



Dimmit 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

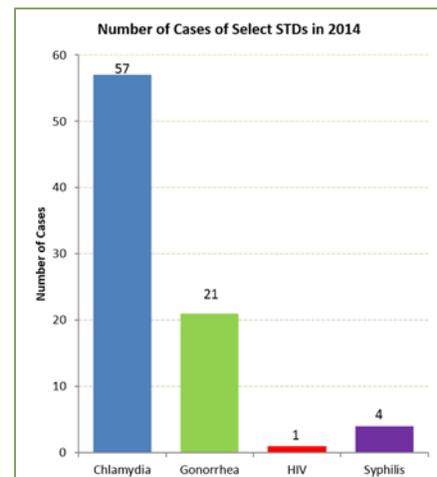
- Serve on the Carrizo Springs ISD School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
- Provide health and safety information to Head Start and child care facilities.
- Serve as a resource for school nurses on issues such as immunizations, lice and notifiable conditions
- Serve as a resource for health care providers and infection control nurses at local hospitals and clinics
- Educate community members about nutrition, child abuse, teen pregnancy, bike/ATV safety, safe sleep for babies, suicide prevention, hyperthermia and hot cars, water safety and injury prevention
- Promote breastfeeding and educate target groups at local WIC offices

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 Dimmit County, the coverage rate is 70.8%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Dimmit County is 0%.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	1	1
Mumps	0	1	0
Pertussis	1	0	0
Salmonellosis	3	4	2
Shigellosis	0	0	13
Tuberculosis	1	1	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	6	1	0

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 2 children received personal care services
- 1,718 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 17 general sanitation and restaurant inspections