

Newsletter

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PARK CITY-COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SPRING UPDATE

The snow might be sticking around longer than we've hoped, but our work here at the Park City-County Health Department is in full bloom as we continue to focus on the basics public health such as 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, keeping businesses and restaurants clean and safe, and more. Keep reading to learn more about exciting new programs in our community as well as important updates to help us better serve you.



DIAPER DEPOT



We continue to operate our diaper depot supporting growing families. 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.

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN

The Park County WIC program currently serves nearly 200 families in our community. WIC offers healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition tips, and connection to community resources.

Park County WIC recently won a state-wide award for achieving the highest increase in breastfeeding initiation status. We went from a breastfeeding initiation rate of 76.1% to 97.5% over the last two years.

For more information and eligibility requirements please visit our website or give us a call.



COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

The Health Department received a State grant to start the Communities that Care program (CTC) in Park County. The CTC program is based in the youth social development methods that helps protect young people from developing health and behavior problems. CTC works to provide youth with opportunities and skills and provides recognition which helps create bonds that motivate young people to adopt healthy behaviors.

The CTC grant will fund a program coordinator in Park County for successful implementation. To learn more, visit

<https://www.communitiesthatcare.net> or

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/prevention/communitiesthatcareplus>.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Our sanitarian team, Brian Beckner and Kaleb Pearson, have completed 79 licensed establishment inspections, twelve septic permit applications, two DEQ submissions, and 14 final inspections for septic systems across both Park and Sweet Grass Counties.

Our Fee Schedule as well as Licensed Establishment Food Plan Review is slightly changing. If this is applicable to you as a business, restaurant, or vacation rental, please see the updated fee schedule and plan review on our website.



COVERED BY MEDICAID OR HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS?

DON'T RISK LOSING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE!

Starting April 2023, Montana Medicaid will begin a process of redetermination on eligibility of individuals on Medicaid/Healthy Montana Kids. The process will occur by mail. To ensure you do not miss documents for redetermination, update your information at <https://bit.ly/DPHHSform>



FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE THROUGH USDA

Park County community members who do not exceed the following household income levels:

Total household income of \$87,300 for families of 5-8 people

Total household income of \$66,150 for families of 4 people or fewer

may be eligible for up to \$40,675 in grant money to assist in flood-related home repairs from the 2022 floods. For more information, please contact Katina Uecker, Home Repair program contact for the USDA at katina.uecker@usda.gov.



RURAL SCHOOLS

The Health Department's Rural School Nurse, Juanita Bueter has been working with students on a focus of tobacco prevention, as well as assisting families with information regarding recommended and required adolescent immunizations. There are many teen vaccination clinics scheduled in schools throughout the County through the spring.

Happy Spring, Park County!

Your partners in health,

