



Kerr 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

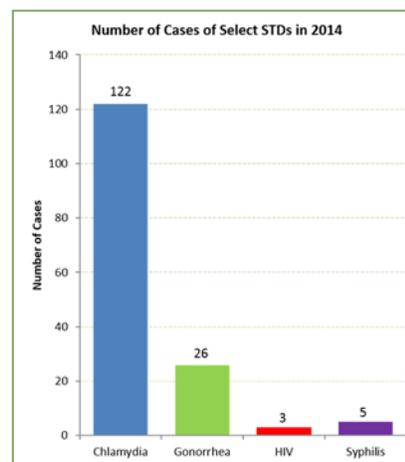
- Serve on the Kerrville ISD, Center Point ISD and Ingram ISD School Health Advisory Councils
- Participate in interagency council meetings
- Education the community about infant safe sleep, Shaken Baby Syndrome, immunizations, hand washing, nutrition, hygiene, communicable diseases and youth suicide prevention
- Participate in *Celebrate Your Pregnancy* sponsored by Peterson Hospital
- Support TB testing at the Kerr County jail
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly
- Assess community health needs
- Serve as presiding officer of the Kerr County Child Fatality Review team

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 Kerr County the coverage rate is 69.8%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Kerr County is 1.44%, up from 0.93% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	8	13	7
Cryptosporidiosis	2	1	12
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	0	1	2
Hepatitis B, acute	0	1	1
Hepatitis C, acute	1	1	0
Legionellosis	1	2	1
Listeriosis	0	0	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	1
Mumps	1	0	0
Pertussis	1	3	1
Q fever, Acute	1	0	0
Salmonellosis	8	12	17
Shigellosis	4	3	22
Tuberculosis	1	1	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	4	3
Yersiniosis	4	2	0

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 9 children receive Personal Care or Children with Special Health Care Needs Services
- 3,884 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 59 general sanitation and restaurant inspections conducted
- 31 rabies investigations conducted with 26 positive animals identified