

Director's Update to the Board of Health July 2025

Protecting Health – Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease

Planning is now under way for the 2025 Fight Flu Day. Flu shots will be available free of charge to everyone on Tuesday, October 21. Sites still are being finalized, but the location at the Lentz Public Health Center will be returning as a drive-thru pod. This will be the first Fight Flu Day for which our Electronic Health Record system is in use, meaning no paperwork will be necessary for some people. Outreach will be done through the EHR, which we hope will improve our numbers. At last year's event we administered a record 635 flu shots. More information will be shared about Fight Flu Day as the day draws nigh.

Back-to-School Hours at Preventive Health Clinics

From July 28 through Aug. 22 all three preventive health locations (East, Lentz 120, and Woodbine) will offer extended hours to accommodate back-to-school vaccination clinics. See flyers attached for specific information for each clinic (flyers are available in Spanish and Arabic upon request).

East Public Health Center Back to School Immunization Clinics Phone: 615-862-7916



Dates:

- 7/29 , 8/5 , 8/12 & 8/19

Time:

- Tuesdays: 8 AM – 6 PM



What to Bring :

- BRING ID
- PREVIOUS SHOT RECORDS
- APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Please be aware: Parent or legal guardian needs to be present for all immunization visits

School Physicals:

Neighborhood Health

Phone: 615-227-3000 Website: neighborhoodhealthtn.org
(Locations all over Davidson County based on sliding fee scale)

Siloam Health

2717 MURFREESBORO PIKE
ANTIOCH, TN 37013
Phone: 615-747-6035
Please call for an appointment!

Metro Health Clinic Locations:

East Public Health
1015 East Trinity Lane
Nashville, TN 37216
615-862-7916

Woodbine Public Health
224 Oriel Ave
Nashville, TN 37210
615-862-7940

Lentz Public Health
2500 Charlotte Ave
Nashville, TN 37209
615-340-5607

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Lentz Public Health Center
Back to School Immunization Clinics
Phone: 615-340-5607



Dates:

- July 28th- AUGUST 22nd, 2025

Time:

- 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM



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Woodbine Public Health Center
Back to School Immunization Clinics
Phone: 615-862-7940



Dates:

July 28th- AUGUST 22nd, 2025

Time:

- Monday – Thursday 7AM – 5:30PM



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Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

The Metro Public Health Department's Nashville Strong Babies program is celebrating one year of county-wide service. NSB began in 2019 to reduce the infant mortality rate in seven specific ZIP codes where that figure was measured to be highest. In July of 2024, MPHD announced that anyone who resides in Davidson County could receive the services of Nashville Strong Babies, which includes care coordination, doula support and breastfeeding education. Over the program's six years of operation, more than 2,000 families have been served, enrolling in the program and receiving some form of service. In the last year 516 families were served after the county-wide expansion. On Friday, July 11, the NSB team will be featured during Mayor Freddie O'Connell's weekly Media Roundtable discussion, highlighting some important facts and success stories about the program.

School Dental

School-Based Dental Crew did a Summer Program at JE Moss Elementary. One hundred and seventy-five students were provided dental education; 53 were screened, and all received fluoride varnish; 136 dental sealants were placed.

In the Lentz dental clinic, 1,198 patient procedures were performed.

Create Healthier Community Environments

PRIDE

Several teams representing MPHD were at this year's PRIDE event, including clinical services, HIV/STI, Behavioral Health and more. In all, the team from MPHD tested 211 individuals for HIV at the event. MPHD's Behavioral Health and Wellness team handed out 150 bags containing Narcan and other Behavioral Health resources. MPHD's PrEP team was present, helping those interested in receiving PrEP navigate the system and enroll in MPHD's PrEP program.

Organizational Updates

Jail Health

We have been approached by Sheriff Daron Hall with a proposal for the Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to assume control of the jail health contract. The contract is currently in a temporary status; a full procurement process was completed earlier this year and the new contractor was chosen, but a protest has been filed and the commencement of that new contract has been delayed.

We have met with Sheriff Hall and will continue to explore the ramifications of this proposal.

New Bureau

A new bureau has been formed with Metro Council's approval last month of the revamped organizational chart approved by this board in May. Dr. Abraham Mukolo is the interim director of the Bureau of Epidemiology, Strategic Performance, Policy and Evaluation.

Woodbine, MACC Shelter Replacements

We continue to meet regularly with General Services and Public Property officials to refine the requests for these two facilities and search places to put them. We take regular field trips to look at sites for either or both. Last week, staff with MACC and General Services met with an architect from Animal Arts to begin the design of the new shelter. That will help in sizing the new facility, thus to refine how much land we need to put it on.

EHR

The Patagonia Health electronic health record implementation continues to go well. We are fine-tuning our processes and are excited to announce several upcoming trainings that will benefit our staff and patients, including mass vaccination training to streamline the process for events that require large vaccine distribution; continued work on interfaces including TennIIS and the TDH state lab; telehealth; and our patient portal, which will be the first patient portal in a state health department that allows patients to schedule their own appointments in addition to viewing labs and reaching out to their provider with questions. We continue to appreciate the dedicated employees on the EHR CORE team for their work and effort to build our MPHD electronic health record system. We also look forward to onboarding several additional divisions and programs to streamline communication and allow for comprehensive care within one health record throughout the department.

MACC DIRECTOR

Metro Animal Care and Control director Ashley Harrington is leaving Metro to pursue other opportunities. Ashley has done an outstanding job and we wish her all the best in whatever comes next.

An Interim Director, Dannielle Carter, has been selected to fill that roles while we go through the hiring process.

MACC Commission

The Metro Council is contemplating creation of a Metro Animal Care and Control Commission, sponsored by Council Member Sheri Weiner. The entire ordinance is in your packet. In short, the idea is to support and amplify the work of the animal control operation. We have been in contact with CL Weiner throughout the process.

MACC INCIDENTS

The Board has asked to be apprised of any incidents regarding the animal control operation that might put our employees in danger.

This month alone has seen several incidents at the shelter. One man came in demanding medical attention for his cat. Staff explained that we do only a limited number of surgeries and those only for animals in our possession. The man became belligerent, to the point of threatening peoples' lives. Police were called and the individual was arrested for trespassing. Another man came in to adopt a cat. After selecting a cat and beginning the adoption process, the gentleman excused himself and went out to his car, where MACC's security guard noticed something odd and went over to check. The guard reported seeing the man "shooting up" in the parking lot. Adoption was denied.

Finally, one woman was so irate at MACC staff for denying her attempt to adopt an animal that she went out to the parking lot and defecated, then called police on MACC.

That's just at the shelter. In the field, one Animal Control Officers was threatened with a frying pan. The owner's partner intervened and no altercation took place. Police were notified.

FOOD AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Restaurant inspectors got their first look at the new Titans' Stadium. The facility will have over 100 different vendors requiring food safety inspections, up from 48 in the existing stadium.

All told, the program was expected to conduct 7,644 inspections over the past six months. They fell only 54 inspections short of that goal. This is a tremendous accomplishment given the amount of turnover and training that was needed this year.

2025 Red Sand Project

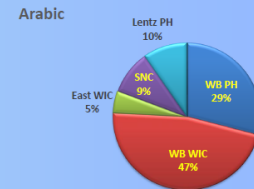
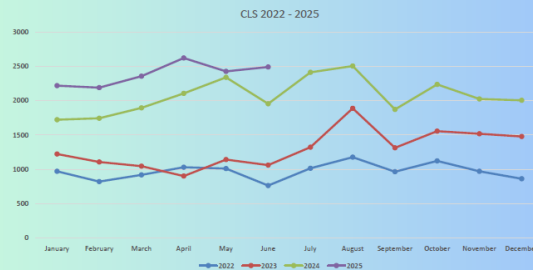
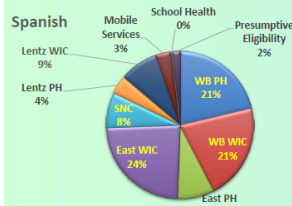
The last week in July, as we do every year, MPHD will participate the Red Sand Project. Now in its seventh year, the Red Sand project has participants spread red sand into the cracks of sidewalks or pavement, creating a visual representation of individuals who are "falling through the cracks" in the world of human trafficking. Human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry, and in the United States a child is sold for sex every two minutes. We hope that the sand can spark a larger conversation about how we can raise awareness of the signs of human trafficking and help to spread the importance of reporting individuals that we believe to be involved in human trafficking.

Cultural Services

See attached for updates on Cultural and Linguistic Services, and on our front-desk Ambassador.

CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC SERVICES

June 2025: **2,491** in-house interpreting sessions

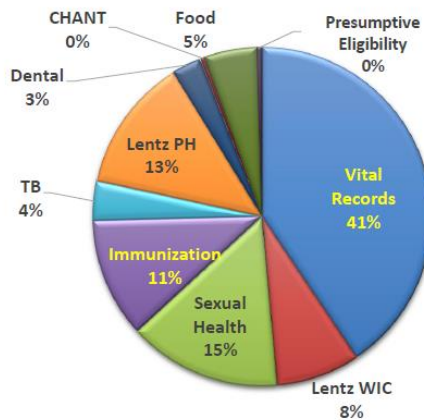


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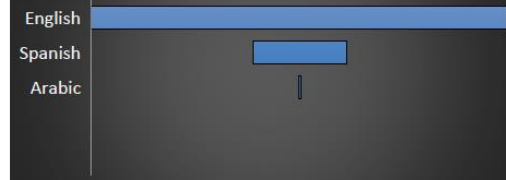
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Statistics

TOP 10 PROGRAMS VISITED IN JUNE



LANGUAGES SPOKEN



ENCOUNTERS PER MONTH

