



FISHERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Fishers Health Department Update 2/17/2022

General Update:

2021 Annual Report:

- Due to public by end of first quarter. Working draft in progress.

Community Health Assessment:

- Brief report of initial/Phase1 findings and short-term action plan with PR to prepare for dissemination.
- Next phase is compiling existing data sources to analyze broad health needs of Fishers residents.

Core Health Services:

- Added extra clinic 2/21/22 due to school holiday. Actively improving process to accommodate COVID testing and vaccines in all clinic processes.
- Exploring partnership options for treatment of latent TB infection among uninsured due to recent increase.
- Exploring partnerships and expansion options to offer high-value preventative services relevant to all residents.
- Survey findings show residents requesting cholesterol screening, mental health services, wellness exams, and more.
- Long-term plans include the health department within the Community Center plans currently under review.

Health education:

- Health education has full curriculum with variety of topics available to schools and community, with planned focus on mental health-related trainings and building a “culture of health.” Currently offering QPR, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Narcan administration and ServSafe training to community with more on horizon. Outreach plan expanding.

Stigma-Free Fishers:

- CDC associate working on mental health needs assessment as component of community health assessment.
- Have started series of support and social connection groups based on focus group and survey feedback.
- Received training in suicide support group facilitation.
- Working with PR to improve website development, resource navigation and access.
- Providing public education and training related to mental health. Youth Mental Health First Aid training and QPR training now available.

Inspections & Environmental Health:

- Meeting goals for inspections and initiatives. Received FDA training grant.
- Working towards restaurant grading system (currently pass/fail). Have enrolled in FDA Retail Program Standards and working to align code with standards.
- Water quality program analyzing Model Aquatic Health Code against municipal code for areas of improvement.
- Staff participated in radon training.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Managing operations of COVID mass vaccination site and testing site, assuring supplies, scheduling, etc.
- Training and partnering with FFD and other agencies for alert notification system, inventory management and other event preparedness.
- Working towards completion of After-Action Review for COVID.

Grants and Funding:

- Currently managing 6 grants providing support for emergency preparedness, immunizations, COVID testing, school public health support, in addition to a CDC funded public health associate.
- FDA grant received.
- Additional grants in application process to support ongoing vaccination efforts and other health issues and challenges.



COVID-19 Updates:

Vaccines:

- Over 91.7% of eligible adult (18 and over) residents have received their first dose of vaccine. Children aged 5-17 have a first dose coverage of 73.6%.
- Over 94,000 vaccinations administered to date. Demand has dropped from average of 500 patients per day in early January to an average of 105 patients per day over the last two weeks. We continue to offer appointments and walk-in availability for all eligible populations. Promoting e-learning day and President's Day for vaccination.
- Outreach efforts to the unvaccinated and underserved: We have administered over 1,750 vaccines via our pop-up efforts and completed 1,062 vaccinations and boosters for long-term care facilities and homebound residents.
- Children 6 months to 4 years of age: The FDA has delayed decision making on vaccines for this age group until further data are available from Pfizer's ongoing trial (expected in March 2022).

Testing

- Prioritized testing for area school staff and students opened on 1/10/2022. Over 3,300 prioritized tests have been offered to area school staff and students to date. We are discontinuing this testing option on 2/19/2022 due to significant decrease in demand.
- We continue to offer PCR and rapid COVID-19 tests through our 'All Hoosier' testing option.
- Since the beginning of the health department in April 2020, we have administered over 105,000 tests, of which 70,000 were through our resident/school portal, and an additional 35,000 through our "all Hoosiers" portal, including 10,000 rapid tests.
- We received 5,400 at-home testing kits from Aspire Indiana Health. We have disseminated half to area not-for-profit organizations serving less-resourced families in Fishers, long-term care centers, and Cumberland Crossing Apartments. We will disseminate remaining at-home testing kits to additional area organizations, and to general residents at our testing and vaccination facilities.

COVID positive

- Cases from the Omicron wave are down 90% since peaking in mid-January 2022. There were 210 total cases in the most recent reporting period. Community transmission metrics (positivity rates and case-incidence rate) are in a three-week downward trend.
- IDOH released new guidance on 2/17/22 to take effect 2/23/22. Eliminates quarantine requirements for schools and decreases isolation period for children in daycare.

Funding and Reimbursement:

- City has submitted and been approved by FEMA for full reimbursement of testing, vaccines, hotline and other COVID-related activities, with the exception of contact tracing, which is not covered. FEMA due to end 3/31/22.
 - Awaiting new contract from IDOH for additional reimbursement for vaccines administered.
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