



Uvalde 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 City of Uvalde.

Region 8 Activities

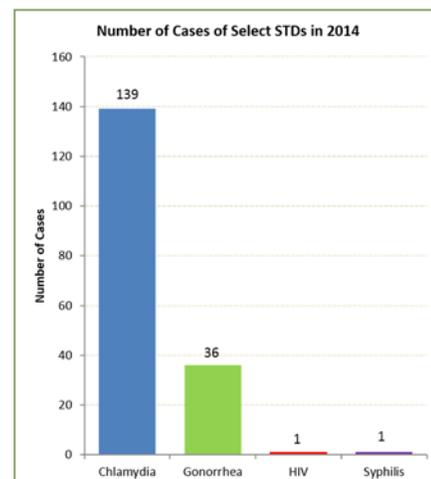
- Serve as Chair for the Child Fatality Review Team
- Serve as a member of the Family and Consumer Science Review Team
- Educate hospitals about perinatal hepatitis B and provide case management for infants
- Conduct child passenger safety seat installation and inspection events and teach parents about correct use of car seats
- Participate in the Back to School Fair and the Summer Safety Fair
- Plan and implement the first Child Abuse Summit in collaboration with Texas A&M AgriLife
- Educate health care providers about the Texas Vaccines for Children Program
- Conduct rabies investigations
- Educate health care providers and communities about diseases transmissible from animals to humans

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 Uvalde County, the coverage rate is 61.0%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Uvalde County is 0.34%, up from 0.13% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Campylobacteriosis	5	4	5
Cryptosporidiosis	0	1	4
Cyclosporiasis	1	0	0
Encephalitis, West Nile	0	2	1
Legionellosis	0	0	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	2
Pertussis	3	1	0
Salmonellosis	13	16	15
Shigellosis	1	2	87
Tuberculosis	1	0	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	2	2

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 8 children received Personal Care Services
- 3,695 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 37 general sanitation and restaurants inspected in the City of Uvalde
- 1 rabies quarantine facility inspected