

Public Health recognizes: National Public Health Week: April 6-12

National Public Health Week is an annual observance in the United States led by the American Public Health Association, focused on raising awareness about public health issues, promoting healthy behaviors, and recognizing the contributions of all public health professionals.

This year's theme is **“Ready. Set. Action!”**, emphasizes the importance of taking proactive steps to improve community health awareness and increase public engagement.

Public Health is raising awareness about the services available to support individuals and families. It impacts how we live, work, and play safely, and contributes to overall community well-being. Public Health offers a variety of services, including:

- California Children's Services (CCS)
- Communicable Disease and Immunization services
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health services
- Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) services
- Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH), Home Visiting, & Car Seat programs
- Oral Health care referrals
- Tuberculosis (TB) testing
- Tobacco prevention services
- Vital Statistics
- Wellness and Prevention programs
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services
- Additional referrals and support services

For more information, call (707) 472-2700, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or visit the website at www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/public-health.



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Public Health recognizes:

National Home Visiting Week: April 20-24

Public Health observes this week to raise awareness of the vital role home visiting programs play in supporting families and communities. These programs promote healthy child development, strengthen family stability, and improve overall public health outcomes. This week recognizes the dedicated professionals who provide education, resources, and guidance to families, and connect them to services.



Learn more at www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org

Public Health - Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH)

This month, MCAH program continued its efforts to strengthen collaboration and ensure services are responsive to community needs. Program leadership met with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) representatives to review existing resources and identify opportunities to better align services with the needs of families in the community. These discussions focused on available PHC supports for prenatal and postnatal mothers and their infants, including programs designed to encourage engagement in preventive care. In particular, the PHC reviewed incentive-based initiatives that promote the completion of well-child visits and recommended immunizations. The MCAH program remains committed to advocating for community needs and enhancing access to resources that support the health and well-being of mothers, infants, and adolescents.

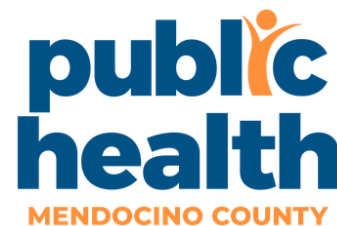


Public Health - California Children's Services (CCS)

This month, CCS program focused on strengthening connections with local support networks to better serve children and families in the community. A key priority has been expanding outreach efforts and increasing awareness of CCS services. To support this goal, CCS has coordinated in-service training opportunities for community partners and County Departments. These trainings are led by Angelina Contreras, a highly experienced and dedicated Children's Service Specialist. These trainings are designed to increase understanding of services, clarify eligibility and the referral processes. Lastly, CCS Leadership collaborated with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) Representatives to review current resources available to families, with the aim of identifying available transportation resources. These discussions also provided an opportunity to advocate for community needs and identify areas for improvement within transportation service delivery.

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Public Health - Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Preparedness

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) team is prioritizing coordinated response capabilities. In March, staff completed Advanced OES-EOC Training, focusing on operational efficiency during active emergencies. To further standardize leadership across agencies, the department will host Incident Command System (ICS) 300 & 400 training in May at the Behavioral Health Training Facility. This initiative helps ensure county responders are equipped to manage complex, multi-agency disaster incidents.

In May, the PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) teams will conduct a Tabletop Medical and Health Surge Exercise (MRSE). This simulation focuses on earthquake readiness, specifically testing the surge capacity of local hospitals and clinics. The goal is to ensure the continuity of medical care and resource allocation if critical infrastructure is compromised.

The County currently reports zero measles cases; however, the department is responding to recent California Department of Public Health (CDPH) warnings regarding increased activity statewide. Public Health is proactively aligning response plans, focusing on ensuring robust containment systems and notifications are in place should a local case be identified.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff have been actively engaged in strategic planning focused on stabilizing and strengthening local EMS systems. In close collaboration with providers and the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA), Coastal Valleys EMS Agency, staff are seeking operational insights to improve regulatory oversight and ensure sustainable emergency medical coverage across the county.

Public Health recognizes: Earth Day: April 22

Public Health is raising awareness about environmental issues and encourages everyone to protect the earth. Since 1970, a nationwide effort has grown into a global event observed by millions of people in over 190 countries.

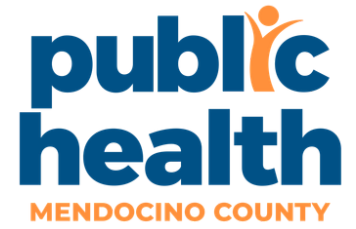
On this day, Public Health Environmental Health reminds the public about the importance of protecting natural resources such as air, water, and soil for future generations.



*Learn more about upcoming Earth Day events at:
www.mendocinocounty.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/*

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Public Health - Environmental Health

Land Use Report YTD

Percentage of Year Complete: **25%**
 Current Staffing (FTE): **2**

Water Well Permits (WW): **8**
 Site Evaluation Reports (SER): **16**
 Inspections (Septic & WW): **11**
 PBS Projects & Permits: **214**

Land Use Program Inspections



March Snapshot

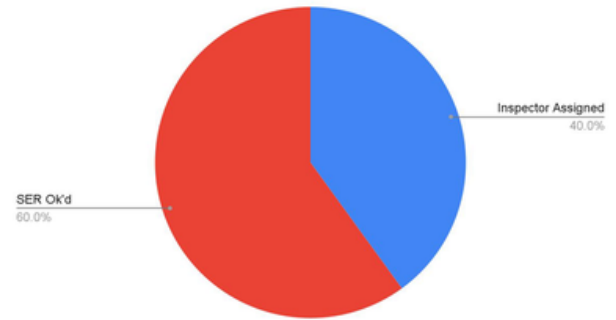
Total Number of Inspections Conducted: **11**

Water Wells: **1**
 Septic Pumpers: **0**
 Septic System Installations: **4**
 Non-Standard Septic System Monitoring: **6**

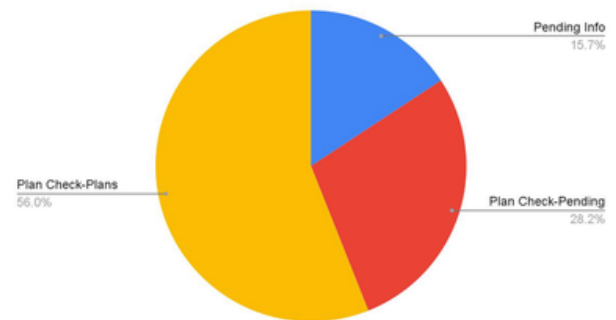
Total Number of Projects Received: **81**

PBS Building Permits: **68**
 PBS Coastal Development Permits: **5**
 Site Evaluation Reports: **5**
 Water Wells: **3**

Site Evaluation Report YTD Status



Planning and Building Referrals YTD Status



Program Overview

Planning & Building Referrals

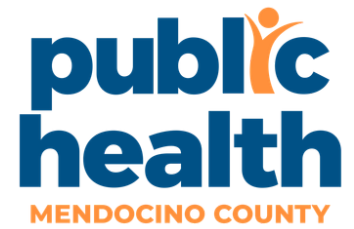
Received Year-To-Date: **214**
 Turnover in days: **14**

Site Evaluation Reports

Received Year-To-Date: **16**
 Turnover in days: **16**

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Public Health - Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

This month, WIC families are one step closer to accessing new food options through their benefits, which will be officially available at the end of this month.

The WIC Program continues to make strong progress, coordinating schedules to ensure the WIC team can visit rural communities such as Boonville, Point Arena, Gualala and Covelo. Over the past two months, WIC has seen an increase in Covelo families enrolling in the WIC program, since services have been available in-person at the Round Valley Public Library. These services are offered on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 3:15 PM. Participation among Round Valley families has grown significantly from 38 individuals in January 2026 to 66 individuals in March, nearly doubling in two months.

WIC's primary goal is to expand services throughout surrounding rural areas, making it easier for families to access WIC services. Currently, an estimated 2,200 to 2,500 low-income individuals in Mendocino County receive WIC benefits each month.

Public Health recognizes: World Immunization Week: April 24-30

Public Health is raising awareness about the importance of vaccines in protecting people of all ages from preventable diseases. This week serves as a reminder to ensure that everyone, especially vulnerable populations such as children and seniors are vaccinated and protected against illnesses like measles, polio, and influenza.

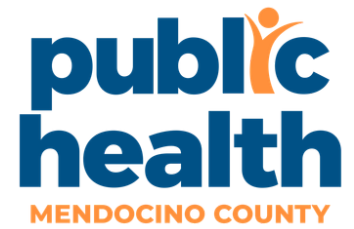
Public Health offers free flu vaccines and free vaccinations for eligible families through the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

For more information or to schedule a vaccination, call (707) 472-2713 or visit the Ukiah Office at 1120 S. Dora Street.



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Public Health - Administration

Communications

Public Health is airing public service announcements in both English and Spanish throughout the month of April to raise awareness for Tick and Lyme Disease, Sexual Assault Awareness, and National Child Abuse Prevention.

- **Tick and Lyme Disease**

Tick season starts in the Spring. To help prevent spread of disease from tick bites including Lyme disease, use insect repellent when outdoors, check for ticks daily, shower as soon as possible, and tumble clothes in a dryer on high for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after coming indoors. If you do see a tick on your body, remove as soon as possible to reduce chance of infection from the bite.



Learn more on [CDC.gov/Ticks](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks)



- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Together, we can build safe and respectful communities by raising public awareness about prevention. Talk openly, promote knowledge, identify resources for assistance, and offer support to survivors. Educate yourself on the signs. If you, a loved one, or anyone has experienced sexual assault, please call the sexual assault hotline at 1 800 656 HOPE. If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

- **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse can impact a child's physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. Recognition of the signs is crucial for early intervention and prevention. Child abuse can include physical or sexual abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, medical abuse, and neglect.

To report child abuse or neglect call 1-866-236-0368 or call the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

