

**December
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Marion County

Health Bulletin

The Mission of the Marion County Health Department is to improve the quality of life through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.



It's the holiday season, and that means toy-sharing and gift-giving are in full swing. Before you give that special child a new toy, it's important to stop and consider; Is this toy safe and age-appropriate? Unfortunately, thousands of children are hurt or even killed each year due to an interaction with an unsafe or developmentally inappropriate toy. December is known as Safe Toys and Gifts Month in order to create a happy, healthy, and safe gift-giving experience for all involved.

How to Observe Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Inspect toys before purchasing. Look for sharp points, edges, and parts that can fly off. Also check for durability should a child attempt to break, crush or pull toys apart.

Furthermore, do not give toys with ropes, cords, or heating elements – and make sure crayons and markers are labeled “nontoxic.” Finally, it is important to NEVER give small toys with removable magnets or “button” batteries. These can cause serious injury or even death if ingested.

Make sure the toy is age appropriate. Not every toy is meant for every child. Keep in mind the child's age and development level (most toys offer an age range for guidance). Remember the rule: if the piece can fit in a toilet paper roll, it is not meant for children under 3 years of age.

Manufactures have recalled more than 19 million toys due to safety concerns like small magnets and lead paint.

Protect children from exposure to lead in metal and plastic toys, especially some imported toys, antique toys, and toy jewelry. Childhood lead exposure is preventable.

Many children get toys and toy jewelry as gifts during the holiday season. Although lead is invisible to the naked eye and has no smell, exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health. If you have a small child in your household, make sure the child does not have access to toys, jewelry, or other items that may contain lead.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's exposure to lead in a toy?

If you think your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, or if your child has a recalled toy, take away the toy immediately and contact your child's healthcare provider. Most children who are exposed to lead have no symptoms. A blood lead test is the best way to find out if your child has been exposed to lead. Your child's healthcare provider can help you decide whether a blood lead test is needed. *If a blood lead test is needed, the Marion County Health Department offers this test. Call either the Salem or Centralia office for an appointment.*



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October 2023 Statistics

Clinics

Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar	
Persons served: Blood Pressure	12
Persons served: Blood Sugar	1
Paternity Testing Clinics	1
Number of Persons Tested	6

Immunizations

Number of Clinics	8
No. of adults	402
No. of adults immz. adm	404
No. of peditrics	105
No. of peditrics immz. adm	234
Total of vaccines administered....	638

Children's Immunizations

Pediarix.....	12
Pediatric Flu	13
Hib	15
Prevnar	17
Rotavirus	16
Hep A.....	22
Dtap	11
MMR.....	12
Tdap.....	27
Hepatitis B.....	3
Varicella.....	13
Kinrix	10
Gardasil	4
Meningitis	40
Pentacel	0
ProQuad	16
IPV (Polio).....	13
Td	0
Men. B.....	1

Adult Immunizations

Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	3
Flu	389
Men. B	0
Meningitis	0
MMR.....	2
Pneumonia 23	0
TD.....	0
Tdap.....	5
Typhoid.....	0
Varicella.....	1
Yellow Fever	0
Prevnar 13.....	2
Shingrix.....	1

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Maternal Health Encounters	481
WIC Caseload	1,228
WIC Clients receiving Education	132
WSSM / WIC Education	35
Internet WIC Education	2
Individual WIC Education	18
Phone Education	77
Lead.....	56
Hemoglobins	126
ASQ Developmental Screenings ...	67
Depression Screenings	50
EPSDT'S	34
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health).....	52
Number of Vision Tested	0
Number of Hearing Tested	0
Pregnancy Tests	0

Family Case Management

APORS Investigations	7
Healthworks Caseload.....	74

Communicable Disease Investigations

Chickenpox	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0
Hepatitis B	0
Hepatitis C	5
Histoplasmosis	0
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated	0
HIV Test	4
Salmonellosis	1
Streptococcal Infections (Group A) .	0
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	0

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chlamydia	15
Gonorrhea	3
Syphilis.....	0

TB (Tuberculosis)

Tests Administered.....	13
New Prophylactic Patients	0
New Investigations	1
New Active Cases.....	0

Lab Draws

Private Pay	
Salem Office	65
Centralia Office	26
Total Private Pay Lab Draws	91

Quest Lab Draws

Salem Office	1
Centralia Office	0
Total Quest Lab Draws	1

Environmental Health

Food

Routine Inspections.....	41
Follow-up Inspections	27
Complaint Inspections	3
Temporary Inspections	0
Pre-Operational Inspections	3
Emergency Incident Inspections	0
Number of Permits Issued	12

Sewage

Routine Inspections.....	13
Complaint Inspections	7
Realty Inspections	0
Sewage Systems Installed.....	9
Number of Permits Issued	9

Water

New System Inspections.....	0
Existing Water Well Inspections.....	0
Realty Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0
Water Wells Sealed	0
Number of Permits Issued.....	0

Closed Loop Wells

Closed Loop Well Inspections	0
Systems Installed	0
Number of Permits Issued	0

Tanning

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0

Body Art

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0

Miscellaneous

Animal Bites.....	5
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FIT Test

Female.....	1	Male.....	0
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