

Community Services

The Public Health Nursing Service serves Crawford County in many ways:

Public Health Visits -Health monitoring and assessment by a Public Health Nurse is available in the home by referral. Health information may also be requested over the telephone or by an office appointment. Home Health services are provided through our local hospitals.

Community Resource-Information regarding federal, state and local programs are available through the Public Health Office. Contact the department with your special concerns.

Community Education-Public Health Nurses are available to present educational programs to community groups related to health and wellness topics.

Schedule your program well in advance with the Public Health Office.

Crawford County Public Health Nurses

Participate in Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans

Develop community programs and services to address current and emerging needs

Arrange for services to promote, maintain and/or restore health for individuals, families and the community

Evaluate public health nursing services in the community and for at-risk populations

Arrange for continuity of care for individuals and families requesting or referred to the general public health nursing program

Telephone Numbers:

Crawford County Public Health
(608) 326-0229
1-800-207-4774

Crawford County Human Services
608-326-0248

Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday thru Friday

Women, Infant, Children (WIC)
1-800-704-8555
608-935-2326

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Crawford County Health & Human Services *Health Department*

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Crawford County Public Health

The Crawford County Public Health Department is the official local governmental agency responsible for health promotion and disease and injury prevention services to identify and minimize health risks. This is accomplished through activities involving assessment of the community, policy development and evaluation programs. The department collaborates with other professional and consumers in the development of systematic community-wide network of services.

Women, Infants, Children

(WIC) A nutrition program which provides counseling, health screening, and supplemental foods for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to 5 years old. Eligibility is determined by income and health risk in WIC clinic. Call the WIC office for more information: 1-800-704-8555 or 1-608-935-2326.

Crawford County Vision Screening Program

Cooperative program between Crawford County Public Health and Zone 5 Lions Clubs of Crawford County that provides vision screening and referrals for treatment when necessary to preschool and school aged children.

Health Check

Health assessment and counseling for children on Wisconsin Medical Assistance from 1 month to 21 years. Screening includes a head-to-toe physical by a Public Health nurse with referral to other health service as needed.

School Nurse

Consultation to schools throughout the county is provided. In addition, training for hearing and vision screening, educational programs on current health issues and immunizations are available through the Public Health Program.

Immunization Clinics

Immunizations are offered at various sites throughout the county. Childhood immunizations are free to patients without insurance or patients who have Badgercare, Medicaid (Forward Health) or private insurance that does not cover immunizations. Tdap (Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis) or TD (Tetanus) are offered to adults free of charge who do not have insurance that covers the vaccination. Check the newspaper or call the Public Health Office for sites and times. TB skin tests and Hep B vaccinations are offered for a fee. Flu vaccinations are offered and available from October to the end of the flu season. Public Health can bill Medicare, Medicare Advantage and certain insurances, or private pay is available.

Zoster (Shingles) Patient Assistance Program

The Zoster vaccine is available free of charge to patients who qualify for the Patient Assistance Program. Call 326-0229 for more information.

Maternal Child Health

Services are available to schools and licensed day care sites in the county by the Public Health Nurse to promote wellness, educate children, parents and teachers on health, safety and immunizations. Hearing and vision screenings and health assessments are available for one to five year old children.

Prenatal Care Coordination

(PNCC) A Medical Assistance funded program that offers risk assessment and public health guidance and education to high risk pregnant mothers.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Regular blood pressure screenings are held at elderly meal sites and can be arranged at another site or at the Public Health Office. Blood pressure monitoring is part of a cardiovascular risk reduction program. The screenings include blood pressure, risk evaluation, and nutrition counseling by a Public Health nurse or referral to a medical doctor.

Early Childhood Cavity Prevention Program

This program for children through age six includes oral health screening, education, fluoride varnish application, and referral for any necessary dental problems. Fluoride has been found to prevent or reduce cavities in primary and permanent teeth of young children

Communicable Disease

Crawford County Public Health is responsible for communicable disease supervision within the county. Communicable diseases are reported to the Public Health Office for investigation and control.

Health care professionals are required to report all acute and communicable diseases to the Public Health Office. If you have any questions regarding communicable diseases contact your Public Health Nurse.

Environmental Health

Crawford County is responsible for Environmental Health supervision of the County. Environmental Health problems are reported to the Public Health Officer for investigation and control.

Areas of reportable Environmental Health Hazards include:

- Lead exposure or poisoning
- Indoor air quality
- Animal born and vector born disease control (Avian, West Nile, Lymes)
- Human health hazards

Disaster Preparedness

Local government must continually plan for and be aware of any natural disaster or other activity, which may threaten the lives and property of county residents. Public Health works with other governmental partners to assure safe food and water, emergency sheltering, educating the public before and during a disaster, protecting against emerging disease through immunization and education and dealing with any other health and safety issues that arises before and during an emergency and assists in recovery efforts after an emergency

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Lead poison screening is available to measure the lead-level of children age 1 to 5 years that are high risk, due to environmental factors.

Welfare Checks

At the request of the Department of Human Services a Public Health Nurse will collaboratively assess a person's welfare when the living situation is a health threat.