



## Val Verde 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; and communicable disease investigation.

### Region 8 Activities

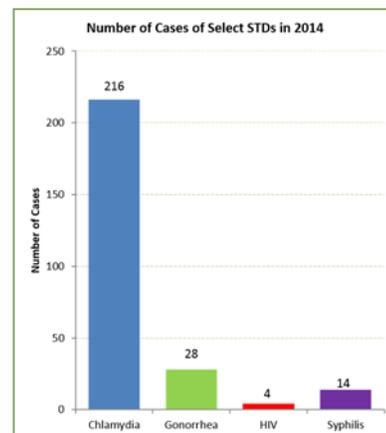
- Educate the community about teen suicide, teen driving safety, nutrition, and bullying
- Serve on the Cardwell Head Start Health Services Advisory Committee
- Provide perinatal hepatitis B case management
- Promote infant safe sleep and breastfeeding
- Provide child passenger safety seat classes and distribute car seats
- Educate parents about how to prevent hyperthermia
- Teach hand washing for disease prevention, covering coughs and hygiene in Del Rio schools and the community
- Serve on the Amistad Bi-National Health Council
- Send CDC Health Advisories and Alerts to school nurses, clinics and the hospital

### 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 Val Verde county, the coverage rate is 62.7%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Val Verde County is 0.16%, up from 0.08% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	2	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	10	8	7
Cyclosporiasis	1	0	1
Dengue	1	0	0
Encephalitis, West Nile	0	0	1
Hepatitis A, acute	0	0	1
Hepatitis B, acute	1	0	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	3	6
Pertussis	0	2	1
Salmonellosis	21	19	12
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	1	0	0
Shigellosis	4	1	12
Tuberculosis	7	4	9
Varicella (Chickenpox)	5	6	8

\*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



### 2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 33 children received Personal Care or Children with Special Health Care Needs services
- 6,656 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 2 youth camps inspected
- 1 rabies quarantine facility inspected