



TOWN OF FAIRFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION



To prevent disease and injury by promoting the health, safety and well-being of the public and our environment, through education and action.

OUR VISION



All residents to be engaged in achieving their optimal physical, mental and social well being.

CORE VALUES



Professionalism Integrity
Compassion Commitment

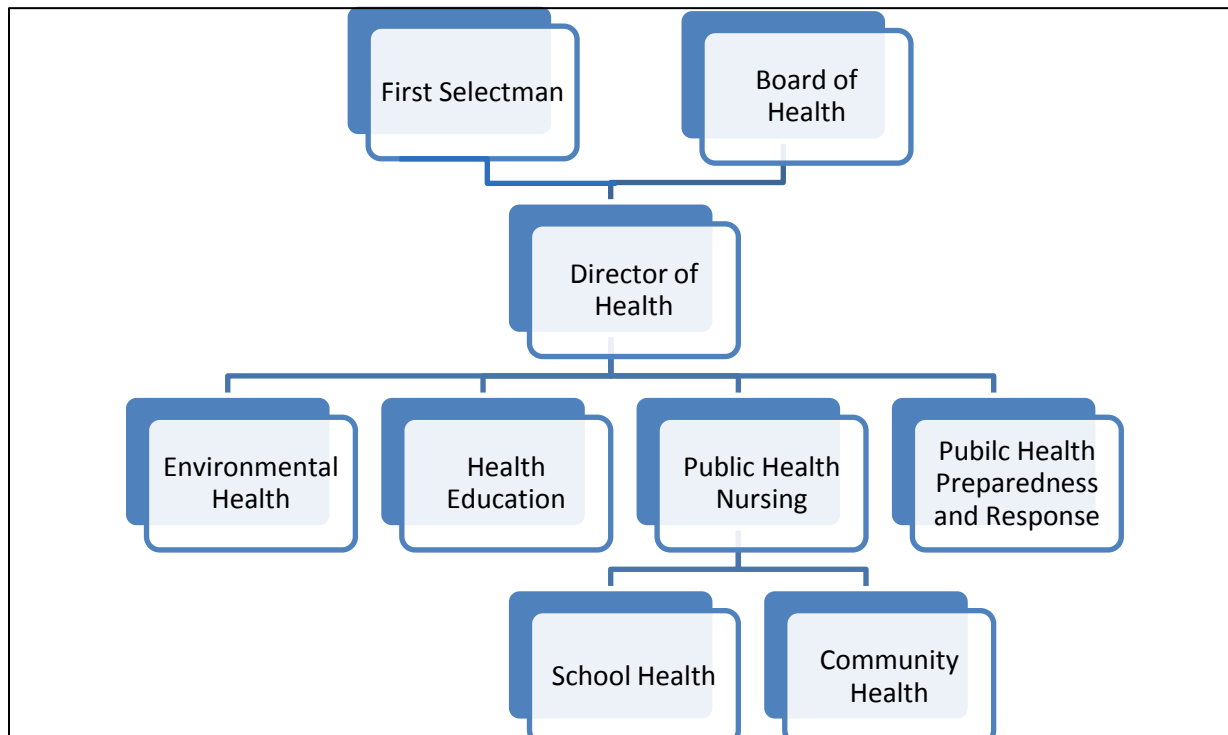
SERVING THE COMMUNITY



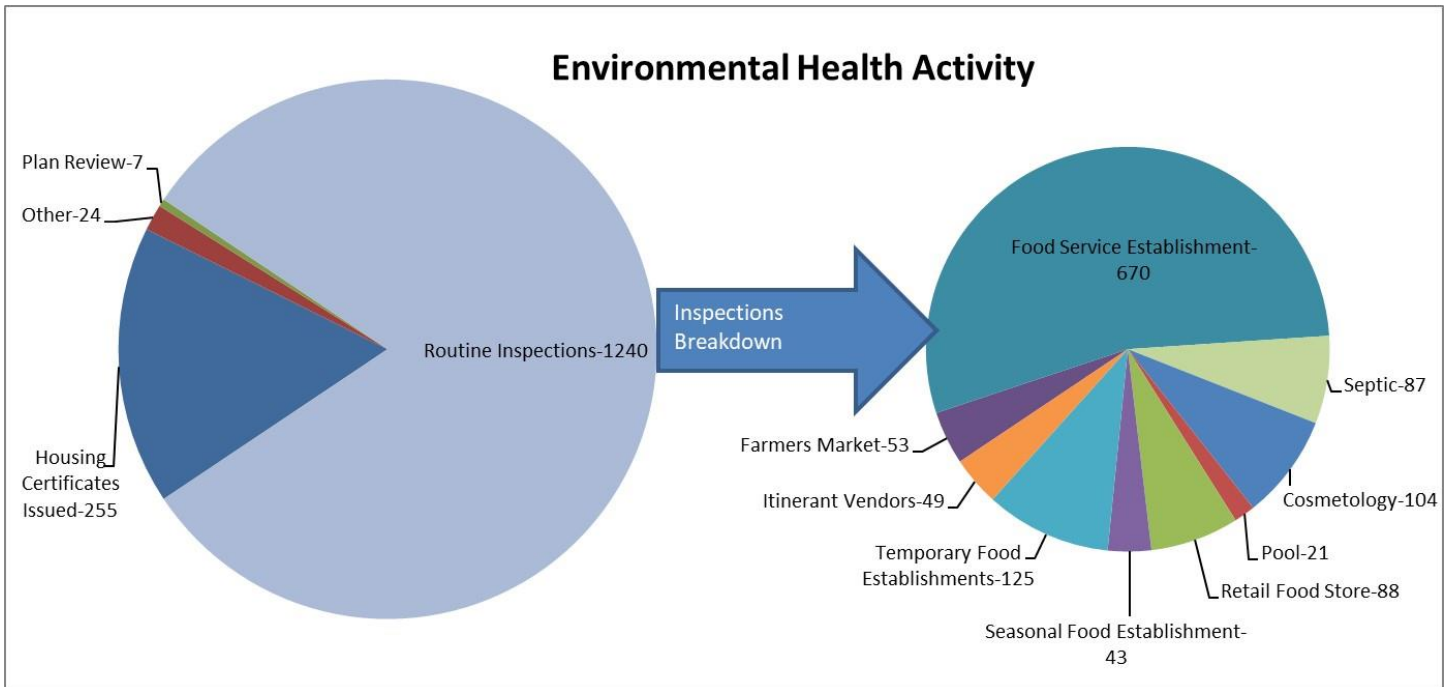
Our programs and services promote the health of the community by:

- * Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease
- * Promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors
- * Protecting against environmental hazards
- * Preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters

ORGANIZATION



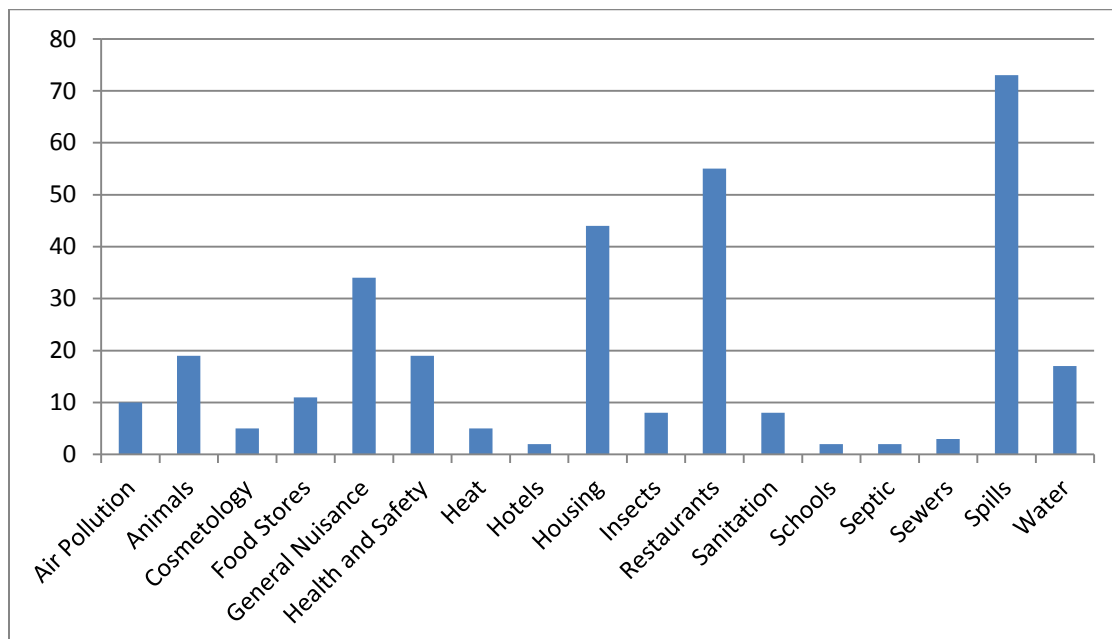
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



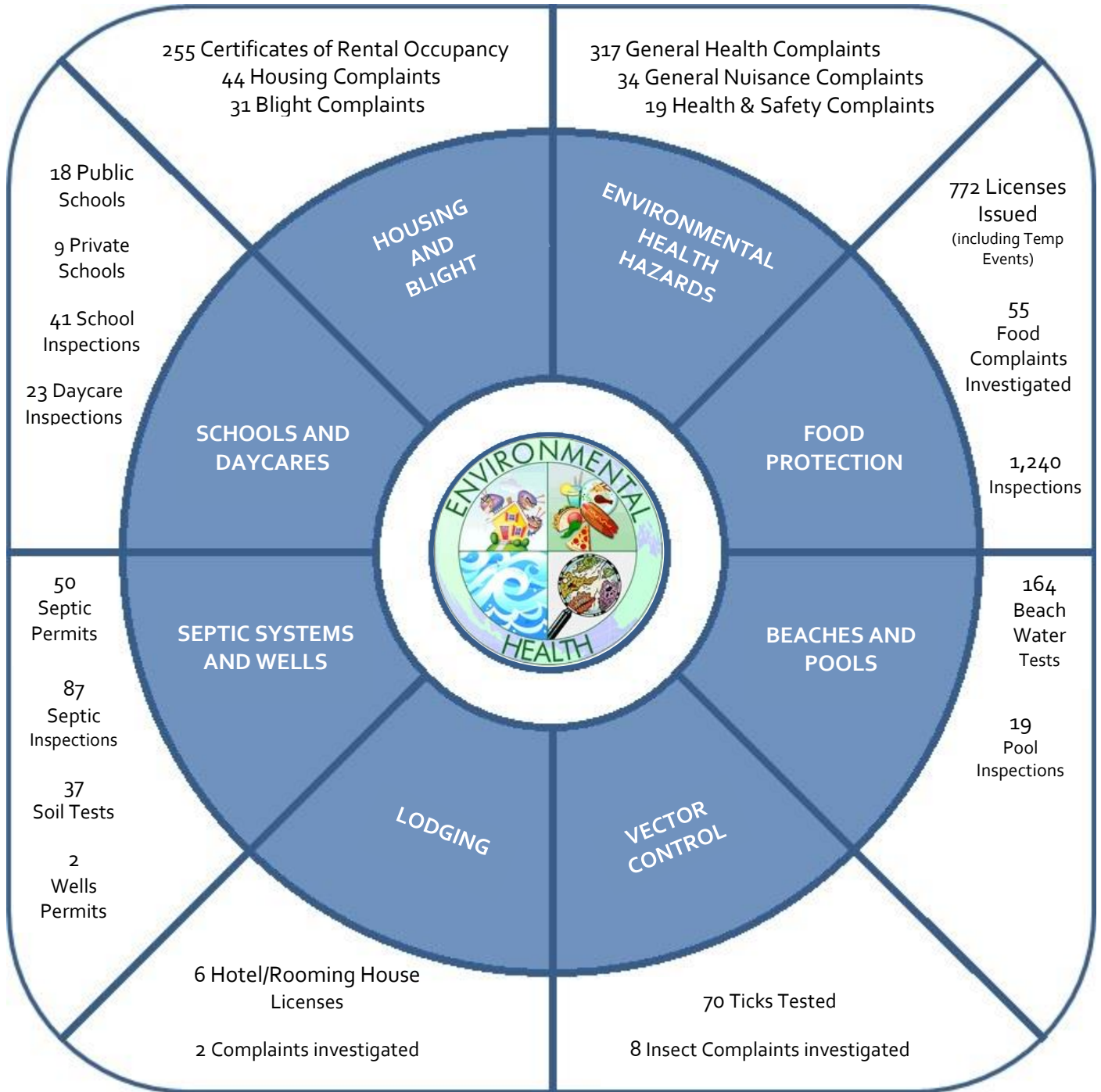
1,240 Inspections completed, including
255 Housing and 670 Food Service Establishments

Complaint Investigations

Our Sanitarians investigated 317 complaints
including 55 Restaurants, 44 Housing and 34 General Nuisance



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

1

Nursing Supervisor

2

Coordinators

1

P/T Public Health Nurse

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- * 154 Employee Physicals
- * 346 PPD Testing
- * 31 FIT Testings
- * 28 Know Your Numbers Clients
- * 8 Community Flu Clinics
- * 1,730 Flu Vaccinations
- * 141 Pediatric Vaccines
- * 8 Pneumonia Vaccines

22

Full Time School Nurses

9

Part Time School Nurses

SCHOOL NURSING

Services at all Public and Private Schools

- * 92,738 School Nurse visits
- * 22,872 Medications administered
- * 1,378 Scoliosis screenings
- * 4,809 Vision screenings
- * 4,306 Hearing screenings
- * 979 Health Care Plans developed
- * 1,586 meetings attended
- * 48 School Staff trained to administer emergency Epinephrine
- * Countless health lessons

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Dental Hygienist

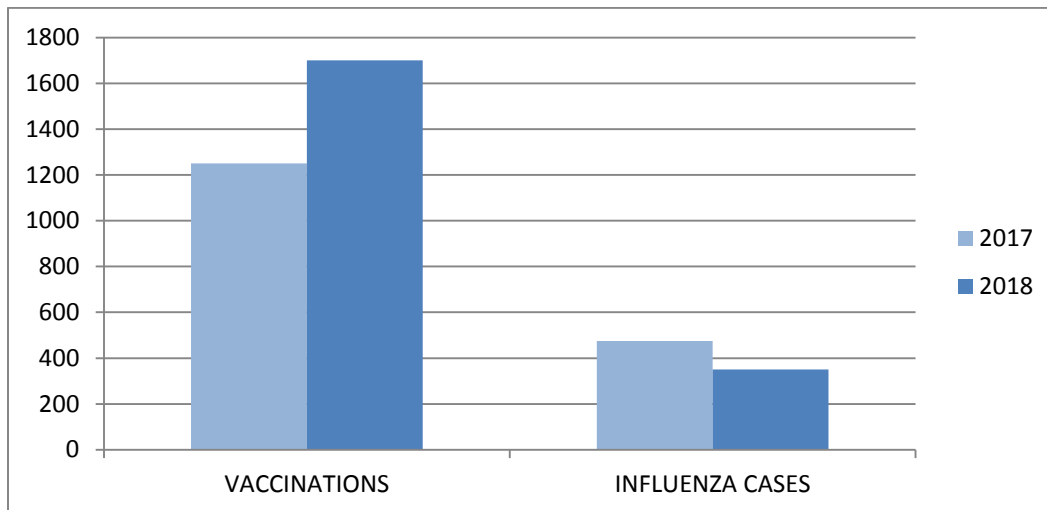
ORAL HEALTH

- * 203 Dental Cleanings
- * 2,972 Students receiving Dental Classroom Education
- * 3 Students referred for free dental care

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Influenza Vaccinations

- * 40% increase in vaccinations over 2017
- * 25% reduction in reported cases of influenza



Pediatric Vaccinations, Travel Immunizations and Sexually Transmitted Diseases



Free and reduced cost pediatric vaccinations are available in our Nursing Department while Well Child Clinic services are offered for students up to age 18. In addition, referrals are provided for travel vaccinations and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

Partnering with the two area hospitals and five neighboring towns of the Greater Bridgeport Region (Bridgeport, Easton, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull), the general health of the community is assessed through surveys, focus groups and interviews. This data provides a snapshot of the needs of the region which is used to develop the Health Improvement Plan, which guides the creation of relevant community-wide programs.



HEALTH EDUCATION



Our website, www.fairfield.org/health offers guidance on public health concerns including information on emergency preparedness, housing, foodborne illnesses, tick testing, vaccinations, STD testing referrals, substance abuse assistance and more.

In addition, our staff has produced over 20 informative videos which have had over 13,000 views and over 100 shares on Facebook this year. Topics covered include bed bugs, ticks, mosquitoes, proper medicine disposal, blood pressure, healthy eating and lead safety.

Our Facebook ([Fairfield Health Department](https://www.facebook.com/FairfieldHealthDepartment)), Twitter ([@FairfieldHD](https://twitter.com/FairfieldHD)) and Instagram ([@FairfieldHealth](https://www.instagram.com/FairfieldHealth)) accounts offer information on our bike share program, healthy eating with our healthy restaurant initiative, current outbreaks or recalls and additional health-related breaking news.

Community Education Programs

Our Health Educator works with the community to promote wellness and healthy behaviors. The following programs are offered to raise awareness, provide support and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle:

- Bike Share** program with Zane's Cycles..... 233 riders
- Health Fairs** (National Dance Day and Healthy Kids Day) 275 attendees
- Diabetes and Chronic Disease Monthly Support Group** ..61 participants
- Know Your Numbers** screening program..... 28 participants
- Fresh Start** smoking cessation program 17 participants
- Matter of Balance** fall prevention 12 week program 12 participants
- Eat Well** healthy menu promotion 8 participating restaurants
- CDC Diabetes Prevention** 16 week program 7 participants

HEALTH PROMOTION PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS



Collaborating with local and regional partners is important to maintaining a healthy community. Our staff members represent the Department by serving on numerous committees, promoting wellness and healthy behaviors, including co-chairing the Regional Healthy Lifestyle Task Force.

Public Health Preparedness and Response

The department prepares for and responds to a variety of public health and other emergencies. The department's staff and volunteers participate in trainings and exercises to prepare for activities related to mass dispensing of medical countermeasures such as antibiotics and vaccines, coordinating the Fairfield Call Center and Mass Care Coordination overseeing emergency shelter operations. To achieve these activities the department coordinates and trains the Fairfield Easton Medical Reserve Corps a 350+ member volunteer group and works with the Fairfield Community Emergency Response Team. This past year nearly 100 staff and volunteers participated in mass dispensing exercises during our annual flu clinics and attended a training on operations of Family Assistance and Family Reunification Centers coordinated by the department at the Fairfield Fire Training Center.

