



Frio County

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Public Health Services

Health and community education; immunizations for eligible children and adults; tuberculosis treatment and contact investigation; HIV and STD testing, treatment and education; communicable disease investigation; emergency preparedness and response; and general sanitation and food establishment inspections.

Region 8 Activities

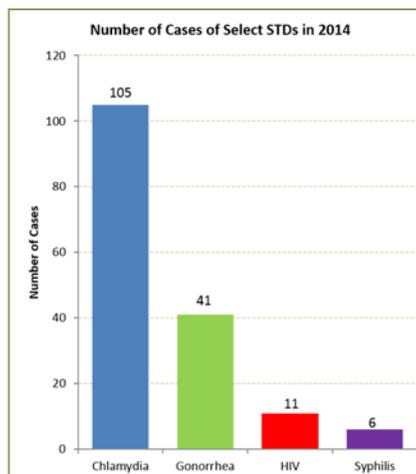
- Serve on Pearsall ISD School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
- Provide health and safety information to Head Start and child care facilities
- Serve as a resource for school nurses on issues such as immunizations, lice and reportable diseases
- Serve as a resource for health care providers and infection control nurses at local hospitals and clinics.
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly
- Educate community members about nutrition, child abuse, teen pregnancy, bike/ATV safety, safe sleep for babies, suicide prevention, hyperthermia and hot cars, water safety and injury prevention
- Promote breastfeeding and educate target groups about Text4 Baby

Immunizations

- In 2014, the coverage rate for Texas for the recommended vaccination series dropped 8.5 points to 64%. Texas coverage rates are well below the national average of 71.6%. In the most recent data for Frio County the coverage rate is 60.8%
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Frio County is 0.19%, up from 0.17% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	1	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	5	4	10
Hepatitis A, acute	0	0	1
Hepatitis C, acute	1	0	0
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	1
Pertussis	2	1	0
Salmonellosis	5	7	3
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	1	0	0
Shigellosis	0	0	4
Tuberculosis	7	18	16
Varicella (Chickenpox)	38	13	37

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 19 children received personal care services
- 2,450 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 51 general sanitation and restaurant inspections
- 2 rabies quarantine facility inspections