

2021 Annual Report

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OUR VISION

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

OUR MISSION

To ensure the optimal health of the community through promoting physical and mental health, and to prevent disease, injury and disability through on-going surveillance and dedication to excellence and value in the provision of community-based services.

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INTRODUCTION

In 2021, the period of COVID-19 pandemic response continued. In addition to the NYSDOH statutory responsibilities of local health departments, the 30 staff members of the WCHD rose to be leaders in the pandemic response in Wyoming County. Accomplishments included:

- 3,944 COVID-19 case investigations and related contact tracing
- 10,905 COVID-19 vaccinations
- 2,800+ COVID-19 tests administered

Those are statistics and do not tell the entire story of cooperation, collaboration, challenges and frustrations during 2021. Volunteers from other County Departments and the community provided assistance when called on. Special thanks to Emergency Services, Highway, DSS, OFA/YB, Mental Health, WCCHS, the Board of Supervisors, Community Action, the Chamber, School Districts and others for their help and support.

The WCHD was shorthanded in 2021 due to attrition and excess demands, but the work was accomplished. Welcome to Rob Jines, Andy Meyer, Jess Merrill, Tina Csendom, Pam Robb, Deb Head, Donna Schultz, David Parfitt, and Ryan Hamilton as they accepted new positions at the WCHD during this challenging time. Special thanks to Steve Perkins for 34+ years of service to the Health Department, we wish him the very best during retirement and are thankful for his contributions and leadership through the years. All WCHD team members contributed to the demands of the moment, often working long hours, weekends and outside of their job descriptions to meet the needs of the communities we are charged to serve.

2021 was a historic year, as local health departments were called on to simultaneously provide case investigation, contact tracing, testing, vaccination, complaint follow-up, outbound education and reporting, internal communications and participation in NYSDOH updates to guide our collective response. This was all accomplished with just 30 employees who demonstrated remarkable stamina and a deep commitment to cooperation and excellence. With our gratitude and looking forward to a healthy 2022.

FISCAL REPORT

The Wyoming County Health Department's sources of funding include grants, fees for service and taxpayer levy. For 2021, note the following:

The MOU with the Department of Social Services to have Health Department nursing staff conduct in-home Social Work assessments utilizing the UAS-NY system continued throughout 2021. The revenue stream related to this service has been consistent and amounted to approximately \$9,675.

A majority of the Wyoming County Department of Health's funding is received through NYS (36%) and Federal (22%) funding. In 2021, the Wyoming County Department of Health maintained the following grants:

Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention	Navigator
Child Safety Seat	Baby Bundle
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Children with Special Health Care Needs
Drinking Water Enhancement Program	Early Intervention
Family Planning Program	Immunization Action Plan (IAP)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Zoonosis Program (Rabies)
COVID ELC	COVID ELC Schools
COVID ELC Fellows	

Each grant funds specific programs that serve the residents of Wyoming County. Coupled with NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid, the grants provide a very important component of the Wyoming County Department of Health's overall funding stream. Newly awarded grants in 2021 consist of the COVID ELC Schools and the COVID ELC Fellows grants.

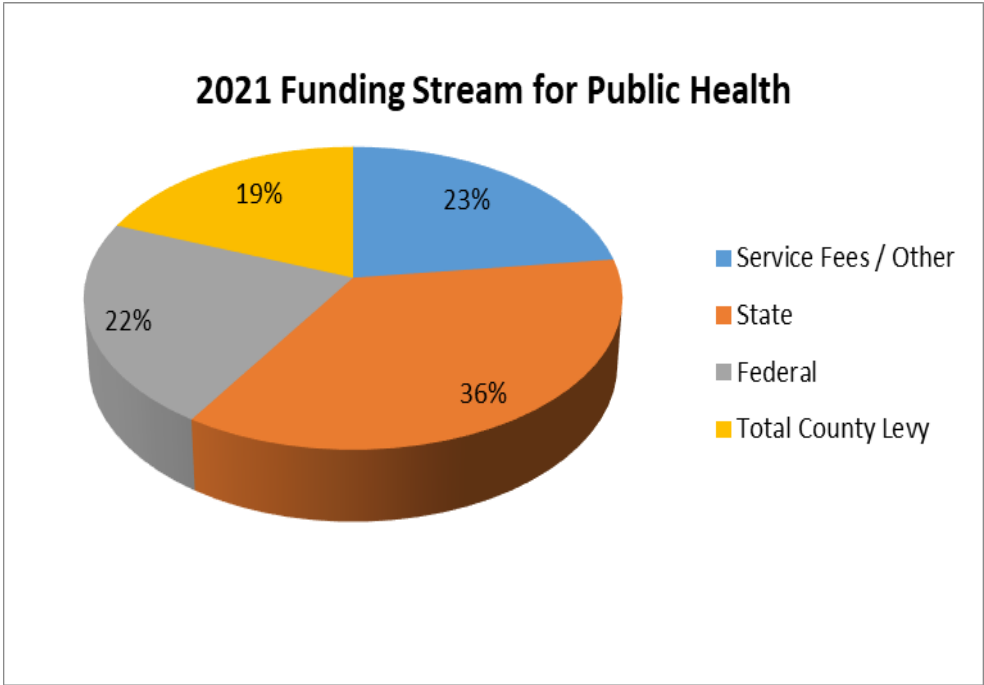
In December of 2021 the WCHD Men's & Women's Health Services closed. This Grant funding for that program was based on patient volume 10+ years ago. Sharp decline in patient volume and staffing instability resulted in the closure. Due to the Clinic's closure, revenue related to the Family Planning Grant will be absent in 2022.

The Wyoming County Health Department has a statutory responsibility to provide STI testing. We are currently in the process of launching our Sexual Health Center to meet these requirements. The costs associated with this clinic will be funded through NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid.

Beginning in March 2020, the Department of Health began focusing on COVID-related tasks. NYS was on a mandatory PAUSE to prevent the spread of the virus, which resulted in a hiatus in many core services and corresponding revenues, which continued throughout early 2021. There is an opportunity to make up some of these lost revenues through the billing of an Administration charge for the COVID-19 vaccinations for those with insurance coverage. We have continued to bill these fees and generated approximately \$170,000 in revenue in 2021; many other local health departments did not undertake billing for vaccine administration.

The Health Department has been heavily involved in COVID detection and response efforts, including vaccination. When the 2021 budget was prepared the landscape of this effort was unknown. We continue to work within our means and utilize all State and Federal funds awarded, seeking partnership and means to use funding to benefit the WCHD and County. We truly appreciate the ongoing support from the Board of Supervisors, Public Health Committee, other departments, Community Based Organizations and volunteers.

	2021 Budget Revised	2021 Actual Figures	
Service Fees / Other	589,253	670,573	81,320
State	1,321,645	1,066,938	(254,707)
Federal	993,333	648,381	(344,952)
Total Revenue:	<u>2,904,231</u>	<u>2,385,892</u>	(518,339)
Personal Svc	1,386,919	1,254,413	(132,506)
Capital	52,933	10,340	(42,592)
Contractual	1,405,530	988,621	(416,909)
Fringes	770,165	687,637	(82,528)
Total Expenses:	<u>3,615,546</u>	<u>2,941,011</u>	(674,535)
Total County Levy	<u>711,315</u>	<u>555,119</u>	156,196 ***Under Budgeted Levy -22%



Year	County Levy	Health Dept Budget	Percent of Levy
2011	552,662	4,210,959	13%
2012	803,998	4,494,544	18%
2013	383,118	3,560,512	11%
2014	513,875	2,863,036	18%
2015	675,322	2,866,543	24%
2016	587,633	2,833,437	21%
2017	484,665	2,720,575	18%
2018	602,183	2,882,638	21%
2019	702,031	2,844,907	25%
2020	620,509	2,794,708	22%
2021	555,119	2,941,011	19%

	Revenue	Expense	Tax Levy
Coroners	\$ 9,075	\$ 104,990	\$ (95,915)
Weights and Measures	\$ 9,310	\$ 45,607	\$ (36,297)
			\$ (132,212)

NURSING & LICENSED HOME CARE AGENCY

1st Quarter Highlights:

- 5,337 COVID-19 vaccinations administered at mass vaccination clinics
- 1,179 positive community cases 1st Qtr. 2021 versus 997 in the 4Q20 - VCC assisting with case investigations and contact tracing.
- Staffing adjustments for the month of January resulting from nurses in isolation/quarantine
- Erin Herman resigned from Public Health Nurse position
- SARS COVID-19 testing using Abbott ID NOW-SARS CoV2 and Binax NOW COVID-19 Ag card continued
- Community Health Nurse II Melissa Weingarten invited to participate in the bi-weekly Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court meetings - allowing for better communication and case management for inmate population to continue with treatment while incarcerated and upon release to community.

2nd Quarter Highlights:

- 3,726 COVID-19 vaccinations administered at community vaccination clinics
- 453 positive community cases in the 2nd Qtr. 2021 versus to 1,179 in the 1Q21 - VCC completing case investigations and contact tracing.
- Began home visits to administer COVID vaccines to homebound residents
- May 19, 2021 - masks no longer required for vaccinated individuals.
- SARS COVID-19 testing using Abbott ID NOW-SARS CoV2 and Binax NOW COVID-19 Ag card continues 2x/week on site - online registration
- VCC began doing the isolation releases for COVID positive cases - eliminating need for nurse weekend coverage
- PHN program workload beginning to resume to pre-COVID levels

3rd Quarter Highlights:

- Deborah Head, RN joined the Health Department full time as a Community Health Nurse II
- 4 rabies post exposure cases completed
- Lead Poison Prevention Project Coordinator for WNY Lead Poisoning, conducted provider outreach with Natalie Wedge PHN
- Nursing staff met with epidemiologists, New York State Department Health Epi staff onsite to discuss communicable disease program and COVID-19 response.
- COVID-19 Provider Site Visit by the NYSDOH

- Donna Schultz RN joined the Health Department as the COVID Coordinator
- COVID-19 testing continued 2x/week at Health Department
- Rob Jines conducted trainings with Wyoming County School Districts to begin their onsite COVID-19 testing programs
- Continued to work on grant deliverables for the Baby Bundle project - on schedule, received time extension to distribute
- Met with Genesee County Health Department to discuss forming a coalition for Maternal Child Health Program, pending in 2022.
- Met with WCCH Maternity Nurse - discussed Hepatitis B birth dose rates (down from 2020)
- Conducted Vaccination clinics at the Health Department, and Wyoming County Fair
- Nursing staff attended the PAARI (Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative)
- Nursing staff attended virtual NYS Adult Immunization Coalition meetings 10/26 & 10/27 (usually conducted over 2 days in Albany)

4rd Quarter Highlights:

- Natalie Wedge, PHN joined MCH coalition - significant collaboration for WCHD MCH program
- Natalie Wedge, PHN resumed attending WCCH quarterly OB/GYN committee meetings
- Awarded \$18,000 through the Article 6 Performance Incentive Program (Communicable Disease Program) - special recognition to Natalie Wedge & Deb Head.
- Conducted Rabies titers at Perry Vet Clinic and Attica Vet Clinic - 53 samples sent to Wadsworth Lab.
- On-boarded 1.0 FTE COVID Response Specialist - Tina Csendom RN
- On-boarded per diem COVID Response Specialists - Donna Bartlett LPN & Denise Bissell RN
- Received scholarships for 2 staff members to take Lactation Consultant Course - regular tuition cost is \$575/student.
- 1,914 Covid-19 cases recorded and monitored, nearly as many as the first 3 quarters of 2021 combined!
- 1,643 Covid-19 vaccines administered through clinics on site at HD/schools/homebound/OPWDD/health care centers
- Community testing significant increase, offered 3x/week up at Wyoming County Highway. Special thanks to WCHD staff, Brian Meyers, Devin Blue and volunteers from other Wyoming County departments to operate these clinics.

Quarterly Communicable Disease/Quarterly Infection Report - 2021

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Communicable Disease Report 2021

Communicable Disease	Cumulative Quarter				YTD 2021	2020
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr		
Babesiosis	0	0	1	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	0	4	3	2	9	5
Hamophilus Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B Chronic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B Acute	0	1	0	0	1	0
Hepatitis C Chronic	2	5	3	2	12	10
Hepatitis C Acute	1	2	1	0	4	1
Hepatitis B Chronic - PRISON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B Acute - PRISON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis C Chronic - PRISON	2	0	0	0	2	3
Hepatitis C Acute - PRISON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningitis	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pertussis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonella	1	2	1	1	5	6
Strep Pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	1
Group A Strep	0	0	1	0	1	0
Group B Strep	1	2	1	0	4	2
Latent Syphilis	4	4	5	1	14	7
Gonorrhea	6	6	5	5	22	15
Chlamydia	16	13	26	15	70	65
E-Coli	0	0	2	0	2	1
E-Coli 0157 Shiga Toxin	0	1	1	1	3	1
Giardia	1	0	2	2	5	2
Legionella	0	0	1	0	1	4
Lyme Disease	0	2	20	5	27	10
Cryptosporidiosis	0	1	4	1	6	2
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Nile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perinatal Hep B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Covid-19	1179	453	398	1914	3944	1134
Covid-19 prison	372	19	4	42	438	142
Shigella	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals:	1585	515	478	1992	4570	1269

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The Men's and Women's Reproductive Health Services closed effective December 31, 2021. WCHD MWHS was a longtime recipient of funding for operations from the New York State Department of Health. In 2019, NYSDOH announced it was withdrawing from the Federal Title X Program, but made a commitment to keep grantee awards intact via an additional NYS funding extension period through 6/30/2020 from the prior five-year grant cycle that originally ended 12/31/2015. The grant period was subsequently extended again through June 30, 2021 and the next five year RFA was released by NYSDOH with applications due in December, 2020. Given the format/funding formula of that RFA and declining volume of patients and visits in MWHS and vulnerabilities in staffing, the Health Department sought to work cooperatively with WCCHS in their application for funding. The WCCHS application was not funded, rather Planned Parenthood was awarded broadly to provide reproductive health services in the region.

Active clients of MWHS were notified of the closure and given options for continuity of care. Special recognition to Pam Robb, Tina Csendom, RN and Lisa Kemp, NP for their commitment to MWHS patients up through the closure. Close out documents have been submitted to NYSDOH. In 2022, WCHD will operationalize plans to provide statutory STD testing and treatment, folding those services into the Immunization Clinic with an emphasis on health education, prevention of chronic disease and overall wellness.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health Division is obligated to educate, guide, review and enforce the regulations as outlined in the New York State Sanitary Code and the Sanitary Code of Wyoming County.

➤ **Staff - Director, Part Time Assistant Director, (4) Field Staff, (1) Support**

➤ **Assists other State Agencies**

- NYS Department of Conservation

(Public Water Supplies, Air Quality, Ground & Surface Water Contamination, Spills)

- NYS Agriculture and Markets

(Initial Retail Store Complaints/Investigations, Facility Water Supply Protection)

➤ **Assists other County Departments**

- WC Building & Fire Codes

(Water/Sewage System Requirements, Complaints, Fire & Safety Inspections)

- WC Soil & Water and WC Water Resource Agency

- WC Emergency Services

- WC Weights & Measures

2021 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

On January 14, 2021 a formal hearing was held virtually in the matter of the County of Wyoming vs. Old Paths Chapel, 181 South Main Street, Perry, NY for having violated Section 66-3.2, Face Coverings, of Subpart 66-3. Subsequently on January 27, 2021 a special meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Health was held to review the findings of fact and recommendations submitted to the board by the hearing officer. By unanimous consent the Board determined the following:

- Old Paths Chapel violated Section 66-3.2, Face Coverings, of Subpart 66-3 of Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations;
- Impose a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for failure to comply with State Sanitary Code requirements. In addition, any future complaints of similar nature being made against Old Paths Chapel will result in an additional fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

As a result of new water testing requirements for PFAS/PFOA and 1,4 Dioxane in 2020-21, three of the larger public water supplies (Warsaw, Perry and Attica) completed their first round of sampling in November 2020 with no detections. In February, 2021 WCHD assisted 15 other systems (19 Samples) in meeting the new requirement. These systems will have to complete three more rounds of samples over the next three calendar quarters. If after 2 quarterly samples the elements are not detected they may get a waiver for the rest of 2021 but will have to sample again in 2022 and 2023 then every 3 years thereafter.

On March 30th this office held a Children's Camp ZOOM workshop. With the announcement of Children Camps operating this summer, discussion revolved around the need to start submitting the necessary paperwork and what camp might look like this year. Additional guidance is forthcoming from the State. The workshop was attended by 32 individuals representing most of the twenty previously permitted children's camps.

On June 7th, this office responded to a report of drowning at a Recreational Campground. One Male victim was found deceased in the parks activity pond in the rear of the camp. The victim had entered the pond after

operating hours and never surfaced. No violations were observed during investigation, the facility was asked to provide additional signage indicating no swimming in the non-swimming area.

On July 5th after 31 years of service Steve Perkins officially retired as Director of Environmental Health, thank you to Steve for his outstanding service and leadership. Steve will continue to be involved with the Water Resource Agency going forward in 2022.

On October 2nd the fifth and final 2021 rabies vaccination clinic was held by this department. The clinic was held at the County Highway Garage in Rock Glen and there were 179 vaccinations given (123 dogs, 56 cats). A total of 709 vaccinations (499 dogs, 208 cats, 2 ferrets) were given at 2021 vaccination clinics.

On November 23rd Environmental staff performed tobacco product purchase attempts required by the ATUPA Program with an individual under the age of 21. In all 14 checks were done with 5 facilities selling age restricted tobacco products to an individual under 21 years of age. Enforcement actions have been initiated with one facility having already stipulated to the charges and two facilities requesting an administrative hearing to refute the charges.

On December 15th the WCHD held a 5-hour Water operator training, which was attended by 23 operators. For the Community and non-transient non community systems, operators are required to maintain a license by acquiring at least 15 credits of continuing education every 3 years. Over the past two years, availability of in-person classes have been reduced significantly across the State.

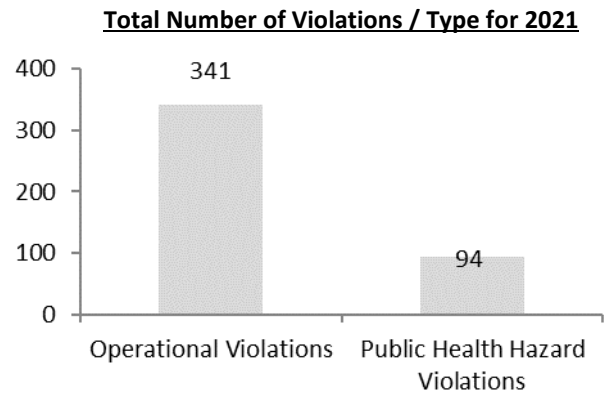
Refer to annual statistics on the following page and note that volumes varied significantly between 2020 and 2021 due to the period of PAUSE in 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic response.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

(Number compared to previous year) *2020 2021

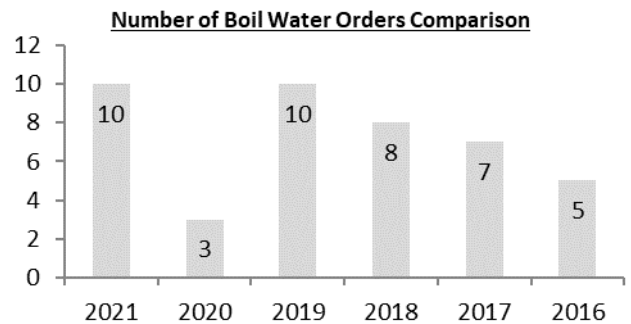
Community Environmental Health & Food Protection Program

Food Service Establishment	200	261
Community Dinner Events	128	166
Recreational Campground	17	18
Temporary Residence	21	20
Swimming Pool	21	31
Bathing Beaches	6	6
Mobile Home Park	16	16
Children's Camps	4	16
Tanning Facility	8	5
Agricultural Fairground	0	1
Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishment	4	5
Operational Inspections	359	496



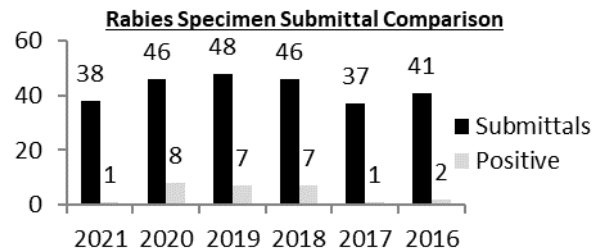
Water Supply Program

Community	29	29
Non-Transient Non-Community	5	5
Non-Community	64	57
Individual Water Supply (Public)	3	3
Public Water Samples Collected	369	476
Private Water Samples Collected	507	455
Surface Water Quality Samples Collected	21	26
Water System Plans Approved	3	3
Onsite Wastewater System Permits	86	73
Property Transfer Inspections	446	500
Water Operators Training Course	1	1



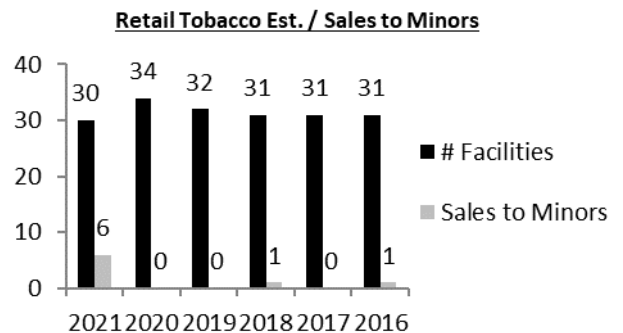
Rabies Program

Animal Bite Investigations	98	78
Specimens Submitted for Testing	46	38
Positive Rabies Confirmations	8	1
Human Post Exposure Treatment	9	5
Rabies Vaccination Clinics	5	5
Total Number of Animals Vaccinated	776	709



Miscellaneous Program Areas

Nuisance Complaints	56	59
Mass Gatherings	0	3
Retail Tobacco Establishments	34	30
Lead Program Investigations	22	18
Lead Program Cases Closed	13	21



<u>Enforcement Proceedings Initiated</u>	13	17
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

2021 Program Goals and Objectives

- COVID Response, including: Continued vaccination at POD, meeting eligibility restrictions imposed by NYS
- Vaccination of special populations (young people, agricultural workers, homebound, inmates etc.) in alternate settings
- School re-opening activities Fall, 2021
- Participate in Event After Action Reporting with County officials
- Lead After Action process internal to the HD, to determine vulnerabilities and areas for systemic improvement
- Timely completion of PHEP Deliverables, including required reporting.

2021 - Program Highlights

- Ramped up COVID vaccination at Mass Vaccination Site at Wyoming County Highway Garage in January at a time when the Health Department was the only vaccinator in the County. Nearly 11,000 COVID-19 vaccinations were given in 2021 by the WCHD. Initial challenges included obtaining enough vaccine from DOH to satisfy demand, uncertain vaccine quantity being shipped or the day of arrival. Requirements from NYS on many aspects of vaccination added another dimension to planning, including: use of vaccine within 7 days of receipt; submission of vaccination records within 24 hours; rolling out vaccinations to changing priority populations as outlined weekly by NY State (by profession, age, health status); mandated use of the sometimes problematic CDMS (the State vaccine data system that underwent frequent updates and unexpected periods of unavailability). The uncertain landscape highlighted the importance of internal and external communication and public messaging.
- The five month POD operation at Wyoming County Highway allowed an unprecedented implementation of our Medical Countermeasure Distribution Plan as it became a routine operation. The loan of the physical space at Highway, the loan of personnel from other County departments and community volunteers to staff the clinics, the support of the Board of Supervisors, assistance of Emergency Management and dedication and willingness of WCHD staff across all areas, demonstrated a cooperative effort which is rare in other counties. All of the above allowed an incredible number of County residents to be vaccinated close to their home at a very low cost to the County at a time when there were high demands on Health Department staff to deal with other aspects of COVID. We received numerous positive comments from vaccine recipients about the friendliness and professionalism of the staff. We reached a peak month for number of vaccinations in March- over 2,100 people received first doses, and over 1,400 people received second doses from the WCHD in March at the County Highway Building!
- As pharmacies became able to scale up their vaccination, and demand slowed, the permanent location at Highway closed, and we transitioned to hold smaller clinics at the Health Department and focus on homebound residents, private employers, farmworkers, and school-aged children in locations around the County. We were able to offer Janssen Single Dose vaccine as well as Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

- In October, boosters became available, resulting in increased traffic, and in November, WCHD began vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 years when they became eligible. We filled a demand for this age group, as there were very limited options for vaccinations as no pediatricians located in Wyoming County regularly provided COVID vaccinations at that time. We also provided on-site vaccinations at the Hospital to assist them with meeting vaccine mandates for staff.
- The Department continued to work closely with schools on DOH and SED guidance surrounding school requirements, contact tracing, restrictions and plans. Responded to employer and community inquiries regarding restrictions to changing masking, isolation and quarantine requirements. Nursing managed case investigation and contact tracing with the assistance of State contact tracers.
- As COVID tests became more available, we increased the capacity of testing operation and moved from testing at the Health Department to testing at County Highway building as a drive through operation. Also held testing at a few other remote sites for a short time. In 2021, we performed over 2,800 COVID tests, provided paper result for participants, and entered those results into a state database.

CORONERS

Wyoming County has four Coroners, elected for four year terms; they are:

- Michael Smith (2022 - 2025), Wyoming
- Renee Hill (2020-2023), Attica
- Neil Williams (2020-2023), Arcade
- Dr. Jennifer Prutsman-Pfeiffer (2022-2025), Darien Center

In 2021, there were 212 community fatalities responded to by Coroners, which is similar to 2020 at 211. Coroners are paid \$100 per community case, plus mileage and \$200 for cases in NYS Correctional Facilities. Note the case volume below:

M. Smith	81	J. Prutsman-Pfeiffer	31
R. Hill	61	N. Williams	39
Arcade: 24	Attica: 26	Bennington: 16	
Castile: 11	Covington: 5	Eagle: 3	
Gainesville: 10	Genesee Falls: 2	Java: 17	
Middlebury: 4	Orangeville: 4	Perry: 39	
Pike: 8	Sheldon: 13	Silver Springs: 2	
Warsaw: 27	Wethersfield: 1	Wyoming: 0	

When a death occurs in the community, a Coroner is contacted by the Wyoming County Dispatch to conduct an investigation for determination of the cause and manner of death. Coroners are generally assigned a geographic quadrant of Wyoming County for response purposes. If cause and manner can be reasonably determined, and a physician will sign the death certificate, the decedent is released to a Funeral Home and required paperwork is completed by the Coroner via EDRS (the NYS Electronic Death Record System) to file a death certificate. If cause and manner of death cannot be determined, or there is not a physician available/willing to sign the death certificate, the case is referred to the Medical Examiner for autopsy. Wyoming County contracts with the Monroe County Medical Examiner (MCME) for these services. When a case is referred to the MCME, the decedent is transported by a contracted Wyoming County Funeral Home at a cost of \$200 per transport (\$600 for NYS Correctional Facility responses). The Wyoming County Funeral Homes that provide this service are: Robinson Hackimer (Warsaw), WS Davis (Arcade), Marley (Attica) and Eaton-Watson (Perry). Certain cases must be referred to the MCME, including: MVA, suicide, suspected overdoses, pediatric and inmates.

MCME requires an annual contract for Medical Examiner Services, wherein an estimate of volume must be provided by the WCHD to obtain contracted services at a contracted rate (\$2,100 for full/partial autopsies and \$1,600 for B&D). Annual cost is determined based on this estimate: if the County overestimates volume, the full contracted cost is due and payable. Similarly, if the County underestimates volume, additional cases beyond the contracted numbers are payable at a higher rate (\$2,500 and \$1,800 respectively). This contract format has been unfavorable in recent years due to increased volume of cases being referred to MCME as a result of overdose deaths and suicides among Wyoming County residents, which cannot be predicted. Attempts to negotiate a more favorable format have been unsuccessful to date. Concerns about the timeliness of MCME services prompted WCHD to enter into an Agreement with NMS for post mortem lab testing; this has improved timeliness of lab results, although autopsy results are sharply lagging. In 2021, there were 212 Coroner attended deaths with 36 Cases referred to MCMC: 18 Full / Partial and 18 Blood & Description. The only revenue offset to Coroner-related expenses is a chargeback to DOCCS and SCOC for inmate deaths (which must be referred to MCME).

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Program responsibilities

The Department of Weights and Measures is responsible for assuring measurement accuracy in commerce throughout Wyoming County in accordance with Article 16 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. The Department is tasked with inspecting and testing all commercially used weighing and measuring devices, including scales of all sizes, liquid metering devices and farm bulk tanks.

The Department is also charged with testing retail petroleum products within the county under the Petroleum Product Quality Program to ensure the quality of gasoline and diesel fuel in Wyoming County.

Program updates 2021

Wyoming county staff completed 457 device inspections, collected 51 gasoline samples and 10 diesel fuel samples. Staff continued training with State Specialists and continues to work to cross train in the various device inspection techniques. 2020 was the first full year the WCHD assumed responsibility for the Wyoming County Weights and Measures program; we're looking forward to continuing to improve operations to increase effectiveness and efficiency.

Inspection Statistics

Weighing devices

Scale Type	Devices in County	Inspections 2020*	Inspections 2021*
Computing Scale	67	75	87
Pre-Pack Scale	22	31	31
Customer Scale	3	2	3
Vehicle Scale	28	22	17
Monorail Scale	3	4	3
Prescription Scale	8	1	8
Livestock Scale	4	2	7
Platform Scale	25	16	24
Hopper/Batch Scale	4	4	4

Liquid Measure Devices

Meter Type	Devices in County	Inspections 2020*	Inspections 2021*
Petroleum Pump	215	198	248 (Includes rechecks)
Milk Tank / Milk Meter	250	11	24

* Inspection numbers include rechecks on devices that were found out of tolerance.