

Town of Ware Board of Health

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I am submitting my report as the Public Health Nurse for the Town of Ware, 2006.

During the past year I have worked under the direction of the Ware Board of Health and Dr. Jeanette Tokarz. In November, one large clinic was held at Mary Lane Hospital for Influenza vaccinations. This clinic was made possible with the assistance of hospital staff. Homebound residents were vaccinated in their homes as needed. Individuals were immunized against the flu, and all vaccines were administered free of charge.

I have provided school nurse services for the students at St. Mary's School on a daily basis during the school year. My duties included mandatory screening of vision and hearing for 148 students. When necessary, students were referred for follow-up care. Postural screenings were also performed on the fifth through eighth grade students. Health education programs were developed and presented to students in grades K-8 on topics to the different grade levels, special attention given to peanut allergy awareness.

The state grant for the fluoride rinse program was made available once again for the public and parochial schools of Ware. St. Mary's student participation in this program was 105 children out of 148 eligible. Dental sealants were also provided for those students eligible.

A monthly blood pressure clinic was offered at the Ware Senior Center. I also submitted senior health articles that were published in the Ware senior's monthly newsletter.

I have reported communicable diseases to the State Department of Health. Lyme disease cases 19, Hepatitis cases 2, Rabies exposure 4, Group B Strep cases 1, Cryptococcus Neoformans cases 1, Enterovirus cases 1, Salmonella cases 1, Step Pneumo cases 1.

I have maintained professional contact with regional health providers, and school nurses. I have attended training seminars on school health, CDC updates, and infectious disease reporting. I am also taking an active role in the Emergency Preparedness planning and training sessions.

Respectively submitted,
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