



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut
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Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for December 3, 2025

1. Infectious Diseases (Anne Bernick)

- Respiratory Diseases
- TB

2. Environmental:

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

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

- PHEP and ESF 8 meetings
- Wallingford FSX Meetings:** 3 attended (planning for June 2026 Full-Scale Exercise)
- Quarterly Call-Down Drill conducted
- POD Inventory completed at OEM
- CPR Training:** Aug 27 & 28 (Controlled Fluidics), Sept 25 (Public), Oct 2 (Holy Trinity School Staff), Oct 23 (Public), Nov 25 (YSS Babysitter Course). Upcoming: Dec 4 (Choate/YMCA), Dec. 9 (Adul Ed.), Dec. 18 (Sheehan HS CNA Class)
- Tabletop Exercises:** Sept (bombing response) & 2025 EPPI Exercise. Upcoming: Medical Countermeasures-POD Planning & Response (December), Wallingford TTX (April)

4. Community Outreach:

- Housing Authority Talks with Fire Department – Falls & Home Safety
- Memory Lane Senior Center Wellness Talk - Oct 16 (Anne)
- Bingocize – Falls Prevention Program at Senior Center (Twice weekly, Sept 8 -Nov 19)
- Lunch & Learn: Falls Prevention at Housing Authority -Nov 18 & Nov 20
- Red Ribbon Week -Senior Presentation on medication safety (Oct 30)
- Veterans Day Event – Air Force Flag Bearer (Anne) -Nov 6
- Participated in community tabling events including Celebrate Wallingford, Garden Market, YMCA Community Health Fair, SCOW Provider Fair, and In A Heartbeat Cardiac Screening Event
- Attended multiple regional and local coalition meetings to strengthen partnerships and coordination
- Upcoming: Assisting CERT with annual Santa Event & Donating a Wellness Tree to the Coalition's Festival of Trees.

5. Community Partnerships:

- Partnership with National Fitness Campaign (NFC)- Fitness Court Project
- Collaborating with Program Planning Department on SCRCOG Active Transportation Microgrant to build a sustainable annual bike-ped safety program with trained volunteers.
- BOE Partnership -Workcamp 2026
- Coalition for a Better Wallingford

6. Public Health Policies:

- Received a draft of the local spa/massage parlor ordinance from the Law Department for review. Submitted all WHD comments and requested revisions back to Law

7. Maintain a competent public health workforce:

- Staff completed certifications and trainings including REHS, Phase II Subsurface Sewage, N95 Fit-Testing Train-the-Trainer, Suicide Postvention, CT Responds Platform Training, and NLPPW Lead (Pb) Webinars.
- Conferences include the Immunization Coalition, New England TB Clinicians, and the Yankee Environmental Health Conference, and CEHA annual Meeting.
- Upcoming training: ServSafe certification and trainer certification
- Supporting workforce development through ongoing training, webinars, and internship placements

8. Administrative:

- Continued management of all department grants, including the Public Health Workforce Development Grant, ELC2 (in close-out), and the Opioid Settlement Funds allocated toward the Fitness Court Project.
- Tablets purchased for all sanitarians to support rollout of the FoodCode-Pro digital inspection platform (6-month upgraded trial provided).
- Public Works installed three AEDs throughout Town Hall; units were donated by the In A Heartbeat Foundation.
- Coordinated with the Mayor's Office and Public Works to install sanitary napkin disposal units in the women's restrooms.
- Successfully filled the Part-Time Sanitarian position after improved hourly pay attracted a strong candidate pool.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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