

GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING NOTICE
Green County Public Health
N3152 Hwy 81
Monroe, WI 53566

COMMITTEE: Green County Board of Health

DATE: April 8, 2026

TIME: 3:15 PM

LOCATION: Government Services Building –1st Floor Public Health Conference Rm #112, N3152 Hwy 81, Monroe, WI 53566

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda- Action
3. Approval of the March 11, 2026, Minutes- Action
4. Public Comment- (time limit not to exceed three minutes per person or thirty minutes total)
5. 2025 Annual Report -Information/Discussion/Action
6. Community Foundation Grant Application for Sharps Container Initiative-Information/Discussion/Action
7. Human Health Hazard Ordinance-Information/Discussion/Action
8. Report by Health Officer - Information/Discussion/Action
 - March Program Statistics and Activities
 - Housing Summit
 - DHS ARPA Mini Grant
 - Overnight Stay Request
9. Review and Approval of the Bills as Submitted- Action
10. Business by board members. May only be discussed; any item requiring action will be added to a future agenda
11. Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2026
12. Adjourn-Action

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GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 01-14-2026

TIME: 3:15 pm

LOCATION: Public Health Conference Room, Government Services Building, Monroe, WI 53566

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harvey Kubly. Those present: Sam Wilke, Joan Winn Rufenacht, Dr. Kelsey Schmidt, and Vicki Evenson. Yvette Smith virtual. Excused: Dr. Julio Rodriguez.

Staff: RoAnn Warden, Joni Marty, and Valerie Reichling

Moved to approve the March 11, 2026 agenda by V. Evenson and seconded by J. Rufenacht. Motion Carried.

Moved to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes by Dr. K. Schmidt and seconded by S. Wilke. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Presentation of 2025 End of Year Financials by Fiscal Specialist.

Presentation of Immunization Program Updates by Assistant Director.

Moved to approve the Health Officers' recommendation of B. Duerst to become a Citizen Member of the Board of Health by J. Rufenacht and seconded by S. Wilke. Motion Carried.

Health Officer's Report: RoAnn Warden

- January and February program statistics, activities, and Communicable Disease report were reviewed. Handouts.
- Environmental Update
- AHEC Intern
- Exit Interview Summary. Handout.

Moved to approve the Health Officer's report by S. Wilke and seconded by V. Evenson. Motion Carried.

Moved to approve the bills as submitted by J. Rufenacht and seconded by Dr. K. Schmidt. Motion Carried.

Business by Board Members: None

A motion to adjourn was made by V. Evenson and seconded by Dr. K. Schmidt. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2026.



Green County Public Health



2025 Annual Report

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Who We Are

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County Board Supervisor

Joan Winn Rufenacht
County Board Supervisor

Sam Wilke
County Board Supervisor

Vicki Evenson
Citizen Member

Dr. Julio Rodriguez
Citizen Member

Dr. Kelsey Schmidt
Medical Advisor
Citizen Member

Mission

Green County Public Health is a leader in enhancing and promoting health through education, outreach, and partnership.

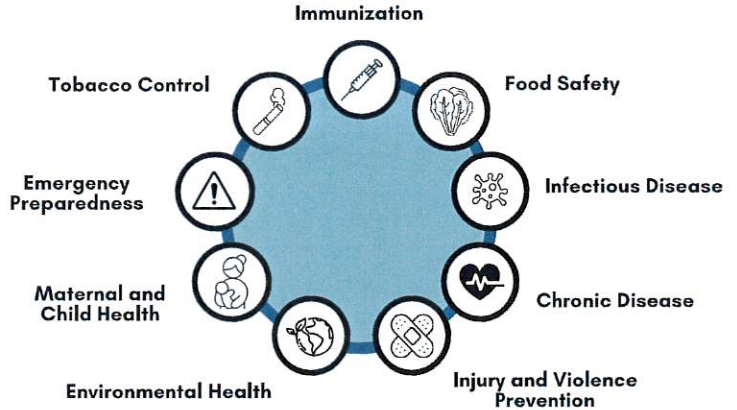
Vision

A Green County community that is kind, inclusive, safe, and supports the health of all.

What is Public Health

Public health is fundamentally about prevention, and our work as a local health department focuses on providing programs and services that help every person in Green County to be their healthiest. When we focus on prevention, we can address health problems before they occur and build a stronger, healthier Green County for everyone. We do this work to ultimately lower mortality rates and improve quality of life, but we can't do it alone.

We partner with organizations focused on housing, mental health, education, healthcare, the environment, and others to improve the community's overall health. Public health is a community effort, and together, we can build a healthier future by supporting environments, policies, and partnerships that help everyone thrive.



Foundational Public Health Services

We organize our annual report using the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) model. This helps show how our work protects the health of everyone in our community. The FPHS model outlines the core set of program areas and capabilities that every health department should have in place, such as disease prevention, emergency preparedness, and maternal, child, & family health programs. By using this model, we can show how our programs meet national standards and explain how we're working to keep Green County healthy and safe.

Foundational Areas



Foundational Capabilities

Assessment & Surveillance	Community Partnership Development	Equity	Organizational Competencies
Policy Development & Support	Accountability & Performance Management	Emergency Preparedness	Communications

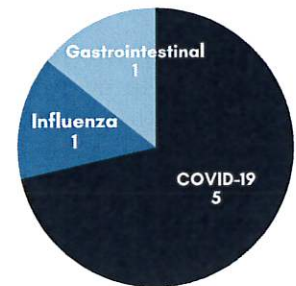
Communicable Disease Control

Disease Investigation & Control

Communicable diseases are reported to us through the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). Our team follows up on these reports to help prevent further spread in the community. This includes contacting people who are sick, sharing information on how to reduce the spread, and identifying others who may have been exposed. Disease investigation is important because it allows us to stop outbreaks early and keep our community healthy and informed.

- In 2025, 262 reportable diseases were investigated
- Our staff administered 53 tuberculin skin tests.
- Completed 1 latent Tuberculosis (TB) treatment in 2025, and one active TB case began Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for TB treatment.
- Over 1,000 condoms were distributed in the public health vending machine

2025 Disease Outbreak Investigations



Immunization Program

Our immunization program helps protect the community by preventing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases. We offer free vaccines for eligible children and adults, making it easier to stay up to date on vaccinations and protect their health. Most vaccinations are available by appointment at our office. We also held 11 school vaccine clinics and gave 334 influenza vaccines to students during these clinics.

97%

97.2% of school-age children in Green County were up to date with the school immunization law. This is down from 98.2% in 2024, mainly because we included 2 plain community schools in this year's data, and these schools have lower vaccination rates and were not counted in previous years.

769

769 reminder postcards were mailed to families of children behind on recommended vaccinations, helping support countywide immunization coverage.

17
Animals Tested For Rabies

91
Animal Bite Orders Followed-Up

Rabies Program

Our team follows up on every animal bite reported by law enforcement to help prevent the spread of rabies. In 2025, this follow-up work included contacting animal owners and bitten individuals for 91 bite orders. In addition, we had 17 animals tested for Rabies, and our team also issued 5 Domestic Pet Quarantine orders: (4 cats and 1 dog), for 60 days for community safety.

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Fatality Review Team

Our department leads a multidisciplinary team that meets quarterly to review deaths of Green County residents under 25 years old and all overdose deaths. The goal is to understand the factors surrounding a child’s death or overdose and develop recommendations to prevent future deaths.

In 2025, the team reviewed 5 cases (3 children’s deaths and 2 overdose deaths) and used these findings to guide community prevention efforts. One key outcome was the creation of overdose leave-behind kits that were offered to all local EMS agencies to support harm-reduction efforts.



2025 Firearm Safety Campaign

We launched a countywide safe-firearm-storage campaign and distributed more than 200 free gun locks at health fairs, pediatric providers, and through a 24/7 harm-reduction vending machine. This campaign included Green County Public Health staff sharing safety materials directly with 3 gun retailers in the county. The campaign was also promoted through a county billboard and WEKZ radio ads.

Program Highlights



172
Sharps Containers Distributed

Sharps Container Initiative

In April, we launched our Sharps Container Initiative to help prevent injuries and reduce the spread of disease in our community. As part of this harm-reduction effort, we purchased 465 containers in three sizes and made them available to residents. Throughout the year, we distributed 172 sharps containers and safely collected 163.



400
Students Reached

Vaping and Tobacco Prevention

Green County Public Health continued our efforts to prevent youth vaping and tobacco use through outreach and education at community events and in schools. In 2025, our staff provided education to students across Green County elementary, middle, and high schools to improve their understanding of the risks and help students to make positive and informed choices.



50
Car Seat Safety Checks

Child Passenger Safety Program

In 2025, our Child Passenger Safety Technician checked 50 car seats. During these checks, 71.4% of seats were found to be installed or used incorrectly, and education on safe use was provided. This hands-on support helps prevent injuries and makes sure children in Green County are protected every time they ride in a vehicle.

Maternal, Child & Family Health

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

The Green County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is a resource for eligible families that supports health by providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services and other resources. In 2025, new WIC food packages were implemented, allowing more variety and an increase in dollars to spend on fruits and vegetables

- Over 600 individuals participated in the Green County WIC program in 2025
- In addition to monthly grocery store food benefits, \$4500 worth of vouchers were issued to WIC families to purchase foods through the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. This program helps to support our local farmers and increase fruit and vegetable access for low income families.



Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding support and education are offered through the public health department, WIC, and the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program.

93%

93% of infants on the WIC Program who were born in 2025 had initiated breastfeeding and 75% of those infants were still breastfed at one month of age.

362

Our WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor made 362 contacts with pregnant and breastfeeding participants, providing education, simple troubleshooting, and encouragement to help families meet their breastfeeding goals.

Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

Our Prenatal Care Coordination Program supports pregnant women who may benefit from working with a public health nurse for education, referrals, and support throughout pregnancy and beyond with an infant. The program’s goal is a healthy pregnancy and baby. In 2025, 3 women participated and received 12 in-person visits.



Early Head Start Home Visiting

Green County Public Health continued its partnership with Reach Green Early Head Start. Our nurse completed 204 home visits with more than 31 families, providing education, coordinating well-child visits, recommending vaccinations, and addressing other health needs. The nurse also supported families’ needs by offering in-home vaccinations, screening caregivers for depression, making referrals, and promoting safe sleep practices.



fit families

healthy • Be active • Your kids are watch

Fit Families

The Fit Families program is a behavior change program that helps families with young children adopt healthier eating and exercise habits. 23 children participated in 2025 with 72 contacts made to families by Fit Families coaches. The program lost funding September 30th with federal budget changes.

Environmental Health

Well Water Testing

Green County Public Health continues to provide guidance, resources, and testing options to help well owners monitor water quality and protect their families' health. Throughout 2025, we worked towards opening our own water-testing lab, which was certified for bacteriological testing at the end of the year.



- 44** In 2025, our department distributed 70 water test kits, and 44 were collected and had results. Of the wells tested, 25% showed nitrate levels that exceeded health standards.
- 41** 41 Transient Non-Community Water (TNC) Systems were tested, and 1 site tested high for nitrates.

Green County Water Quality Coalition

In 2025, the coalition expanded and continued working together to protect and improve water quality in Green County. Members monitored local water data, worked to increase private well water testing, and educated the community about how to protect groundwater.

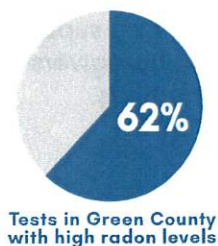


Lead Poisoning Prevention

In 2025, 7 children in Green County had elevated levels of lead in their blood. Our Public Health Nurse contacted the families to provide education on nutrition, hand washing, medical follow up needed, developmental screenings, and offer a home visit to screen for sources of lead. Environmental home inspections were offered to identify potential lead exposure, and HEPA vacuum loans offered to clean lead dust hazards.

Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative

Through the Lead in Water Grant, we partnered with two childcare facilities to test every water faucet in their building for lead. Any fixtures that showed lead levels above health standards were replaced at no cost to the facilities. This initiative helped make sure children and staff at these facilities have access to safe drinking water.



Radon Testing

In 2025, 121 free radon kits were distributed to residents, and 98 kits were tested and reported. Of the homes tested in 2025, 62% resulted in levels that exceeded health standards. Radon is naturally occurring and can cause lung cancer. Testing is the only way to detect radon in homes.

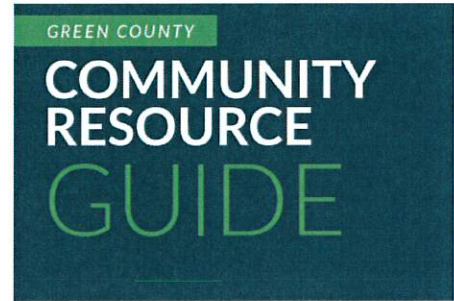
Human Health Hazards

In 2025, 9 human health reports were sent to GCPH. Each was investigated, and where code non-compliances were found, actions were taken to bring the issues back into compliance.

Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care

Community Resource Guide

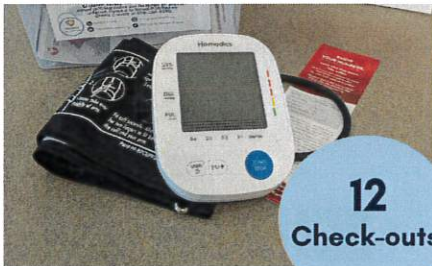
Our department helps connect Green County residents to the care and support they need, and one of the key ways we do this is through the Green County Community Resource Guide. In 2025, we distributed hundreds of copies of the guide in both English and Spanish to make sure information is accessible to everyone in Green County. This guide brings together a wide range of local resources so people can easily connect with help when they need it.



View the Community Resource Guide

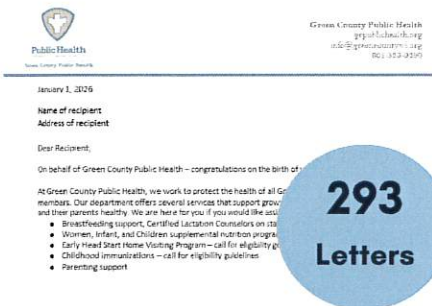


2025 Highlights



At-Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Kits

In response to heart disease being the leading cause of death in Green County, in 2025, we piloted an At-Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Program in partnership with the Monroe Public Library. To improve community access to free blood pressure monitoring, blood pressure monitors were available to check out, along with education and consultation with a public health nurse if desired.



New Baby Letter

Each family receives a congratulatory letter along with information about local programs, services, and resources that can support their child's health and development. In 2025, we mailed 293 New Baby Letters. This simple outreach helps new parents learn where to turn for help.



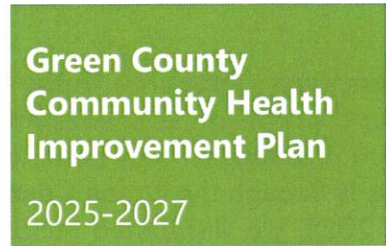
211 Awareness Campaign

In 2025, Green County Public Health co-led our Mental Health Matters coalition that launched a campaign to increase awareness of 211, a free resource that helps residents find local services. The campaign focused on ensuring people knew they could call 211 to connect with a wide range of support, including mental health services.

Assessment & Surveillance

Green County Public Health assesses the community and monitors data so we can understand local needs, identify emerging issues early, and make informed decisions that improve health for everyone

In 2024, we completed the Community Health Assessment as part of the Green County Healthy Community Coalition (GCHCC), and Mental Health and Housing emerged as the top health priorities for Green County. We continue to use these findings to guide our work and to inform coalition actions within the Community Health Improvement Plan.



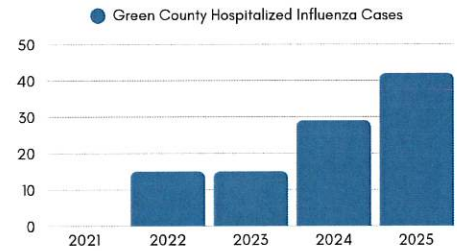
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How We Used Data to Track Green County's Health

Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS)

Green County Public Health uses the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) to track and respond to communicable diseases in our community. WEDSS is a secure, statewide system that allows us to monitor trends, detect potential outbreaks, and conduct timely follow-up.



Monroe COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

Our staff reviews this data regularly to track increases or decreases in viral levels to identify any unusual changes in local COVID-19 trends. This data is used as an early-warning system that helps us spot increases in virus levels and share timely updates with the community and partners.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is conducted in Green County middle and high schools. The results help communities more accurately understand the health needs of local students, identify where support is needed, and track changes over time. Additionally, this guides our program decisions, strengthens school partnerships, and helps us focus prevention efforts. In 2025, we identified that more prevention, resources and access to treatment for mental health were critical youth health needs.



Community Partnership Development

Green County Public Health builds and maintains strong partnerships with many local groups, organizations, and schools to improve the health of our residents. Working together helps us share resources, coordinate services, and address community needs more effectively.

We provide leadership to several coalitions, workgroups, and committees, including the Green County Breastfeeding Collaborative, Mental Health Matters, Delta-8 Workgroup, School Nurse Meetings, Green County Prevention Professionals for Youth (GUPPY), and the Immunization Coalition. Plus, we participate in many more.



2025 Community Partnership Highlights



Strengthened our Partnership with Local Libraries

We co-hosted our first Community Baby Shower with the Brodhead Public Library, which connected expecting and new parents with resources, education, and access to services that lead to healthy pregnancies and babies. We also partnered with the Monroe Public Library to pilot our new At-Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Program.



Green County United Prevention Professionals For Youth (GUPPY)

GUPPY held meetings throughout the school year to strengthen collaboration among schools, community partners, and organizations. Monthly presentations increased awareness of resources and services for youth. In 2024-2025, GUPPY emphasized vaping, social media, and building positive social connections. In 2025-2026, youth mental health is the primary focus.



Green County Healthy Community Coalition: CHIP Kickoff

The Green County Healthy Community Coalition, co-led by Green County Public Health and SSM Health Monroe, launched the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) following completion of the community health assessment. The CHIP will guide coordinated efforts to address the county's two priority health needs: mental health and housing.

Health Equity

Some communities have worse health outcomes due to external factors, including limited access to services. Green County Public Health is committed to creating a community where everyone can be healthy by identifying gaps and working with our partners to address our community's needs and improve its health.

Increasing Access to Immunizations

Our team worked throughout the year to expand equitable access to immunizations across the community. One key effort included hosting an after-hours, drop-in childhood vaccine clinic supported by our Spanish-language interpreter. By offering services outside standard business hours and with an interpreter, we were able to reach families who might otherwise face barriers to getting vaccinations.

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**Vaccines Given
at Walk-in Clinic**



45

**Dental
Appointments**

Improving Access to Dental Care

In 2025, our team partnered with Bridging Brighter Smiles to offer 5 on-site dental clinics at our health department. By bringing services directly into our office, we expanded access to dental care for families facing barriers such as transportation, limited appointment availability, or unaffordable dental care options. This partnership helped ensure more families in Green County could receive the dental care they need.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Green County Public Health conducts training and practice exercises to prepare for public health emergencies. Preparing for events like pandemics, tornadoes, floods, and other emergencies that might impact the public's health allows us to respond better to those events if they do happen.

334

**Flu Vaccines
given at schools**

Mass Vaccination Clinic Exercise

In 2025, our team conducted 11 mass school influenza clinic exercises. These exercises help public health staff prepare for mass vaccination clinics and allow our entire staff to improve our emergency communications.

Organizational Competencies

Strategic Plan

Throughout 2025, we implemented our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, achieved a variety of the objectives we set, and completed numerous strategies. The plan has two priority areas: Community Engagement & Partnership Development and Workforce & Organizational Competencies.

We strengthened workforce development by improving workplace culture through the implementation of the Compassion Resilience Curriculum. We also provided hands-on learning opportunities for the future public health workforce by hosting student nurses, collaborating with high school students, and meeting with medical residents.



Standardized Annual Staff Training

In 2025, as part of our strategic plan, we standardized our annual staff training process and introduced an annual training tracker to streamline monitoring of completion across the department. This will help our team ensure consistent documentation and strengthen accountability.

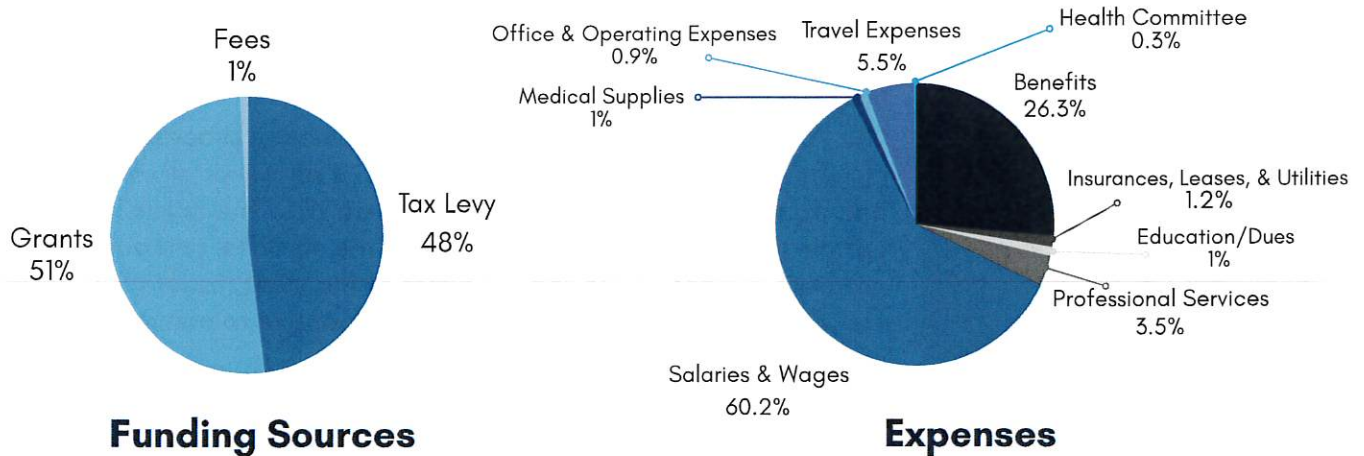
Increased Translation

Green County Public Health continued our efforts to provide translation services for key programs, including improving Spanish materials for prenatal education and breastfeeding support. We also worked to consistently translate event flyers, letters, and outreach materials.



Financial Accountability

We stayed under budget in 2025, returning \$36,000 to the tax levy. We continue to bill Medicaid for the Prenatal Care Coordination program, lead testing, and vaccinations. We continue to apply for new grant opportunities and that helped cover the loss of some federal grants in 2025.



Policy Development & Support

Green County Public Health recognizes the importance of policies that protect and improve the health of Green County residents. We support policy development by analyzing data, identifying emerging issues, and translating evidence into practical guidance. Our team helps ensure that local policies protect residents and promote conditions that improve health outcomes across Green County.

Tobacco, Vaping & Delta-8

Emerging Trend & What We're Seeing

Presented by
Bridget Zimmerman, Public Health Educator
Ginny Frieke, Public Health Nurse
Jaime Bots, Public Health Nurse



Presentation to the Board of Health

In 2025, members of our team delivered a presentation to the Green County Board of Health on tobacco, vaping, and Delta-8 products. This presentation equipped local policymakers with a clearer understanding of the current landscape, associated health consequences, risks to youth and emerging trends, enabling them to make informed decisions at the county level.

Accountability & Performance Management

We continued to advance our Performance Management Plan throughout the year. Our Performance Management team met throughout 2025 to assess progress and evaluate outcomes. This ongoing review process allows our department to celebrate successes, identify opportunities for improvement, and maintain transparency and accountability to the community we serve.

Recertified as Level II Health Department

In 2025, we successfully completed the recertification process to maintain our designation as a Level II health department. This recertification ensures we remain accountable to Green County residents and responsive to their health needs.



WIC Program Evaluation

Our WIC clinic underwent its biannual evaluation process. This included a site visit to observe our clinic, a review of all our procedures, and a survey of families using WIC. The results showed our participants are very satisfied with the services, and our program is meeting the requirements of the state/federal program. This process helps ensure our clinic is responsive to community needs and achieves its objectives.

Communications

Green County Public Health works to share important information with the community and to ensure community members are aware of our services through a variety of methods and forms.



2025 Communications Highlights

- Distributed monthly e-newsletters to subscribers
- Participated in monthly interviews with a local radio station
- Published monthly articles in local newspapers
- Shared weekly updates across our social media platforms
- Responded promptly to all media inquiries



Social Media & Marketing

In 2025, we established a social media team that meets monthly to brainstorm new content ideas and review the previous month's performance. In 2025, we also launched a paid advertising campaign, which included digital billboards, radio advertisements, and newspaper advertisements.

139
New Followers

Throughout 2025, we gained a total of 139 new followers on our Facebook Account.

63%
Increase

In December, we also hosted a Facebook wellness giveaway contest, which helped boost our audience and increase engagement. Overall, our Facebook page saw a 63% increase in followers and a 38% increase in interactions from the prior month.

Community Health Education

Health education remains an important part of our outreach. Throughout 2025, we attended health fairs, school classes, coalition meetings, community events, and more. All of our outreach opportunities allow us to connect directly with Green County residents, share information about our programs and services, and provide education on key public health topics. Health education helps community members make informed decisions that support long-term health and well-being.

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Community Events & Presentations



2025 Most Popular Community Education Topics

We offer health education presentations across a broad range of program areas to meet the diverse needs of our community.

- Our most frequent presentation topics of 2025:
1. About Our Public Health Department & Services
 2. Vaping
 3. Heart Health
 4. Sleep

Appendices

Appendix A - Confirmed Reportable Diseases in Green County

Confirmed Reportable Diseases in Green County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	1	3	4	2	0
Arboviral Illness, Dengue	0	0	0	0	0
Arboviral Illness, WNV Neuroinvasive	0	0	1	0	0
Arboviral Illness La Crosse Encephalitis	1	0	0	0	0
Blastomycosis	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	17	14	7	6	11
Carbapenemase Producing Organism (CPO)				1	1
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	1	0	0	1	3
Chlamydia	74	63	93	69	60
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	0	0
Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)**	3,727	4,555	620 **		
Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)Associated Hospitalizations **			25	53	28
Cryptosporidiosis	9	6	8	13	4
Cyclosporiasis	0	1	0	0	0
E-Coli Enteroinvasive (EIEC)/Shigellosis	0	0	2	1	0
E-Coli Enteropathogenic (EPEC)	2	1	0	0	0
E-Coli Enterotoxigenic (ETEC)	2	0	0	2	4
E-Coli Shiga Toxin (STEC)	6	2	4	1	0
Ehrlichiosis E. wingii	0	0	0	1	1
Giardiasis	2	4	5	5	4
Gonorrhea	11	7	10	5	5
Haemophilus influenzae	0	0	0	1	0
Hepatitis C, Chronic	1	4	6	4	1
Hepatitis C, Acute	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis C, Perinatal	0	0	0	0	1
Histoplasmosis	0	0	0	1	0
Hospitalized Influenza	0	15	15	29	42
Infant Botulism	0	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	1	0	2	1	3
Lyme Disease, Erythema Migrans (EM) Rash *	6	3	3	4	10
Meningitis	0	0	0	0	0
Multi System Inflammatory in Children (MIS-C)	1	0	0	0	0
Mycobacterial Disease	2	1	2	1	2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	0	0	6	12
Q Fever Acute	1	0	0	1	0
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Associated Hospitalizations***			5	10	11
Salmonella	9	4	15	12	10
Silicosis****			1	0	0
Streptococcus A	0	1	3	2	5
Streptococcus B	2	1	9	8	3
Streptococcal Infection	0	0	0	0	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae Invasive	0	1	4	6	4
Toxoplasmosis	0	0	0	2	1
Tuberculosis-BCG	0	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis, Active	0	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis, Latent Infection	2	0	5	4	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	0	3	2	2
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE)	0	1	0	0	0
Vibriosis, Non Cholera	0	1	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	0	1	1	0

*2023 Only Lymes Disease with EM rash is reportable

** November 2023 only hospitalized COVID-19 reportatable

***November 2023 RSV hospitalizations is reportable

****2023 Silicosis is reportable

*****2024 Carbapenemase producing organism is reportable

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2025

Public Health & Human Services

Green County Public Health Annual Report Summary

Communicable Disease Control

- We hosted an after-hours, drop-in childhood vaccine clinic supported by our Spanish-language interpreter to increase access to immunizations.
- Our staff administered 53 tuberculin skin tests.
- Over 1,000 condoms were distributed in the public health vending machine.

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

- The fatality review team reviewed 5 cases (3 children's deaths and 2 overdose deaths)
- We launched a countywide safe-gun-storage campaign and distributed more than 200 free gun locks.
- We launched our Sharps Container Initiative, distributed 172 sharps containers, and safely collected 163.

Maternal Child & Family Health

- New WIC food packages were implemented, allowing more variety and an increase in dollars to spend on fruits and vegetables.
- Our WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor made 362 contacts with pregnant and breastfeeding participants.
- Our public health nurse completed 204 home visits with more than 31 families.

Environmental Health

- Our environmental health specialist worked towards opening our own water-testing lab, which was certified for bacteriological testing at the end of the year.
- Our public health nurse provided outreach and education to 7 families of children with elevated blood lead levels
- We partnered with two childcare facilities to test every water faucet in their building for lead, and replaced 8 faucets at no cost under the Lead in Water & Remediation Initiative.

Access to & Linkage with Care

- We partnered with the Monroe Public Library to pilot an At-Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Loaner Program.
- We distributed hundreds of copies of the community resource guide in both English and Spanish to make sure information about local resources is accessible in Green County.
- We teamed up with Bridging Brighter Smiles to offer 5 on-site dental clinics at our health department to increase access to dental care.

Highlights by the Numbers



Held **11 school vaccine clinics** and gave **334 flu vaccines** to students



262 reportable diseases were investigated



Our Child Passenger Safety Technician checked **50 car seats**.



Our Prenatal Care Coordination Program supported **3 pregnant women**



Over 600 individuals participated in the Green County WIC program



121 radon test kits provided to community members.



Attended **36 Community Events and Presentations**

View the GCPH Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report is available on the Green County Public Health website at gcpublichealth.org. Scan the QR code to visit our website.



2025 Highlights

Recertified as Level II Health Department



We successfully completed the recertification process to maintain our designation as a Level II health department. This recertification ensures we remain accountable to Green County residents and responsive to their health needs.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Green County Community Health Improvement Plan

2025-2027

View Our CHIP



The Green County Healthy Community Coalition, co-led by Green County Public Health and SSM Health Monroe, launched the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP will guide coordinated efforts to address the county's two priority health needs: mental health and housing.

Workforce Development



We are proud to have a skilled, diverse, and well-trained workforce. Our staff have decades of public health experience and a deep commitment to our community. We invest intentionally in workforce development to ensure we continue growing our skills and competencies that allow us to serve residents with confidence and care. We also prioritize a strong team culture that supports staff retention, helping keep valuable experience and talent within our community.

Communications



We are continually strengthening our communication efforts to share timely, accurate, and meaningful information so community members stay informed about our programs, resources, and important health updates. Our annual communications plan provides a clear framework for how we share information and engage with the community, ensuring our efforts keep people informed, connected, and aware of the services available to them.

Financial Accountability

We stayed under budget in 2025, returning \$36,000 to the tax levy. We continue to bill Medicaid for the Prenatal Care Coordination program, lead testing, and vaccinations. We continue to apply for new grant opportunities and that helped cover the loss of some federal grants in 2025.



2025 Funding Sources

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MEMO

To: Health Committee
From: Angela M. MacLennan, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Subject: Human Health Hazard Ordinance
Date: March 25, 2026

Why have a separate human health hazard ordinance?

1. Currently, Section 4-4-4 is located in our Zoning Code. Section 4-2-1 states the provisions of Title 4 apply to all of the unincorporated areas of Green County, except those extraterritorial areas specifically exempt or excluded as a result of certain municipalities exercising their extraterritorial zoning powers. This limits the area in which the ordinance can be enforced.
2. Section 4-4-4 Health Nuisance reads as follows:
 - A. No condition shall be established, maintained, or allowed to be maintained which is a source of filth, infection or infestation, a cause or threatened cause of sickness, or is otherwise noxious or seriously offensive to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.
 - B. Whenever it is determined by appropriate law enforcement and civil ordinance enforcement officials of Green County that a condition exists which is a source of filth, infection or infestation or threatens to cause or is otherwise noxious or seriously offensive to the health, safety or general welfare of the public, said officials may order emergency or permanent abatement of conditions or activities that constitute violations of this Section. Civil remedies may be pursued by the legal officers of Green County for violations. Injunctive relief may also be pursued to prevent or abate violations.
 - C. A forfeiture of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be imposed for violations of this Section. Each day of a violation shall be a separate offense. The cash deposit for citations for violations of this Section shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus penalty assessment, suit tax and costs.
3. A local health officer has authority in regards to communicable diseases under Chapter 252, maternal and child health under Chapter 253, and environmental health under Chapter 254.
4. Under the Wisconsin Statutes Section 251.06(3)(f), a local health officer shall investigate and supervise the sanitary conditions of all premises within the jurisdictional area of the local health department. A local health officer is to enforce any regulations that the local board of health adopts and any ordinances that the relevant governing body enacts, if those regulations and ordinances are consistent with state public health statutes and rules pursuant to Section

251.06(3)(c). Pursuant to Section 251.08, the jurisdiction of the local health department shall extend to the entire area represented by the governing body of the county, city, village or town that established the local health department, except that the jurisdiction of a single or multiple county health department or of a city-county health department does not extend to cities, villages and towns that have local health departments. Cities, towns and villages having local health departments may by vote of their local boards of health determine to come under the jurisdiction of the county health department. No part of any expense incurred under this section by a county health department may be levied against any property within any city, village or town that has a local health department and that has not determined to come under the jurisdiction of the county health department.

5. Section 254.59(7) provides clear authority for the County to enact an ordinance concerning abatement or removal of a human health hazard that is at least as restrictive as this section relating to human health hazards. An ordinance may be enforced in the county, city, village, or town that enacted it. It would enable the County to tailor safety regulations to local needs while aligning with state health standards. The ordinance may be more restrictive than state statutes. The ordinance would provide clear jurisdiction to all areas in the County that do not have a local health department. The ordinance would also provide enforcement and forfeitures.
6. A local health department may declare housing that is dilapidated, unsafe or unsanitary to be a human health hazard under Section 254.593. Currently, our Code does not address placarding a home to be inhabitable.
7. Most counties have a human health hazard ordinance and do not rely solely upon the state statute.

Having an ordinance addressing Human Health Hazards independent of Title 4 of the Green County Code, would allow the County to have broader authority and to have specific procedures in place to address these issues.

March Board of Health Activity Report

Communicable Disease Control	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
IMMUNIZATIONS	##	###	##
DTaP	0	0	0
MMR	2	2	1
Polio	0	0	0
Hepatitis A - Children	1	2	0
Hepatitis B - Children	0	0	0
Meningo	0	0	0
Varicella	2	2	1
Prevnar 20	1	2	1
Pediarix	2	4	1
HPV	0	0	0
Rotavirus	0	0	0
Hib	1	1	1
Influenza - Children	2	4	0
Influenza - Adult	3	6	0
Tdap - Adult & Children	4	5	0
Shingles	1	5	0
COVID-19 Adult	0	0	0
COVID-19 Child	0	0	1
Hepatitis A - Adult	0	0	0
Hepatitis B - Adult	3	5	0
Twinrix (Hep A & B)	0	0	-
RSV - Children	0	0	0
Total Immunizations	22	38	6
Immunization Reminder Letters	67	191	54
TB	##	###	##
New TB Clients	0	0	0
Total Clients	1	1	0
TB Face to Face Visits	20	61	0
TB Skin Tests	4	13	10
RABIES PREVENTION	##	##	##
Animal Bite Follow-ups	8	22	7
Animals Tested for Rabies	2	3	2

Maternal Child Family Health	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	###	###	##
Total Clinics	6	18	6
Total WIC Participating	404	##	406
Breastfeeding Peer Contacts	##	47	22
Certified Lactation Counseling Contacts	5	16	6
FFHV	##	###	##
New PNCC Admits - FFHV	1	2	0
New Admits FFHV - Not pregnant	0	0	0
Total Clients	20	22	21
Face to Face Visits	18	56	15
Receiving PNCC and on FFHV	2	4	0
PRENATAL CARE COORDINATION	###	###	##
New Admits	0	1	0
Total Clients	1	1	2
Face to Face Visits	1	3	2

Environmental Health	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING	##	##	##
GCPH Lab Kits Distributed	5	5	-
Other Lab Kits Distributed	8	20	11
WELL WATER RESULTS	##	##	##
Positive Results for Bacteria	0	0	1
Nitrates (>10 MCL)	0	0	4
Positive Results for Ecoli Bacteria	0	0	0
HEALTH HAZARD REPORTS	##	##	##
Health Hazard Reports	0	3	0
RADON	##	###	##
Kits Distributed	4	38	13
Low Risk < 4 pCi/L	2	6	8
Moderate Risk 4 - 8 pCi/L	2	5	3
High Risk > 8 pCi/L	3	7	4
TRANSIENT NON-COMMUNITY WELLS	##	##	##
TN Well Sites Inspected & Sampled	4	4	10
Positive for Coliform Bacteria	0	0	1
Positive for Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	0	0
Nitrates (>10 MCL)	0	0	0
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION	##	##	##
WIC Blood Lead Tests (cap)	6	19	6
Blood Lead Levels between 3.5-9 (venous)	1	2	0
Blood Lead Levels 10 or greater (venous)	0	0	0
Lead Risk Assessments	0	0	0

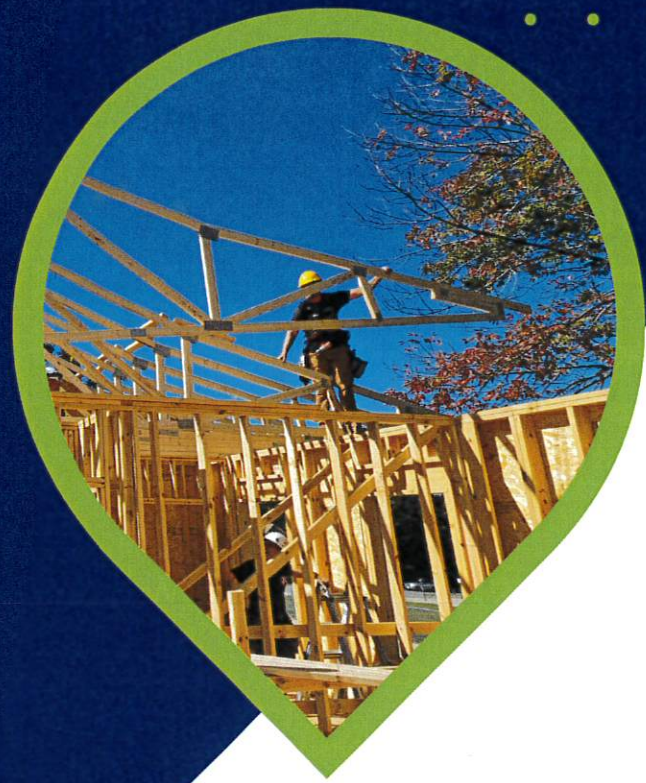
Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
BLOOD PRESSURE	##	##	##
Blood Pressure Screenings	3	4	12
BP Monitoring Kit Check-Out	2	3	-
CAR SEATS	##	##	##
Car Seats Distributed	4	11	1
Car Seat Checks	5	20	1
SHARPS CONTAINER INITIATIVE	##	##	##
Containers Distributed	21	60	-
Containers Collected	53	84	-
FATALITY REVIEW TEAM	##	##	##
Cases Reviewed	0	2	0

Access to Care	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
Bridging Brighter Smiles Clinics	0	1	1
Bridging Brighter Smiles Participants Seen	0	4	9

Education and Outreach	Monthly Count (#)	Year to Date Count	2025 Monthly Count (#)
Education Presentations	2	6	3
Students/Job Shadowing	1	2	2
Contacts with Media	3	10	2
Community Events	0	1	1
Birth Letters	24	94	25

Confirmed Communicable Disease Report

Communicable Disease	January	February	March
ANAPLASMOSIS, A. phagocytophilum	0	0	0
ARBOVIRAL ILLNESS, WEST NILE VIRUS, NEUROINVASIVE	0	0	0
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	0	0	0
CARBAPENEMASE PRODUCING ORGANISM (CPO)	0	0	0
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	1	0	0
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	4	6	5
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19) - ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	8	4
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	0	0	0
CYCLOSPORIASIS	0	0	0
E-COLI, ENTEROINVASIVE (EIEC) / SHIGELLOSIS	0	0	0
E-COLI, ENTEROTOXIGENIC (ETEC)	0	0	0
E-COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (STEC)	0	0	0
EHRlichiosis, E. chaffeensis	0	0	0
EHRlichiosis, E. ewingii	0	0	0
GIARDIASIS	0	0	0
GONORRHEA	2	0	1
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	0
HEPATITIS A	0	0	0
HEPATITIS B, CHRONIC	1	0	0
HEPATITIS C, ACUTE	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C, PERINATAL	0	0	0
HISTOPLASMOSIS	0	0	0
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	10	6	4
LEGIONELLOSIS	0	0	0
LYME DISEASE, ERYTHEMA MIGRANS (EM) RASH	0	0	1
PELVIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE	0	1	0
PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)	0	0	1
Q FEVER, ACUTE	0	0	0
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) - ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	3	7
SALMONELLOSIS	0	0	1
SHIGELLOSIS	0	0	0
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP A	1	0	0
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP B	0	1	0
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	0
SYPHILIS	0	0	0
TOXOPLASMOSIS	0	0	0
TUBERCULOSIS - Active	0	0	0
TUBERCULOSIS - BCG	0	0	0
TUBERCULOSIS, LATENT INFECTION (LTBI)	0	0	0
VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCI (VRE)	0	0	0
VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)	0	0	0
VIBRIOSIS, NON CHOLERA	0	0	0
YERSINIOSIS	0	0	0
Outbreak Tracking	January	February	March
Gastrointestinal (GI) Outbreaks	2	1	0
Respiratory Outbreaks	5	0	0
Other Outbreaks-	0	1	0
Foodborne or Waterborne Illness Complaints	January	February	March
Reported Foodborne or Waterborne Illness Complaints	0	1	1



Green County Healthy
Community Coalition

HOUSING SUMMIT

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026



8:00am-Noon

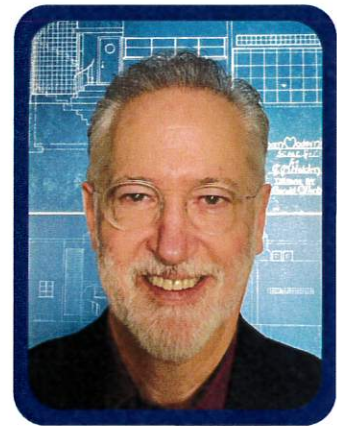


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Monroe, WI



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Attend the Housing Summit to gain insight into future housing demand and its impact on local decision-making. This year's keynote speaker, futurist David Zach, will kick off the day by challenging us to think differently about the future, and how housing plays a central role in shaping the kind of community we want to become.



David Zach
Monroe Native, Futurist &
Summit Keynote Speaker

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