

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health reported by Marcia Fernholz

- December 22, 2009, Racine Health Department staff was notified that several employees of a local business that attended a Holiday Luncheon Party held at a local restaurant became ill after eating. A disease outbreak investigation was immediately initiated. Health Department staff conducted a restaurant inspection and designed a questionnaire for the party attendees. The party had 30 attendees and 20 were ill. The health department was assisted by the nurse employed by the company health facility that helped in collecting stool samples and facilitated completion of the food questionnaires by the party attendees. Preliminary results indicate this is a Norovirus outbreak limited to the party attendees. The local restaurant had no ill food service workers and had no other groups or restaurant patrons report illness. The report for this outbreak is in the process of being written and will be shared when finalized.
- Preliminary lead testing reports for 2009 indicate that 37 children had elevated lead levels $\geq 10 \mu\text{g/dL}$. There were 3,482 children tested. For 2009, 1% percent of children tested had elevated levels compared to 2.1% for 2008. We continue to make progress in the elimination of lead poisoning in the City of Racine.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (initial and follow-up)	151	1,101
Lead Inspections (initial)	0	38
Lead Inspections (follow-up)	68	655
Nuisance Animal Investigations	14	257
Animal Bites	2	138
Restaurant Inspections (initial and follow-up)	83	1,141
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (new food establishments)	3	33
New permits released	3	32
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	2/0	11/25

Outcome Achievements:

- Preliminary reports identify that eighty four (84) children were first tested for lead poisoning; one (1) had an elevated blood lead level ($>9\mu\text{g/dL}$), or 1.2%.
- Preliminary reports identify two hundred (200) children as being tested for lead poisoning; four (4) had an elevated blood lead level ($>9\mu\text{g/dL}$), or 2%.
- The total number of 2009 city dog licenses obtained is three thousand eight hundred and twenty (3,820).
- The total number of 2009 cat licenses obtained is seven hundred and eighty four (784).
- One hundred and nine (109) pet fanciers' permits were issued in 2009.

MEETINGS/TRAINING
December 2009

Date	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
12/1	D. Mazius M. Fernholz	Wellness meeting	Evaluated 2009 Wellness program and planned for 2010
12/2 12/16	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	WI DHS H1N1 Influenza webcast	Discuss issues regarding H1N1 including updated recommendations from the WI DHS
12/3	M. Breheim B. Carlson	Safety Committee	Discuss safety issues involving city hall and the annex.
12/4	J. Matt	Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	Asbestos update and training
12/4	D. Mazius	Webinar about marketing wellness	Discussed how to market wellness
12/9	B. Carlson	US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Milwaukee Lead and Asbestos	Information session for local landlords and contractors on the new Renovation Repair and Painting rule established by the EPA – 16 people attended
12/10	M. Breheim	CHIP teleconference	Discuss role as CHIP facilitator.
12/10	D. Mazius	Group coaching	Follow up teleconference about successes and strategies for group coaching
12/14	M. Breheim	CHIP	Facilitated the High Risk Sexual Behavior focus group of the CHIP
12/16	D. Mazius	Wheaton Franciscan All Saints – City County Health Center	Meeting to discuss employee wellness program and planning for a cholesterol screen at the health center