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+2024-2025 Annual Report

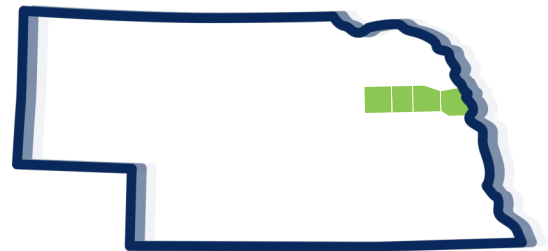
Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department (ELVPHD)

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13.8 employees
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57,076 residents
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CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Expand Mental Health Services
- ▶ Increase Cancer Screening & Prevention
- ▶ Prevent & Reduce Obesity



4 rural & micropolitan counties

Burt, Cuming, Madison, and
Stanton Counties



1 of 9

NE LHDs nationally
accredited by PHAB



2.42

FTEs per 10,000
(Nat'l average is 5.6)



17%

of adults report fair to
poor health

"Our vision: Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities."

—Gina Uhing, Health Director
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Elkhorn Valley Public Health Department (ELVPHD) 2024-2025

Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



675 children educated on substance use prevention

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

ELVPHD provided education to prevent substance use among youth at schools by addressing drug, alcohol, and vaping prevention. As part of these efforts, we introduced the CredibleMind digital mental well-being platform which provides access to evidence-based information & tools that support emotional health.



326 people educated on injury prevention

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Throughout the district, our evidence-based programming supported improvements in healthy eating, physical activity, weight and blood pressure. There were clear improvements in nutrition and physical activity indicators, weight, and healthy behavior changes. Falls prevention programs served 90 residents who showed improvement in mobility and risk reduction strategies.



36 follow-ups conducted for high radon test results

Environmental Health

ELVPHD's Environmental Health program provided a range of services. Our 3 PurpleAir sensors monitored air quality. We helped ensure safe drinking water by providing free nitrate test strips, promoting water testing, and tracking water compliance. We provided 88 radon test kits to residents. Our team followed up on 23 local children with elevated blood lead levels.



1,814 people received oral health care

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

Our Smile in Style program provided community dental services to over 1,800 individuals (1,790 children) over the past year. Notably, 53% of those served reported not receiving regular dental care, underscoring the critical need for this program. Since its inception, Smile in Style has steadily expanded to address the critical oral health needs in the district.



7,167 vaccines provided

Communicable Disease Control

ELVPHD limited the spread of infectious disease through 527 disease investigations, most commonly, enteric illnesses. We also administered 7,167 immunizations as part of our VFC, VFA (Vaccines for Children and Adults), and private pay programs. We offered vaccines at our 3 sites and at district-wide, off-site events. These efforts support health and reduce healthcare costs.

From the Director

During this past year, the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department (ELVPHD), along with our hospital partners Faith Regional Health Services and Franciscan Healthcare, and many other stakeholders and community partners, embarked on the community health needs assessment process to gauge the health status of our communities. This process is conducted every three years, and the data analyzed will result in adopting our new/updated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in the next fiscal year. The CHIP becomes our guiding document to ensure that we prioritize our work to meet the unique needs of our communities. We look forward to finalizing this process, which is vital to moving the needle to accomplish our vision: Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities. In addition to continuing the work outlined in our CHIP, the following notable achievements occurred: 1. ELVPHD continued digitalization as a Strategic Plan top priority to improve efficiency and the delivery of services. This resulted in expanding several new digital platforms and virtual learning options, and adopting a comprehensive electronic health record to ensure we can best serve our communities most efficiently. 2. Our Tekamah, NE office underwent renovations during the year to ensure a comfortable and inviting facility that can readily and most effectively meet the needs of people accessing our services on the Eastern side of our district. We are excited to finalize this space in the coming year! 3. ELVPHD received official notice of reaccreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in August 2024. Achieving reaccreditation requires meeting rigorous quality and excellence standards, and this achievement demonstrates our health department's commitment to ensuring effective, efficient, and high-quality public health programming to assist with improving health outcomes throughout our district.



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