

Bennington Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Bennington Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Bennington County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/bennington

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Improve Family and Child Health



- Our WIC staff completed 1,673 total appointments and served 1,017 WIC participants.
- WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors provided information and hands on support for 30 prenatal and breastfeeding families.
- 55 infant sleep sacks and 10 Pack and Plays were distributed to families through 7 community partners including DCF, Early Intervention, Sunrise Family Resource Center, Head Start, and SVMC.
- Our office supported and served 65% of the Medicaid eligible population in Bennington County.

Protecting Community Health



Our team investigates reports of infectious diseases and outbreaks and works closely with long-term and residential care facilities to keep residents safe and healthy.

We vaccinated uninsured or underinsured individuals with COVID, Flu, Tdap, Meningococcal, HPV and other important immunizations. We provided 80 vaccines to individuals through our office clinic times and off-site Equity clinics.

Creating Resilient Communities

- Our EP coordinator led Stop the Bleed (STB) in-person training with the teachers and staff in 12 schools and provided them with STB kits, covering over 3,000 students. All public schools in Bennington have completed the training.
- Our MRC Unit has trained 12 MRC members and 38 community members in Heartsaver and CPR.
- Senior Preparedness is a new focus of our MRC unit. We distributed over 165 Go-Bag starter kits to seniors and a senior event is in the planning stage for November-December of 2025.
- Be Bright at Night reflectors were distributed to all elementary schools in Bennington County.
- In 2025, our MRC unit received the highest award from the National MRC Office.



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