



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut
Health Department

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Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for September 3, 2025

1. Infectious Diseases (Anne Bernick)

- Respiratory Diseases
- TB

2. Environmental:

- Reviewed environmental health data (January–August 2025) see summary table in PowerPoint presentation

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

- PHEP and ESF 8 meetings
- Wallingford FSX Meetings:** 2 attended (planning for June 2026 Full-Scale Exercise)
- Plan Updates:** Revising ESF-8 Plan and RSS Site Plan
- AEDs:** Donated from In A Heartbeat Foundation to be installed in Town Hall
- CPR Training:** June 16 (YMCA), June 26 (Parks & Rec), July 24 (Public), Aug 27 (Controlled Fluidics), Aug 28 (Public), Sept 25 (Public), Oct 23 (Public)
- Tabletop Exercises:** Participated in preparedness TTX; upcoming -Sept (bombing response), 2025 EPPI Exercise, Dec. (POD & MCM response)
- Exploring generator options to support emergency preparedness
- HeartSafe Community signs being installed in 10 locations across town

4. Community Outreach:

- Hosted WHD's Community Wellness Fair on July 19
- Presented to Rotary Club in July on Health Department services
- Preparing to launch Bingocize fall prevention program at the senior center in September
- Participated in community tabling events including Masonicare Family Fest, SCOW Kickoff to Summer, Garden Market,
- Coalition's Community Family Day, and SCOW's Back-to-School event
- Attended multiple regional and local coalition meetings to strengthen partnerships and coordination

5. Community Partnerships:

- Partnering with In A Heartbeat, Parks & Rec, and town departments to host a Cardiac Screening Event on November 18, 2025
- Collaborating with Program Planning Department on SCRCOG grant application for bike/pedestrian safety programming
- Collaborating with Youth & Social Services and the Mayor's Council for Substance Use on opioid settlement fund initiatives.
- Providing input to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) to incorporate public health considerations.

6. Public Health Policies:

- Collaborating with Law Department, Police, and Planning & Zoning on drafting a local spa/massage parlor ordinance

7. Maintain a competent public health workforce:

- Staff completed certifications and trainings including ICS OPTICS, QPR TOT, WEB EOC, Falls Risk Screening, FDA Food Code, and CPR Instructor re-certification
- Upcoming conferences include the Immunization Coalition, New England TB Clinicians, and the Yankee Environmental Health Conference
- Supporting workforce development through ongoing training, webinars, and internship placements

8. Administrative:

- Managing multiple grant and funding streams, including opioid settlement funds, Public Health Workforce Development grant, and SCRCOG grant application
- Supporting staff professional development through continuing education and conference funding provided by the Public Health Workforce Development grant

Next Meeting: December 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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