

City-County Health Department

SMALL SAMPLE OF SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (OUTPUTS)	
Communicable disease follow-up for reportable diseases:	2,824
Nurse Family Partnership home visits – pregnant women and babies:	1,350
Number of water (ground & surface) sample tests performed:	10,066
Number of housing inspections and reinspections completed:	994
SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We worked with many community partners in Eau Claire, Dunn, and Chippewa counties to gather data and feedback from our communities to identify top health issues through a survey. Additional work in 2024 with review of quantitative data and community conversations to determine priorities for next 3 years. ▪ Focusing on decreasing opioids’ impact, we created outreach campaigns and introduced new harm reduction tools in Eau Claire County using federal and state vaping and opioid settlement funds. ▪ Our laboratory tested its highest-ever number of water samples and worked to improve rural residents’ access to water testing. ▪ We worked closely with Eau Claire County youth-serving agencies to analyze data on youth mental health, identify the biggest mental health struggles our youth are facing, and steer resources toward closing those gaps. ▪ Finalized 2024 budget including identifying new grants, prioritizing services, building efficiencies. ▪ Implementing new strategic plan and making progress towards national reaccreditation. ▪ Finalized our updated department and division performance measures. ▪ Focusing on collaboration with the community on current health priorities particularly substance misuse, alcohol misuse, chronic disease, and mental health. Substantial work has also continued related to housing, homelessness, and poverty as determinants of health or root causes of the previously mentioned health outcomes. ▪ Inspected all licensed facilities in Eau Claire County including restaurants, swimming pools, grocery stores, hotels. ▪ Provided evidence-based services for pregnant women and their partners as well as young children/families through WIC, Nurse Family Partnership, and clinical services. 	
ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase in overdose, suicide, and alcohol/substance misuse needing public health prevention efforts rather than just response. ▪ Housing as a public health issue – safe and affordable housing availability in county. ▪ The decrease in health care access given closure of local hospitals and clinics in early 2024 and already identified gaps. 	
CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in collaborative homelessness initiatives including exploration of ways to effectively address growing issue through prevention and early intervention. ▪ Collaboration with county and community partners on opioid misuse prevention and intervention. ▪ Continuing to provide backbone support for the Eau Claire Health Alliance. Actively supporting Action Teams addressing key health priorities: Mental Health, Substance/Alcohol Misuse, Chronic Disease, Oral Health, and Healthy Relationships. ▪ Actively supporting collaboration around communicable disease topics including HIV, Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI), flu vaccination, and others. 	
GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting our community’s response to health care challenges. ▪ Continue implementation of 3-year strategic plan. ▪ Implementing a new Community Health Improvement Plan based on the priorities identified through the Community Health Assessment process. ▪ Continue working on critical public health response and prevention issues. 	