

# Report to the Community 2020



HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT

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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 was re-certified as a Level II health department in 2020. The Department 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.



## 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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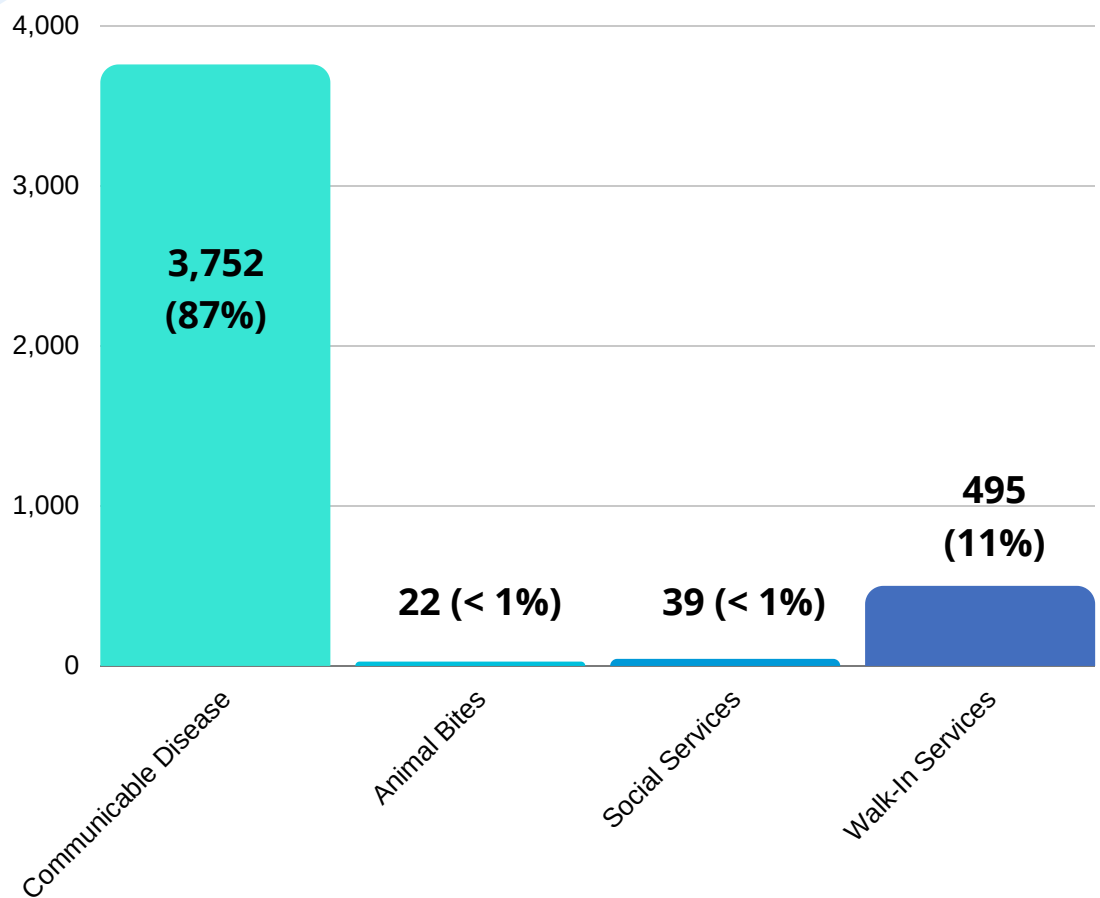


# Referrals, Screenings, & Direct Services

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 2020.

## Referrals

While the majority of referrals were COVID-19 cases (3,152), FHD continued to follow-up on all community referrals throughout 2020 to maintain health and safety.



# Immunizations

- Franklin Health Department provided 1,075 immunizations in 2020 including over 970 flu shots.
- Franklin two year olds are 91% compliant with immunization recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- The immunization rate for Franklin Public Schools was greater than 97% of all required vaccines for school aged children. This was ahead of the State (92%) and National (95%) averages in 2020.

## Childhood Screenings & Parenting Resources

We assist Franklin parents, day cares, and schools help children meet development milestones as they grow. While some services were limited in 2020, 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 2020, FHD assisted 15 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 2020 FHD public health nurses facilitated 21 ASQ assessments with Franklin families.

### Other Services

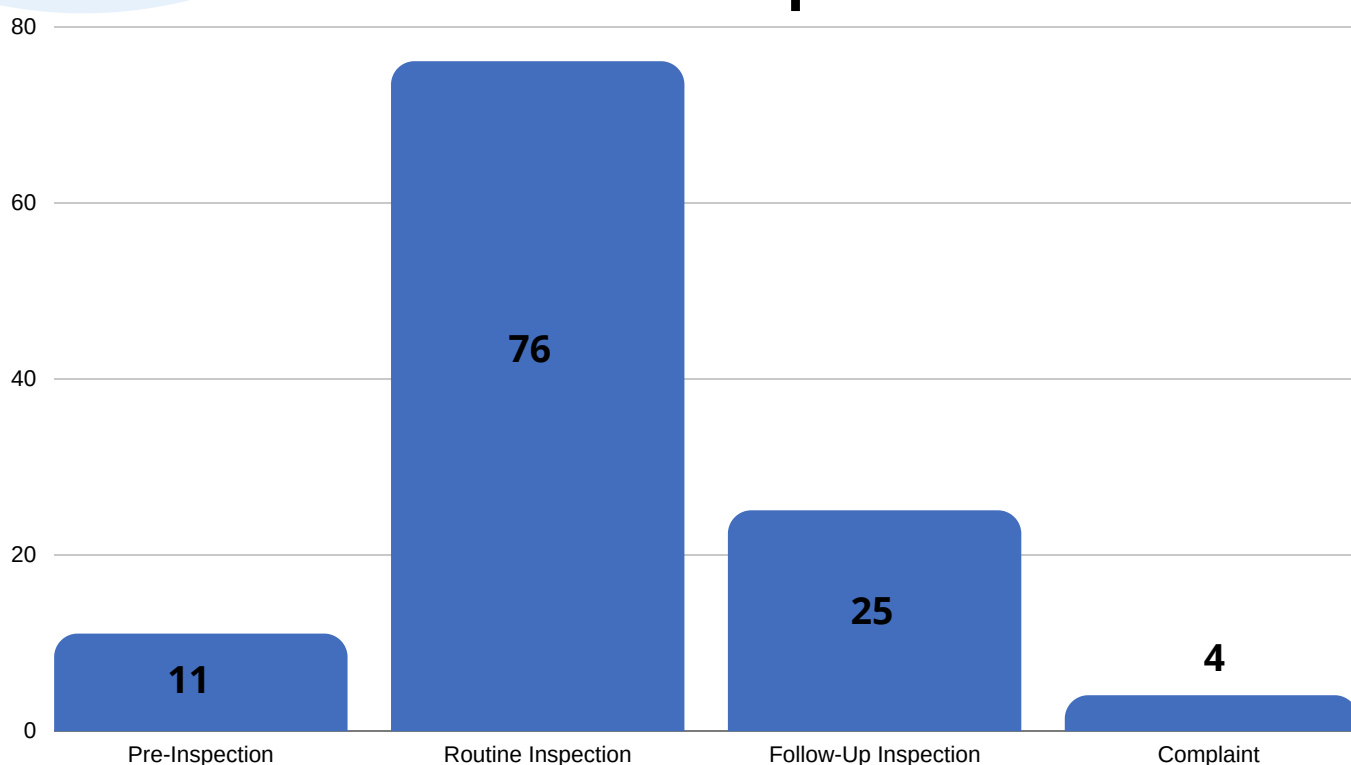
Due to the pandemic, other parenting resources and classes were unavailable in 2020, but we hope to have them again at some point in 2021. These include:  
Infant Massage  
Lactation Consultation  
Home Visiting



# Environmental Health

We contribute to the environmental health of the community by inspecting food and lodging establishments as well as public pools. Due to the pandemic, many inspections were put on hold in 2020, instead our Registered Sanitarians provided 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.

## 2020 Registered Sanitarian Inspections



biotechnology trichinosis regulated  
disease hazards bacteria hygiene  
freeze botulism gmo healthy routines  
expiration handling meat moisture inspection processing  
radiation  
grocery  
storage  
preparing  
temperature  
consumer illness  
health  
salmonella  
raw cooking lab  
microorganism  
industry  
preparation infection virus  
kitchen poisoning



**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.**

### **2020 Stats**

**Sharps waste collected and properly disposed of from Community and FHD clinics:  
1,357 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 2020, 93 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 along 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.

Each year our staff trains to be ready for public health emergencies by hosting influenza vaccine clinics as a mass clinic exercise. These annual preparedness exercises have proved invaluable for our 2021 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics.



September is National Preparedness Month, but we help you plan for natural and man-made disasters year round. Visit our website [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov) for community resources or check out [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for help making a disaster plan.

# 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 2020, 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.**

## **7th Grade Courage Retreat**

Volition Franklin and the PAWS group of Forest Park Middle School supported a retreat for 7th graders to focus on social and emotional learning, build community connectedness, and improve resiliency factors as protective factors against substance use.

## **7th Grade Poster Contest**

Over 200 graphics were submitted by 7th grade students as peer to peer education on the dangers of tobacco and vaping devices.

## **Prevention Week**

National Prevention Week was May 10-16 and is an observance to increase awareness around mental health and substance use disorders. This year the campaign took on a virtual feel through yard signs and social media postings.

## **Medication Collection**

In partnership with the Franklin Police Department a medication collection event was held on September 30. A total of 11 boxes was collected at this event. For the year, the Police collected over 1,600 pounds of unused and expired medication.





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# Franklin Health Department in the Community

## Adult Speaker Series

2 Events

32 Attendees

2 Community Locations

## 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 30, 2020 we provided high dose flu shots for over 400 seniors. We look forward to providing more of our traditional Health & Wellness Fair in 2021

## Feeding Franklin

Our New Year's Resolution was to help those in need. We challenged City Staff to fill the shelves of local food pantries.

In 2020, 400 pounds of food was donated to help those in need.





# 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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