

Annual Report 2020



Mission:
Empowered to Live Well



January to December 2020

South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department

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Letter from Public Health Administrator

The 2020 year in review, Global Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic! After many years of public health emergency preparedness, planning, tabletop, functional, and full- scale exercises, our hard work and efforts paid off in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March of this year the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Milwaukee County and from that time on the United States, Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, South Milwaukee, and St. Francis declared a State of Emergency. This State of Emergency continued through 2020.

Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management stood up a Unified Emergency Operations Center (UEOC) and our communities were well represented in key roles of Public Health in Operations, Planning Section Chief, and Duty Officer, Safety and Risk, Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Local Emergency Operations Centers, UEOC Sponsorship, and in workgroups and committees. This joint effort brought together many partners across multiple sectors of government, healthcare, non-profits, businesses, educational institutions, and more to have a unified response to COVID-19.

This response from case investigation, isolation and quarantine, public health orders and guidance, testing initiatives, vaccination initiatives, and community education was made possible by the incredible efforts of the health department team supported by all of the municipal departments in South Milwaukee and St. Francis, and volunteers. For all of these incredible partnerships we are extremely grateful.

Many of our programs and services were impacted by the pandemic.

We look forward to lessons learned and moving beyond the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Ove

Public Health Administrator

Communicable Disease 2020

Disease Name	South Milwaukee	St. Francis
Disease Name Number of Incidents		
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	4	1
CARBAPENEMASE PRODUCING	1	
CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT		
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE		
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	1	
CHEMICAL PNEUMONITIS	1	
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	60	31
COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS	2	1
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19)	2,093	856
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19) REINFECTION	3	1
INVESTIGATION		
E-COLI, ENTEROINVASIVE (EIEC) / SHIGELLOSIS	1	
E-COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (STEC)		1
GONORRHEA	26	17
HEPATITIS C, ACUTE	1	
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	5	2
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED	13	15
HOSPITALIZATION		
KAWASAKI DISEASE	1	
LEGIONELLOSIS	4	1
LYME DISEASE (B.BURGDORFERI)	1	
MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE (NON-TUBERCULOUS)	3	7
SALMONELLOSIS	1	1
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP A	4	
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP B		2
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	1	
SYPHILIS, EARLY NON-PRIMARY, NON-SECONDARY	1	
SYPHILIS, PRIMARY	3	
SYPHILIS, SECONDARY	1	1
SYPHILIS, UNKNOWN DURATION OR LATE		1
TOXOPLASMOSIS	1	1
TUBERCULOSIS, LATENT INFECTION (LTBI)	5	
VIBRIOSIS, NON-CHOLERA		1

Vital Statistics

Births

South Milwaukee 215

St. Francis 79

Deaths

South Milwaukee 316

Top 5 Causes of Death

1. Heart Disease
2. Cancer Related Deaths
3. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
4. Dementia
5. Respiratory Failure

St. Francis 131

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Births are slightly decreased from previous years in both communities.

*Recently released **official U.S. birth data** for 2020 showed that births have been falling almost continuously for more than a decade.*

Source: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2021/05/24/will-births-in-the-us-rebound-probably-not/>

Public Health Programming

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic many services were temporarily discontinued or delayed.

Total Immunization clients	453
School Vision Screening (8/19 to 3/20)	407 screened 70 referred
Quick Response Team Visits	17
Cribs for Kids	5
Car seats distributed	10
Car seats checked	35
(Includes a car seat event held on 02/12/20)	
Radon Kits	17
Sharps containers sold	38
Sharps containers disposed	63

Environmental Health Consortium

South Milwaukee

EHC Inspections	194
EHC Complaints	86
EHC Animal Bites/Dangerous Dogs	36
EHC Animal Hours	13.8 Hours

St. Francis

EHC Inspections	105
EHC Complaints	53
EHC Animal Bites/Dangerous Dogs	16
EHC Animal Hours	8.6 Hours

In addition to the above services, the Environmental Health Consortium coordinated beach testing at Grant and Bayview Park Beaches, assisted with COVID-19 response with licensed establishments with order enforcement, and education for safe re-opening.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

The health department team conducted disease investigation and contact tracing, issued isolation and quarantine orders to assure compliance, issued orders of closure, and guidance for operating and safe re-opening. The public health team provided community education, testing and vaccinations in conjunction with the other south shore health departments of Cudahy and Oak Creek. As we have planned in the past as a zone for emergency preparedness and response, we put those plans into action!

STAY HOME SAVE LIVES

SOUTH MILWAUKEE

STAY SAFE, MILWAUKEE!

Remember **the 3 W's**
to stop the spread
of COVID-19



WATCH YOUR DISTANCE



WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



STAY SAFE MKE



#StaySafeMKE

HOW TO Trick or Treat SAFELY DURING COVID-19

THE SOUTH MILWAUKEE-ST. FRANCIS HEALTH DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO STAY SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN. IF YOU CHOOSE TO TRICK-OR-TREAT, PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

TRICK OR TREATERS

- STAY HOME IF SICK
- TRICK-OR-TREAT WITH PEOPLE YOU LIVE WITH
- REMAIN 6 FEET APART FROM PEOPLE NOT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- WEAR A FACE MASK COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE EVEN UNDER/OVER YOUR HALLOWEEN MASK
- HAND SANITIZE (WITH SANITIZER CONTAINING AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL) FREQUENTLY WHEN OUT, ESPECIALLY AT KEY TIMES LIKE BEFORE EATING OR AFTER COUGHING/SNEEZING

HOME OWNERS

- DON'T HAND OUT CANDY IF YOU ARE SICK
- WEAR A FACE MASK COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE
- USE TAPE TO MARK X'S THAT ARE 6 FOOT APART FROM THE DRIVEWAY UP TO DOORWAY
- POSITION A DISTRIBUTION TABLE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS. PLACE CANDY ON TABLE AND DISINFECT BETWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATERS
- WASH HANDS OR SANITIZE FREQUENTLY BETWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATERS

PARENTS

- STAY HOME IF SICK
- TRICK-OR-TREAT WITH PEOPLE YOU LIVE WITH AND STAY LOCAL
- TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SAFETY AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES
- MAKE SURE TO STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND USE A FLASHLIGHT IF TRICK-OR-TREATING AT NIGHT.
- WEAR A FACE MASK COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE
- WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY AND AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME
- INSPECT ALL CANDY

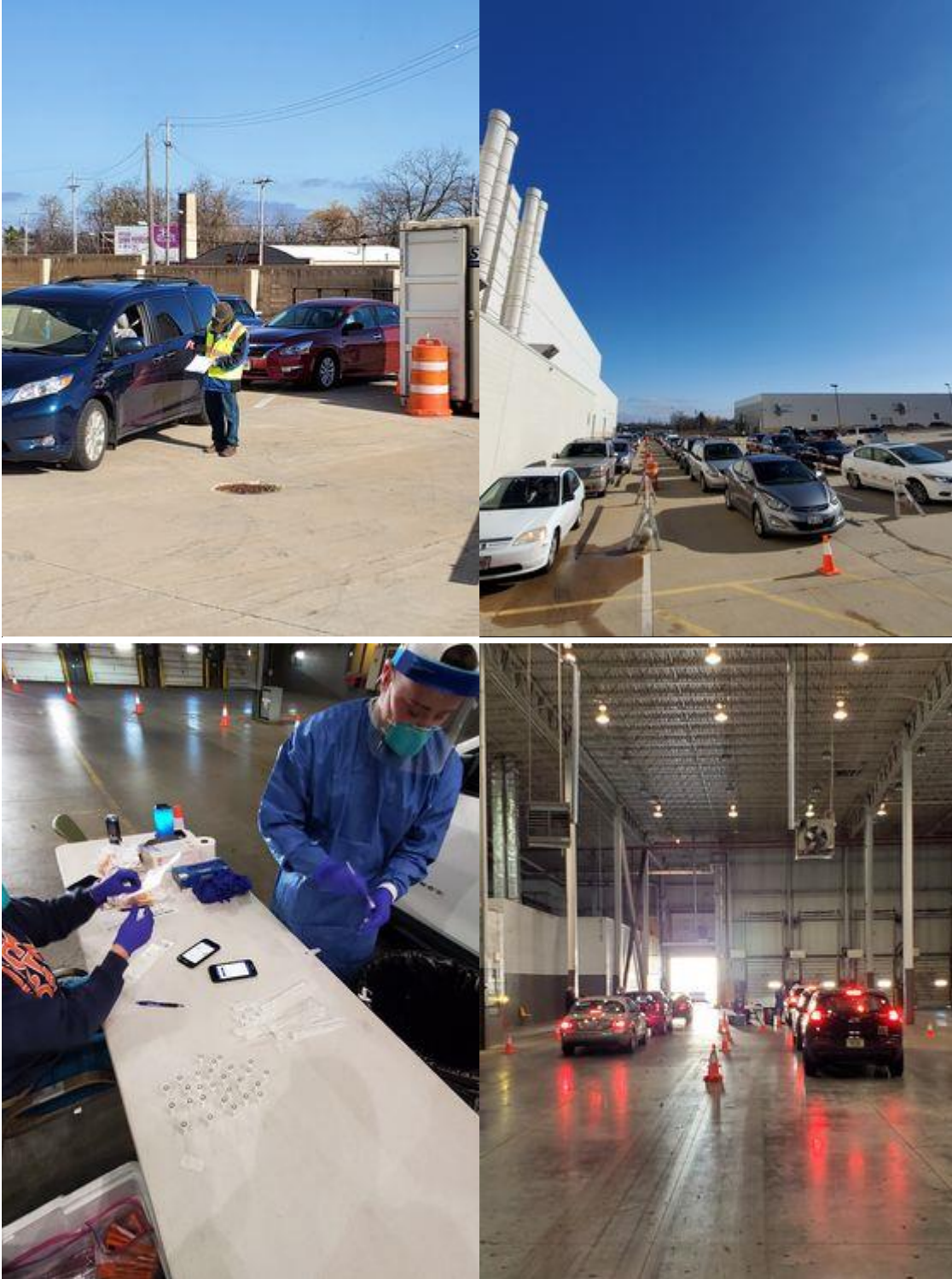
ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

- VIRTUAL COSTUME CONTEST
- CANDY SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE YARD OR INSIDE THE HOME
- HAVE A HALLOWEEN THEMED MOVIE MARATHON
- DRIVE THRU HAUNTED HOUSES
- ONLINE MEETING PARTY
- DANCE PARTY WITH HALLOWEEN THEMED MUSIC

THINGS TO AVOID

- LARGE GATHERINGS OR PARTIES
- HAUNTED HOUSES
- INDOOR CELEBRATIONS
- TRICK OR TREATING WITH PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE YOUR HOME UNIT

Testing Site



Client comment-“Thank you for having the test site at the old Bucyrus, I was in and out in 15 minutes, and didn’t have to get out of my car!”

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Health Department Team

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Temporary Staff hired for COVID-19 Response

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Budget

Health

Levy Budget	\$ 475,993
Grant Budget	\$ 125,668
Additional Grant Funding	\$ 352,123

EHC

Budget	\$ 172,686
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City Sealer

Budget	\$ 7,432
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