

# Monthly Report: January 2024

## GREENDALE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



### January Highlights

- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel published an article about [Memory Cafes in Wisconsin](#). Greendale's Memory Cafe was featured in this article.
  - Memory Cafe is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Theresa Rypel, Public Health Generalist, was recognized with a Certificate of Service for 15 years with the Village of Greendale.



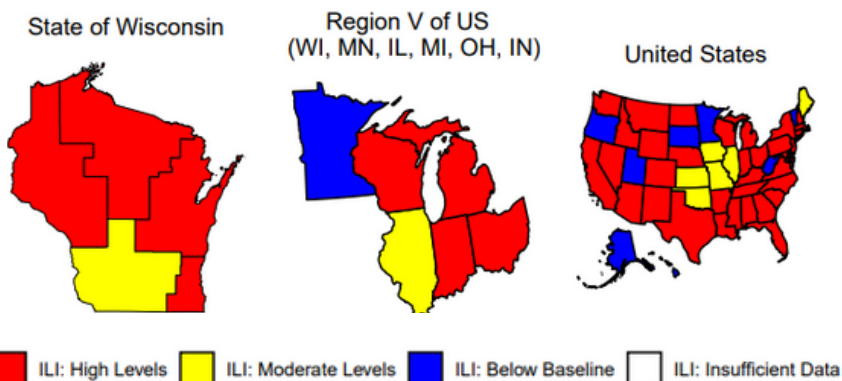
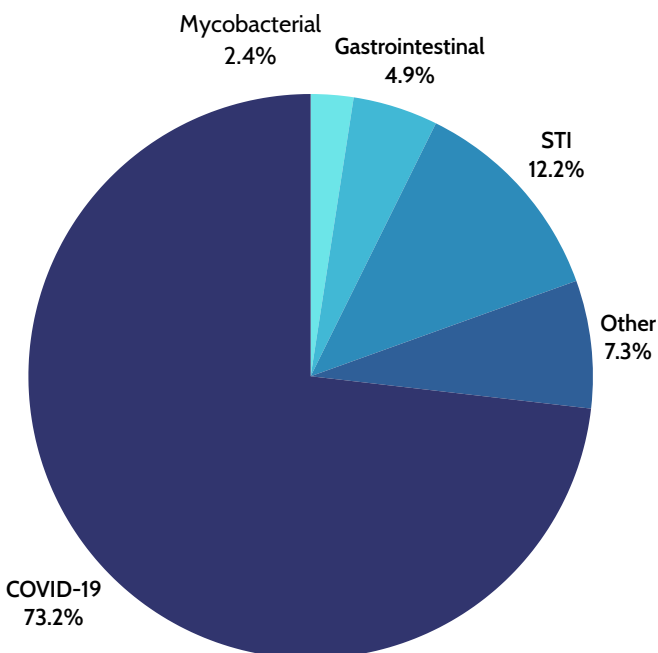
### Communicable Disease

- Mycobacterial= 1
- Gastrointestinal= 2
- Sexually Transmitted Infection= 5
- Other= 3
- COVID-19= 30

TOTAL: 41

Predominant respiratory virus: COVID-19

- Influenza, RSV, and COVID-19 continue to circulate at a moderate to high levels, though increases in activity have slowed. It's not too late to get an influenza or COVID-19 vaccine, as these viruses are still circulating and will likely continue to circulate at elevated levels for the next few months.
- ([DHS WI Weekly Respiratory Surveillance Report \(1/6/24\)](#))



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## Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention

- Health Department hosted 9 memory screenings for older adults, with the Dementia Care Specialist from Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Aging and Disability Services.
- Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) meeting on 1/9/2024.
- 10 participants at this month's Memory Cafe. The foggy and messy conditions didn't keep these participants from joining to learn about "The Power of Joy".

## Maternal Child & Family Health

- Healthy Mind, Healthy Greendale meeting on 1/19/24
- Community Alliance meeting on 1/23/24
- January Births: 13
- January Deaths: 26

## Environmental Health

- January is Radon Awareness Month. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk (EPA
  - Greendale residents can purchase a short-term radon testing kit at the health department for \$10. Upon verification of results, residents will receive \$5 back.

## Emergency Preparedness

- The winter storm and snow emergency in Greendale caused several power outages.
  - It is important to have a plan for your home; keep refrigerators and freezers closed, use a generator, but only outdoors and away from windows, do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home, disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges, have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices, and check with local officials about heating and cooling locations near you (ready.gov)
- Greendale, Franklin, and Hales Corners Health Departments, along with other community partners, are working together to plan an emergency preparedness exercise related to severe weather and power outages.
- Greendale Health Department is already preparing for the annual flu clinic. Tentative date is 10/7/24 at Greendale High School. Flu vaccine pre-order placed.

## Access & Linkage to Care

- Greendale Health Department invited to participate in an upcoming Multilingual Literacy Night in Greendale. Event is scheduled for May providing an opportunity for families who speak English as a second language to learn about the resources and services our community has to offer.
- 10 new client referrals during January.

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## Public Health Meeting Schedule

Group	Time	Schedule
SAGE	3-4:30pm	2nd Tuesday of the month (CLC meeting room)
Board of Health	5-6:30pm	2nd Tuesday of the month (CLC meeting room)
Healthy Mind, Healthy Greendale	8-9:00am	3rd Friday of the month (CLC meeting room)
Community Alliance	5:30-7pm	4th Tuesday of the month (Hose Tower)
Step Up to Better Health	TBD	Quarterly (check website calendar for more information)

## Public Health Events Calendar

Date	Event	Time/Location
2/13/2024	Chip Summit	Greendale Hose Tower 5699 Parking Street
2/21/2024	Family Wellness	Greendale High School 6801 Southway
2/28/2024	Memory Cafe	Greendale Hose Tower 5699 Parking Street