



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut
Health Department

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Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for March 4, 2026

1. Infectious Diseases

- Ongoing monitoring and investigation of reportable infectious diseases
- Continued community nursing programs and health education initiatives
- Public Health Nurse recognized as 2025 Public Health Nurse of the Year
(Refer to Annual Report – Public Health Nursing Section and 2025 Year in Review Sections)

2. Environmental:

- 421 inspections conducted in 2025 across regulated establishments
- 98 nuisance complaints investigated
- Continued emphasis on compliance, enforcement, and modernization efforts
(Refer to Annual Report – Environmental Health Section)

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

- Continued regional coordination (Region 2 PHEP, ESF-8, Healthcare Coalition)
- Participation in preparedness exercises and emergency response activities
- Ongoing planning for 2026 Full-Scale Exercise
(Refer to Annual Report – Emergency Preparedness Section)

4. Community Outreach:

- Vaccination clinics and multiple community health events conducted
- CPR, Narcan, falls prevention, and community health education delivered
- Launch of CredibleMind mental health platform
(Refer to Annual Report – Community Health & Outreach)

5. Community Partnerships:

- Continued collaboration with municipal departments and regional partners
- Ongoing development of Community Fitness Court
- AEDs installed throughout Town Hall through donation from In A Heartbeat Foundation
- Heart Safe Community signage installed
(Refer to Annual Report – Highlights & 2026 Outlook)

6. Public Health Policies:

- Draft Massage Therapy Establishment Ordinance finalized with Law Department
- Ordinance will require designation of a Public Hearing Officer for license appeals

7. Maintain a competent public health workforce:

- Extensive staff training and professional development completed
(Refer to Annual Report – Staff Trainings Section)

8. Administrative:

- Continued grant management and operational improvements
- Environmental Health digital modernization initiatives

Next Meeting: June 3, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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