



City of Appleton

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Meeting Agenda - Final Board of Health

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

7:00 AM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call of membership
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
[23-1334](#) October 11, 2023 Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [October 11, 2023 Minutes.pdf](#)

5. Public Hearing/Appearances

7. Information Items

- [23-1333](#) Q3 Report
Attachments: [Q3 2023 Quarterly Report 0.pdf](#)
- [23-1331](#) Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Report
Attachments: [WastewaterReportNovemberBoH.pdf](#)
- [23-1332](#) November Newsletter
Attachments: [November 2023 Newsletter 0.pdf](#)
- [23-1330](#) New Noise Variances
Attachments: [ApprovedNoiseVariancesNovemberBoH.pdf](#)

8. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.



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1. Call meeting to order

Vice Chair Vogel calls the meeting to order at 7:00am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

Emma Kane attends via Zoom Meeting.

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer, Alderperson Jones and Mayor Woodford

Excused: 1 - Spears

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Alderperson Meltzer moved that the minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 6 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer and Mayor Woodford

Excused: 1 - Spears

Abstained: 1 - Alderperson Jones

[23-1139](#)

September Board of Health Minutes

Attachments: [09.13.23 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

5. Public Hearing/Appearances

None.

6. Action Items

[23-1012](#)

Resolution #9-R-23 Mental Health Awareness & Services

Attachments: [#9-R-23 mental health awareness.pdf](#)

Alderson Meltzer moved, seconded by Werth, that the Resolution #9-R-23 Mental Health Awareness & Services be amended to include:

"Therefore be it resolved that we reaffirm the \$1,000,000 ARPA allocation to mental health and we will divide this money amongst organizations in our community."

Motion carried by the following vote:

amended

Aye: 5 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane and Alderson Meltzer

Nay: 2 - Alderson Jones and Mayor Woodford

Excused: 1 - Spears

Alderson Meltzer moved that the Resolution #9-R-23 Mental Health Awareness & Services be amended to replace "local mental health organizations" with "N.E.W. Mental Health Connection and its affiliated organizations". Motion carried by the following vote:

amended

Aye: 7 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Alderson Meltzer, Alderson Jones and Mayor Woodford

Excused: 1 - Spears

Presented by Alder Nate Wolff.

Alderson Meltzer moved that the Resolution #9-R-23 Mental Health Awareness & Services be approved as amended. Motion carried by the following vote:

recommended for approval

Aye: 6 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Alderson Meltzer and Mayor Woodford

Nay: 1 - Alderson Jones

Excused: 1 - Spears

[23-1152](#)

AHD002_Creation and Maintenance of Procedures

Attachments: [ADH002_Creation and Maintenance of Procedures_10.02.2023.pdf](#)

Mayor Woodford moved that the AHD002_Creation and Maintenance of Procedures be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:

recommended for approval

Aye: 7 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Alderson Meltzer, Alderson Jones and Mayor Woodford

Excused: 1 - Spears

7. Information Items

[23-1140](#)

2024 Health Department Budget

Attachments: [2024DepartmentOfHealthBudget.pdf](#)
[2024DepartmentOfHealthGrants.pdf](#)
[Environmental Health Fees Proposed April 2024.pdf](#)

Health Officer, Charles Sepers is called to speak.

[23-1040](#)

Q2 Report

Attachments: [Q2BOH_2023_0.pdf](#)

[23-1138](#)

New Noise Variances

Attachments: [ApprovedNoiseVariancesOctoberBoH.pdf](#)

[23-1137](#)

October Newsletter

Attachments: [October_2023_Newsletter_0.pdf](#)

8. Adjournment

Aldersperson Meltzer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09am. Motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 7 - Fuchs, Werth, Vogel, Kane, Aldersperson Meltzer, Aldersperson Jones and Mayor Woodford

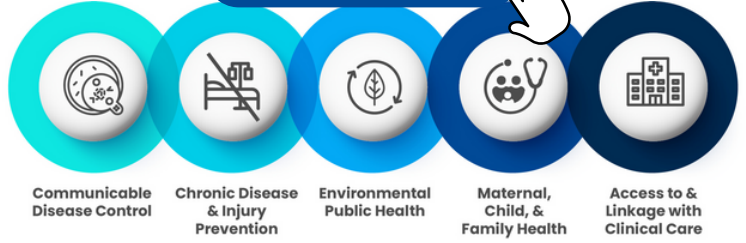
Excused: 1 - Spears

Appleton Health Department

2023 Q3 Report

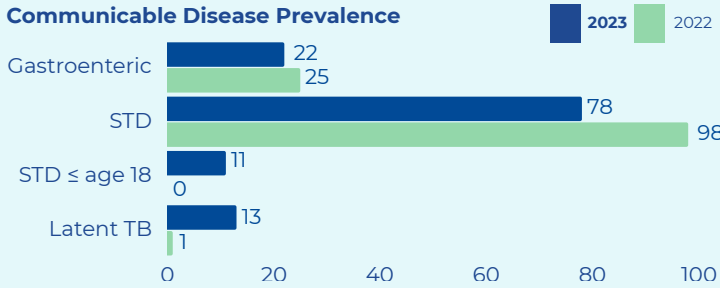
There are five Foundational Areas in Public Health, also known as Public Health Programs. The Appleton Health Department reports quarterly on quantitative metrics in each program. The data reported here is compared to the data for the same period the previous year.

LEARN MORE



Communicable Disease Control

While there has been a decrease in STDs compared to the previous year, increased STD rates among persons age 18 and under are attributed Chlamydia cases.



Chronic Disease Control & Injury Prevention

The new lower blood lead reference value of 3.5 µg/dL means that more children are identified as having lead exposure.

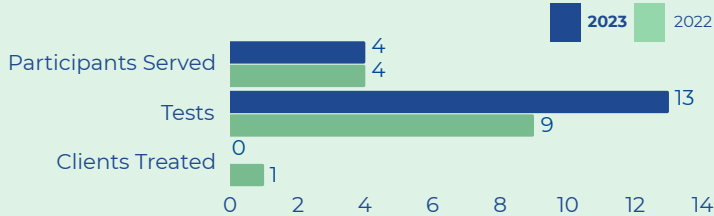
Lead Elevations



Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

The Appleton Health Department's Newsletter: November 2023 Issue, discusses this program in detail.

Community Partner STD Testing & Treatment



Maternal, Child, & Family Health

A reduction in referrals to to Public Health Nursing has reduced the number of visits and re-visits from 2022.

Public Health Nurse visits and revisits

2023: 62 visits



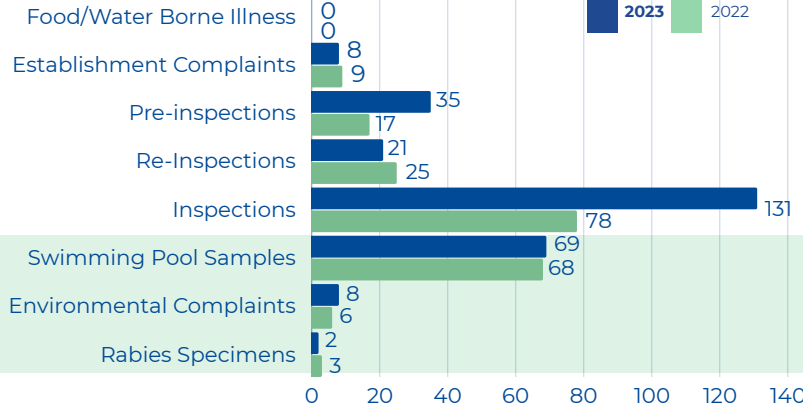
2022: 171 visits



Environmental Public Health

By fully staffing the required number of Public Health Inspectors to conduct inspections, a remarkable 68% increase in inspections was accomplished compared to the previous year.

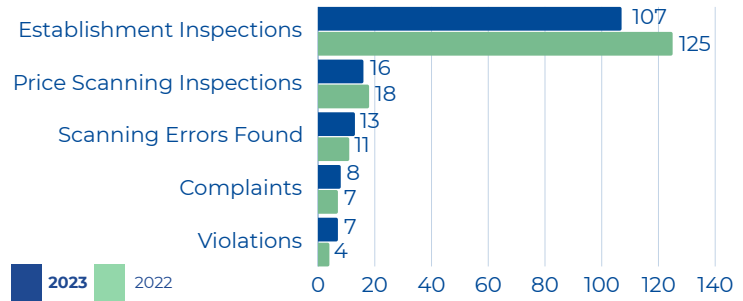
Licensing



Weights & Measures

Consumer Protection services provided by Weights & Measures are consistent with the previous year in the third quarter.

Establishment Inspections, Price Scanning Inspections, Complaints, & Violations



Emergency Preparedness & Response

- The Emergency Management Coordinator and Appleton Fire Department provided four well-attended **Stop the Bleed Training** opportunities for all City of Appleton staff.
- The Emergency Management Planning Team facilitated the **Back to Basics tabletop exercise**. Appleton leadership and key partners from the Appleton School District, We Energies, Lawrence University, and other agencies participated.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



Appleton Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Report

October 30, 2023



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES



UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN

UWMILWAUKEE



Wisconsin State
Laboratory of Hygiene
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Samples to Date: 319

Current Concentration: Very High

Virus levels have been adjusted (normalized) for the flow rate and number of people served by Appleton WWTF. The average of the three most recent SARS-CoV-2 measurements is 61 million gene copies per person per day, which is very high compared to the past six months of data.

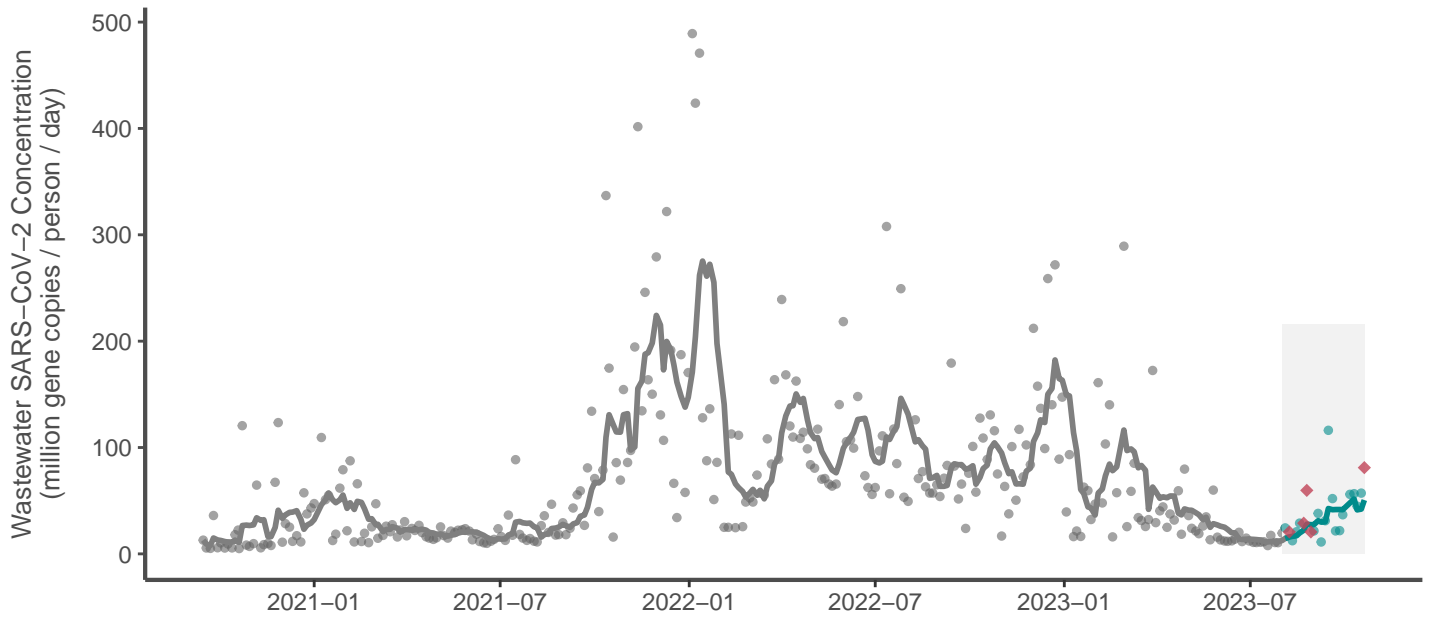
Concentration categories compare the average of the three most recent data points to the last 6 months of data, and assign levels based on percentile:

Very High	Highest 20%
High	60th-80th percentile
Moderate	40th-60th percentile
Low	20th-40th percentile
Very Low	Lowest 20%

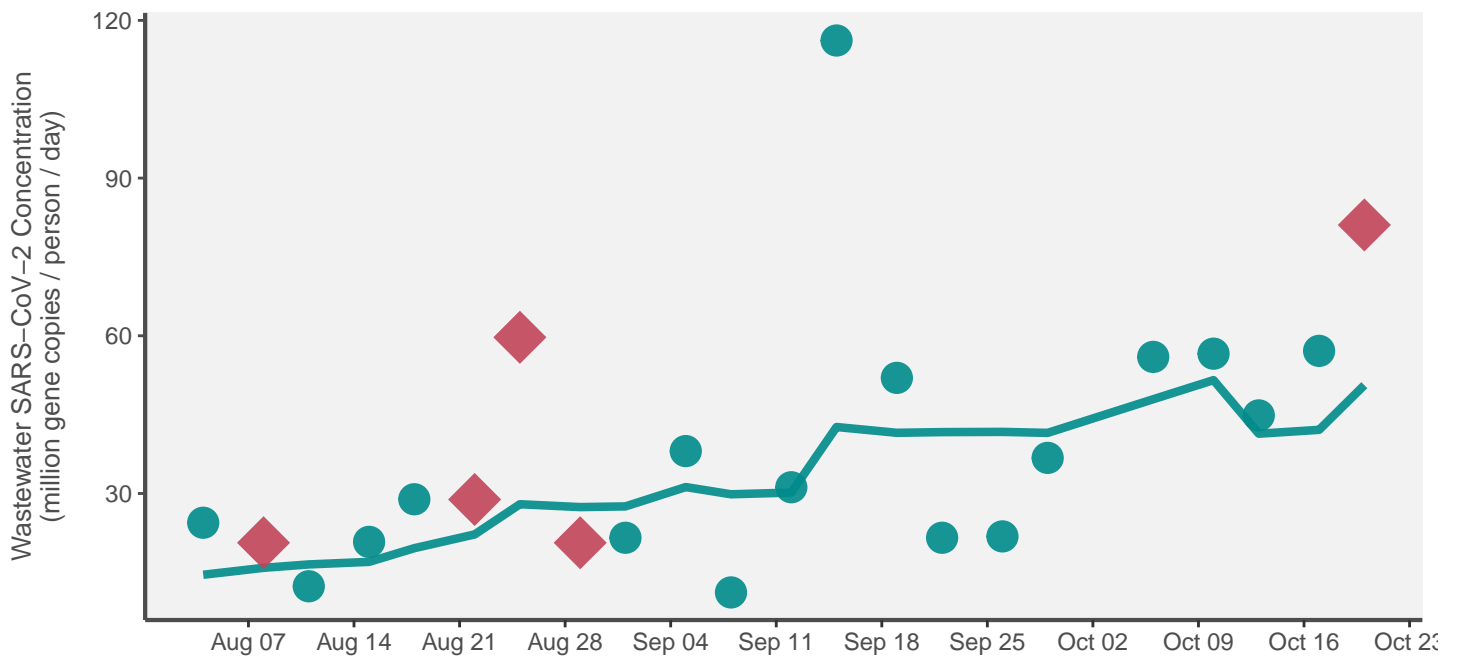
Wastewater trends for Wisconsin can be found on our [Wastewater Surveillance Dashboard](#).



All Time Wastewater Trend for Appleton (Sep 15, 2020–Oct 30, 2023)



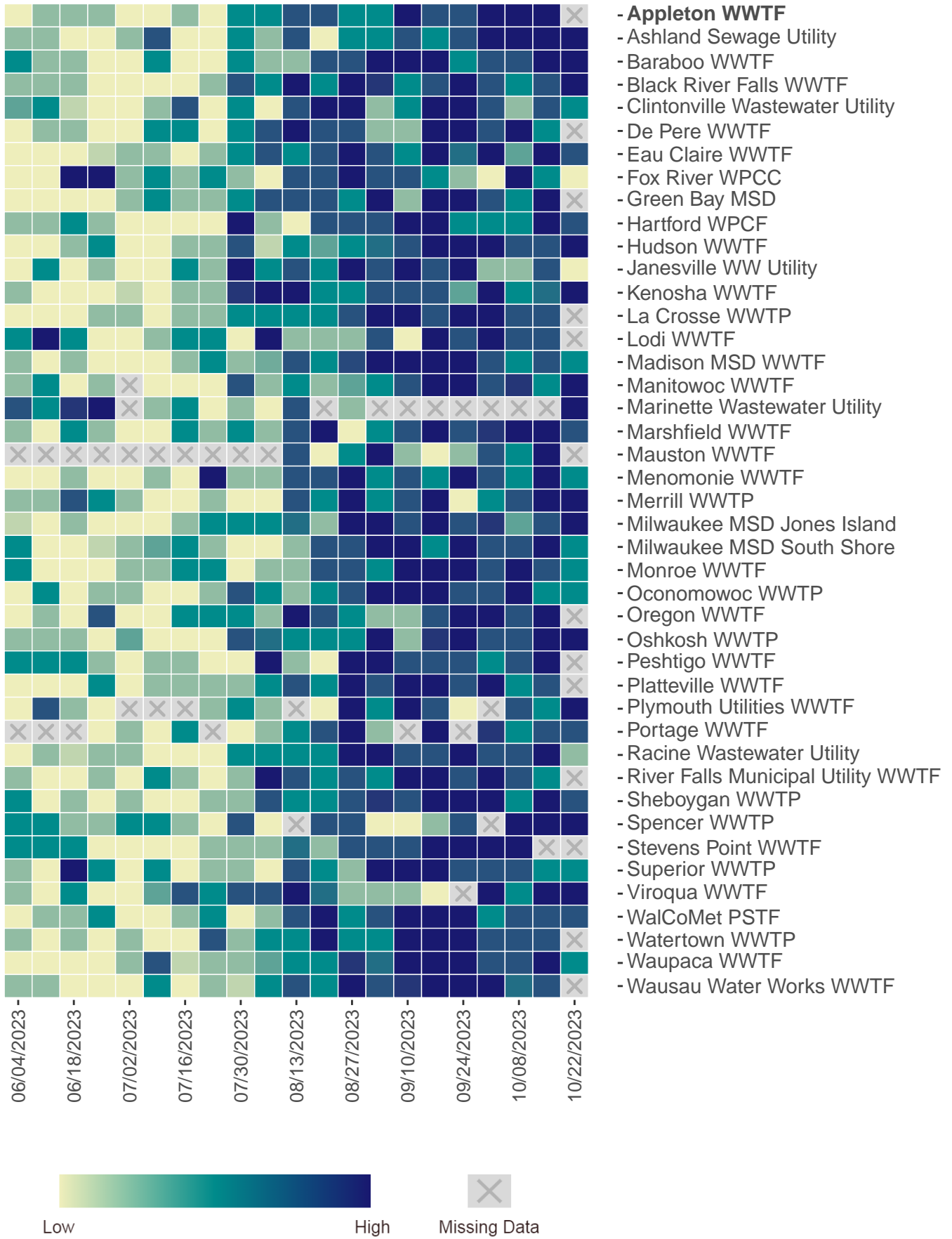
90-Day Wastewater Trend for Appleton (Aug 1, 2023–Oct 30, 2023)



◆ - Significant Increase

A datapoint is defined as a **significant increase** if a linear regression for the past five measurements is significantly increasing ($p < 0.3$) and if the average of the most recent three datapoints is greater than 80% of the measurements from the last 30 days.

Comparison of Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Concentrations Between Facilities

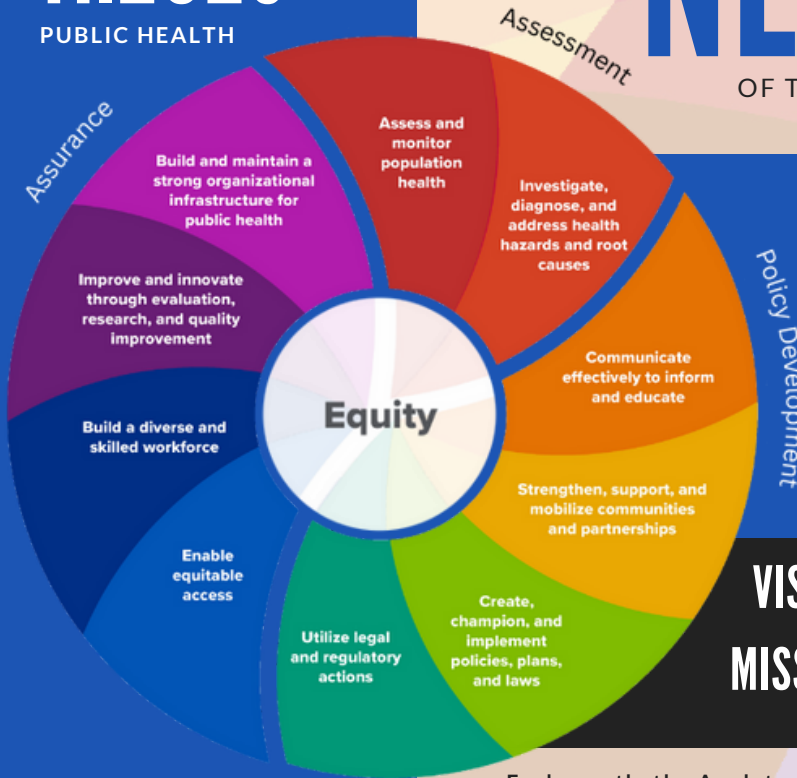


11.2023

PUBLIC HEALTH

NEWSLETTER

OF THE APPLETON PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



IN THIS ISSUE:

Enable equitable access

Community Partner:
Vivent Health

Meet Jena

VISION: Health for all, together.

MISSION: Facilitate equitable community wellbeing through education, health promotion, and response to public health needs.

10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve equity, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities. Such barriers include poverty, racism, gender discrimination, ableism, and other forms of oppression. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.

Each month, the Appleton Health Department Newsletter will feature stories about how we are achieving each of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. This month, we will focus on Essential Public Health Service #7: Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Appleton Public Health Nurses offer a compassionate approach to identify, notify, and provide support to individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV and the sexual and needle-sharing partners of those diagnosed with HIV. The Partner Services Program is the method used for HIV prevention and care efforts and the program's primary goals are:

Identification of Partners: Appleton Public Health Nurses work together with individuals newly diagnosed with HIV to identify sexual or needle-sharing partners. This is done discreetly and confidentially, and clients remain anonymous to partners.

Notification and Testing: Once partners are identified, Appleton Public Health Nurses inform them about potential exposure to HIV and the importance of getting free, confidential HIV testing and testing for other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Counseling and Support and Prevention Services: Partners who test positive for HIV receive immediate linkage to care and treatment services. Those who test negative are provided with prevention information and resources, including education on safer sex practices, needle exchange programs, and access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), an effective preventive treatment for those at higher risk.

Contact Tracing: Contact tracing helps break the chain of HIV transmission. It allows for early diagnosis and timely treatment of newly infected individuals.

Data Collection and Monitoring: Programs collect data on partner notifications and outcomes to assess the effectiveness of the Partner Services Program and improve equitable access to care.

The Appleton Health Department's participation in the Partner Services Program plays a crucial role in connecting Appleton residents to care when it is needed most and provides a pathway to access resources to protect themselves and their partners.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



VIVENT HEALTH

Appleton Public Health Nurses bridge the gap between diagnosis and treatment for Appleton residents newly diagnosed with HIV. Our nurses make referrals, provide counsel, education, and resources, and even make initial appointments for clients entering care. Vivent Health is specialized healthcare for people living with HIV and provides an "HIV medical home" for many clients.

Vivent Health's welcoming, safe, and judgment-free zone makes accessing a continuum of care easier for every patient. This includes regular medical check-ups, personalized treatment plans, and adherence support for antiretroviral therapy (ART). ART works by reducing the amount of the HIV virus in the blood to *undetectable* levels so low that the HIV virus cannot be passed on through sexual activity or breast/chest feeding. Having an undetectable viral load likely reduces the risk of HIV transmission through sharing needles, syringes, or other drug injection equipment (for example, cookers), but we don't know by how much.

In addition to providing medical care Vivent Health provides or connects clients with services including mental health and counseling, pharmacy services, case management, prevention and education, support groups, housing assistance, legal services, dental care, nutritional support, transportation assistance, and research and clinical trials. Vivent Health's comprehensive approach fosters hope, resilience, and a path to a healthier future and stronger communities.

Vivent Health has locations in Appleton, Beloit, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Superior, and Wausau.

DID YOU KNOW?

HIV IS PASSED ON THROUGH BODILY FLUIDS IF THE PERSON WITH HIV HAS A *DETECTABLE* VIRAL LOAD. IT'S *NOT* PASSED ON BY SHARING FOOD/DRINKS, SPITTING, KISSING, SNEEZING, OR COUGHING.

RESOURCES

[CDC-10 Essential Public Health Services -Full](#)

[Vivent Health Services](#)



MEET JENA



Jena McNeil (she/her) serves the City of Appleton as a Public Health Nurse. Jena first earned her Masters of Public Health Degree in Epidemiology and she brings a wealth of experience working with food and waterborne infections, outbreak investigations, and statistics. After relocating to Appleton, Jena pursued her nursing degree to continue her career in Public Health.

As an Appleton resident, Jena loves that she has a vested interest in the services she provides. "I love being able to take something that is a more complex, science idea and break it down to a level where people can understand it. Maybe they either didn't [understand], they couldn't understand before, or no one had given them the time to really answer their questions and give them information in a way that was useful for them."

Jena enjoys being outdoors and spending time with her family, but the perfect day starts with a run and a cup of coffee with a few friends.

BOARD OF HEALTH

CALENDAR

Approved Noise Variances July-Dec 2023

Revised 10/13/23

Saturday, October 28, 2023	3:00pm-6:00pm	Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street	Exposing Hidden Secrets	Live Music	Nichole Dismuke	(951) 906-6513	10/13/2023
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