



Gillespie County

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Health and community education; immunizations for eligible children and adults; tuberculosis treatment and contact investigation; HIV and STD testing, treatment and education; communicable disease investigation; emergency preparedness and response.

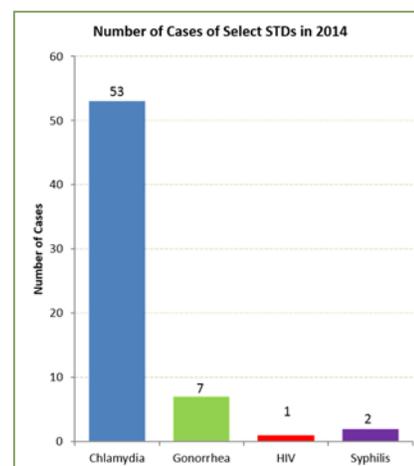
Region 8 Activities

- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly
- Educate the community about child safety, nutrition and physical activity
- Serve on the Fredericksburg ISD School Health Advisory Committee
- Educate the community on youth suicide prevention
- Assess community health needs
- Support TB testing at the Gillespie County Jail

Immunizations

- In 2014, the coverage rate for Texas for the recommended vaccination series dropped 8.5 points to 64%. Texas coverage rates are well below the national average of 71.6%. In the most recent data for Gillespie County, the coverage rate is 42.3%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Gillespie County is 1.64%, up from 1.20% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Amebiasis	1	0	0
Amebic Meningitis, Other	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	11	11	12
Chagas, chronic indeterminate	0	0	1
Cryptosporidiosis	5	2	1
Malaria	0	1	0
Pertussis	1	7	1
Salmonellosis	6	3	17
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	0	0	2
Shigellosis	2	0	15
Tuberculosis	0	0	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	4	0
Vibrio vulnificus infection	0	0	1



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 3 children received personal care services
- 1,440 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 6 youth camp inspections conducted
- 7 rabies investigations conducted with 7 positive animals identified
- 2 rabies quarantine facilities inspected