

2017 Tarrant County Public Health Annual Report



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TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

**Reorganizing for
greater success**

Advancing the community's health



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Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) began a major restructuring of the department in 2017. This involved the reorganization of Public Health into four distinct areas; Clinical Services, Disease Control and Prevention, Family Health Services and Health Protection and Response.

These changes were implemented to help our clients and partners more quickly identify the services they need. They also reflect our efforts to become more accountable to our residents and stakeholders, while improving the quality of services we provide and allowing the innovative spirit to further improve all we do.

Details regarding these changes can be found on the TCPH website: <http://health.tarrantcounty.com>.

The changes enable Tarrant County Public Health to better serve the community now while we prepare for the future health needs of Tarrant County.



Clinical Services

Clinical Services provides client care, screenings and medications for specific health conditions. In 2017 our clinics transitioned to a new electronic system for maintaining and storing health records, which has streamlined and improved patient care.

Adult Health Services
Immunizations
Preventive Medicine Clinic
Tuberculosis Elimination
Womens Health Services

Disease Control and Prevention

Disease Control and Prevention investigates and tracks diseases that are common to Tarrant County, as well as conducts ongoing surveillance efforts regarding emerging health threats. In 2017 we added additional capacity in our Epidemiology section to better support our maternal and child health, chronic disease and injury prevention efforts.

Epidemiology and Health Information
Health Informatics
North Texas Regional Laboratory



Family Health Services

Family Health Services include health promotion and prevention activities, as well as the overall health of the family throughout the life cycle, from birth to the senior years.

Chronic Disease Prevention
Community Youth Development
Nurse-Family Partnership
Prematurity Prevention
WIC Program



Health Protection and Response

Health Protection and Response includes preparedness for –and management of– environmental threats in daily operations and emergency situations.

Environmental Health
Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corps



Public Health Administration

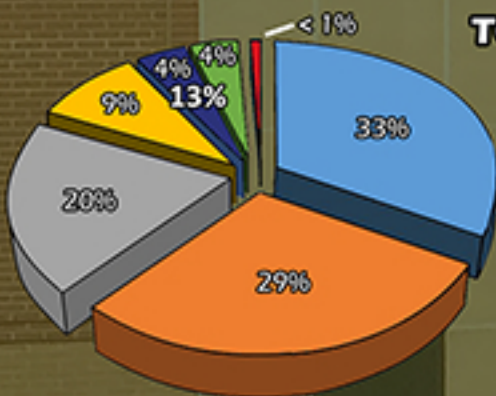
Other changes we have instituted:

- a Health Equity and Community Engagement group to raise awareness of health disparities and potential solutions;
- an ongoing strategic planning effort that looks at local public health needs for the immediate future, and the resources that will be needed; and
- an ongoing performance management effort that will aid in staff development and help the department comply with the requirements to maintain TCPPH as a nationally accredited health department.

A SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY

The following table provides a three-year glimpse of TCPH activities and/or numbers of people involved. Fluctuations may be due to changes in reporting requirements.

DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD MEASURES	2015	2016	2017
BCCCP - Pap smear screens	451	551	252
BCCCP- Breast exams	361	612	294
BCCCP - case-managed clients	141	196	104
Pregnancy tests & referrals	365	423	254
Flu shots provided	11,755	8,179	8,130
Immunizations provided	101,277	36,748	35,618
WIC - visits	606,092	562,028	638,113
Health education - health events, presentations	602	413	424
Health education - referrals	13,662	9,810	14,965
Communicable disease reports investigated	4,034	6,541	12,227
New HIV cases reported	317	261	373
STD clinic visits	7,049	5,484	5,401
STD disease intervention, field investigations	4,123	2,671	2,671
Clinical lab tests performed	49,631	48,033	59,889
HIV/STD cases investigated, partners notified	874	848	1,121
Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) HIV care caseload	865	887	997
PMC clinic visits	4,834	5,164	4,785
Travel Health Services clinic visits	2,530	3,222	3,178
TB clinic visits	10,284	8,419	5,964
TB contacts screened as part of disease intervention investigation	1,548	928	889
TB cases in Tarrant County	65	62	80
Percent of foreign-born TB cases	75.4	50	73.70
Suspected TB cases treated preventively	194	216	132
HIV co-infections (cases only)	2	4	4
Drug-resistant cases (TB)	8	4	4
Directly Observed Therapy doses administered in the field (TB)	7,135	7,678	7,853
DOPT doses administered (TB)	13,755	11,123	8,175
Contacts investigated (TB)	1,548	928	889
Total on therapy (TB)	120	112	91
Total with latent TB infection	780	503	430
Food establishment inspections	7,838	7,477	7,392
Swimming pool inspections	1,085	1,105	1,023
Onsite sewage facilities permitted	354	344	345
Mosquito pools tested for WNV	5,006	5,442	6,649
Milk and dairy lab tests performed	17,430	18,573	19,070
Water lab tests performed	19,329	19,241	19,349



TOTAL FUNDS FY2017 = \$66,111,950

1115 Waiver Funds	\$21,929,985
State Grants	\$19,311,067
Local Government Funds	\$13,274,984
340B Funds	\$6,045,845
Federal Grants	\$2,760,417
Local Fees	\$2,702,749
Local Private Funds	\$86,903



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