

# Newsletter

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PARK CITY-COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

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2022 has brought a lot of changes to the Park City-County Health Department and several new faces. Although COVID continues to be with us, the Health Department has been able to shift some of its focus and staff time away from COVID. We are back to basics of public health and are working on tobacco prevention and cessation, new mom and baby home visits, routine school nursing such as vision and hearing checks, home visiting for persons with severe asthma, and more. We will also be starting a Diabetes Prevention Program in the new year. Keep reading to find out more of what we're up to!



## DIAPER DEPOT



We have given out more than 400 packs of diapers in the year of 2022. Any family facing financial hardship may pick up a pack of diapers from us each month. We'd like to thank our donors that support this program: Community Closet, Park County Community Foundation, and Town Pump.

## NEW FACES

This spring the Health Department welcomed Lacey England, RN, and Shannan Piccolo, JD. Lacey was hired as the Public Health Nurse for the Department. Shannan was the former Park County Civil Deputy Park County Attorney and is now working for Park County as the Health Department Director. In the fall, Master's of Public Health student Darra Perdaems joined the Health Department team as our communications and emergency preparedness coordinator. Additionally, Alyssa Davis has been hired as the Vacation Rental Licensing Coordinator to help bring un-licensed vacation rentals into compliance with State law.



## **WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN**

The Park County WIC program currently serves 185 of our community members. WIC offers healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition tips, and connection to community resources. For more information and eligibility requirements please visit our website or give us a call.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Park County Environmental Health helps prevent illness before it occurs. This entails licensing and inspecting establishments such as restaurants, food manufacturers, hotels, tattoo parlors, swimming pools, daycares, and campgrounds to determine if they are operating safely.

The Health Department inspected approximately 824 licensed establishments in 2022 which included licensing about 100 new short term vacation rentals.

## NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION



The Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2025 (CHIP) for Park County was completed by the Health Department over the summer. The CHIP identified three priority areas: children and families; behavioral health; and housing and income inequality. The CHIP also based its conclusions and recommendations on data from our May 2022 Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency (CASPER) survey. A CASPER survey provides real time data to identify needs, the public health status, and changing demographics of a county. Check out this data on our website!

The Health Department implemented a public outreach campaign concerning opioid and fentanyl overdose concerns and began to distribute Naloxone throughout the County. Dr. Desnick and Shannan Piccolo were featured in a Kaiser Health News concerning how health departments apply lessons learned from COVID to other public health concerns.

(<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/15/health/pandemic-lessons-public-health-khn/index.html>).

## CHIP/ CASPER



## FLOOD RELIEF

The Health Department staff joined the initial response to the June 2022 emergency flood event in several ways. Dr. Desnick and Shannan Piccolo worked as team members at the Emergency Operations Center throughout the flood emergency. Additionally, Dr. Desnick was appointed Deputy of the Office of Emergency Management. There were significant impacts to Gardiner, Silver Gate, Cooke City, and private water supplies. Kaleb Pearson and Brian Beckner, our sanitarians, worked with the State and local water managers and private well owners to ensure clean water supplies, offering water testing, helping with “shocking wells”, and the temporary boil orders.

# Happy New Year, Park County!

Wishing you health and  
happiness in 2023.

