Environmental Health
Communicable Disease
Immunizations/Education
School & community health education programs
Emergency Preparedness
Vital Records—birth/death certificates
Screenings

Child Care Consultant
Healthy Eating Active Living
Tobacco Prevention & Control
Women’s Health Forum
Car Seat Inspection Program
WIC
Crib Program
Saving Smiles Oral Health
SPRING SCHOOL CLINICS

April saw the kick off of our required vaccine school clinics. LCHD offered the TDAP and Meningitis vaccines required for 7th and 11th grade students to enter 8th and 12th grade in the fall. The HPV vaccine was also offered. We held clinics in seven of the schools in the county, vaccinating 135 students. The goal of these clinics is to get students vaccinated prior to the beginning of the next school year, helping schools to ensure their students are immunized in the required timeframe and reducing the number of school days missed due to lack of immunizations. We predict these clinic numbers to grow each year.

Pictured are LCHD nurses Heather Campbell and Sarah Dodson administering vaccine to a 7th grader at Higginsville Middle School.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Bre Jensen, LCHD Health Educator, has been busy working on several programs this quarter. In April and May she traveled to Higginsville, Concordia, and Waverly schools to present “Changing Bodies,” a talk on puberty, to 5th grade students. She also did health education presentations at the Division of Youth Services School in Waverly.

Bre has also continued her visits to area senior centers. Blood pressure screenings are the most popular event at her senior center visits. Over 30 individuals request screenings at each event.

Now that school is out for the summer, Bre will be doing some programs in conjunction with Odessa Trails Regional Library. She is excited to do a program once a month for four months, focusing on women’s heart health, beginning in June.
On April 24th the 21st Annual Women’s Heart Health Forum was held in Higginsville, MO, at the American Legion. There were over 20 exhibitors present with multiple free health screenings available. The Sinclair School of Nursing students from MU performed the Cholesterol and A1C tests, saving the heart forum approximately $15.00 per participant. This was a huge cost savings, helping us to realize our goal of staying within our very small budget.

Over 50 screening forms were returned and over 70 screenings were conducted. An estimated 100 plus individuals came through over the course of the 3 hour event. Participants were given evaluation forms to fill out and return after attending. One of the questions asked on the form was, “Do you have any ideas on how to get more young women involved in the event?” Several participants responded by stating they would like to see a 5k run/walk in the future.

A follow-up meeting was held in May with the steering committee to discuss the success of the event and also any concerns. Steering committee members are excited to take the program to a new level. Committee members were given a flower as a token of appreciation for their time and commitment to the program. Candee Aull was named steering committee member of the year and was given a certificate and a flower as a thank you for her hard work and time dedicated to making this event such a success.
PROVIDER VISITS

In June, LCHD nurses visited 12 Lafayette County providers’ offices to deliver information on the following topics:

- List of LCHD Personnel and Programs/Services with Extension Numbers
- Missouri List of Reportable Conditions and CD-1 Forms
- Treatment of STDs and Expedited Therapy for Partners
- How to Read a TBST
- Lab Information
- Immunization/ShowMeVax Information and Schedules
- Missouri Tobacco Quitline Information
- Childcare Physicals – Need to Do Complete Exam at Dr. Office
- WIC and Safe Sleep Information
- Request for Volunteer Forms
- LCHD Web Site and Contact Information

LCHD nurses met with providers and staff to discuss services offered at the health department and to solidify our partnerships with them to promote, protect, and ensure the health of our population.

TAR WARS CALENDAR

The 2019 Tar Wars calendar design has been finished in partnership with the Lexington R-V School District. The district orders the calendar paper and does the printing for a discounted fee. The calendars will be printed in June and will feature the 2017-2018 Tar Wars poster contest winners and runners up from each school in the county. They will be handed out to the schools, teachers, and students and will also be available to the public at the health department.
DENTAL SEALANTS

During the month of May, third grade students from Leslie Bell Elementary and sixth graders from Lexington Middle School were transported to Rodgers Lafayette Medical and Dental Center, Lexington, to have dental sealants placed on their back molars. Sealants are a protective covering placed on the back teeth to help prevent tooth decay. Parental permission was required for the sealant application. Twenty-one students participated in this program made possible through a grant from Delta Dental.

SAVING SMILES

May also saw the wrap up of 2017-18 Saving Smiles, our county-wide preventive dental program. We visited 11 schools. A total of 945 Lafayette County children were seen by dentists and then received an application of fluoride varnish. Of the 945 children seen, 191 were referred for follow-up treatment, with 83% of those treated. This was the eleventh year for our Saving Smiles program. The program continues to be a success, and we are excited to be able to continue to offer this free preventative service for the children of Lafayette County for many years to come. Pictured is LCHD nurse Martha McReynolds and a Waverly student getting ready to receive her fluoride varnish.
LCHD takes very seriously its role in getting medication to all of Lafayette County’s 33,000+ residents in the event of an emergency. This could be a natural disaster, disease outbreak or terrorist attack involving biological or chemical weapons. Staff at LCHD train in house for these emergency scenarios often. These trainings are important, but establishing community partnerships is also vital. On June 28th, LCHD held its third countywide emergency preparedness exercise, Operation Partnership. The POD exercise was held at Higginsville Middle School. LCHD staff, along with volunteers from the community, set up a POD (Point of Distribution) to dispense “medication” for a mock anthrax outbreak. Seventy-five community volunteers went through the POD as “patients,” picking up medication for themselves and family members. A total of 157 doses of medication were handed out. It took months of preparation and training, but staff and volunteers, led by Rod Kirchhoff, LCHD Emergency Planner, worked together to make it a success. LCHD will continue to work hard to be prepared for any emergency.
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP