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## +2024-2025 Annual Report

# Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD)



**16** employees

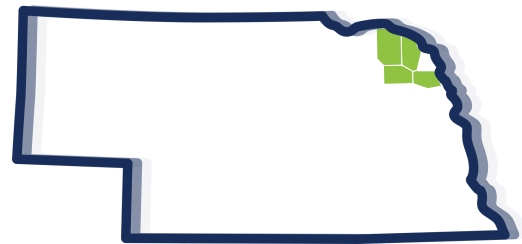


**30,357** residents



### CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Expand Access to Mental Health Support
- ▶ Promote Healthy Living



### 4 rural & micropolitan counties

Cedar, Dixon, Thurston, and  
Wayne Counties



**1 of 18**

NE LHDs implementing  
Nat'l accreditation  
standards



**5.27**

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



**18%**

of adults report  
fair to poor health

*“Our collective hard work makes a difference in the lives of the Nebraskans we serve.”*

—Colleen Hupke, Executive Health Director  
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Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



## Ready to vaccinate in 2025

### Maternal, Child, & Family Health

We support maternal and child health efforts locally. We planned and secured resources necessary to start providing childhood immunizations at clinics across our area in FY 2025. The new program will protect children from preventable diseases and help families keep kids healthy, school-ready, and on track with recommended vaccines.



## 278 A1c screenings completed at no cost

### Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

This year we screened 278 residents' A1c and then connected 66 of those individuals (with prediabetes or diabetes readings) to clinical care. Other programs addressing chronic disease included Sweet Talk, weight management coaching, and coordinating the Diabetes Coalition meetings, monthly. Over 200 people received education and resources at 18 additional outreach events.



## 8 elevated blood lead level (EBLL) cases investigated

### Environmental Health

NNPHD worked with families of the 8 area children with EBLL to identify possible causes and provide guidance; each week, we collected 9 mosquito samples to monitor for vector-borne disease; we distributed 26 radon test kits and provided education to help residents monitor their exposure to this cancer-causing gas in their homes; and our PurpleAir sensor monitored local air quality issues. Our website tracks air quality on a daily basis.



## 1,575 children given oral health treatments

### Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

Residents from preschool to 100+ years old received screenings, fluoride varnish, cleaning, sealants, and education in NNPHD's oral health program. We served 1,651 residents, mostly children, at 16 sites districtwide, including Head Starts, daycares, schools, long-term care and assisted living facilities, and community events. We also connected 113 residents to clinical care.



## 108 communicable disease investigated

### Communicable Disease Control

NNPHD completed 108 disease investigations for reportable diseases, most commonly related pertussis and animal exposures, as well as for sexually transmitted infections. Timely disease investigation and accessible vaccinations prevent diseases in rural communities like ours.

## *From the Director*

As Executive Health Director, I am both proud and humbled by the dedication of our team, the support of our partners, and the resilience of our communities. Together, we are committed to ensuring access to healthcare and supporting the well-being of those we serve. By collaborating with cities, schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations, we have amplified our impact and filled gaps across our counties.

This year, we expanded innovative programs, built strategic partnerships, and used data-driven interventions to achieve measurable progress. We brought new resources such as health kiosks to rural areas, grew our oral health program to address provider shortages, and expanded our Health and Habits program for diabetes and weight management. Our emergency response and environmental coordinator strengthened statewide and national relationships to enhance disaster preparedness, while our nurses continue to guide communities on infectious disease prevention and vaccines.

Looking ahead, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department will keep building safer, healthier communities through collaboration, resourcefulness, and a commitment to excellence. We are grateful to all who contribute to our efforts and successes. Our collective hard work makes a difference in the lives of the Nebraskans we serve.

Kindly,

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