

2019



Grant County Health Department

"Protecting Public Health in Grant County for 84 years"

- TO:** The Honorable Chairman, Robert Keeney and the
Members of the Grant County Board of Supervisors
- FROM:** The Staff of the Grant County Health Department
and the Members of the Board of Health
- RE:** Report of the Grant County Health Department
Programs and Services for 2019

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The mission of the
Grant County Health Department
is to promote
the health and wellness
of
ALL residents
of
Grant County.

“Everyone Living Better, Longer”



Ten Essential Services

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personnel and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

State and Local Health Goals

Improved Health Across the Life Span
Eliminate Health Disparities and Achieve Health Equality

2020 Health Plan Focus Areas

Identify and Address Health Disparities
Examine and Assess Social, Economic and Education Factors that Influence Health
Improve Access to High Quality Health Services
Form Collaborative Partnerships for Community Health Improvement
Create and Maintain a Diverse, Sufficient, and Competent Workforce that Promotes and Protects Health
Ensure Capabilities that Promote Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery
Secure Equitable, Adequate, and Stable Public Health Funding
Improve the Health Literacy of the Public and Our Partners
Ensure Public Health Capacity and Quality of Services
Conduct research for New Insights and Innovative Solutions to Health Problems
Support Systems to Manage and Share Health Information While Protecting Privacy
Assure Adequate, Appropriate, and Safe Food and Nutrition
Reduce Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Prevent and Manage Chronic Illness
Control and Prevent Communicable Diseases
Improve Environmental and Occupational Health
Promote Health, Growth and Development
Reduce Injuries and Violence
Improve Mental Health
Improve Oral Health
Increase Physical Activity
Promote Reproductive and Sexual Health
Reduce Tobacco Use

Department Overview

In 2019, the Grant County Health Department administered over 20 programs, managing multiple grants and contracts with the State and other agencies. Additionally, we manage several multi-county regional programs. Staffing includes the following:

Full Time: 26

Full Time Staff

Professions Include: *Administrative Assistants, a Coordinator, Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Registered Sanitarians, a Registered Dietitian, and a Social Worker*

Part Time: *1 (Clerical)*

LTE Staff: *9 [(1) Certified Nursing Assistant, (2) Nurse Practitioners (1) Hospice Spiritual Counselor, (1) Physical Therapist (1) Physical Therapist Assistant, (1) Occupational Therapist (1) Occupational Therapist Assistant, (1) Speech Therapist]*

Direct Contracts: *6 [(1) Hospice Medical Director, (1) Hospice Physician, (1) Pharmacist, (1) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, (2) Translators)]*

Other Contracts: *>~100 individual contracts for services or to provide services*

Volunteers: *~8 Hospice, 1 PH Medical Advisor*

The 2019 operating budget was approximately 3.12 million dollars. Approximately 2.73 million dollars was anticipated from sources other than the local tax levy, making the health department largely funded by State, Federal, grant, and fee for service sources.

In 2019, four programs were supported directly, but not entirely, by county levy funds. The vast majority of levy is used to provide public health and environmental health services which are mandated by the State. The remaining programs provide limited personal care services and childhood health services including lead testing and developmental screening.

All programs are supported by levy funds through basic infrastructure, administration, and other ancillary activities (see the Sequoia Consulting Group Report).

Highlights and Challenges in 2019

The health department participated in continuous improvement throughout 2019. Collecting and reviewing data with a continuous improvement mentality has been incorporated throughout the health department. As a result of our efforts, we received a Hospice Honors award in 2019 relating to patient satisfaction in our Hospice Program. Our Hospice program also received a cite-free State survey. Additionally, we anticipate becoming a 4 star Home Health Provider when the new Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) star ratings are released.

In 2019, the health department was under budget on the amount of levy it required to operate. This was largely due to, a busy influenza clinic season and increased revenue from schools that receive nursing services directly from us. However, we also spent more time at the County jail providing health services and preparing for the transition to the CSB Building. The result was the lapsing of unused levy and excess revenue to the general fund at the end of 2019 to further support other county departments and initiatives. This includes the lapsing of a portion of the internal payments from the Sheriff's Office for Jail Health Services for the second half of 2019.

The Department completed a Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan in 2019. Additionally, the department underwent its 140 Review by the State Department of Health Services to determine its level as required every 5 years.

Due to recent regulation changes, our department was able to become a level III health department which will increase shared revenue from the State in the future without the need to add any new services or programming.

Preparation for significant payment reform and many regulatory changes occurred throughout the year as well.

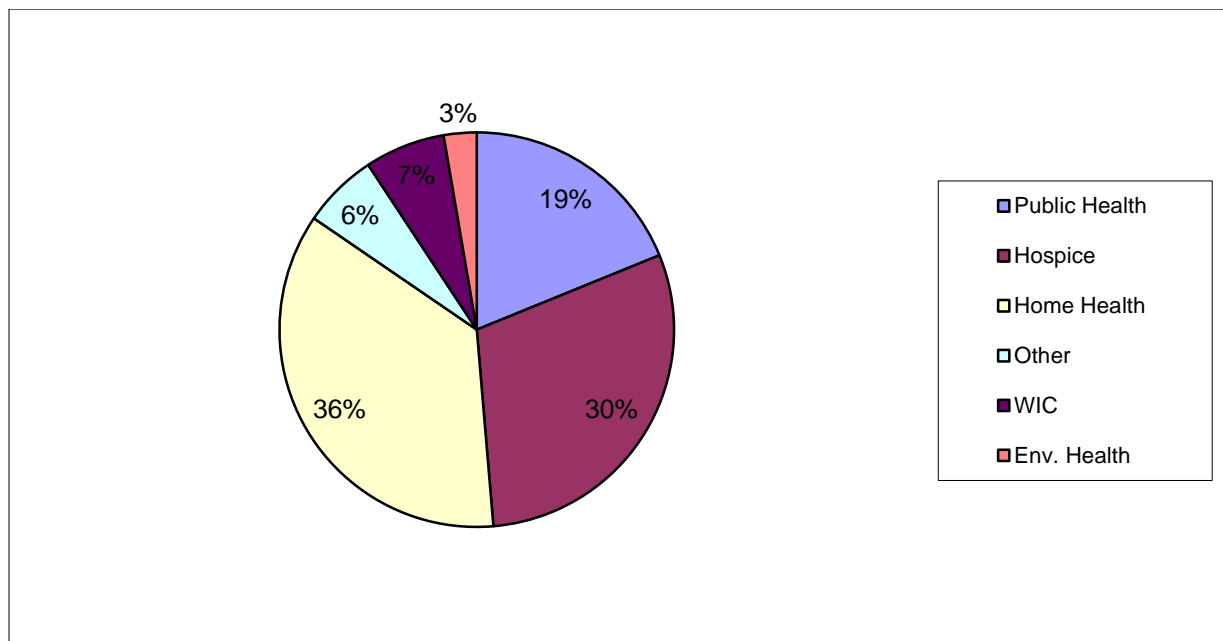
As part of our injury prevention programming, we were awarded our fourteenth grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to provide child passenger safety seats to low income families into 2020. The department continues to offer other injury prevention programming such as Rural Safety Day as well.

Addressing behavioral and mental health problems and other social determinants that influence health remains a priority. Staff continues to participate in the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Southwest CAP Behavioral Health Grant including sitting on each of their Boards. A mental health summit was held at Sinsinawa Mound, a local Mental Health Matters group was started, and a local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) group was strengthened. A grant for Narcan was also obtained as part of a collaborative effort with Unified Community Services.

In 2019, communicable disease activity remained high with concerning levels of sexually transmitted diseases, enteric illness, Pertussis, Hepatitis C, and Lyme disease. We also noted an increase in reports of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Major Programs by Expense

The following pie chart illustrates budgeted expenses within the department for 2019.



Health Department Program Overviews

Public Health

Public Health programs generally focus on prevention efforts and improving the health of the community. Monitoring health indicators such as immunization rates, disease incident rates, causes of injury or death, and health behaviors are important.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan were completed in August. This was done in conjunction with area hospitals, UW Extension and many other partners. Focus groups/community discussions occurred throughout the county. Surveys of the general public as well as key stakeholders were completed as well. The Community Health Improvement Plan helps resources to be directed toward the areas of greatest need. Public and private partnerships work together to create programming or utilize existing resources to create positive changes without duplicating efforts.

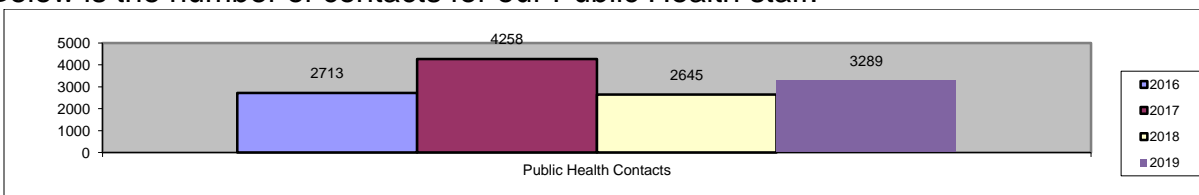
In December of 2019, the health department completed its 5-year 140 review with the State Department of Health Services. Due to recent regulation changes, our department was able to become a level III health department which will increase shared revenue from the State in the future without the need to add any new services or programming.

Local health departments provide many mandated services including the control of communicable disease, investigating and resolving human health hazards, health promotion programming, education outreach, and chronic disease prevention efforts.

Increased use of social media outreach and information continued in 2019. This continues to supplement our newsletters, classes, and outreach at community events. Communication and coordination with our partners, key stakeholders, and the public are also used to educate and to help initiate changes as well. Some examples of programming include:

- 1) Health Checks (and related services)
- 2) Immunizations
- 3) Injury Prevention
- 4) Communicable Disease Control
- 5) Providing Health Education and Information on Emerging Health Related Issues
- 6) Emergency Responses

Below is the number of contacts for our Public Health staff.



Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

In May of 2019, the health department ended its PNCC program and replaced it with its own program called Healthy Beginnings. Healthy Beginnings retains most components of the PNCC program but also includes the ability to add in clinical measures such as taking weights, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels which are not allowed under the Medicaid PNCC program.

Education is still provided on various topics including: breastfeeding promotion, safety, nutrition, pregnancy related physiological and emotional changes, infant care, and parenting skills. Nurses assess for the possibility of risks including the potential for physical and mental abuse, unsafe environments, as well as screen for alcohol, drug, and tobacco use during pregnancy. If these or other risks are present, they develop personalized care plans that promote change such as discontinuing unsafe behaviors. Plans can also include providing referrals to professional counseling or other agencies when necessary.

Health Beginnings also provides assistance in enrolling in other health department programs such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Health Check.

School Health

The Grant County Health Department provides nursing services to the following schools:

Cassville Elem. /HS	St. Charles (Cassville)
Cuba City Elem. /HS	St. Clements (Lancaster)
Potosi Elem. /HS	Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)
River Ridge Elem. /HS	Immaculate Conception (Kieler)
St. Mary's (Bloomington)	St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)
St. Rose (Cuba City)	Christian Day School (Muscoda)
Amish/Mennonite Schools	

Services can include:

- General health information
- Assistance with managing health related issues such as lice, bed bugs, etc.
- Medication management assistance
- Health plan and policy development
- Vision and hearing screenings for selected grades, including rechecks and referral to appropriate health care providers as needed
- Immunization clinics for children and staff
- Follow-up on immunization requirements for entry to school
- Health resources and presentations for teachers, staff, students and parents
- Training for school staff

The School Health Policies and Procedures were completely updated in 2019. Meetings are still held to educate and coordinate activities between our public health nursing staff, school nurses employed directly by the schools (for those that have them) and Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) Region 3. Some limited support is provided to schools with their own nursing staff to help out with their efforts or to provide services that we are required to assist them with. Schools located in Boscobel, Fennimore, Lancaster, Platteville, and Muscoda (Riverdale) receive these services. All schools are offered the opportunity to participate in our dispensing exercises which test our ability to rapidly distribute vaccines in the event of an emergency. In 2019, nearly 2,000 flu shots were provided to students free of charge under this program.

In 2019, discussions continued with expanding services in Amish and Mennonite schools. This led to services being provided to adults in the community as well.

A total of 1,109.25 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including immunization exercises or communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 4,909 miles were traveled by nurses relating to school health services. In 2018, 742.25 hours of nursing time were dedicated to schools and 3,512 miles were traveled. Public health aide time and administration time are not included in this total (as these hours are not specifically kept track of).

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is a supplemental nutrition program serving lower income families with children up to age five. The program also promotes and helps maintain the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children. WIC encourages and supports breastfeeding with incentives, education, and peer counseling. WIC also provides access to fresh fruits and vegetables with a farmer's market program. Unfortunately, at the end of 2019 the State informed us that our Breast Feeding Peer Counselor was now over qualified due to obtaining a certification in breast feeding resulting in the suspension of the peer counseling program until a new suitable candidate is found.

Health benefits relating to WIC participation include reduced:

☯ Premature births ☯ Low birth-weight babies ☯ Long-term medical expenses

In 2019, an average of 644 individuals was served per month. WIC families spent a total of \$326,656.18 at WIC certified grocery and convenience stores. Farmers' market benefits were also available in 2019 for a total of 36 vendors.

For comparison, an average of 635 individuals was served per month and a total of \$339,307.91 was spent in 2018.

Health Check Services

The Health Check Program provides both individual services and comprehensive examinations of children aged birth to 21 years. A complete health check includes:

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| <i>✕ Head to Toe Physical Exams</i> | <i>✕ Immunizations</i> |
| <i>✕ Fluoride Varnishes</i> | <i>✕ Growth and Development Assessments</i> |
| <i>✕ Mouth Exams</i> | <i>✕ Lab Tests</i> |
| <i>✕ Nutritional Screening</i> | <i>✕ Eye Exams</i> |
| <i>✕ Blood Lead Testing</i> | <i>✕ Other Screenings</i> |

Health Check screenings, lead testing, and immunizations are offered at most clinics to compliment the WIC program. As part of our health check services, 275 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 340 blood lead screenings were done in 2018.

We also checked and/or installed 56 child passenger safety seats (providing some seats at no charge to low income families through a Wisconsin Department of Transportation grant).

Jail Health

Two nurses from the Grant County Health Department have received extensive training and continuing education on topics relating to the provision of jail health services. These nurses staff the Grant County Jail providing onsite care on three scheduled days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).

In addition, the jail is included in our “intake” system and “on call” rotation allowing our department to provide services as needed ensuring complete coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays on an as needed basis. As a result on average over 31 hours nursing of services were provided each week.

The nurses coordinate with the jail staff, health care providers, and state inspectors to provide necessary care in as efficient and cost effective manner as possible. This system of providing nursing services on demand has met needs and continued to save thousands of taxpayer dollars each year.

Since our Public Health program had higher revenue than expected in 2019, much of the payment from the jail for health services for the second half of the year was lapsed back to the County’s general fund and can be used for other purposes.

Nursing services increased in 2019, as did preparations for the move to a new jail. In 2019, 1,613 hours of nursing time was provided to the jail. This is an increase compared to 2018 when 1,127.5 hours of nursing time was provided to the jail. In addition 1,835 miles were traveled to provide jail health services in 2019 compared to and 1,513 in 2018.

Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)

Grant County Health Department continues to support the WWWP for women ages 45-64 years of age meeting specific income requirements. Well Woman pays for mammograms, Pap tests and certain other health screenings. Early detection of breast or cervical cancer can greatly improve outcomes and significantly reduce the cost of treatment as well as shorten recovery times.

Communicable Disease Follow-Up

Local public health departments are required to complete follow-up activities with individuals having or suspected to have illnesses as identified in Wisconsin State Administrative Rule Chapter DHS 145, "Control of Communicable Diseases". Public Health staff continues to educate individuals about illnesses and encourage or ensure treatment (if needed).

Steps are also taken to control and reduce the spread of disease as well. Telephone calls, letters, and/or face-to-face contacts are used to gather and distribute information. Staff also conducted educational outreach with area hospitals and clinics relating to reporting requirements and follow up with specific illnesses.

In 2019, 210 cases of seasonal influenza were reported to our department in error by two area hospitals. These cases needed follow up to ensure that the individuals were not hospitalized and to make sure a pediatric death or novel influenza strain was not involved. Unfortunately, other required reportable communicable disease activity remained high in 2019. Chlamydia and gonorrhea rates are at concerning levels. Other notable diseases of concern include: enteric illnesses, Pertussis, Hepatitis C and Lyme disease.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2019. (It should be noted that not all cases were confirmed, many reports end up not being actual cases but require follow up nonetheless).

Communicable Diseases

(January 1 - December 31, 2019)

According to Wisconsin State Statute 252, any individual with knowledge or reason to believe that a person has a communicable disease must report to their local health department. This includes physician, nurses, lab workers, teachers and the general public. The Grant County Health Department has received the following reports of illness. Staff has completed follow-up on these reports and appropriate action has been taken.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Anaplasmosis	-	-	-	-	4	3
Arboviral Illness	2	2	1	4	1	0
Babesiosis	-	-	2	0	2	0
Blastomycosis	0	2	1	0	1	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	2	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	33	23	31	32	41	29
Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteria	-	-	-	-	1	3
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	-	-	-	-	3	14
Chancroid	-	-	-	-	1	0
Chemical Pneumonitis	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cryptosporidiosis	17	15	29	24	31	31
Cyclosporidiosis	0	1	0	1	7	0
Ebola (monitoring only)	1	0	0	0	0	0
E.Coli	5	8	19	23	38	64
Ehrlichiosis	2	8	11	10	2	1
Giardiasis	5	0	3	5	14	7
Hantavirus	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hepatitis C	13	13	26	45	25	29
Hepatitis E	-	-	1	0	1	0
Histoplasmosis	1	1	0	0	1	2
Influenza – Seasonal Reported in Error	-	-	-	-	-	210
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	13	21	20	31	43	27
Invasive Hemophilus Influenza	3	1	1	0	0	2
LaCrosse Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	0	0
Legionella	1	0	1	0	1	2
Lyme Disease	55	46	57	81	65	70
Metal Poisoning (Non-Lead)	1	7	5	2	5	1
Methemoglobinemia	-	-	-	2	1	0
Methicillin or Oxacillin Resistant Staph	-	-	-	1	2	2
Mycobacterium (Non TB)	5	3	5	5	4	6
Meningitis, Aseptic Viral	1	0	0	0	0	0
Meningitis, Bacterial	-	-	4	1	1	1
Novel Strain Influenza	-	-	1	0	0	0
Parapertussis	0	0	1	0	0	3
Pneumocystis Jirovecii	-	-	-	-	1	0
Q Fever	0	3	4	2	1	5
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	0	0	1	0	1
Salmonellosis	20	13	4	7	11	7
Shigellosis	0	1	2	2	0	1
Strept All Types	6	6	3	8	10	8
Toxic Shock Syndrome	1	0	0	2	0	0

Toxoplasmosis	-	-	-	-	-	3
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy	0	0	0	0	1	0
Trichinellosis	-	-	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	2	2	1	0
Tuberculosis Latent	2	1	2	6	3	10
Tularemia	-	-	5	2	1	1
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci	0	1	4	0	0	1
Vibriosis, Non-Cholera	-	-	-	-	-	2
West Nile Virus	-	-	1	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	-	-	1	1	0	0
Zika Virus	-	-	4	4	1	0
TOTALS	188	176	253	306	325	549

VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Chickenpox	13	8	4	10	12	13
Hepatitis A	0	1	3	3	0	1
Hepatitis B	2	8	3	5	3	7
Hib	0	1	1	0	2	0
Measles (Rubeola)	3	5	1	1	1	3
Mumps	1	54	37	52	14	14
N. Meningitidis	0	1	0	1	1	0
Pertussis	8	23	16	38	41	52
Rubella	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	27	93	65	110	76	90

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Chlamydia	114	135	129	194	160	138
Gonorrhea	9	28	12	17	12	22
Syphilis	2	3	3	1	2	8
TOTALS	125	166	144	212	174	168

Immunizations

As indicated by the continuation of vaccine preventable illness outbreaks, challenges remain in ensuring that vaccination rates are high enough to prevent the sustained transmission of many vaccine preventable diseases here and around the country. Unfortunately, vaccination rates in Grant County among two year olds that are considered fully immunized are in the 50-60% range far below the recommended 90% range. Adolescent immunization rates are also lower than desired and waiver rates remain high and are increasing throughout Wisconsin and our county as well.

Grant County has continued its membership with the Southern Wisconsin Immunization Consortium (<http://www.rwhc.com/SWIC.aspx>) in an effort to increase immunization rates.

In 2019, immunizations were offered at many locations throughout the county including all WIC / Health Check Clinics and vaccine was also available at the Health Department office, Grant County schools, and limited vaccines were available in businesses as well. Many vaccines are provided at no charge while others are billed at minimal expense.

Below are the totals of vaccinations given by the Grant County Health Department in 2019. It is important to note that vaccine changes and continued expansion of the use of combined vaccines have made comparisons to previous year's statistics more complex and reduced the total number of immunizations given.

Number of Doses of Vaccine	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
DTaP - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	69	75	88	79	76	68
DTaP/Hib/Polio (Pentacel)	1	0	0	0	0	0
DTaP/Polio (Kinrix)	98	92	80	83	66	64
DTaP/HepB/Polio (Pediarix)	213	216	215	190	184	149
Polio	30	45	39	25	29	29
MMR - Measles/Mumps/Rubella	131	165	96	105	88	90
MMR - Varicella (Proquad)	82	102	77	83	76	73
Hepatitis A (pediatric)	91	101	120	101	123	103
Hepatitis B (pediatric)	13	26	15	8	18	19
Td - Tetanus/Diphtheria	5	13	12	21	48	81
Tdap (Adacel & Boostrix)	348	526	432	389	390	255
Hib - Haemophilus Influenza type B	252	247	252	239	212	169
HPV (Gardasil)	75	617	530	276	47	40
Varicella (Chickenpox)	111	93	78	79	63	66
Prevnar 13	260	247	254	222	208	146
Meningitis	90	409	399	237	306	39
Rotavirus	88	77	122	91	73	57
Influenza - Seasonal	4207	3901	3247	3221	3474	3607
Pneumonia-Prevnar 13 (adult)	33	30	34	16	16	23
Pneumo-Poly 23 (adult)	-	-	4	4	9	6
Twinrix (Hep A/Hep B)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis A (adult)	15	13	30	15	7	65
Hepatitis B (adult)	48	88	56	37	18	32
Shingles (Zostavax)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6262	7083	6180	5521	5531	5181

Environmental Health (EH) Programs

Grant County continues to lead the Southwest Wisconsin Environmental Consortium. Members of the consortium include Grant, Crawford (limited participation), Lafayette, Iowa, Richland, and Vernon counties. We respond to human health hazards such as vermin infestations, sewage or other waste problems, water and air quality issues, or public health nuisances which may endanger the safety, health, or well-being of the public. We also conduct lead and asbestos inspection.

Local health departments are required by state statute and by local ordinance to respond to human health hazards and public health nuisances. Additionally, health departments are required to investigate lead poisoning cases. Most complaints received by the local health departments are related to environmental health issues and include both public health nuisances and human health hazards.

Grant County Health Department is also a Radon Information Center (RIC) serving a six county region. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. The RIC provides free consultation and radon test kits to homeowners. In 2019, a total of 658 radon test kits were distributed in the 6 county region.

Below are the EH total contacts for 2013 through 2019:

<i>Number of Contacts</i>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Water	152	139	122	156	75	94	133
Air Quality	206	160	171	199	233	138	198
Asbestos	151	142	149	119	79	142	142
Hazardous Materials	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lead Hazards	114	93	88	151	86	164	138
Radiation Hazards	208	174	132	181	127	159	162
Housing	198	159	151	139	144	208	244
Rabies	114	114	106	108	116	104	105
Sewage	161	146	166	133	93	138	170
Solid Waste	180	155	181	139	102	195	179
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	146	116	118	109	79	125	139
Home Inspections	359	282	151	248	261	526	229
Totals	1989	1680	1536	1682	1395	1993	1839

Public Health Preparedness and Response

During 2019, Grant County Health Department continued to prepare for public health emergencies through extensive planning, training, and testing efforts. The department participated in a total of seven exercises. We continued to test mass clinic plans by conducting immunization exercises in all of the county schools. We also planned and exercised with the regional health care coalition.

Many of our 2019 activities focused on items identified in our Hazard Vulnerability Analysis. As a result, we updated plans, policies, and procedure based on findings from exercises, new information, and lessons learned. We continue to have representation on the Board of Directors of the regional health care coalition and serve as the local public health representative as well.

Tobacco-Free Coalition

In 2019, the Grant County Health Department continued a partnership with resources being provided by Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. The Multi-jurisdictional Tobacco Coalition provided tobacco control and coordination services to Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. The coalition focus continued on tobacco use among disparate groups, and electronic delivery devices. Regulation changes at the end of 2019 changed the age of purchase for tobacco in the country to 21 years of age.

Consolidated Grants

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has continued to provide state and federal grant funds to local health departments in a pass through process called Consolidated Contracts. The following programs are examples of services provided using these funds:

Maternal & Child Health –The 2019 focus was on developmental screening.
<https://agesandstages.com/>

Lead – Promotes blood lead screening of children and follow-up services for children with elevated lead levels (using Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon County funding allocations)

Radon – Provides testing, education, and consultation services for residents regarding radon risks. (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon, and Crawford counties funds)

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) – Provides education and nutrition services, access to healthy foods, and referrals to services for pregnant women and children up to age five who meet the income guidelines.

Immunizations – Funds are used for maintaining records and for entering information into Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) as well as to help ensure that children are up to date on immunizations.

Public Health Preparedness and Response – Federal funds provided for training and planning responses to natural and man-made public health emergencies. This is done in conjunction with Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and health care providers as well as other partners.

Prevention - Provides some limited funding for environmental health services.

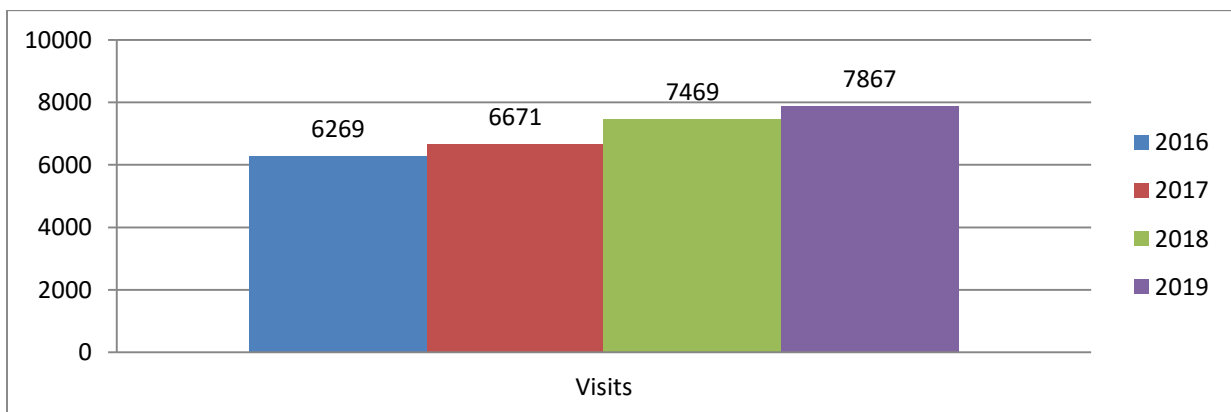
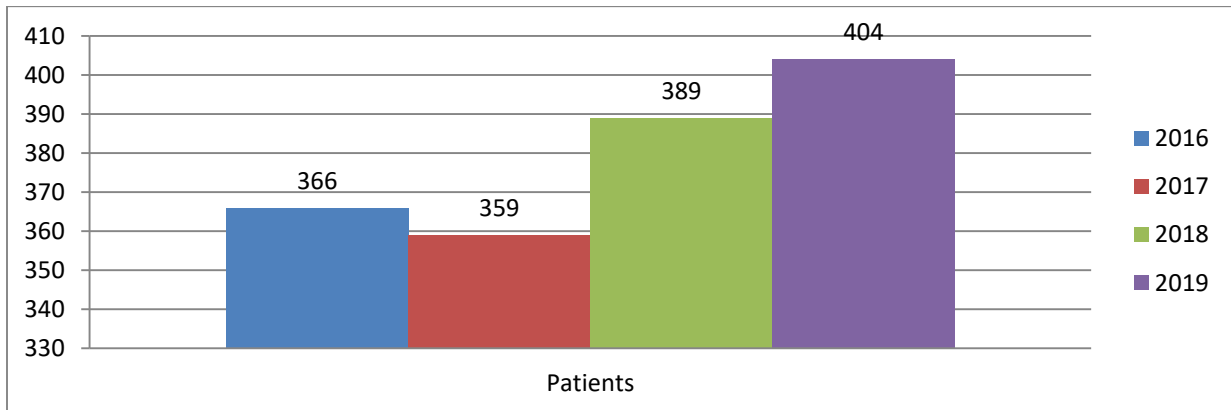
Home Nursing

In 2019, 404 clients received services from the Grant County Health Department. These clients received a total of 7,867 visits from the Department. These visits are provided by nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and home health aides. These services are paid for by Medicare, Medical Assistance, private insurance, Medicare replacement policies, private pay and Family Care. No one is denied service because of inability to pay.

The Department provides physical, occupational and speech therapy services through contracts with all three hospitals in our county. This allows the therapy services to be provided by a therapist who is in their area.

Three clients received personal care only services in 2019 with 46 visits made to these clients by our home health aides. These clients receive assistance with bathing, hair care, skin and nail care. These clients also receive a supervision visit from our nurses every 50 to 60 days. In 2019, 14 nursing visits were made to these clients. These services are covered by Medical Assistance, private pay or private personal care agencies.

A comparison of Home Nursing patients and visits is noted below.

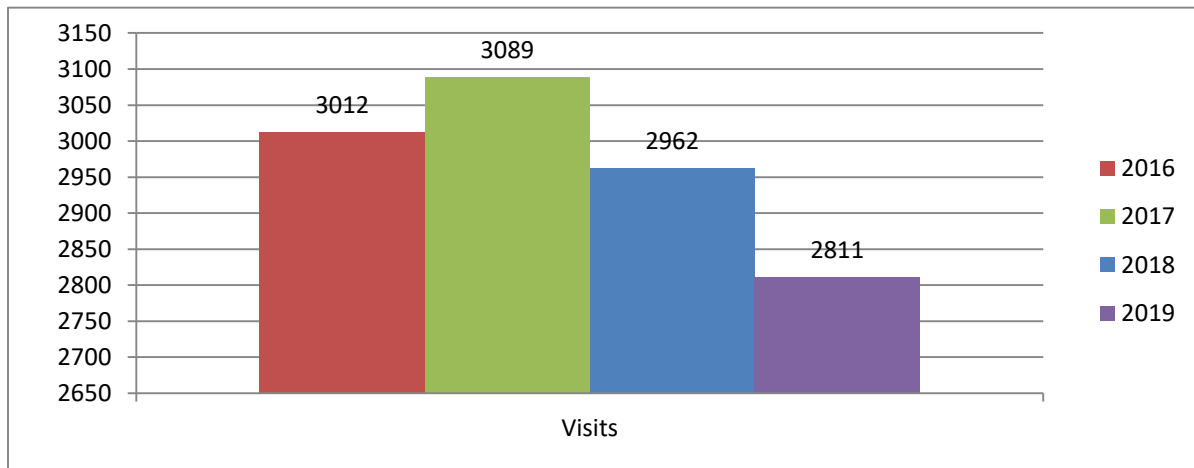
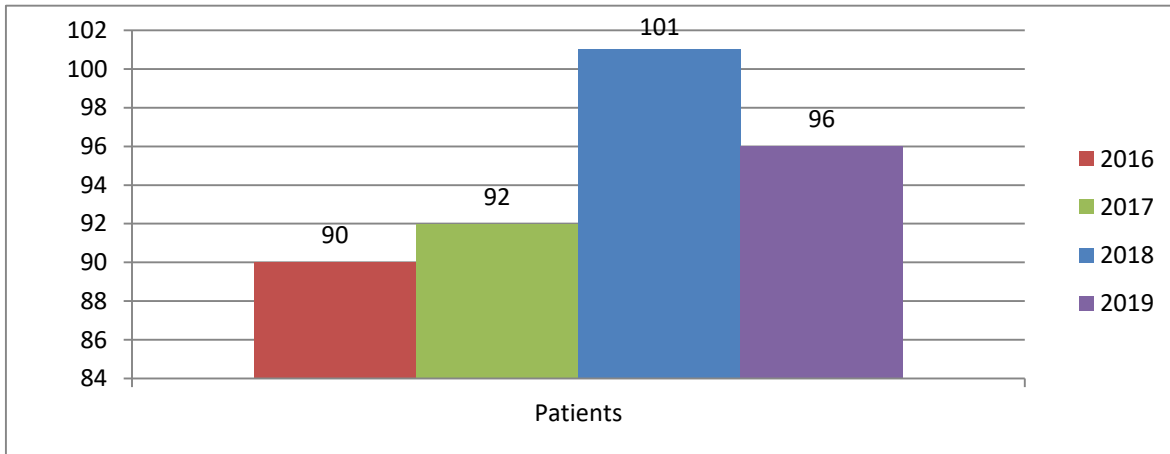


Hospice

Hospice care focuses on medical and personal comfort for people in the last months of their lives. Hospice provides comfort care so clients can live as fully as possible until the end of life. Hospice also provides support services to clients' families as well as bereavement services for at least 13 months following the clients' death.

In 2019, 96 clients were served on the Grant County Hospice Program. These clients received 2,811 visits from a multi-disciplinary support team that includes registered nurses, social workers, hospice aides, nurse practitioner and therapists. Clients choose hospice care when their physician certifies that they are terminally ill and they are no longer seeking active treatment for their illness.

A comparison of Hospice patients and visits is noted below:



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