



Lavaca 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

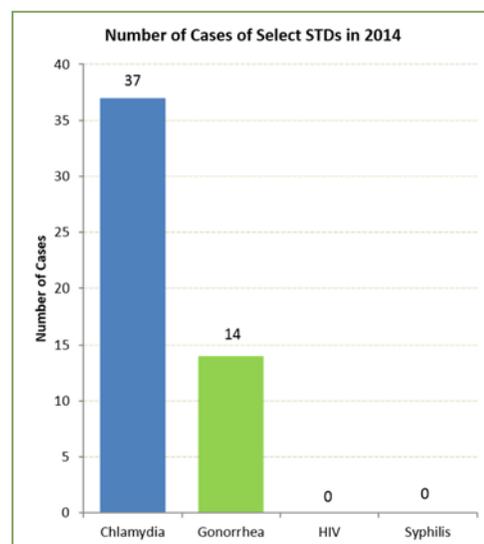
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly
- Teach parents and children about the importance of nutrition, physical activity and safety
- Participate in the Southeast Region Child Fatality Review Team and the school Health Advisory Committee
- Promote and participate in the quarterly Community Medication and Sharps Disposal Collection
- Serve on the Family and Consumer Science Committee with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- Serve on the Lavaca County Community Resource Coordination Group
- Serve as a resource for school nurses, local health care providers and hospitals on immunizations and notifiable conditions

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 Lavaca County, the coverage rate is 64.9%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Lavaca County is 0.38%, up from 0.12% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Campylobacteriosis	3	11	20
Cryptosporidiosis	3	5	5
Hepatitis A, acute	0	0	2
Listeriosis	1	0	1
Lyme disease	0	1	0
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	5	3
Pertussis	1	0	1
Salmonellosis	23	16	16
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	0	1	1
Shigellosis	0	0	28
Tuberculosis	0	0	2
Typhus fever-fleaborne, murine	0	0	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	1	2
Vibrio vulnificus infection	0	0	1
Vibriosis, other or unspecified	1	0	1
West Nile Fever	1	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	0	1

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 4 children received Personal Care or Children with Special Health Care Needs services
- 1,338 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 46 general sanitation and restaurant inspections conducted
- 7 rabies investigations conducted with 5 positive animals identified
- 1 rabies quarantine facility inspected