



Zavala County

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Public Health Services

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; and general sanitation and food establishment inspections for the county.

Region 8 Activities

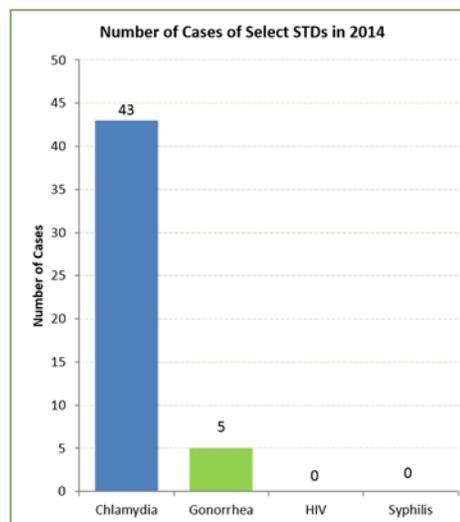
- Serve on the Crystal City ISD School Health Advisory Committee
- Participate in health fairs
- Provide health and safety information to Head Start and child care facilities
- Serve as a resource for school nurses on issues such as immunizations, lice and notifiable conditions
- Educate community members about nutrition, child abuse, teen pregnancy, bike/ATV safety, safe sleep for babies, youth suicide prevention, hyperthermia and hot cars, water safety and injury prevention
- Promote breastfeeding and educate target groups about Text4Baby

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 Zavala County, the coverage rate is 67.8%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Zavala County is 0.00%, down from 0.04% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Campylobacteriosis	1	0	2
Encephalitis, West Nile	0	0	1
Legionellosis	0	0	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	1
Pertussis	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	3	4	4
Shigellosis	0	0	9
Tuberculosis	2	0	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	6	2	1

*MDRO not reportable in 2013.



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 12 children received Personal Care Services
- 2,300 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 11 general sanitation and restaurant inspections conducted