

NOVEMBER '25

Loup Basin Public Health Department

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Clinical Summary

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Post October Vaccine Clinical Season through November

Sarah administered vaccines during the bimonthly clinics held in Broken Bow and Ord. Amanda and Sarah also participated in the six-month check-in meeting with Vaccines for Children (VFC) for Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers.

Immunization staff sent reminders to schools regarding participation in the 2025 Annual School Immunization Report Survey. Throughout the month, the department completed 88 in-house shot appointments, supported the bimonthly clinics in Broken Bow and Ord, and managed weekly supply orders. Sydney and Bridget relocated offices to improve visibility for patient check-ins.



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Disease Surveillance & Public Health Notifications

Updates on key surveillance topics—such as the ByHeart infant formula recall, H5N1, H3N2 subclade K, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), and measles—were shared with schools, childcare providers, and healthcare partners throughout the region.



Other Clinical Services

LBPHD Lactation Consultant and Dental Hygienist, Claire Synder, attended the Mindful Moms support group in Broken Bow; however, no participants were present during this session. Claire used this opportunity to brainstorm strategies to improve attendance at future meetings. Additionally, Claire provided three in-house dental appointments during November. With Bailey on maternity leave, Amanda, Sarah, and Danielle have been collaboratively sharing responsibilities to maintain continuity of services.



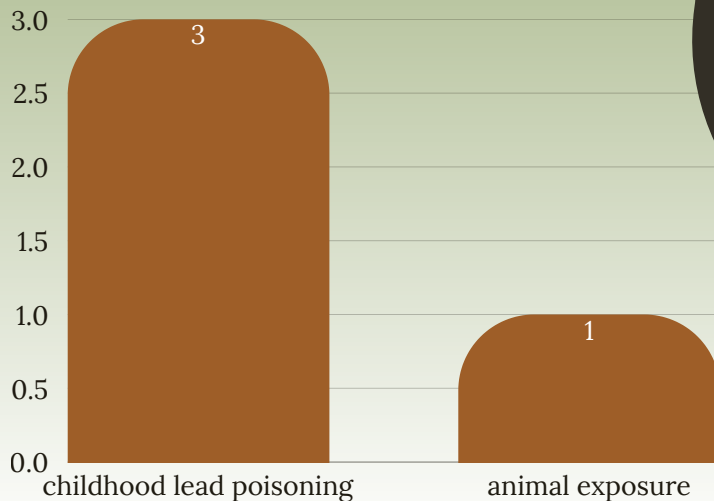
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Disease Surveillance Interactions & Vaccine Data

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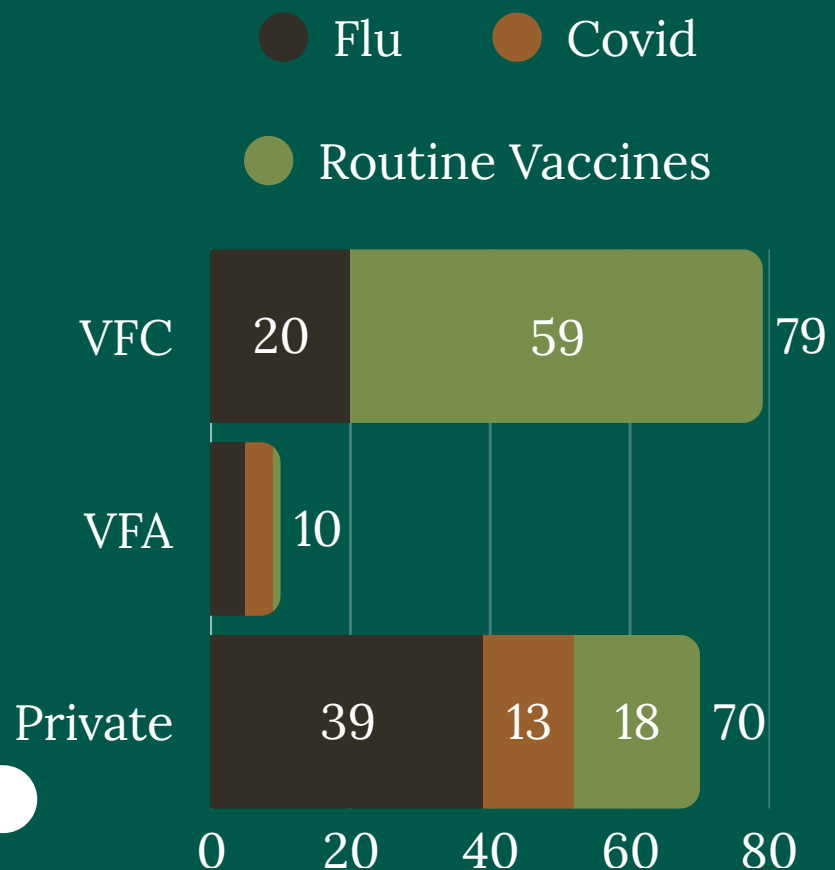
November '25 Disease Surveillance Interactions



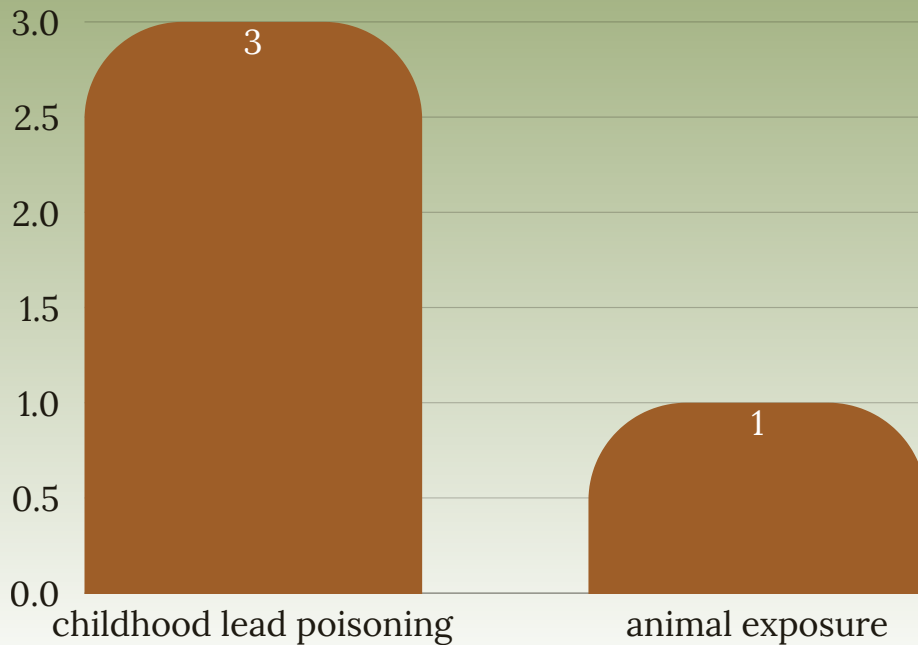
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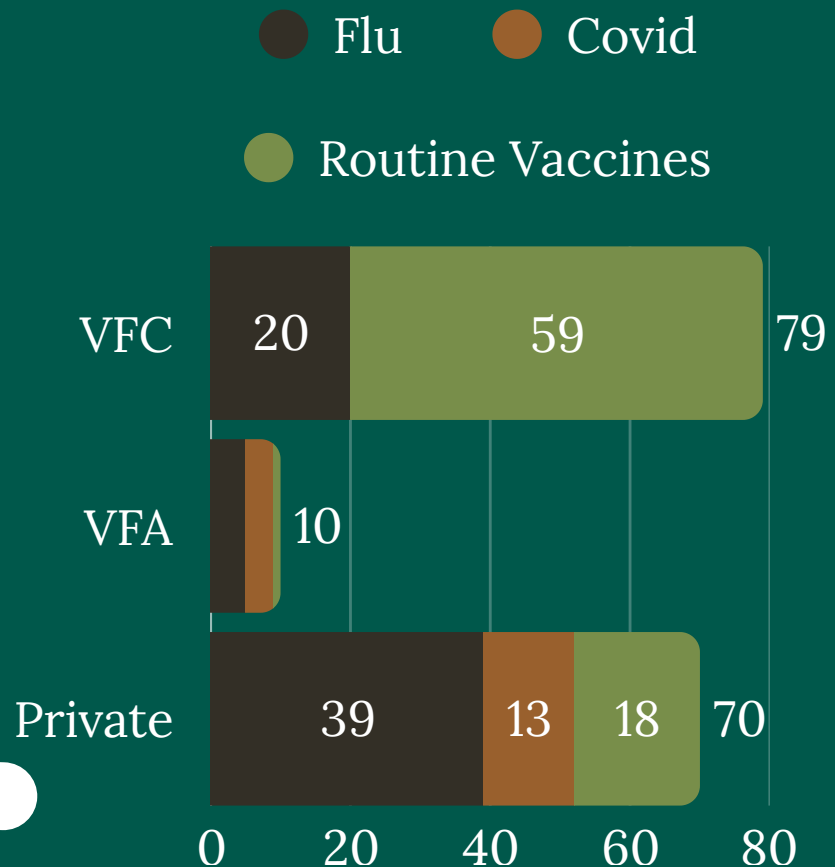
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Administrative Progress



Public Health Week 2025

Due to funding uncertainties during Public Health Week in April, LBPHD staff were unable to participate in the usual activities. To make up for this, staff were provided a catered meal on November 3, which also served as the department's annual recognition and appreciation event. During the meal, Stephanie Gideon was honored for her 10 years of service to LBPHD.

Accreditation

LBPHD is 99% complete with its accreditation documentation and is awaiting one final document for Domain 10. Once received, the full documentation package will be submitted to Public Health Accreditation Board for review. The department remains on track to meet the December 10th submission deadline.

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Administrative Progress

Government & Rural Transportation

On November 4, Amanda attended the Governmental Public Health Systems Retreat in Omaha. During the retreat, Department of Health and Human Services and local health department directors met to discuss current challenges and emerging opportunities. A significant portion of the discussion focused on the Rural Health Transformation funding for which Nebraska has applied, included within the One Big Beautiful Bill signed into law on July 4, 2025. Work related to this initiative is anticipated to begin in January 2026.



Cybersecurity

Stephanie and Amanda have been working with Hamilton Telecommunications to implement Cybersecurity and Information Technology policies. These policies will support the completion of Accreditation documentation and are also part of the Cybersecurity Grant requirements through National Electrical Manufacturers Association. The draft policies have been reviewed, and the department anticipates receiving the final versions in early December.

HR & Accounting

Single Audit & Fiscal Audit

This month, work continued on both the fiscal audit and the department's single audit. Efforts included gathering subawards, compiling invoices tied to federal funding, and submitting the completed Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) for review as part of the audit submission. Healthy Families Loup Basin and DHHS Immunizations Grant were the 2 program selected by the auditor for further review.



Retirement System & Workers' Compensation Audits

Work began on the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems audit, including setting up the initial expense gathering and documentation planning. Additionally, a payroll audit was completed for the workers' compensation insurance provider to verify payroll accuracy and compliance with required reporting standards.



Healthy Families

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A November worth of learning to be grateful for. Over the past month, the Healthy Families program has continued to grow and strengthen community partnerships. The program welcomed two new families, bringing the total served to 25, with two additional referrals currently being processed. Amy Klein was hired as a new Family Support Specialist, increasing the team's capacity to serve families effectively.



Key collaboration and outreach efforts included:

- Meeting with Postpartum Support International
- Hosting the quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting
- Convening the Community Action Team
- Participating in the Valley County Child Development Committee meeting



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The program also began distributing concrete support items, such as cribs, strollers, and mattresses, in partnership with CyncHealth and the Midwest Institute for Community Health. Additionally, staff met with National Healthy Family America leadership to initiate the accreditation process, attended a class on advocating for families amid immigration enforcement, participated in the Maternal Child Health Summit, and took part in senior interviews at Burwell Jr.-Sr. High School.



Healthy Families Happenings

The Healthy Families program has established its own bimonthly newsletter to help share information covered during home visits with enrolled families and interested subscribers. The newsletter will feature topics such as toy and formula recalls, family-friendly recipes, curriculum highlights from HFA sessions, and upcoming events. This new communication effort aims to strengthen knowledge-sharing between families and program staff. The first issue is scheduled for release on the last Wednesday of December 2025.



Grant Updates

Public Information & Education Mini Grant

Public Information and Education Mini Grant activities in November centered on several social media campaigns, including Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, safe driving around agricultural equipment, National Seat Belt Safety Day, deer-season driving safety, Crash Responder Safety Week, and buzzed and impaired driving awareness around Thanksgiving. During Crash Responder Safety Week, the department partnered with the Burwell, Broken Bow, and North Loup–Scotia volunteer fire departments to expand outreach. Michelle also continued coordinating with nationally known teen driver safety speaker, Cara Filler, to schedule spring presentations for local schools.



Grant Updates

Chronic Disease

Amanda and Claire attended the Nebraska Physical Activity Stakeholder Forum in Omaha to collaborate on statewide initiatives aimed at improving physical activity and healthier eating habits.

As part of chronic disease

prevention efforts, the department has established Meal-in-a-Bag kits, with several maintained on hand and encouragement provided for communities to create similar kits for their local food pantries. During November, three Meal-in-a-Bag kits were distributed.

What is a Meal-in-a-Bag?

A meal-in-a-bag kit is a pre-packed set of simple, shelf-stable ingredients along with a recipe to follow that provides an easy, nutritious meal for individuals or families facing food insecurity.

Car Seat Mini Grant

In November, the department distributed two booster seats to a family in need through the Highway Safety Office grant and completed eight car seat checks. At this time, 11 car seats remain available for distribution to families who meet the income eligibility requirements.



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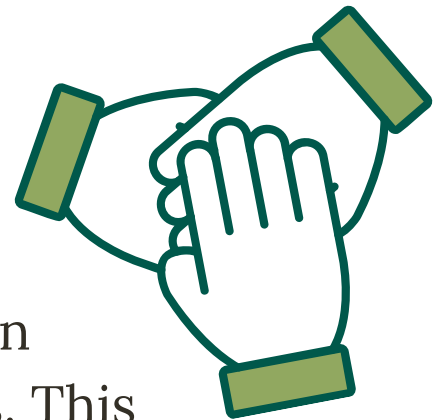
Continuing Pilot Program



Stephanie and Amanda have been meeting with DHHS to plan the Community Health Worker (CHW) School Mental Health Pilot Program. With the onboarding of Amy Klein, she will assume the role of grant coordinator moving forward. The first phase of the project includes completing the CHW Connect Program through University of Nebraska Medical Center. The grant funding period runs from November 2025 through May 2026.

Minority Health Initiatives

The department continues to advance its Community Health Improvement efforts, which align with ongoing coordination of an opioid prevention speaker for local schools. This month, the department received notice of a loss of funds for the Minority Health Initiatives grant due to a misinterpretation of grant periods by DHHS, resulting in a reduction of approximately \$11,000. A budget revision has been submitted to adjust funding for the remaining three quarters of the grant period.

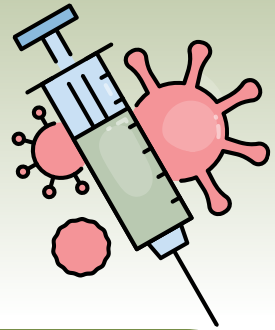


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HPV (human papillomavirus)

Danielle met with Grant Coordinators to review LBPHD's progress with this grant. During this month LBPHD held our internal HPV coalition meeting where we discussed ways to engage providers (medical and dental) to provide their patients with the HPV vaccination recommendations as well as promotion of the vaccine in general. LBPHD management team also met with the management team from Valley County Health System where we discussed vaccines and collaborated with their Clinical Staff about how we can help fill the gaps in services they are providing. Danielle also completed a Reminder to help ensure patients receive follow-up vaccines policy per grant requirements.



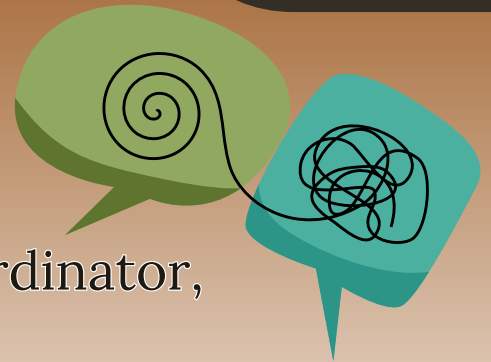
Region 3 Opioid

Shelby has received confirmation from five schools expressing interest in hosting the opioid prevention presentation. She is currently coordinating with both the speaker and school administrators to identify suitable dates and times for the presentations.

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Youth Mental Health

The Youth Mental Health Grant Coordinator, Sydney, organized a CredibleMind demonstration for LBPHD administration and interested partners across the district. The demo, led by Scott Dahl of CredibleMind, showcased the platform's capabilities, including its integration with LBPHD's website, accessibility for communities, and use of real-time population data. Attendees expressed strong optimism that CredibleMind will serve as a valuable resource, offering self-directed learning on stress management, depression, anxiety, and more than a hundred topics covering whole-body health, mind wellness, relationships, financial stressors, and more. While the primary focus is youth mental health, the platform is expected to benefit a wide range of individuals beyond the target age group.

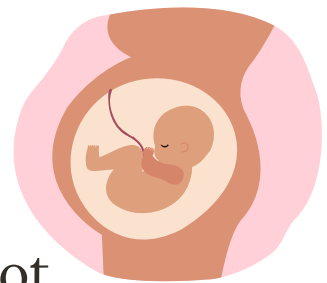


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Maternal Mortality



Michelle attended the 2nd Annual Maternal Child Health Summit in Lincoln on November 20. The Summit presented on maternal and child health topics including home visiting programs, maternal mental health, access to maternity care in rural areas, as well as current maternal child health efforts. We are also exploring opportunities for LBPHD to become a Blue Dot Safe Spot which will provide all staff members training on perinatal mental health to ensure they have the appropriate knowledge and language to support perinatal patients and properly refer them to help and resources. By completing this training and achieving the designation as a Blue Dot Safe Spot, we will be putting state Maternal Mortality Review Committee recommendations into practice in a way that will be meaningful to the health of mothers in our region.



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