

2022

Annual Report



**South Milwaukee/St. Francis
Health Department**

January to December 2022



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Letter from the Public Health Administrator

Dear Residents,

I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report for the South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department. Your health department team focused on COVID-19 recovery, re-establishing traditional public health programming, and developing and implementing new programming.

The health department had a State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services review and I am proud to say that we have met the requirements for a Level III Health Department once again. This is due to the hard work and dedication of your health department team. We are grateful to have the support and collaboration from our community partners, other municipal departments, and the South Milwaukee and St. Francis Common Councils.

Through the South Milwaukee/St. Francis Healthy Community Partnership we established two health priorities to focus efforts for the next three years; Mental Health and Substance Misuse. We look forward to continuing our work to provide opportunities for you all to be *Empowered to live well*.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Ove, Public Health Administrator





Vision And Mission

Vision

"Empowered to Live Well."

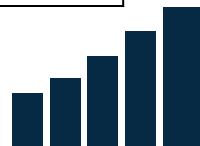
Mission

**"To lead South Milwaukee
and St. Francis in making
informed choices through
education and prevention."**

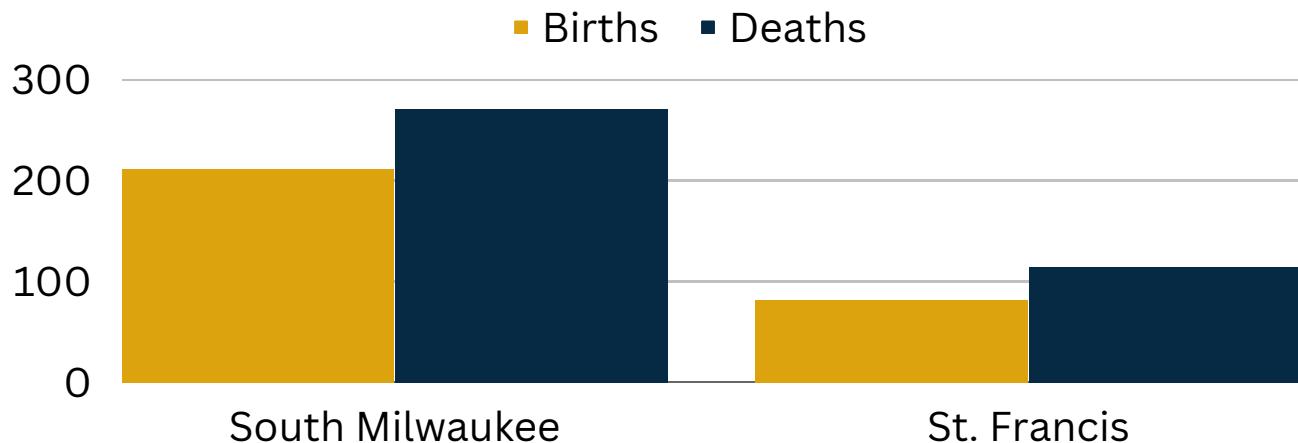


Communicable Disease

Disease Name	Number of Incidents	
	South Milwaukee	St. Francis
Anaplasmosis, A. Phagocytophilium	1	0
Blastomycosis	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	6	0
Carbapenemase Producing Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales	0	1
Carbapenemase Producing Organism (CPO)	2	0
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	1	2
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	61	43
Coccidioidomycosis	1	0
Coronoavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)	3202	1494
Cryptosporidiosis	2	1
Cyclosporiasis	1	0
E. Coli, Enteropathogenic (EPEC)	4	3
E. Coli, Enterotoxigenic (ETEC)	0	2
Giardiasis	1	0
Gonorrhea	23	18
Hepatitis B, Chronic	3	3
Hepatitis C, Acute	1	0
Hepatitis C, Chronic	10	2
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	21	3
Legionellosis	2	0
Lyme Disease	3	1
Meningitis	1	0
Mycobacterial Disease (Non-Tuberculosis)	7	6
Norovirus Infection (Norwalk/Norwalk-like)	1	0
Salmonellosis	1	2
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive, Group A	1	0
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive, Group B	4	2
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease	1	0
Syphilis Reactor	4	2
Syphilis, Early Non-Primary, Non-Secondary	1	1
Syphilis, Primary	2	0
Syphilis, Secondary	3	1
Syphilis, Unknown Duration or Late	6	1
Toxoplasmosis	2	0
Tuberculosis	1	0
Tuberculosis, Class A or B	1	0
Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI)	7	2
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE)	1	0



Vital Statistics



City	South Milwaukee	St. Francis
Births	210	81
Deaths	270	113

Top Five Causes of Death

South Milwaukee

1. Heart Disease
2. Dementia
3. Cancer related deaths
4. Respiratory failure
5. Cerebrovascular disease

St. Francis

1. Heart Disease
2. Cancer related deaths
3. Failure to thrive
4. Dementia
5. Cerebrovascular disease

Public Health Programming

Service Provided	Total #
Blood Pressure screenings	47
Cholesterol and glucose screenings	23
Hearing screenings	13
Vision screenings	774
Car seat checks	51
Ages Stages Questionnaire (ASQs)	31
Boxes of Narcan given with training	125
Quick Response Team visits	41
RN Lead follow-up	2
Bicycle helmets sold	11
Bicycle helmet fittings	55
Medication lock boxes provided	170
Breastfeeding consultations	5
Pack and play cribs provided	1



Communicable Disease Control & Prevention

Service Provided	Total #
Clients immunized	2,946
Immunizations given	3,338
Tuberculosis skin tests	20
Sharps containers collected	87

Environmental Health Consortium

Service Provided	Total #
Food and recreation inspections	721
Complaints reported	118
Rooming house inspections	24
Animal bite follow-ups	65
Radon test kits distributed	11
Lead hazard investigations	3

Essential Public Health Services



#1: ASSESS & MONITOR HEALTH

- In 2022, Health Department staff were able to resume vision and hearing screenings with assistance from the Lions Club. Over 30% of students screened were referred for further testing.
- Staff continued to monitor cases, deaths, and community levels of COVID-19 in the third year of the pandemic.
- Similarly, staff monitored the Mpox outbreak.
- A survey was developed and distributed in partnership with the Cudahy and Oak Creek Health Departments to assess the current health of the community.
- The South Milwaukee/St. Francis Healthy Community Partnership approved the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for 2022-2025.



#2: INVESTIGATE & ADDRESS HEALTH PROBLEMS



- Health Department staff investigated many communicable diseases including, but not limited to: Mpox, Ebola, Tuberculosis, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), and Gastrointestinal (GI) cases.
- Investigated complaints regarding housing, food establishments, and human health hazards.
- Staff also responded to the water emergency.





#3: INFORM & EDUCATE



- Health Department staff provided STI prevention education.
- Staff also provided puberty education to students.
- Our Quick Response Team provided guidance and education to community members when responding to non-fatal overdoses.
- As our Lactation Program got up and going, our Certified Lactation Consultants provided prenatal & postnatal counseling on lactation and resources for families.
- Our child passenger safety technicians installed many car seats and double-checked that many were installed correctly for community members.

#4: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- South Shore CARES (Community, Access, Resources, Education, Support) was founded in 2022 as a collaboration to address substance misuse between the South Shore Health Departments - Cudahy, Oak Creek, and South Milwaukee/St. Francis with the goal of increasing knowledge, decreasing stigma, and reducing harm in the South Shore.
- The South Shore Overdose Fatality Review team held four meetings, reviewed four cases, and formulated six new recommendations.
- Staff partnered with South Milwaukee and St. Francis police departments and Community Medical Services to go out on Quick Response Team visits.
- Resumed South Milwaukee/St. Francis Healthy Community Partnership meetings to discuss objectives for the CHIP.
- Partnered with Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) volunteers to do beach clean up at Grant Park.





#5: UTILIZE POLICIES, PLANS, & LAWS



- Staff worked diligently to develop the Lactation Support Services which began in 2022, and the Sexual Health Program which is set to launch in 2023.
- Staff assisted other businesses to develop or update their breastfeeding and lactation policies to meet current state standards. Both cities of South Milwaukee and St. Francis finalized their policies.
- Facilitated the relationship between South Milwaukee and St. Francis businesses and Wisconsin Voices for Recovery for the Nalox-box initiative.
- Prepared for updating of local and Zone E emergency management plans.

#6: IMPROVE & PROTECT

- Health Department staff conducted many Narcan trainings, including one with the South Milwaukee School District staff.
- Health Department staff also conducted annual fit testing for Police, Fire, and Health Department staff.
- The Environmental Health Consortium conducted food inspections at farmers' markets and food truck events.
- The Environmental Health Team and Public Health Nurses teamed up to investigate animal bites in both South Milwaukee and St. Francis.





#7: ENABLE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SERVICES



In 2022, Health Department Staff hosted 12 mass vaccination clinics and administered 272 COVID-19 tests



- In 2022, the Health Department staff continued to offer COVID-19 vaccines and testing, free of charge.
- The Health Department offered many free services for city employees of South Milwaukee and St. Francis including cholesterol testing and flu vaccine clinics.
- Staff gave many vaccinations in clinic and also made many home visits for COVID-19 and flu vaccines.
- Staff vaccinated community members for Mpox.
- Staff also hosted flu clinics at schools, and held children's vaccine clinics for flu, Tdap, and COVID-19 vaccines to get children up-to-date.
- The Zone E Health Departments partnered to publish social media posts to combat COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and ensure equity.

#8: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

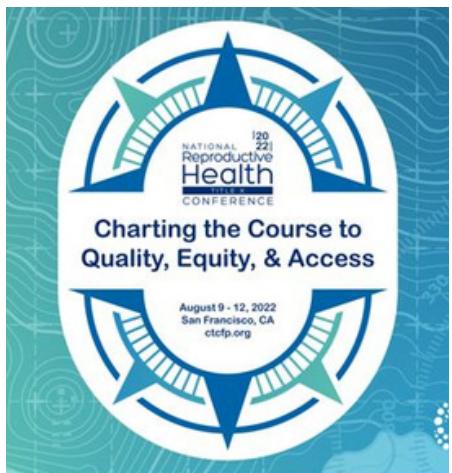
- The Health Department onboarded two new staff members in 2022 - the Environmental Health Specialist and Public Health Specialist.
- Two staff members became Certified Lactation Consultants (CLCs) in 2022.
- Staff attended many conferences: NACCHO, Annual National Reproductive Health, WPHA Public Health in Practice, HCET's STI Summit, Mycobacterium, and the 16th Street Health Equity Summit, to name a few.
- Staff also completed training on things such as facilitation, Tuberculosis, Maternal Child Health, prevention, suicide, qualitative data analysis, FEMA, Narcan, VMSG (performance management).
- Staff recertified for the Stepping On program and planned for the 2023 course.
- A staff member also completed the New to Public Health coursework and final project.



Congratulations Graduates!



#9: EVALUATE & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



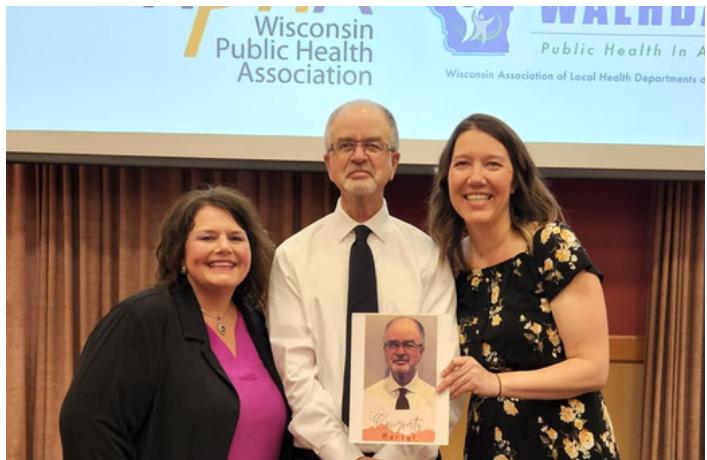
- Health Department staff evaluated the process of the Quick Response Team visits to assess areas of growth, including reviewing the orange resource folder to ensure information is relevant and up-to-date.
- In 2022, the Zone E Health Departments (Cudahy, Oak Creek, and South Milwaukee/St. Francis) applied for a Qualitative Data Grant. They were awarded a total of \$82,400 to study qualitative data in the recovery of our communities post-pandemic to strengthen future emergency response, specifically targeting vulnerable populations. This included hosting focus groups with community partners to evaluate our programming and community awareness.
- Staff also spent a large portion of 2022 evaluating other local health departments' Sexual Health programs in preparation for our own, which will be launching in 2023.

#10: PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

- In 2022, the South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department was due for the DHS 140 Review. Staff prepared diligently for this and passed with a Level III designation.
- Health Department staff learned how to bill for COVID-19 vaccine administration and the Sexual Health Program.
- Staff applied for, and secured, two grants related to substance misuse prevention.



Activities and Events



In 2022, our Environmental Health Specialist, Marty Zabkowicz, earned an award for his Distinguished Service to Public Health from WPHA.

One of five tables set up at voting sites with information about COVID vaccines, WEAVR, and SMSFHD services.



Community Night Out 2022

St. Francis (top)

South Milwaukee (bottom)

Staff educated community members about anger management and tick-borne diseases.



The 2022 St. Francis Bike Rodeo
Staff fit community members for bike helmets.





Almost Sunrise
documentary screening
with a panel discussion.

Staff offered mental
health resources and
medication lock boxes.



Discover Wellness Event



Staff provided education on anger
management and coping techniques, and
handed out fidget toys to participants.

Journey of Facilitation Training
class in Madison, WI.



CBS 58 came to interview one of our
Certified Lactation Consultants about
our lactation services and it aired on
the 10 o'clock news!



One of our public
health nurses had an
entire day dedicated
to her after she was
the chairperson for
the 125th anniversary
committee.



NOW: 'Breastfeeding should not be difficult': South Milwaukee, St. Francis launches free lactation support services

Communications

MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

In 2022, we sent postcards in the mail in hopes of reaching every resident. By doing this, we learned that mail is not only effective but also an impactful method of communication in our communities. We sent out three postcards - two about COVID-19 vaccines and one about medication safety and local resources.

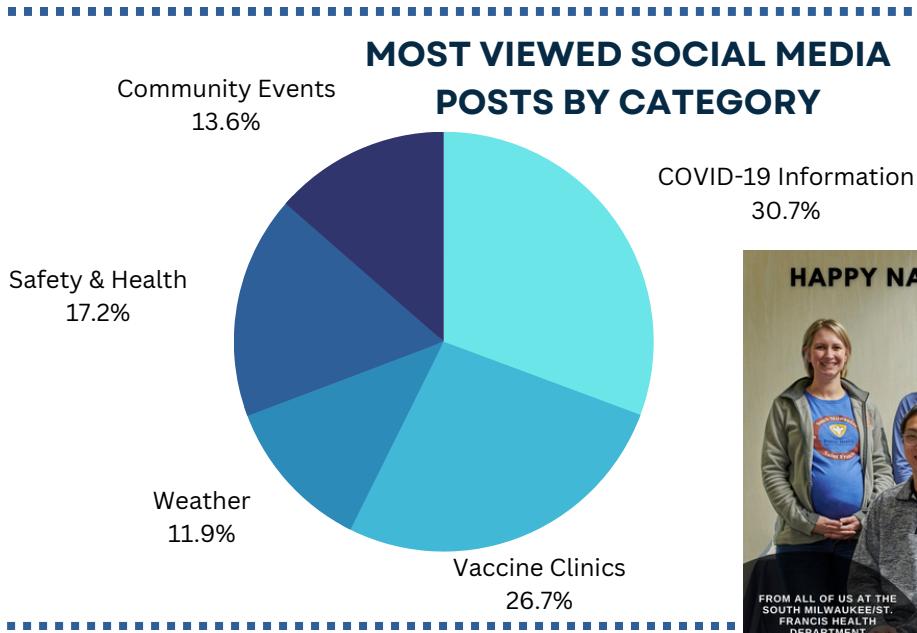
The postcards went over well, as many people received their COVID vaccine as a result. We also saw many people come into the health department to utilize our medication safety resources such as lock boxes, medication deactivation bags, and sharps disposal.



SOCIAL MEDIA

2022 was a big year for us in the social media world. We posted a large variety of information and reached a wide range of people. Through evaluation and data analysis, we learned that our community members interacted most with our personalized posts, as well as ones with personalized photos, such as the one seen below!

In 2022,
we reached
157,831 people
in 308 posts





Board of Health & Health Dept. Team

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cyndi Kieck - Chairperson
Jerome Bzdawka - Vice Chairperson
Vickie Dominski
Cassandra Hadley
Maria Fischbach
David Flores
Peggy Clark - Alderperson South Milwaukee
Matt Damon - Alderperson St. Francis
Dr. Sandra Scalzitti - Medical Advisor
Jacqueline Ove - Public Health Administrator

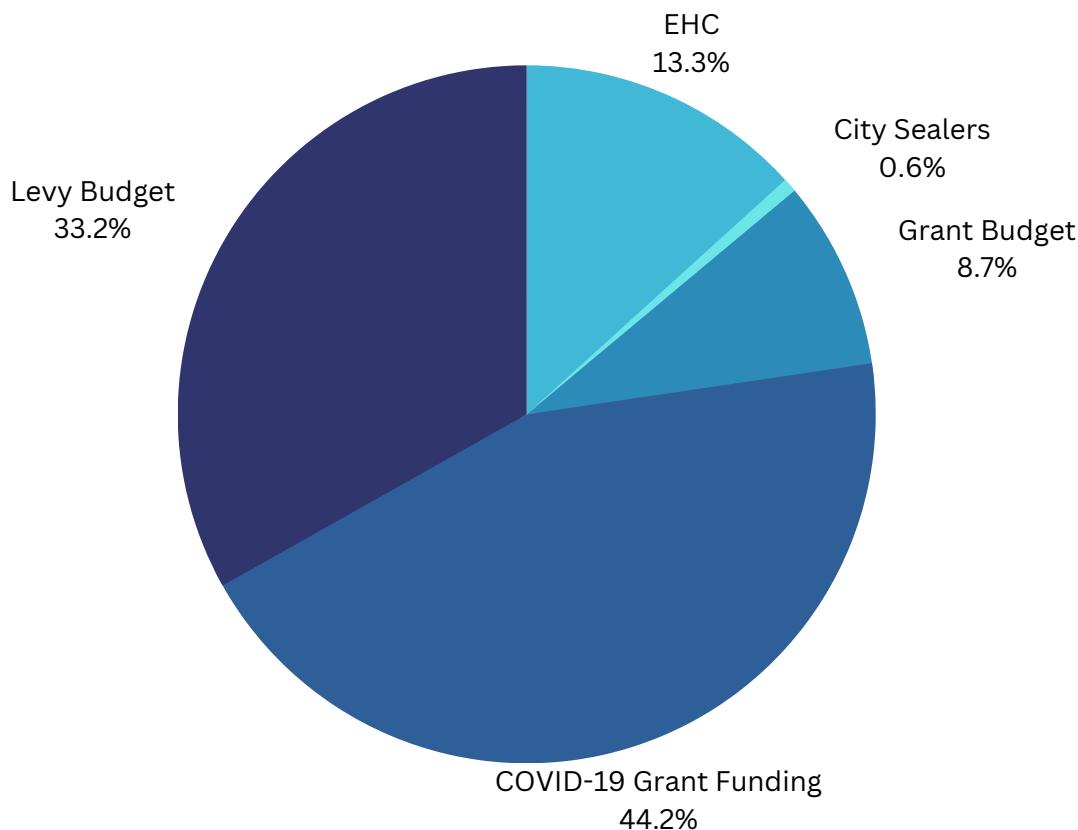
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEAM

Jacqueline Ove - Public Health Administrator
Mary Kosterman - Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Melissa Ellis - Public Health Nurse
Kailyn Dorniak - Public Health Nurse
Taylor Wey - Public Health Nurse
Debbie Guthrie - Health Clerk
Brad Rutter - Public Health Specialist (resigned 06/2022)
Samantha Osmann - Public Health Specialist (hired 08/2022)
Marty Zabkowicz - Environmental Health Specialist
Jacklyn Morales - Environmental Health Specialist (hired 07/2022)
Dave Krey - Registered Sanitarian (retired 04/2022)
Carina Marshall - EHC Secretary / Public Health Technician
Brianna Campbell - Zone E Preparedness Coordinator

TEMPORARY STAFF HIRED FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Cassandra Johnson - Public Health Technician
Laurie Strube - Public Health Technician
Tom Reid - Vaccinator
Jerre Schlax - Vaccinator
Steve Bartlein - Vaccinator
Denise Gill - Vaccinator

Budget



Health

Levy Budget.....	\$533,826
Grant Budget.....	\$140,622
COVID-19 Grant Funding.....	\$711,089

Environmental Health Consortium

Budget.....	\$213,707
<u>(Note:</u> this year included additional funding for succession planning due to a retirement)	

City Sealers

South Milwaukee Budget.....	\$7,435
St. Francis Budget.....	\$2,999



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