



2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DIRECTOR



Dear Residents of West Piedmont Health District,

I am pleased to share the 2025 Annual Report for the West Piedmont Health District. This year brought meaningful progress, strong partnerships, and a continued commitment to protecting the health of every resident we serve. While our work spans many areas, our mission remains steady: to prevent disease, promote wellness, and support thriving communities.

Our teams continued delivering the essential services that anchor public health. Environmental Health had a particularly impactful year, ensuring the safety of food establishments and drinking water systems while completing significant work on new private wells, well repairs, and onsite sewage system permits. Their inspections and oversight help guarantee safe, reliable water and wastewater systems, a critical infrastructure that quietly safeguards community health. Our clinical teams also provided family planning, immunizations, and other core services relied on by thousands of residents.

Two priorities shaped much of our work in 2025: strengthening Maternal and Child Health and responding to rising STI and syphilis rates. Our maternal and child health staff expanded support for pregnant individuals, new parents, and young children through home visiting, education, and close collaboration with community partners. At the same time, our STI team increased testing, broadened outreach, and worked with healthcare providers to improve early detection and treatment, demonstrating our commitment to addressing emerging health challenges with urgency and compassion.

Our progress this year reflects the power of collaboration. Hospitals, schools, community organizations, and local governments all played a role in helping us reach residents and respond to local needs. I am deeply grateful for the dedication of the West Piedmont Health District staff, whose professionalism and resilience make a real difference every day, whether in a clinic, in the field, or behind the scenes.

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2025 Annual Report. I hope it offers a clear picture of the work underway across our district and the progress we are making together. We look forward to continuing this important work in the year ahead.

In health,

Penny C. Hall, BS, MAHS

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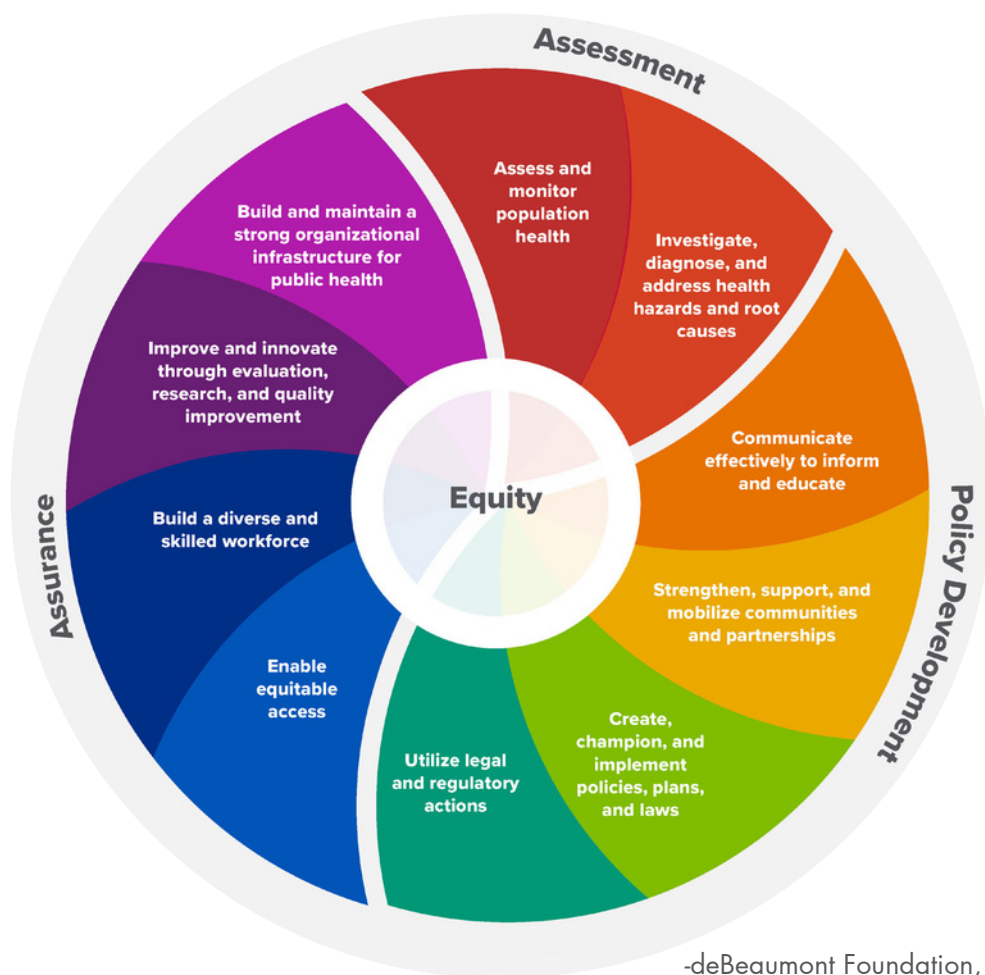
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TEN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Representing one of the 35 local districts of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), West Piedmont Health District has the shared mission to protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia. We do this by applying the framework of the 10 Essential Public Health Services, keeping equity at the center of all that we do.

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.

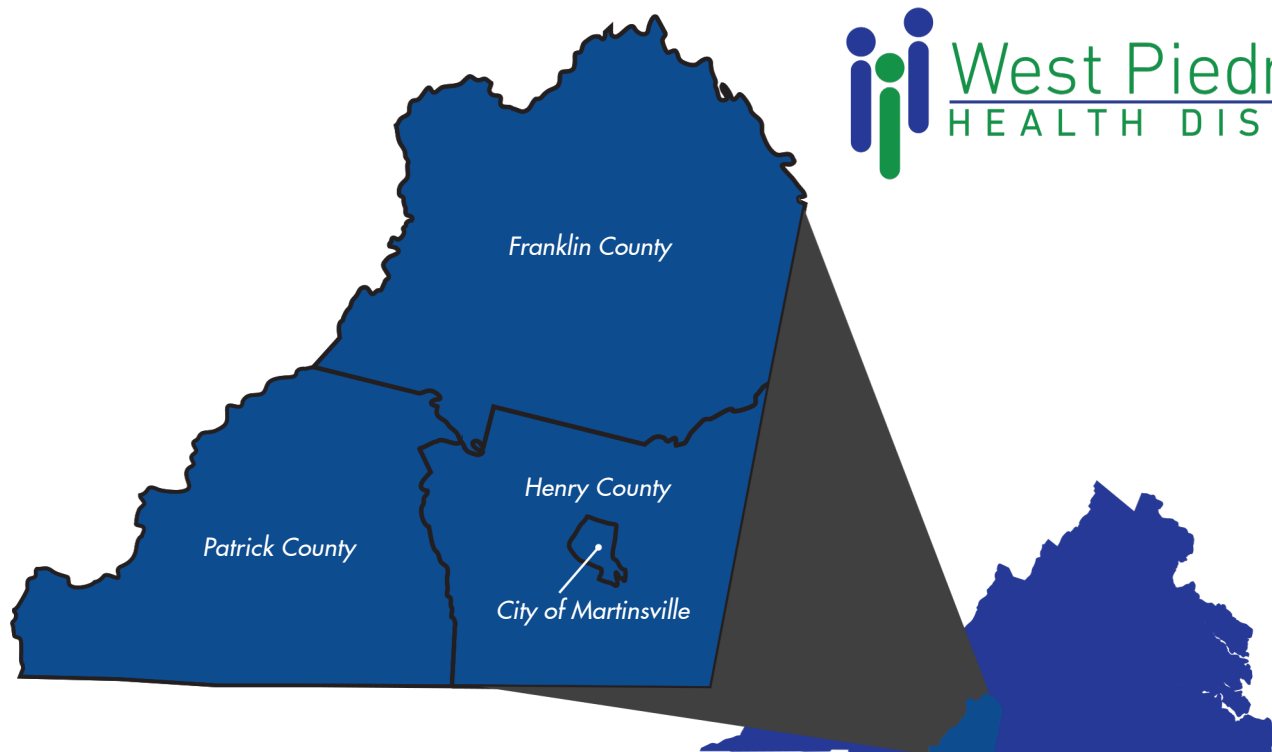


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WPHD SERVICE AREA

The Mission of the Virginia Department of Health is to protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia. The agency's vision statement is "Become the healthiest state in the nation."



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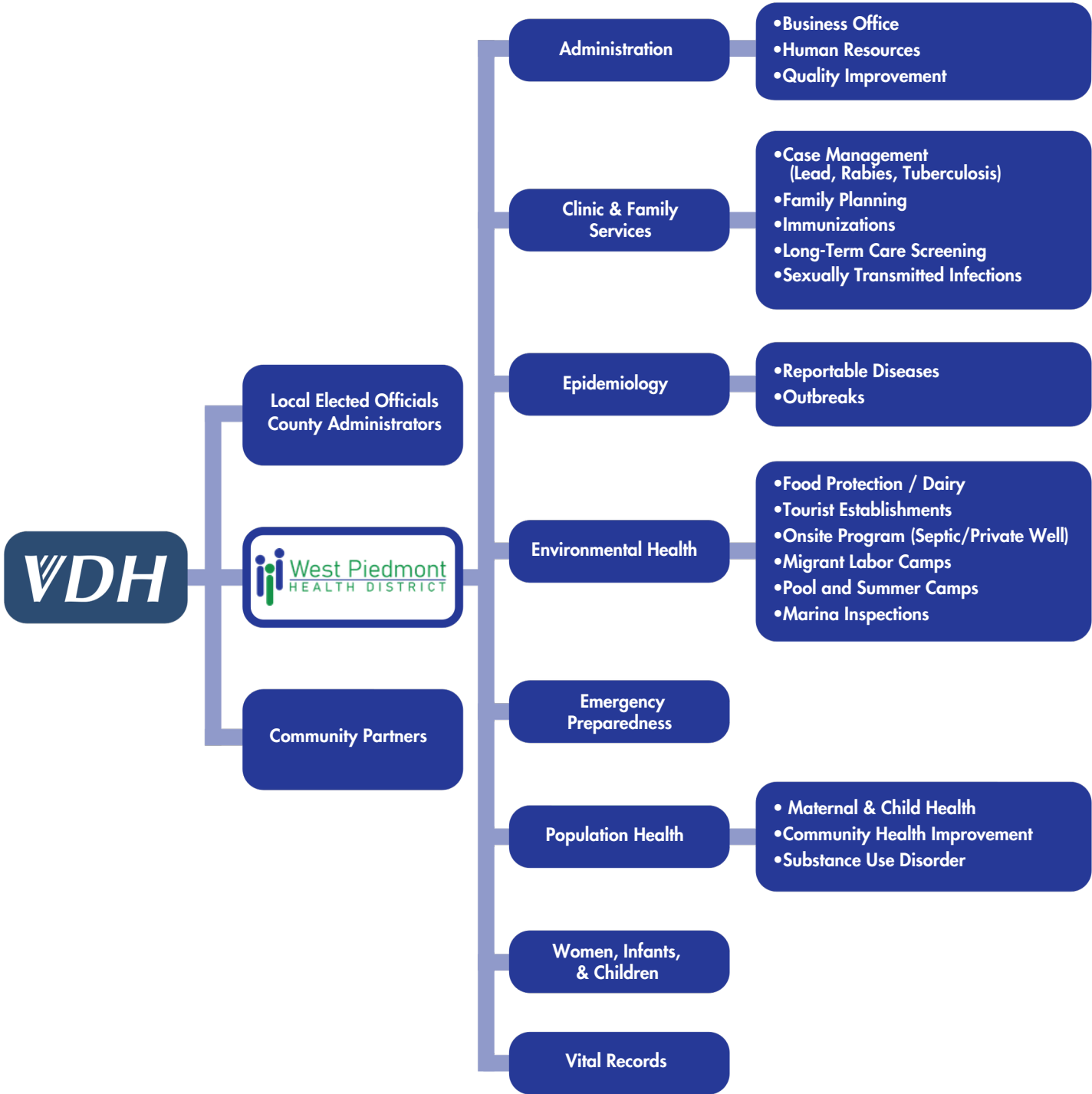
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VDH ORGANIZATION CHART



ADMINISTRATION

The mission of the Administration Division is to provide the support and services necessary for the successful implementation of district programs and services and to provide transparency to our stakeholders.

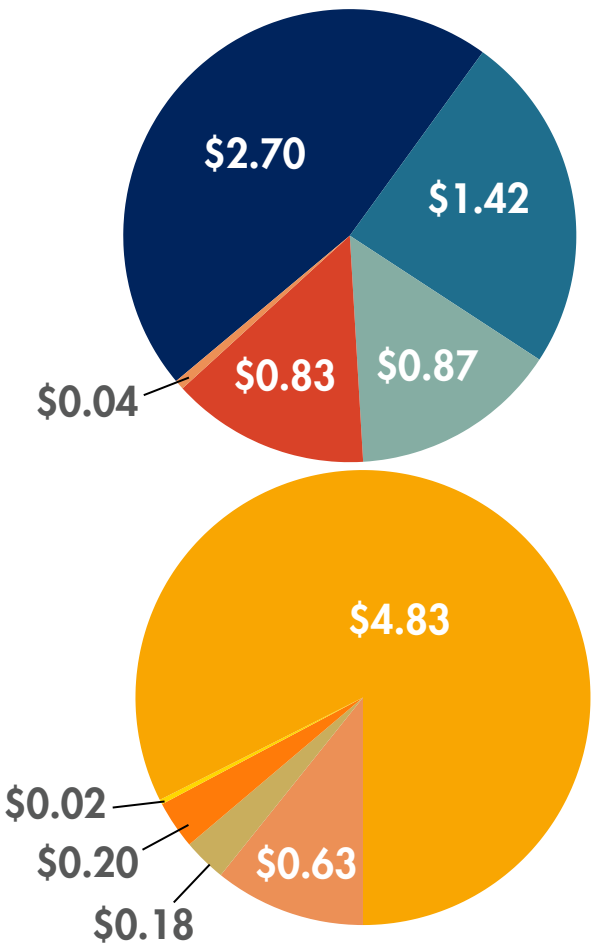
Financial Information

West Piedmont is funded through two main budget categories: cooperative and non-cooperative.

- The **cooperative** budget includes state general funds that are legally matched by local contributions under the Code of Virginia. It also incorporates income from fees and service-based revenue.
- The **non-cooperative** budget consists of funding from federal and various other grants.

These figures reflect allocations for the 2025 Virginia Department of Health fiscal year, which spans from July 2025 to June 2026, and are presented in millions.

The West Piedmont Health District administrative team remains committed to strategically distributing scarce resources to achieve the greatest impact on public health. Their responsibilities span budget oversight, staffing strategies, and efficient resource deployment.



TOTAL WPHD REVENUE
\$5.9 MILLION

- Key:
- State Funds
 - Federal Funds
 - Local Match
 - Revenue from Fees
 - 100% Local Funds

TOTAL WPHD EXPENDITURES
\$5.9 MILLION

- Key:
- Personnel Services
 - Contractual Services
 - Supplies and Materials
 - Continuous Charges
 - Equipment/Misc

GRANT DETAILS

To support ongoing community recovery efforts in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, West Piedmont Health District effectively leveraged federal grant funding to expand local health initiatives. This included targeted investments from the Commonwealth of Virginia for Community Health Workers, through the Maternal Mortality Grant. These two positions provide case management for referred WIC clients and connected opportunities to collaborate with external partners to bolster health related program development across the district.

On-Going/Continuous Grants	Amount
Women, Infants & Children	\$661,924
Immunization IAP/Pan Flu	\$65,342
Title X Family Planning	\$23,001
Title V Maternal & Child Health	\$54,019
PHEP/ EPI	\$229,693
Breast and Cervical Component	\$74,000
TB Outreach	\$2,080

One-time Grants	Amount
Disease Surveillance and Investigation	\$106,814
Opioid Abatement Authority	\$83,868
Public Health Infrastructure	\$76,351

**TOTAL WPHD
GRANT FUNDING**

\$1,377,092



CLINIC SERVICES

The mission of the Clinical Services Division is to support disease prevention, community health, and wellness in collaboration with community partners.

FAMILY PLANNING

The mission of the Family Planning Program is to provide quality reproductive health services to vulnerable populations regardless of ability to pay. Services provided include physical exams as well as 1:1 counseling on contraceptive methods, preconception health, general reproductive health, and prevention of sexually transmitted infections with the goal of decreasing unplanned pregnancies and improving maternal and infant outcomes. Clinical services are provided in a confidential and caring atmosphere, and in the most effective and efficient manner possible.



Family Planning	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Clients Served	57	152	30	239
Encounters	102	301	54	457

IMMUNIZATIONS

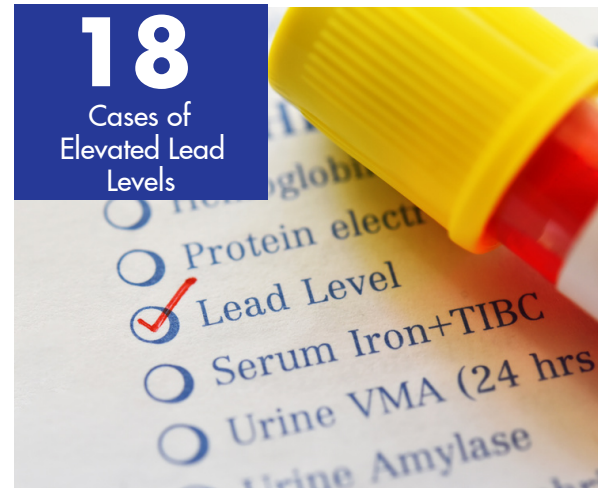
The mission of the immunization program is to protect individuals from vaccine preventable diseases, decreasing illness and preventing deaths. We follow the expert guidance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to provide vaccines to persons along the entire age continuum in our health department clinics as well as in community locations such as schools or businesses. As a Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVC) provider, our aim is to reduce barriers to immunizations. Federally and state purchased vaccines are provided at no cost to the public for those meeting eligibility requirements. Expert consultation is also available for individuals travelling internationally.



Immunizations	Franklin		Henry /Martinsville		Patrick		Total	
Immunizations (Served / Encounters)	419	484	1,076	1,343	192	214	1,687	2,041
Immunizations Overseas Travel (Served / Encounters)	8	8	4	5	5	5	17	18

LEAD MANAGEMENT

This year, elevated lead levels were identified in 8 children and 10 adults. Comprehensive public health nurse assistance was provided to ensure families had the support they needed. A public health nurse and an environmental health specialist work together to manage the child cases by conducting home assessments to pinpoint and mitigate lead sources. Our public health nurse provides ongoing support, educating parents and caregivers on nutrition that can help reduce lead absorption, and collaborating with the child's healthcare provider to monitor progress until lead levels return to a safe range.



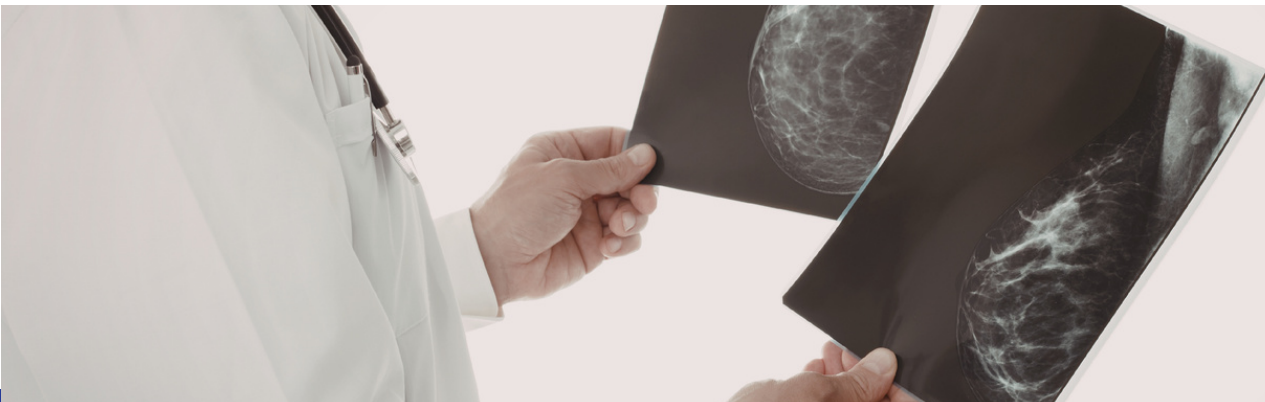
PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING

Our program offers timely screenings for Medicaid-eligible individuals who require nursing home care or in-home services. We focus on supporting older adults, people with disabilities, and children who need long-term care or waiver services. Working closely with the Department of Social Services, our nurse and social worker team assess each client's needs, evaluating their functional capacity - such as ability to perform daily tasks like bathing and dressing - and medical needs, like wound care, to determine Medicaid eligibility.

<i>Pre-Nursing Home Screening</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Henry /Martinsville</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients Served	186	441	154	781
Encounters	188	469	163	820

EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE

EWL is a public health program that helps uninsured, low-income women gain access to free breast and cervical cancer screening services. Screening and early detection reduces death rates, improves treatment options, and greatly increases survival. To be eligible, women must be a Virginia resident between the ages of 18-64, meet federal income guidelines, and be uninsured. Women 18-39 must be symptomatic or be determined to be high risk for breast and/or cervical cancer to be eligible. Services provided include a clinical breast exam, mammogram, pelvic exam, pap test and any diagnostic tests needed to reach a final diagnosis. Patient navigation services are provided through the continuum of care from abnormal screening to final diagnosis and treatment.



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI)

Our STI program takes a proactive approach to stopping the spread of sexually transmitted infections. Through education, outreach, and clinical services, we empower individuals to take control of their health. Our clinics provide confidential counseling, testing, treatment, and partner services for those at risk or affected by STIs.

<i>Sexually Transmitted Infections</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Henry /Martinsville</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients Served	48	179	52	279
Encounters	57	295	76	428

TUBERCULOSIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

At West Piedmont Health Department, our Tuberculosis Management program works to prevent, control, and ultimately eliminate tuberculosis in our community. We offer confidential risk assessments, screenings, and testing to identify those at risk. For individuals diagnosed with TB or latent TB infection, our team collaborates closely with their medical providers to deliver comprehensive case management, including medication support and care coordination. We also conduct contact tracing to identify individuals exposed to an active case of TB and perform Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for active cases of TB, ensuring patients adhere to their treatment plans.

<i>Tuberculosis Cases</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Henry /Martinsville</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients Served	282	187	97	566
Encounters	383	258	129	770



RABIES PREVENTION & RESPONSE

Protecting residents from rabies exposure is a critical responsibility of the West Piedmont Health District, and this work requires close coordination between Environmental Health and Nursing teams. Together, these programs ensure that potential exposures are investigated quickly and that individuals receive the care they need.

Environmental Health staff play a key role in responding to reports of human exposure to potentially rabid animals. Their work includes locating the animal involved, coordinating quarantine when appropriate, and determining whether testing is needed. These efforts often prevent community members from having to undergo rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), which can be costly, time-sensitive, and stressful for families. The number of Human Exposures Reported for WPHD reflects this extensive fieldwork and follow-up. In 2025, 81 samples were collected from potentially rabid animals.

2025	Franklin	Henry/ Martinsville	Patrick	Total
#Rabid Animals Tested Positive	5	1	4	10
Human Exposures	237	172	64	472

RABIES POST EXPOSURE PROGRAM

2025	Franklin	Henry/ Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Rabies PE Prophylaxis	23	43	20	86

When rabies PEP is required, the Nursing team provides case management for every individual. This includes confirming that vaccines are administered by provider partners—most often local emergency departments—and ensuring that clients complete the full vaccination series on schedule. The Rabies PEP Administered for WPHD data represents this hands-on coordination and the commitment to keeping residents safe throughout the treatment process.

WPHD provides care coordination services for clients who are recommended to receive the rabies post exposure prophylaxis vaccination series after an exposure to a potentially rabid animal. Our nurses work with the environmental health department, emergency departments, private physicians' offices, and insurance companies to ensure that clients receive all recommended doses of vaccine and immune globulin according to the CDC schedule.





RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

The rabies control program's goal is to reduce the risk of rabies and its potential spread to the human population. Environmental Health staff, with the assistance of local animal control officers, investigate reports of possible exposure to rabies and track both human and animal victims. They also confine or observe source animals and facilitate testing when required to eliminate the possibility of rabies spread to domestic animals and humans. The observation period for these cases is typically done at home or at an animal shelter.

2025	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Rabies Incidents	259	186	83	528
Human Victims	250	181	72	503
Animal Victims	34	11	20	65

Source Animals	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Bat ¹	13	19	9	41
Domestic Animals ²	184	143	47	374
High Risk ³	10	7	10	27
Livestock	1	0	0	1
Low Risk ⁴	4	2	1	7

¹ Bats (scientific order Chiroptera) pose a significant risk for rabies transmission to humans.

² Domestic animals are defined as pet dogs, cats, and ferrets.

³ High risk wildlife includes mammals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, groundhogs, and beavers.

⁴ Low risk wildlife includes small rodents such as squirrels or mice and Lagomorphs (rabbits).

Definitions provided by the compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (NSAPHV)



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

West Piedmont Environmental Health Staff have a broad range of regulatory oversight for programs in addition to the Onsite Sewage and Food Safety programs. This data highlights our staff's role ensuring public health across a diverse range of environmental health programs.

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

The West Piedmont Health District food safety program promotes safe food handling practices through education and regulatory inspection to reduce the risk factors in food facilities that may increase the occurrence of foodborne illnesses. Our program conducts plan reviews for new and extensively modified food facilities. Environmental Health (EH) Staff inspect and permit food service establishments such as restaurants, mobile food units, and temporary food facilities. In 2025, EH also issued 129 temporary food event permits. Our EH staff also assist with food-borne illness outbreak investigations.



2025	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Food Permits	164	217	59	440
Routine / Risk	382	396	130	908
Follow-Up	35	4	24	63
Complaint	22	3	3	28
Other	38	34	18	90
Totals	477	437	175	1089

2025	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Food Violations	672	586	474	1732



GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL

In addition to the Retail Food Safety and Onsite Septic and Private Well programs, West Piedmont Environmental Health through the Code of Virginia, has regulatory oversight of several general environmental health programs such as: Grade A Milk Plant, Marinas, Pools, Summer Camps, Hotel/Motels, and Migrant Labor Camps. Environmental Health staff provides oversight through permitting and routine inspections to maintain sanitary standards to protect public health.



Inspection Type	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Campground	8	6	12	26
General	29	34	5	68
Grade A Milk Plant	27*	n/a**	n/a**	27
Marina	38	1	n/a**	39
Migrant Labor Camp	8	0	4	12
Pools	7	n/a**	8	15
Summer Camps	3	n/a**	2	5
Tourist Establishment	16	18	6	40
Totals	136	59	37	232

* Does not include monthly product sampling.

** Not applicable

Tourist establishments include hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast facilities. Pools are only inspected when associated with a tourist establishment inspection. General inspections are on request from the DSS, DOE, DBHDS for child and adult care centers.



WATER & WASTEWATER

The Private Well and Onsite Sewage program provides permitting, inspection, and regulatory oversight of private wells, onsite sewage systems, as well as sewage handlers. Onsite sewage system designs are submitted by private sector Onsite Soil Evaluator and/or Professional Engineers for Environmental Health staff to review.

Onsight Sewage	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Construction	350	104	105	559
Minor Modification	10	2	1	13
Repair	46	40	12	98
Voluntary Upgrade	2	5	1	8
Total	408	151	119	678

Well Permits	Franklin	Henry /Martinsville	Patrick	Total
Abandonment	3	6	1	10
Construction	257	44	93	394
Express Geothermal	1	-	-	1
Replacement Well	3	26	7	36
Total	264	76	101	441



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency preparedness and response at a local health department level involves implementing steps to protect and secure the nation's health during public health emergencies. This approach includes four phases: prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

HIGHLIGHTS

The WPHD participated in or assisted in the response to:

- The statewide shelter exercise
- Tornado (January '25)
- National Night Out – District Wide
- Hurricane Helene response

WPHD EP&R ACTIVITIES FOR 2025 INCLUDED:



- Point of Information staff assisted in the planning and served as testers and recorders for a district POD in Franklin County business.
- EP&R staff provided direct logistical support for warming shelters in winter snowstorms.
- To support other agencies' occasional needs for public messaging and materials, EP&R staff supported requests for emergency resources, such as evaporative industrial fans, safety markers, and staff planning assistance.
- Following weather emergencies of 2025, EP&R staff coordinated safety messaging and outreach shared across our district for the public, staff, and other agencies.



EPIDEMIOLOGY

The mission of the WPHD Epidemiology Program is to monitor and investigate reportable and emerging communicable diseases, investigate outbreaks, and provide guidance and recommendations to stop further spread of communicable diseases for the well-being of our communities.

COVID-19

COVID-19 Investigations

In February of 2025, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) became unreportable in Virginia. This means that healthcare providers and facilities are no longer required to report individual suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Outbreaks of COVID-19 are still reportable and investigated by the local health department.



REPORTABLE DISEASES

To optimally protect the public's health, healthcare professionals and laboratories are required to report over 70 diseases or conditions in Virginia. During 2025, the WPHD investigated over 600 reports of reportable diseases or conditions. A complete list of reportable diseases can be found here:



Reportable Condition	Total
Arboviral Infection, Other Than WNV	*
Brucellosis	*
Campylobacteriosis	23
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	*
Chickenpox (Varicella)	*
Chlamydia trachomatis infection	240
CP-CRE, other	*
CPO, Clinical	*
CPO, non-Enterobacteriaceae	*
Cryptosporidiosis	*
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis	14
Giardiasis	*
Gonorrhea	51

Reportable Condition	Total
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	5
Hepatitis B, acute	*
Hepatitis B, chronic	9
Hepatitis C, acute	*
Hepatitis C, chronic	99
Latent Tuberculosis Infection (2020 TB LSI)	*
Lead, elevated levels	18
Listeriosis	*
Legionellosis	7
Lyme disease	44
Pertussis	8
Salmonellosis	23
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli infection (STEC)	6
Shingellosis	*

Reportable Condition	Total
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (including RMSF)	*
Streptococcus, Group A, invasive	8
Syphilis, early	54
Yersiniosis	*
*Values between 1-4 are suppressed	
Data is preliminary and subject to change	
Total	637

OUTBREAKS

The WPHD Epidemiology Team investigated 46 outbreaks in the district. Includes outbreaks of 6 different etiologic agents. These outbreaks occurred in different settings including assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities, independent living/retirement home, multi-care facilities, nursing homes, workplaces, daycare facilities and schools. An increase in the number of influenza outbreaks reported and investigated was observed in 2025.

Type of Facility	Etiologic Agent						Total Outbreaks
	HFMD	Influenza	Neisseria meningitidis	Norovirus	RSV	SARS-CoV-2	
Assisted Living	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
Business/Workplace	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Daycare/Pre-K	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
Independent Living/Retirement Home	0	2	0	0	1	1	4
Multi-care (e.g., ALF/nursing Home/Skilled Nursing)	0	2	0	1	2	4	9
Nursing Home	0	5	0	3	0	3	11
School K-12	3	9	0	0	0	0	12
Total	7	20	1	6	3	9	46

A NOTE ABOUT QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality Assurance (QA) is an ongoing comprehensive process to ensure the accuracy and integrity of reported data. The WPHD Epidemiology program reconciles and reviews all reportable disease case reports, labs, and whole genome sequencing results, and outbreaks to keep our database, public-facing dashboards, and reports clean, up-to-date, and accurate.

It is the policy of the Virginia Department of Health Office of Epidemiology to not report data at a level that may be identifiable. Therefore, the exact number of confirmed cases of disease where less than 5 total cases have been identified has been removed from the tables.

POPULATION HEALTH

The mission of the Population Health Division is to foster diverse community relationships to overcome health inequities across the district through education, outreach, community mobilization and partnerships.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT & IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

In 2025, all Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) have been finalized in each locality.

- **Franklin County** is in its implementation year and continues to actively support workgroups focused on interpersonal violence, chronic disease, and mental health/substance use. The Franklin County Health Department, in partnership with Carilion Clinic and Healthy Franklin County, is advancing strategies tied to their prioritized needs: obesity, hypertension, diabetes and chronic disease prevention, as well as mental health, and interpersonal violence. Over the past year, workgroups have strengthened community partnerships, shared local data, and promoted best-practice solutions to drive measurable progress across the county.
- **Henry County and City of Martinsville** are in an assessment year, during which community surveys were developed and prepared for dissemination in 2026. The current implementation teams highlighted ongoing programs and collaborative efforts across the region. The Henry/Martinsville Health Department, working with Healthy Henry/Martinsville, also continued to focus on maternal health disparities, access to mental health services, overdose response, transportation, chronic disease, and support for unhoused residents. A major accomplishment was the completion of the maternal health and mental health resource directory, now available on the WPHD website.
- **Patrick County** workgroups created community survey questions and compiled secondary data on their top health priorities as part of the community assessment planning process with survey distribution starting in 2026. In partnership with Healthy Patrick County, the locality developed implementation plans addressing maternal and infant mortality, mental health and substance use, and access to healthcare. Over the past year, Patrick County also worked with a consultant who assessed the best use of opioid settlement funding and provided recommendations to county leadership last winter. Despite progress, stigma around issues such as opioid use and SUD services remains a significant barrier the community continues to address.

COMMUNITY HEALTH
ASSESSMENT
RESOURCES AND DATA



TARGETED PROGRAMMING

- Data trends identified two district-wide priority focus areas for concentrated resources: maternal and infant mortality and resource connections for individuals experiencing substance use.
- WPHD secured Opioid Abatement Authority funding, adding a full-time Harm Reduction Strategist to build a regional overdose response network; funding is renewed for 2026.
- Two full-time Maternal and Child Health, Community Health Workers were onboarded to strengthen continuity of care across family planning, immunizations, and WIC services.
- An MCH nurse will join the team in 2026 to expand support for disparities in maternal and child health.
- Population Health delivers targeted social media messaging to raise awareness, promote surveys, highlight workgroup progress, and share resources tied to locality priorities.
- All communications are data-driven, reflecting each locality's CHA/CHIP status, priority areas, and ongoing workgroup activities.

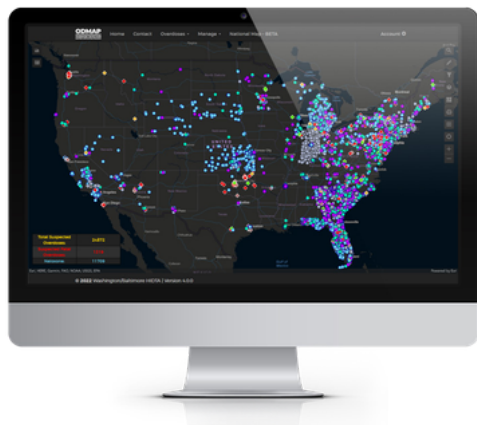


COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

At the heart of our public health team is the Community Health Worker, a vital link between our community and the healthcare services they need. This role is all about building connections, fostering trust, and empowering individuals and families to take control of their health. By providing culturally sensitive support and guidance, our Community Health Workers help bridge gaps in care, particularly for priority populations.

From promoting healthy habits and disease prevention, serving as a peer recovery specialist, and creating connections to vital resources. This role is crucial in driving positive change and improving overall well-being. Through partnerships and community engagement, we identify and address the most pressing health needs, working together to create a healthier, more vibrant community.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) RESPONSE



As the lead agency in our district, WPHD provides licenses to community partners for ODMAP, Overdose Mapping system. This is monitored and reported internally to government partners.

Using the ODMAP platform, a system designed to alert agency subscribers to local trends, provide a coordinated response to alert community provider partners of increased local overdose activity. The software enables Martinsville, Henry, Patrick, and Franklin to interact in real time with drug overdose reports and provide tracking of illegal substances, forecasting overdose potential for our district.

CAR SEAT PROGRAM

The Car Seat Program provides the car seats to clients and families who need help with obtaining a car seat to keep their children safe. As a state agency we provide training and give clients an opportunity to learn state laws to keep their children safe in a motor vehicle while traveling on state highways. These classes are led by a Low-Income Safety Seat instructor, and our classes are offered in both English and Spanish. They are done in person and also available online.

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible:

- Live in Virginia (citizenship not required)
- Custodial parent, legal guardian, or foster parent
- Child is seven years old or younger
- Pregnant mother must be in last trimester of pregnancy
- Income eligible for WIC, SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, or FAMIS
- Available to attend a training either online or in-person.



VITAL RECORDS

The mission of the WPHD Vital Records program is to assure access to essential documents, including birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates.

2025 VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS BY SITE

Applications for vital records such as birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates can be obtained at all district offices Henry/ Martinsville, Patrick County and Franklin County between 8am - 4 pm. for an event that occurred in the State of Virginia only.

2024 Record Requests	Franklin	Patrick	Henry	Martinsville	Total
Birth Certificates	382	109	416	294	1,201
Death Certificates	781	311	854	594	2,540
Death Verifications	4	5	9	1	19
Marriage Licenses	2	3	4	1	10
Divorce Certificates	17	9	26	7	59
Total	1186	437	1309	897	3,829

IN PERSON

- Please bring a valid ID. The fees for these vital records requests are \$15.00 per copy to print or \$15.00 for a search of a record.

ONLINE

- Online applications are accepted through the VDH website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vital-records/>

BY MAIL

- Print a vital record application at home and mail it to: Division of Vital Records, PO Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23218-1000.
- Enclose a check or money order for \$15.00 for each requested copy with a copy of valid ID.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA requests: The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), located § 2.2-3700 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia, guarantees citizens of the Commonwealth and representatives of the media access to public records held by public bodies, public officials, and public employees. A public record is any writing or recording – regardless of whether it is a paper record, an electronic file, an audio or video recording, or any other format – that is prepared or owned by, or in the possession of a public body or its officers, employees or agents in the transaction of public business. All public records are presumed to be open, and may only be withheld if a specific, statutory exemption applies.

All FOIA Request may be made through our preferred method at:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/commissioner/administration/freedom-of-information-act/>

When making a request it is helpful to submit all information you have about your request. We have 5 business days, starting the next business day to return your request. We will send you an email with an invoice and how to pay your invoice once we have found your FOIA information. Our office may reach out to you with any questions regarding your request as well if needed.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM

The mission of the WPHD Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children(WIC) is to improve the health of low income pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children under the age of 5, through better nutrition and access to health care.

WIC INFORMATION

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) - Helps mothers and young children stay healthy and maintain a nutritious diet. The WIC program serves eligible women who are breastfeeding, pregnant, or have just given birth, as well as infants less than one year old and children less than five years old. WIC provides nutrition education, private and group consultations with a nutrition expert, free nutrition assessments, support and help with breastfeeding, referrals to other medical and health care services, and access to healthy foods. The WIC Program serves approximately 140,000 participants in Virginia through local health departments and satellite sites.



1,751

**Average district WIC
Monthly Enrollment 2025**





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