

December Board of Health Update

Epidemiology/EPR:

- Outbreaks since the last BOH meeting report:
 - We investigated 15 outbreaks in school, preschool, or child care settings, 4 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and 0 outbreaks in other priority settings.
- Data:
 - We continue to update the Communicable Disease Dashboard available at <https://www.douglas.co.us/health-department/disease-surveillance/communicable-diseases/communicable-disease-data-dashboard/>.
- Disease Updates:
 - Viral respiratory disease cases (flu, COVID, and RSV) continue to remain low since September, although hospitalizations from flu and RSV are trending upward.
 - Douglas County continues to be free from confirmed measles cases.
- Training:
 - Epidemiologists continue to participate in training activities to increase our skill set and provide residents with the best possible service and education. Training topics this quarter have included the use of AI in public health and generations in the workplace (hosted by the county).
 - One epidemiologist participated in the annual APHA conference in November in Washington, DC.
 - Another epidemiologist passed the Certified in Public Health exam.
- Outreach:
 - We joined with EPR in a Cross-Jurisdictional Workshop on Communicable Disease Testing hosted by Arapahoe County.
 - One of our Epidemiologists guest lectured at CSU on the topic of data analytics and coding for a public health SAS course.
 - Another epidemiologist joined Skyler Sicard in presenting at a Building Code Inspector training at the end of September.
 - An epidemiologist joined Community Health staff in presenting to an older adult group at the Parker Rec Center on infectious disease prevention.
- EPR:
 - In addition to previously identified activity, EPR has continued to conduct preparedness training internally and with key external partners.
 - Enhanced emergency management partnering continues throughout the region.
 - Incident management and emergency operations involvement continues throughout the region.

- Plans review and updates continue, as is participation in the Hazard Mitigation Planning process.
- Significant energy has also been directed at codification of work products necessary for accreditation application submission.
- Ongoing activities; departmental emergency operations training, exercise, activation, and presenting at conferences and academies as requested.