



# Guadalupe 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 for the county.

## Region 8 Activities

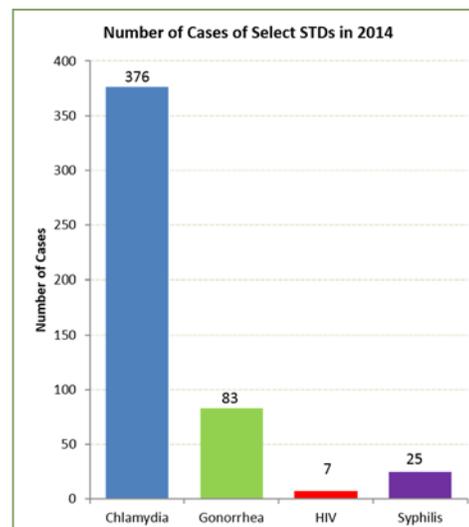
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats, including educating parents on correct use
- Recruit and educate Texas Vaccines for Children providers and their office staff
- Serve on the Guadalupe Child Fatality Review Team to provide nursing expertise and develop/implement education programs to prevent child fatalities
- Serve on four School Health Advisory Councils: Navarro, Seguin, Marion and Schertz-Cibolo ISDs
- Conduct Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention program case management
- Provide education on prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome through Safe Sleep for infants
- Provide education to the community on prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma
- Participate in area health fairs in school districts and the community

## Immunizations

- In 2014, the Texas coverage rate 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 Guadalupe County, the coverage rate is 60.3%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Guadalupe County is 0.55%, up from 0.29% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	1	0	0
Aseptic (viral) meningitis	0	2	0
Campylobacteriosis	35	33	30
Chikungunya non-neuroinvasive disease	0	1	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	1
Cyclosporiasis	1	0	1
Encephalitis, West Nile	1	0	1
Hepatitis A, acute	2	0	1
Hepatitis B, acute	1	1	0
Hepatitis C, acute	1	1	0
Legionellosis	1	0	3
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	5
Mumps	0	1	0
Pertussis	14	7	7
Rickettsia, unspecified	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	33	25	47
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	4	1	2
Shigellosis	5	8	48
Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Typhus fever-fleaborne, murine	0	1	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	14	17	16
Vibriosis, other or unspecified	0	0	1
Yersiniosis	0	0	1

\*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



## 2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 41 children received Personal Care or Children with Special Health Care Needs services
- 9,675 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 47 general sanitation and restaurant inspections conducted
- 7 rabies investigations conducted, 4 positive animals identified
- 4 rabies quarantine facilities inspected