Lafayette County Health Department

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As part of its public health emergency preparedness program, LCHD has begun renewing and recruiting volunteers from the community. In the event of a public health emergency in Lafayette County, LCHD is responsible for obtaining and distributing any needed medication to 33,000+ residents. In 2013, LCHD held a POD (Point of Distribution) exercise to ensure proper training of all staff and community volunteers for just such an emergency. This year, approximately 60 Lafayette County residents have volunteered, and preparations are under way to hold another POD exercise planned for this summer. Pictured is LCHD staff attending an in-house training on emergency procedures given by Rod Kirchhoff, Emergency Response Planner. Also pictured are volunteers attending a training in Higginsville in preparation for this summer’s POD exercise.
In addition to restaurant inspections, the LCHD Environmental Public Health Specialist also visits licensed childcare providers in the county. In order to keep kids safe and healthy and to prevent the spread of disease, food safety, diapering, keeping toys and the childcare space sanitary, as well as education about sanitary requirements are all part of these inspections.

PN STUDENT PROGRAM

Starting in January, Lafayette County Health Department hosted nursing students from the Lex La-Ray Technical Center’s Practical Nursing Program. Each week a new student joined us to observe clinic services and go along to outreach programs, such as blood pressure checks at senior centers, school presentations or any outreach clinics. Pictured is LCHD nurse Georgia Guthrie orienting a student to the many areas of public health.
HEART HEARTY EDUCATION CLASS

On February 14th, Bre presented a Heart Healthy Education class to the seniors at Higginsville Senior Center. Bre presented to around 35 senior citizens. Blood pressure screenings are also conducted by the Lafayette County Health Department at the Senior Centers. Bre had around 20 individuals participate in the blood pressure screenings.

MISSOURI IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

LCHD nurses attended the 2018 Missouri Immunization Conference held March 15th and 16th in St. Charles, Missouri. The conference was sponsored by Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Immunizations, and the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies. Many topics were covered during the two-day conference, such as adult and child immunizations and vaccine storage and handling. Talks also focused on HPV and the new Shingrix vaccine.
NEW EMPLOYEE

We are excited to welcome Sarah Dodson to the LCHD nursing staff! Sarah is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is a military spouse of 17 years, married to her husband USAF retired MSgt Richard Dodson, Jr. The military travel lifestyle has allowed her to live in Oklahoma, Turkey and Spain. She enjoys spending family time on the farm with Thomas, age 13 years, and Sophia, age 8 years.

Welcome Sarah!

PILLOWCASE PROJECT

January saw the kick off of the Pillowcase Project 2018. This is the second year LCHD has partnered with the Red Cross and Disney to present this emergency preparedness program to Lafayette County 4th graders. Each student received a pillowcase and markers to decorate and fill with supplies they may need in the event of an emergency. Tornado and home fire preparedness was discussed. When the program wrapped up in March, LCHD had visited 9 Lafayette County schools, reaching 477 students. Pictured are LCHD nurses Georgia Guthrie and Heather Campbell demonstrating the importance of smoke detectors in the home.
MOPHIMS TRAINING

On February 7th and 8th Bre and Angel attended MOPHIMS training in Kansas City. This training will allow Bre and Angel to conduct health status monitoring and data analysis which will allow for increased understanding, decision making and data presentations relating to priority health issues.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CLASS

On March 13th Bre presented a Growth and Development class to the Lafayette County C-1 5th grade students. Bre stated, “This is my favorite class to teach the students. They ask many questions and have inquiring minds. I enjoy being able to answer their questions and be a trusted adult for them to talk to.”
On March 7th Bre and Martha presented Dental Sealant information to parents of 3rd grade students at Leslie Bell Elementary. Bre and Martha hope that if parents receive the information about the benefits of Dental Sealant they will understand the importance of participating in the Dental Sealant program this year. “We hope that by educating the parents on the harmful effects of cavities they will understand the benefits of receiving free Dental Sealants. We had a goal this year to get more kids signed up for the program. This year we have been able to get double the amount of students we had last year to participate in the program.” -Bre