



LaSalle 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.

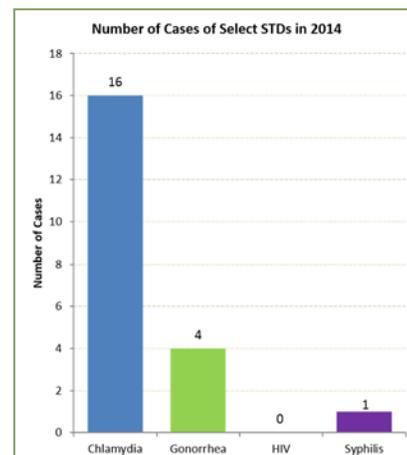
Region 8 Activities

- Serve on Cotulla ISD School Health Advisory Committee
- Participate in health fairs
- 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 notifiable diseases
- Support tuberculosis investigations, provide case management to TB patients and administer TB medications by directly observed therapy
- Educate community members about nutrition, child abuse, teen pregnancy, bike/ATV safety, safe sleep for babies, youth suicide prevention, hyperthermia and hot cars, water safety and injury prevention
- Promote breastfeeding and educate target groups about Text4Baby and child safety

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 LaSalle County, the coverage rate is 60.7%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in LaSalle County in 2014 was 0.22% down from 0.33% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	1	1	3
Mumps	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	0	1	2
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	0	1	0
Tuberculosis	0	3	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	1	2



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 1 child received Personal Care Services
- 834 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 21 general sanitation and restaurant inspections conducted
- 1 rabies quarantine facility inspected