety are a result of the work of our staff in and around the community.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Mission Statement

The Franklin Health Department shall protect and promote health as well as prevent diseases and injury by providing population based services that focus on improving the health status of the entire community. We do this by providing three core public health functions: **Assess** the community's health status; **Develop** health policy; and **Assure** necessary services are available.

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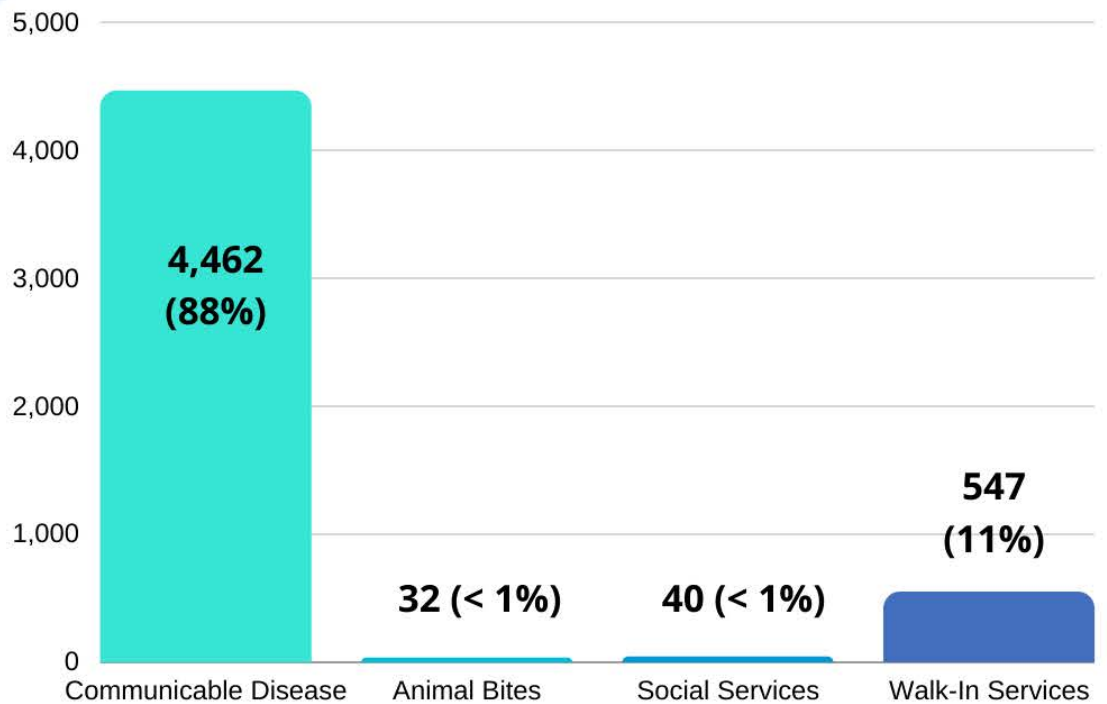


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Referrals, Screenings, & Direct Services

Public health staff provide a variety of services to the Franklin community including preventing the spread of illnesses, providing immunizations, leading health education programs, assessing growth and development of children, and conducting blood pressure screenings. Here is a snap shot of services our staff provided to you in 2021.

Referrals



While the majority of referrals were COVID-19 cases (3,671), FHD continued to follow-up on all referrals throughout 2021 to maintain health and safety in Franklin.



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Immunizations

- Franklin Health Department provided 7,691 immunizations in 2021 including 826 flu shots and 6,827 COVID-19 shots.
- Franklin two year olds are 89% compliant with immunization recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- The immunization rate for Franklin Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year was greater than 98% of all required vaccines for school aged children. This was ahead of the State (92%) and National (95%) averages in 2021.

Childhood Screenings & Parenting Resources

We assist Franklin parents, day cares, and schools help children meet development milestones as they grow. While some services continued to be limited in 2021, below are some of the services we did provide throughout the year:

Car Seat Fittings

A certified car seat technician is on staff to assist with the trials and tribulations of adjusting and fitting car seats for our growing families. In 2021, FHD assisted 34 families with the installation of car seats to meet their child's needs. This service is offered free of charge to Franklin residents.

Developmental Screening

Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) are a screening tool for children ages 2-60 months. These questionnaires help parents to assess if their children are hitting developmental milestones at the appropriate time. In 2021 FHD public health nurses facilitated 17 ASQ assessments with Franklin families.

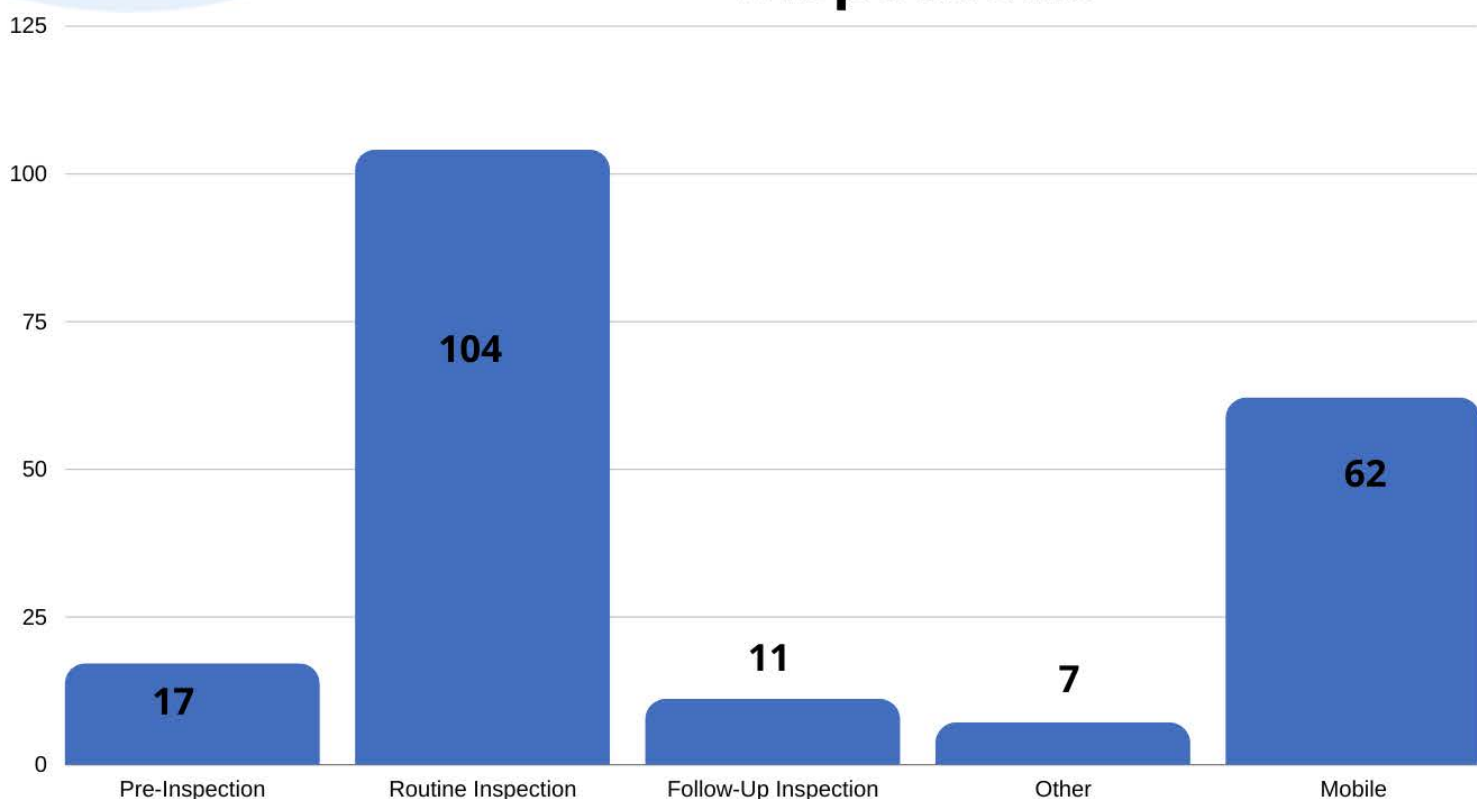
Other Services

Due to the pandemic, other parenting resources and classes were unavailable in 2021, but we hope to have them again at some point in 2022. These include:
Infant Massage
Lactation Consultation
Home Visiting

Environmental Health

We contribute to the environmental health of the community by inspecting food and lodging establishments as well as public pools. In addition to our licensing and inspection services our Registered Sanitarians continued to provide technical assistance in reviewing COVID-19 safety plans of our licensed establishments to help keep their staff and customers healthy and safe during the past year. In 2021 we conducted 201 inspections.

2021 Registered Sanitarian Inspections



Other Environmental Health programs involve monitoring the blood lead level of children, providing test kits for radon and well water, and a sharps disposal service.

Sharps Collection

Did you know we have a medical sharps collection program for Franklin residents? Residents may bring sharps in approved hard plastic containers to the Health Department during normal business hours for FREE disposal.

2021 Stats

**Sharps waste collected and properly disposed of from Community and FHD clinics:
1,545 pounds!!**

Franklin residents may also purchase new sharps containers from FHD



Radon

Radon is a cancer-causing gas that you can't see, smell, or taste but may be in your home.

We recommend all home owners assess their home for radon at least once. Radon kits are available for a fee in our office.

In 2021, 113 radon kits were sold to Franklin residents.

Water Testing

For our residents that receive their water from wells, we recommend an annual test. We offer FREE water test kits for residents wishing to test their wells.

Lead

Almost 600 homes in Franklin were built before 1950 and may contain lead paint or varnish. FREE lead hazard screenings can be conducted by our trained staff to find possible solutions to remove the hazard.



Emergency Preparedness

We have a volunteer database of over 400 residents willing and able to help in the event of a public health emergency. Contact us weekdays at 414-425-9101 if you want to be added to our list.



THANK YOU! 

HEALTH DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS
HAVE LOGGED OVER
1,000 HOURS
OF EFFORT FROM 2020-2021! YOUR
DEDICATION DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!



Each year our staff trains to be ready for public health emergencies by hosting large vaccine clinics as a preparedness exercise. These annual preparedness exercises have proved invaluable for our 2021 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and would not have been possible without this training and our dedicated volunteers to assist us.

Volition Franklin

Volition Franklin is a coalition of partners from twelve sectors of the community that carry out awareness campaigns, offer resources, and help support healthy decision-making regarding substance misuse. Despite the ongoing challenges faced throughout 2021, Volition Franklin continued to serve as a local prevention resource and facilitated numerous initiatives in collaboration with community partners to support prevention efforts. Many of the events, activities, and resources are made possible through the Drug Free Communities Grant.

Forest Park Concerts Partnership

Volition Franklin and Franklin Health Department partnered with Franklin Parks Concerts in the summer to offer various health and wellness and family connectedness incentives and materials for youth and teens.

Trunk or Treat

In partnership with the Health Department and Library, Trunk or Treat returned in 2021 with over 40 local organizations participating. The event generated \$20,000 of in-kind contributions. Over 800 community members attended this family event.

7th Grade Poster Contest

It was the 25th Anniversary of this great program on peer to peer education of the dangers of tobacco and vaping devices.

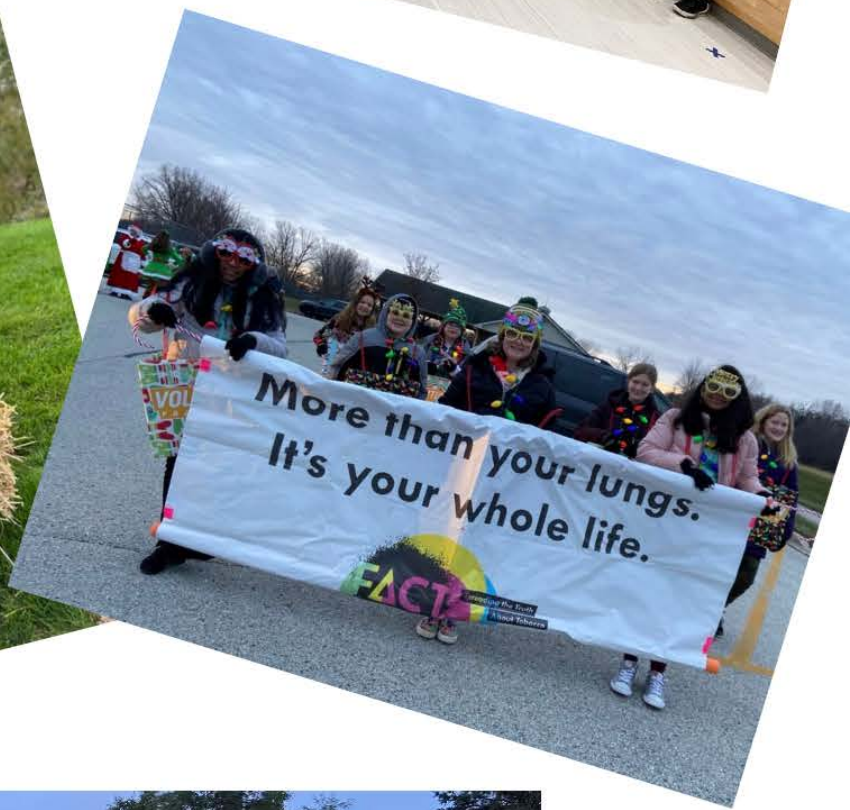
Over 250 graphics were submitted by 7th grade students with 20 winners selected by various community leaders.

Christmas Parade

Proud participant in Franklin's first Christmas Parade. Youth volunteers walked the parade route carrying information about tobacco prevention and passed out candy with prevention and kindness-based messaging.

Outdoor Movie Night

Movie Night also returned in 2021 with over 100 individuals attending the event on the lawn of City Hall with the assistance of 6 local organizations and community volunteers.



Franklin Health Department in the Community

Adult Speaker Series

3 Events
90 Attendees

Adult Wellness Workshops

Mind Over Matter
2 workshops with 24 attendees

Stepping On
3 workshops with 45 attendees

Health & Wellness Day

We took a break from the traditional Senior Health and Wellness Fair due to the pandemic, however still offered flu shots to seniors during this time. On September 29, 2021 we provided high dose flu shots for 377 seniors. We look forward to providing more of our traditional Health & Wellness Fair in 2022



Get Involved!!

Franklin Health Department is leading the way to make our community a healthier and safer place to live, work, and play. But we can't do it alone! We need the help of our residents and businesses to carry our messages further into the community.

Consider joining one of our coalitions below, add your name to our emergency volunteer registry, or call 414-425-9101 to see what other ways you can help make Healthiest Franklin a reality for 2020!!



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