

Media Placement Highlights

March 2025

Notable media placements:

Daily Herald

“A sprint and a marathon at the same time’: Public health care workers describe early pandemic challenges” – March 15, 2025

<https://www.dailyherald.com/20250315/health-care/a-sprint-and-a-marathon-at-the-same-time-public-health-care-workers-describe-early-pandemic-chall/>

- On the five-year anniversary of the start of COVID-19, the Daily Herald will share stories over the coming weeks from those who experienced the pandemic on the frontlines.
- Though Health Department staff are trained to deal with a variety of circumstances, it quickly became apparent the COVID-19 situation was unlike anything they had faced before.
- Daily meetings would occur to discuss logistics, finance, public information and other aspects of what needed to be addressed. Health Department staff had their responsibilities shift and expand to whatever role was needed as the pandemic unfolded.
- Associate Director of Prevention Sara Zamor said, “It was a sprint and a marathon all at the same time. As exhausting as the hours were, there was such a strong sense of shared purpose during that time that really helped fuel everyone.”
- Everyone was affected by the pandemic. Emergency Response Coordinator Patti Corn said, “Whether we knew someone hospitalized or succumbed to it, quarantined, sick and very scared to have it, not being able to socialize, go to school, working remote, not able to buy even the basic supplies, our lives were impacted,”
- After vaccines arrived in December 2020, Corn became the lead planner to distribute vaccines to health care providers and hospitals and administer doses at sites throughout the county, including a drive-through operation at the Lake County Fairgrounds’ expo hall in Grayslake.
- Corn said, “The goal of a pandemic is to vaccinate 80% of the population. By November 2021, 2 million doses of vaccine had been administered at four large sites and 400 pop-up sites requested by organizations and communities.”
- The pandemic, though a tough and taxing time, helped to prepare for future incidents.
- Zamor said, “We’re prepared, we learned so much from that. We are watching measles, we are watching avian flu. We’re prepared for that.”

CBS News Chicago

“Active tuberculosis case confirmed at Waukegan High School in Illinois” – March 31, 2025

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/active-tuberculosis-case-waukegan-high-school-illinois/>

- An individual at Waukegan High School was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis.
- The Health Department confirmed to the school district that the person is isolated from others and undergoing treatment. Those who may have been exposed to the individual when contagious have been notified and are set to be tested.

- On April 1, the Health Department will hold a virtual townhall about tuberculosis explaining what TB is, how testing and treatment work, and the risks involved.
- Lake County Health Department Executive Director Chris Hoff said, “TB is a serious disease. It spreads through the air, so we're concerned when people are in close spaces like schools and workplaces. And while you may not hear a lot about TB anymore, we still get about 20 cases a year — and so our staff deals with this every day.”

Press Releases Issued

- [McHenry County Department of Health announces 6th Annual Operation Dropbox, expands to include Lake County Health Department](#)
- [Health Department Offers Reduced Well Water Testing Rates](#)

Total Media Placements

March 1 – March 31, 2025

Press Releases Sent	2
Press Release Placements	3
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	6