

# HEALTH MATTERS

Helping Rock County Reach Its Full Health Potential

A newsletter from Rock County Public Health

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RCPH staff at the *Overcoming the Stigma of Addiction Summit* (left) and attendees at the *Understanding the First 1,000 Days Summit* (right)

## PUBLIC HEALTH HIGHLIGHT: SUMMIT EVENTS

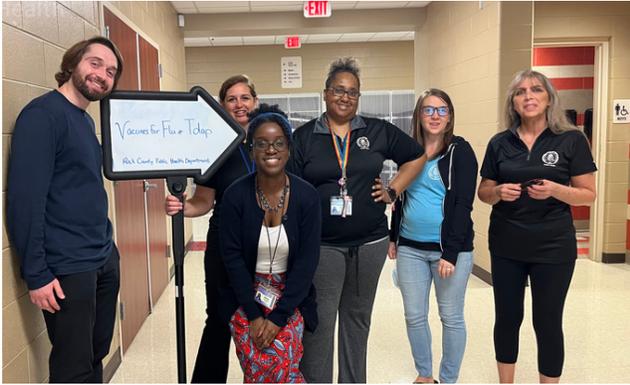
Rock County Public Health (RCPH) recently hosted two summits, *Overcoming the Stigma of Addiction Summit*, and *Foundations for a Lifetime: Understanding the First 1000 Days Summit*. Each Summit brought together local organizations and Rock County residents to share information and resources through presentations, group discussions, and interactive exercises.

Summit attendees were from a variety of professions, including healthcare, academics, law enforcement, and more. In total, there were over 90 attendees between each Summit.

The Summits were a great opportunity to connect and build a stronger network of partners that can help Rock County reach its full health potential.



# IN THE COMMUNITY



RCPH staff at Fruzen Middle School (left) and Parkview High School (right)

## School-Based Mass Vaccine Clinics

We hosted vaccination clinics with local schools throughout October where we provided free flu and Tdap vaccine for children 18 and younger. The clinics helped increase local access to vaccines and provided opportunities for sharing information about the importance of getting vaccinated, especially during the school year. Each of our offsite clinics also help test the department's Points of Dispensing Plan, one of our public health emergency preparedness plans focused on vaccine administration during emergencies.

## Beloit and Rock County Senior Fairs

Members of our [Environmental Health](#) team attended the Beloit and Rock County Senior Fairs and collected over 130 pounds of unused or unwanted medications as part of Rock County's [Rx Collection Program](#).

Rock County has collected unused or unwanted medications since 2006 to help provide a safe, convenient, and responsible way of disposing medications. If kept for too long, unused or unwanted medications can be harmful to humans, pets, and the environment.

Wisconsin's next [Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#) is Saturday, October 28. If you have any unused or unwanted medications, find a [drug take-back day event](#) near you. [Drug drop boxes](#) are also available year-round.



Medication Collected at Senior Fairs, 2023

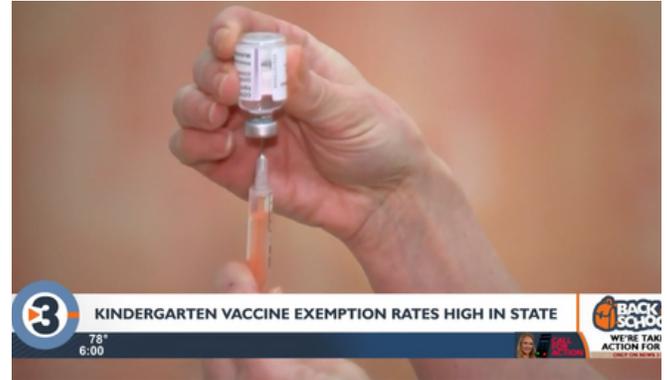


## IN THE MEDIA



### Vaccination Reminders

Thank you to our friends at [Channel 3000](#) and [Beloit Daily News/Janesville Gazette](#) for helping us share information on the importance of getting vaccinated against common respiratory diseases like flu and COVID-19 this fall season. More information on vaccinations and vaccine recommendations can be found through [CDC](#).



## PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



*RCPH Staff at United Day of Caring, 2023*

### United Way Day of Caring

We joined forces with [United Way Blackhawk Region](#) to help Janesville School District put together resources for their [Early Literacy Program](#) as part of the [United Way Day of Caring](#) event. Day of Caring is an annual event where United Way connects businesses or organizations with local nonprofits to support community service projects.

It was a **fun**tastic day to work together and help out for a good cause!

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