

CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
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DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *March 2025*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
March 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center / Clinic	Construction of the New Building / Facility in the Lincoln King Neighbor	Discussions are ongoing with City consultants regarding the parameters of the project, as well as with community leaders about the establishment of the Pillar Health of Racine.
March 2025	Website Consultants	New design and format of the City's Website	The draft of the website, created by the vendor's design team, was introduced, and discussions were held regarding the timeline and expectations. The Public Health Department (PHD) is the pilot City department for this project.
March 6, 2025	Aurora Health	Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid Training	PHD staff attended the four-hour training and successfully passed.
March 20, 2025	Measles Community Outreach	Community Engagement with Measles Preparation	Presented at a virtual town hall meeting to address vaccine hesitancy, with participation from Aurora, Ascension, Healthcare Network, and Racine County Public Health.
March 21, 2025	Opioid Settlement Advisory Council	Community Collaboration	Collaboration with community leaders and stakeholders to improve and expand services focused on preventing and treating opioid addiction.
March 27, 2025	Federal Funding	Funding Reductions	Department of Health Services (DHS) informed the PHD that the COVID-19 supplemental immunization funding was eliminated, effective March 24. The intended use of this funding included purchasing a new vaccine unit and conducting a vaccination campaign.
March 28, 2025	Measles Public Awareness Support	Local Engagement on Measles Preparation	Discussed with community organizations and partners, updating them on the U.S. measles outbreak and efforts to increase vaccination rates. In Racine, 87% of K-12 students received the full MMR series for the 2023-2024 school year. Public health experts aim for a 95% MMR vaccination rate to prevent the virus's spread.