



# Bandera 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

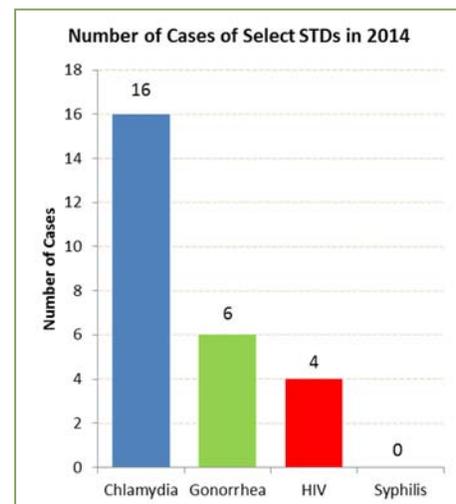
- Serve on Bandera ISD School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
- Serve on the Bandera County Child Fatality Review Team
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly
- Participate in Bandera County Food Council Meetings
- Support school nurses on issues such as immunizations, lice and notifiable conditions
- Participate in health fairs and the Back to School Bash
- Monitor travelers returning from Ebola endemic countries in Africa

## 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 Bandera County, the coverage rate is 53.5%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district in Bandera County is 1.03%, up from 0.38% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Campylobacteriosis	2	4	3
Cryptosporidiosis	0	3	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	3
Pertussis	4	1	0
Salmonellosis	9	7	5
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	2	1	0
Shigellosis	0	3	5
Tuberculosis	0	0	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	3	2	0
Vibrio parahaemolyticus	1	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	0	1

\*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



## 2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 3 children received Personal Care services
- 1,241 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 50 general sanitation and restaurant inspections
- 1 rabies quarantine inspection conducted