

Comal County Public Health October 2016

This is a brief summary of some of the activities that are happening in our department.

Education

- Attended Department of State Health Services Epidemiology workshop in Austin (2)
- Current Issues in Immunizations webinar on HPV vaccination schedule (11)
- Participation in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Local Health Department call
- Texas Immunization Stakeholders Workgroup Meeting in Austin (3)

ImmTrac

- 19-35 month outreach-651 contacts, 165 records brought up to date & 1276 records validated
- New & existing provider education and training (13)
- Employee and provider clinic ImmTrac training, reached 7

Communicable Disease Reporting & Investigations—62 case investigations (34 confirmed/probable notifiable conditions) Monitor: 1 Perinatal Hepatitis B case. TB- All cases followed by Health Services Region 8.

Flu Surveillance: A-7, B-1, ND-0, Influenza-like Illness-25

STD — Chlamydia-21 cases; Gonorrhea—2 cases; HIV-0 cases; Syphilis-0 cases

General Information

- Public Health served at our main facility – 269 clients (246 received immunizations & 23 other services)
- Pharmacist conducted monthly visit
- Monthly consultation with Dr. Overman, Health Authority
- New Braunfels ISD Health Science classes (2)-Orientation to Public Health with tour of the facility
- Community Connections radio program on Pneumonia Vaccinations
- Hand washing demonstrations at Kitchen Table
- Conducted Influenza Clinics in the community (8)
- Conducted Employee Flu Clinics
- Planning sessions with New Braunfels Volunteers In Medicine clinic to conduct an immunization clinic
- Planning sessions with New Life Charter School to conduct flu and immunization clinics
- Reminder/recalls sent (33)
- Started the Vaccine Policy revision

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

- Monthly staff training on Incident Command Post for Nov. 4 exercise
- Participation in the Garden Ridge National Night Out
- Comal County hosted the Cities Readiness Initiative meeting for HSR 8 counties
- Attended Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting & PHEP meeting in Austin
- Evaluator for SA Metro Health SNS full scale exercise (2)
- Participation in DSHS Texas Syndromic Surveillance call (3)
- Met with private partner for Points of Dispensing plans development
- Submitted the GC11 equipment form for PHEP and Immunization grants
- Participation in the Hope Hospice October festival (100 packets distributed & child activity building an emergency kit)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Called 203 prospective volunteers; responded to over 100 emails to update volunteer information

Employee Vaccinations- 14 shots & 0 titers at a cost of \$938.

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