

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**January 13, 2009**  
**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health**

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER:**

- Preliminary lead testing reports for 2008 indicate that 73 children had elevated lead levels  $\geq 10 \mu\text{g/dL}$ . There were 3,533 children tested. For 2008, 2.1% percent of children tested had elevated levels compared to 2.9% for 2007. We continue to make progress in the elimination of lead poisoning in the City of Racine.

**Productivity Measures:**

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (initial and follow-up)	116	1,484
Lead Inspections (initial)	1	39
Lead Inspections (follow-up)	40	777
Nuisance Animal Investigations	10	289
Animal Bites	8	132
Restaurant Inspections (initial and follow-up)	82	1,269
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (new food establishments)	2	36
New permits released	4	34
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	2/2	14/22

**Outcome Achievements:**

- One hundred and eighty seven (187) children tested for lead poisoning had blood lead levels between zero and nine ug/dL (0-9 ug/dL).
- Preliminary reports identify that sixty nine (69) children were first tested for lead poisoning; zero (0) had an elevated blood lead level ( $>9\text{ug/dL}$ ), or 0%.
- Preliminary reports identify one hundred and ninety two (192) children as being tested for lead poisoning; five (5) had an elevated blood lead level ( $>9\text{ug/dL}$ ), or 2.6 %.
- The final number of 2008 city dog licenses is three thousand eight hundred and thirty three (3,833).
- The final number of 2008 cat licenses eight hundred and twenty two (822).
- Eighty six (86) pet fanciers' permits were issued in 2008.

**MEETINGS/TRAINING  
December 2008**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Meetings/Training</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
12/1	M. Breheim	Racine Health Department	Continued the campaign for cold and flu prevention <i>Watch Your Sneeze Please!</i>
12/1	M. Breheim	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Facilitated the implementation of WEDSS for the RHD
12/1	M. Breheim	Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) teleconference	Discuss current issues with implementing WEDSS.
12/3	Environmental Health staff	Wisconsin Department of Health Services - Environmental Health Data Needs Assessment	State training to introduce the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (EPHT) and the Analysis, Visualization, and Reporting tool.
12/5	B. Carlson	Wisconsin Division of Health Services – Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Subcommittee meeting for the state elimination plan (reducing lead hazards)
12/5	J. Aydelotte	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Asbestos seminar for program updates
12/4 -12/5	M. Fernholz	Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance company	Supervisor training – Understanding employee differences
12/6	M. Breheim	Sneeze on Your Sleeve campaign	Live interview with WRJN for Sneeze/Cough Campaign
12/8	M. Breheim	University of Wisconsin Parkside	Provided a presentation to nursing students at Parkside University regarding All-Hazard Disaster Preparedness and Response (Nurses' Roles)
12/9	M. Breheim	Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) teleconference	Discuss funding and spending plans for the Milwaukee region UASI.
12/10	M. Breheim	Racine Health Department Prevention Program	Collected specimens and performed glucose and cholesterol screening for the Wellness Program (city and community)
12/10	M. Fernholz	City of Racine	Attend quarterly management team meeting to represent the health department
12/10	B. Carlson K. Marquez	Lead Program City of Racine	Lead meeting with HUD grant staff – planning for 2009
12/11	M. Fernholz	Individual Development Account / Weed and Seed project	Monthly board meeting to discuss the program and progress being made
12/11	M. Breheim	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Partner Communication and Alerting: Expert panel meeting to review the state's new communication and alerting system(City Watch)
12/15	M. Breheim	WEDSS teleconference	Discuss current issues with implementing WEDSS.
12/17	D. Mazius	CORE Wellness	Discuss 2009 wellness plans, city wellness program and

			wellness programs and incentives for employees
12/17	M. Fernholz B. Carlson	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Conference call with Jeff Havlena – data manager for the state lead program to discuss presentation to Racine pediatricians.
12/17	M. Breheim	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Discuss current Pertussis issues with the state.
12/17	M. Fernholz	Countryside Humane Society	Meeting to discuss animal control issues in the City of Racine and the animal control contract for 2009
12/17	M. Fernholz	Department of City Development	
12/18	M. Fernholz	Racine Loan Board	Review loan applications for City of Racine loan program and discuss housing issues
12/18	M. Breheim	Health Department Staff meeting	Presented emergency preparedness information to RHD staff to meet core competencies.
12/18	Environmental Health Staff	Racine Health Department	Quarterly Staff meeting
12/22	M. Breheim		Conducted a presentation to staff of Western Racine County Health Department and Kenosha Health Department regarding the use of Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs).