



Join the CHA Roadshow!

Looking to learn more about the health of Milwaukee? We want to hear from you!

Join the City of Milwaukee Health Department for the Community Health Assessment (CHA) Roadshow events happening April through June 2026. We'll share key findings from the 2025 CHA and invite you to share your lived experience to help shape the future of Milwaukee's health.

The CHA provides a comprehensive look at the health and well-being of city residents and the conditions that influence these outcomes. Through combining data with community voices, the findings highlight the key strengths and challenges, as well as help guide community programs and policies with the goal of advancing health equity across Milwaukee.

Dinner will be provided for all attendees!



[View Dates and Register](#)

CDC Awards MHD \$400,000 to Expand Lead Screening

In February, the CDC visited Milwaukee to announce a nearly \$400,000 CDC grant awarded to MHD to expand school-based lead screening for MPS students. Learn more about the CDC's visit in our latest blog article!



[One Year Later: MPS Lead Hazard Response](#)

PHAB Recognition

After years of coordination, documentation, and reporting, MHD was recognized in February by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) through its Pathways Recognition Program.

MHD successfully demonstrated all 34 foundational public health capability measures. This confirms the department has the core systems and infrastructure needed to deliver essential public health services, including data and assessment, community partnerships, communications, policy development, and emergency preparedness operations.

MHD is only the fourth health department in the nation to earn this designation, marking an important milestone and positioning the department to pursue full national public health accreditation in the future.



Keenan STI Clinic Reopens

After three months of closure to improve staffing and services, the Keenan Health Center STI reopened in February with limited hours.

During these limited hours, STI clinic staff are prioritizing essential STI testing and treatment services.

[Learn more about hours and services](#)



On Socials

Check out our latest social media posts!

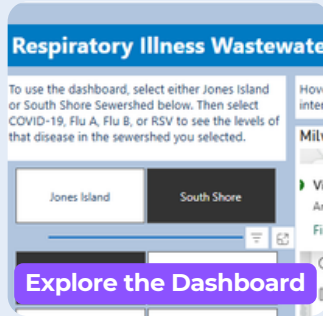
Top highlights include a Hop Takes video on MPS lead hazards, National Public Health Week recognition, and connecting Milwaukee's Black history to public health. Follow our channels to stay connected!

[Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#)



Measuring Community Virus Levels

Following an exposure incident at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport in February, MHD's Infectious Disease team followed up with individuals who may have been exposed, including six Milwaukee residents who were on the flight and 34 airport workers who live in Milwaukee. No additional cases occurred as a result of this exposure.



The MHD Wastewater dashboard was used to track measles activity. You can explore the dashboard all year round to stay aware of virus levels in Milwaukee.

New Harm Reduction Resource Box

A new harm reduction resource box was installed outside the Southside Health Center. These types of boxes provide free harm reduction resources to whoever needs them.

This goes beyond the typical "naloxone box" because, in addition to the typical harm reduction item (naloxone), this box will offer sharps containers for the safe disposal of needles and syringes to prevent injury and infection.



[Explore More Harm Reduction Resources](#)

Welcome Lori Plahmer!

Please help us welcome Lori Plahmer, MSHSA, BSN, the City of Milwaukee Health Department's new Deputy Commissioner of Family and Community Health.

Lori brings more than a decade of experience across public health, clinical leadership, emergency services, and healthcare operations. Most recently, she served as Health Officer and Director of Kenosha County Public Health. A registered nurse with a master's degree in healthcare administration, Lori has led clinical, trauma, and emergency services teams and managed complex healthcare IT and operational initiatives.

She is looking forward to strengthening teamwork and collaboration across Family and Community Health and MHD. Welcome, Lori!



Free Safe Sleep Education Classes

The Strong Baby Safe Sleep Program offers classes both in person and online. In person classes are offered on Mondays at [Keenan Health Center](#); Wednesdays at the [Southside Health Center](#); and Fridays at the [Northwest Health Center](#). Translation services are available upon request for in person classes. Online classes are self-paced and only offered in English at this time.

Call (414) 286-8620 to register for both in person and online safe sleep classes. You may bring a partner/support person with you to in person classes.

The program also offers free Pack n Play cribs. You must be a resident of the City of Milwaukee and 34 weeks or greater pregnant OR a postpartum person within 6 months of delivery to be eligible for a Pack N Play.

[Learn More About The Safe Sleep Program](#)



Check Out Our New Rides

MHD vehicles are sporting a new look! Graphic Designer Chris Trejo partnered with the Finance team and Midwest Custom Wraps to create and install updated vehicle wraps. The wraps help highlight MHD while our teams are out in the community. Keep an eye on our socials for upcoming videos featuring the new rides.

