

## Media Placement Highlights

April 2025

### Notable media placements:

#### ABC 7 Chicago

"Rare case of tuberculosis reported at Waukegan High School, health officials say" – April 1, 2025

<https://abc7chicago.com/post/what-is-tuberculosis-person-waukegan-high-school-chicago-area-diagnosed-disease-lake-county-health-department/16115956/>

- An individual at the freshman/sophomore campus at Waukegan High School was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis.
- Lake County Health Department Executive Director Chris Hoff said, "Our focus is on preventing spread ongoing in our community in that school."
- The person diagnosed with tuberculosis has been isolated. Anyone identified as a close contact was notified separately via email with any recommended actions.
- Hoff said, "We are taking it seriously, working with the school to make sure people have information, hoping parents will get their kids tested."
- Tuberculosis is treatable, but the sooner it is diagnosed, either in active or latent form, the better.
- Hoff said, "School or work, places where people spend a lot of time in close quarters. Those are the environments we're worried about. So, that's why we're reaching out to the students and families."

#### Lake & McHenry County Scanner

"Federal government cuts more than \$3 million in infrastructure, housing project funds for Lake County" – April 20, 2025

<https://www.lakemchenryscanner.com/2025/04/20/federal-government-cuts-more-than-3-million-in-infrastructure-housing-project-funds-for-lake-county/>

- Officials from Lake County say more than \$3 million in federal funds have been eliminated from the county budget that were intended to support critical infrastructure and affordable housing.
- The Health Department was also informed in late March that the Trump administration was terminating federal grants nationwide that had already been awarded to support work to protect public health.
- The funds help support mental health care, substance use treatment and infectious disease control — services that are partially delivered through grants to the Health Department.
- Lake County Health Board President Tim Sashko said, "These are life-saving programs that support women, children and seniors, help prevent and treat addiction, prevent the spread of infectious diseases and strengthen our communities."
- Sashko said, "The Health Department will continue working closely with the County to ensure that essential services remain accessible to our residents. We must keep advocating for the resources our communities need and deserve."

## Press Releases Issued

- [The Lake County Health Department Invites You to Its Upcoming STI Prevention Events](#)

## Total Media Placements

April 1 – April 30, 2025

Press Releases Sent	1
Press Release Placements	0
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	9