

HEALTH MATTERS

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A newsletter from Rock County Public Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Rock County Public Health (RCPH), in partnership with the [Health Equity Alliance of Rock County \(HEAR\)](#), is excited to announce upcoming opportunities to inform Rock County's 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA is used to assess Rock County's health needs and identify how and where we can improve our community's health.

Community Conversations

A Community Conversation is an event where people can gather to talk about issues they are facing in their community. Each CHA Community Conversation will ask questions and have discussions about community health. HEAR is hosting multiple in-person Community Conversations throughout the County, including Milton House Museum and the Edgerton Public Library on February 20. More information can be found on the [HEAR website](#).

Online Survey

Those who aren't able to attend a Community Conversation are encouraged to complete an online survey available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Each response helps provide valuable insight into how Rock County residents feel about their health. This short survey takes about five minutes to complete. Individual survey responses will not be shared publicly.

If you have any issues accessing the online survey, please call RCPH for accommodations at (608) 757-5440. For additional information, please e-mail the HEAR Coordinator at hearcoordinator@co.rock.wi.us.



IN THE COMMUNITY



RCPH staff at the Kennedy Health Fair

Kennedy Health Fair

We recently attended the Kennedy Health Fair on January 17 at Kennedy Elementary School in Janesville to share information about the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) and how parents can use WIR to look up their children's immunization records. We also shared information on some of our services, including water sampling, vaccines, and radon test kits.

Nutrition Collaborative of Rock County at Beloit Winter Crafter & Farmers Market

The Nutrition Collaborative of Rock County (NCRC) participated in the [Beloit Winter Crafter & Farmers' Market](#) to provide free children's activities to the community! The Collaborative was also able to connect with Rock County residents and promote their upcoming focus groups in Beloit.

The focus groups are part of a new NCRC project, [Building and Reinforcing a Community-Based Nutrition Collaborative](#), where the Collaborative will work to address Rock County's food environment concerns.

Visit the NCRC's [website](#) for more information, including the NCRC's first-ever [strategic plan](#) that outlines the Collaborative's strategic priorities across the next few years.



Left to right: Emily (Second Harvest), Courtney (RCPH)



IN THE MEDIA



Beloit Public Library

A few of our staff recently spoke about our new partnership with Beloit Public Library (BPL) that started early January 2024. Thank you to our friends at [Beloit Daily News](#) and [WMTV](#) for sharing information about the partnership and some of the services we'll be offering at BPL.

Xylazine Warning

Shari Faber, Public Health Strategist, sat down with [WCLO](#) to share a message on the dangers of Xylazine, an animal tranquilizer being mixed into illicit fentanyl. She also shared information about drug overdose prevention resources in Rock County.

Visit our [Drug Misuse and Prevention webpage](#) for more information on overdose prevention resources.



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Beloit Public Library

We are over a month into our partnership with BPL and we want to say thank you to everyone who has stopped in to see us so far. The partnership has been a great opportunity to meet Rock County residents and share information on our services, ongoing projects, and plans for the future.

A reminder that we'll continue to be at the BPL every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the co-working space on the first floor. We look forward to meeting more Rock County residents as this partnership continues.



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