

# ***2020 Annual Report***

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Healthy People in Healthy Communities

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To ensure the optimal health of the community through promoting physical and mental health, and to prevent disease, injury and disability through on-going surveillance and dedication to excellence and value in the provision of community-based services.

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# FISCAL REPORT

The Wyoming County Health Department sources of funding include grants, fees for service and taxpayer levy. For 2020 note the following:

- The MOU with the Department of Social Services to have Health Department nursing staff conduct in-home Social Work assessments utilizing the UAS-NY system continued throughout 2020. The revenue stream related to this service has been consistent and amounted to approximately \$5,250. This is a decrease from last year due to two months of inactivity related to the NYS Pause due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The MOU with the Fire and Building Codes for inspections at permitted establishments was renewed for 2020. This revenue stream amounted to \$220, down \$980 due to the NYS Pause related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This MOU also has a cost-savings impact. Health Department Environmental personnel conduct fire inspections for permitted establishments at the same time as the scheduled health inspections. As a result, it is no longer necessary to have a Building Code Enforcement Officer do a separate inspection.

A majority of the Wyoming County Department of Health's funding is received through NYS (45%) and Federal (13%) funding. In 2020, the Wyoming County Department of Health maintained the following grants:

Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention	Navigator
Child Safety Seat	Zoonosis Program (Rabies)
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Children with Special Health Care Needs
Drinking Water Enhancement Program	Early Intervention
Family Planning Program	Immunization Action Plan (IAP)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	

Each grant funds specific programs that serve the residents of Wyoming County. Coupled with NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid, the grants provide a very important component of the Wyoming County Department of Health's overall funding stream. Newly awarded grants in 2020 consist of Baby Bundle, COVID-19 Response, ELC COVID-19 Enhanced Detection and the LHD Support for Flu and COVID-19 Response.

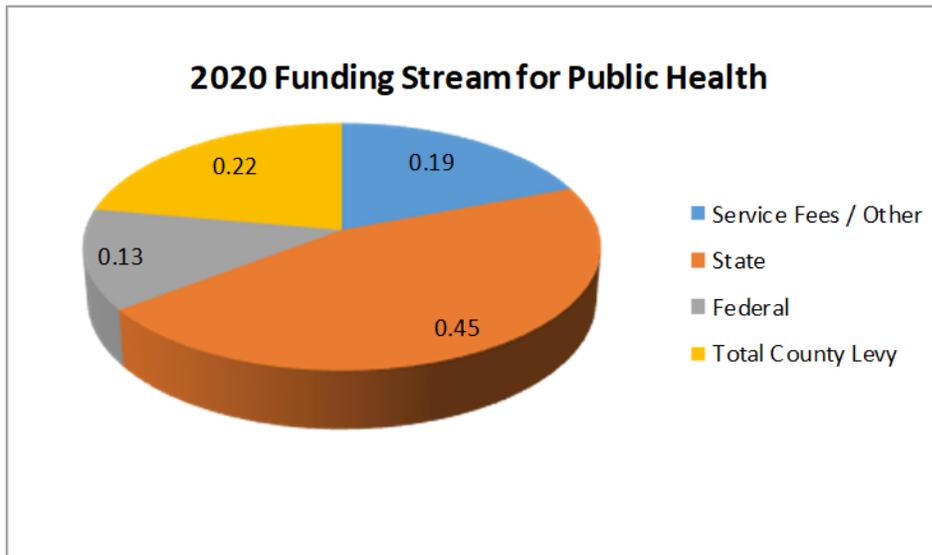
Program decisions are made at the Wyoming County Health Department with every intention of minimizing county taxpayer levy. With that said, 2020 proved to be an extremely difficult year fiscally and operationally. Our overall taxpayer levy was approximately \$600,000 under the revised budget. The budget was prepared in August 2019. As happens every year, there were changes that affected the proposed budget, most significantly the COVID-19 Pandemic. Beginning in March 2020, the Department of Health began focusing on COVID related tasks. NYS was on a mandatory Pause to prevent the spread of the virus, which resulted in a hiatus in services and corresponding revenues. There is an opportunity to make up some of these lost revenues through the billing of an Administration charge for the COVID-19 vaccinations. Our department prepared for and started this process. Due to the volume, we are currently trying to identify additional resources to help with this function. Our contracted expenses were down \$475,000. This is a result of decreased expenses in Public Health, Family Planning and Early Intervention. Most decreases relate to the effects of NYS enforced restrictions. The Family Planning cost cuts we controlled. Effective June 2020, we terminated a contract with the Family Planning billing company, which saved \$15,000. We brought the billing function in house, performed by the clinic Senior Clerk and overseen by the Fiscal Administrator. Additionally, to meet the needs of our client base we modified the clinic service hours.

The Health Department has been heavily involved in COVID detection and response efforts, including vaccination. When the 2021 budget was prepared the landscape of this effort was unknown. We continue to do our best to work within our means and utilize all State and Federal funds awarded. We truly appreciate the ongoing

support from the Board of Supervisors and Public Health Committee. Additionally, the time and effort of all Health Department staff has been outstanding over this past year.

### Wyoming County Department of Public Health (Including Early Intervention)

	2020 Budget Revised	2020 Actual Figures	
Service Fees / Other	652,000	533,382	(118,618)
State	1,269,200	1,268,647	(553)
Federal	646,661	372,170	(274,491)
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>2,567,861</b>	<b>2,174,199</b>	<b>(393,662)</b>
Personal Svc	1,325,326	1,266,686	(58,640)
Capital	37,547	35,191	(2,356)
Contractual	1,288,359	814,190	(474,169)
Fringes	738,247	678,641	(59,606)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>3,389,479</b>	<b>2,794,708</b>	<b>(594,771)</b>
<b>Total County Levy</b>	<b>821,618</b>	<b>620,509</b>	<b>201,109 ***Under Budgeted Levy -24%</b>



### Ten Year Comparison

Year	County Levy	Health Dept Budget	Percent of Levy
2011	552,662	4,210,959	13%
2012	803,998	4,494,544	18%
2013	383,118	3,560,512	11%
2014	513,875	2,863,036	18%
2015	675,322	2,866,543	24%
2016	587,633	2,833,437	21%
2017	484,665	2,720,575	18%
2018	602,183	2,882,638	21%
2019	702,031	2,844,907	25%
2020	620,509	2,794,708	22%

# Public Health Nursing Report

## 2020 Year in Review

I received an email from Andy Meyer in December of 2019. The email mentioned the new strain of SARS virus originating in China. My thought (hope) was that it would skip the United States, and we'd continue with public health business as usual.

COVID-19 has kept public health busy, and there was so much learned. One of the things that really stands out is the collaboration and support from all the departments here in public health, and also in all the Wyoming County agencies. There is such a strong feeling of support, and great communication with department leaders.

Each quarter of 2020 brought new challenges and while they were overwhelming at first they did become manageable with support from all involved and expert level management was achieved.

The first quarter involved learning exactly what COVID-19 was. We had our first exposure contact in February and really focused on learning what our response would be and look like. In March we had our first positive case so contact tracing skills developed. The health department became the first testing site in the county aside from the emergency department at the hospital for COVID-19 testing.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter we continued with contact tracing, home visits for investigations, critical specimen transport, and Commcare, used for communicable disease reporting, was initiated for COVID-19 contact tracing. While New York was in PAUSE, we maintained all health department programs with modifications.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter centered around schools. Reopening plans went into effect to manage exposures and contact tracing. Andy Meyer lead the team for developing the algorithms for contact tracing and notifying all involved parties. Allison Kling-Somonian joined us as the School Specialist assigned to Wyoming County to assist in school contact tracing efforts.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was by far the busiest and may have taken us by surprise just how rapidly our positive case numbers increased. There was constant forethought on issues that would soon present as the numbers increased. Fortunately, with the combined efforts of all departments we were able to redistribute the workflow to ensure prompt investigations and contact tracing. School contact tracing was a success and positive relationships were established with the schools and public health. What has been accomplished this year could never have been imagined. It is through great team work, strong communication, and every department coming together that we've maintained a high level of success.

## Public Health Program Highlights:

- 997 positive cases occurred in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter compared to a total of 135 positive cases in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, quarter combined!
- WCHD requested assistance through regional VCC (virtual call center) for case investigations as case numbers increased to maintain timely case investigations to help slow the spread.
- 11/2/21 - Deb Head joined the Health Department full time as Covid Response Specialist; Melissa Weingarten joined the Health Department full time as the nurse for Jail Medical Services.
- SARS COVID-19 testing using Abbott ID NOW-SARS CoV2 and Binax NOW COVID-19 Ag card began.

- Toolkit for schools finally released 10/1/21 - up until this point guidance came from LHD's for managing reopening schools.
- COVID Response Assistant position created and filled full time.
- Preparation for COVID vaccinations beginning first week in January 2021.
- Despite the increase in COVID cases resulting in increased investigations all public health programs remained active and up to date.
- Year 8 Article 6 Performance Incentive Program - \$10,023 award received from communicable disease program.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (2020)

The Men's and Women's Reproductive Health Services provide clinical services, with particular focus on adolescents and those that are un-insured / under-insured. MWHS receives partial funding for operations from the New York State Department of Health. In 2019, NYSDOH announced it was withdrawing from the Federal Title X Program, but made a commitment to keep grantee awards intact via an additional NYS funding extension period through 6/30/2020 from the prior five-year grant cycle that originally ended 12/31/2015. The grant period was subsequently extended again through June 30, 2021 and the next five year RFA was released by NYSDOH with applications due in December, 2020. Given the format/funding formula of that RFA and declining volume of patients and visits in MWHS and vulnerabilities in staffing, the Health Department sought to join with another organization to apply for funding. Livingston County Reproductive Health Services declined to partner, due to logistic issues (credentialing with payors, employment etc) and the HD ultimately contributed to an application filed by WCCHS for funding for this program. It is hoped that the application by WCCHS will be selected for funding and the WCHD MWHS can achieve stability and sustainability for current patients, and staff by combining with WCCHS. The results of that RFA have not been announced by NYSDOH; there is significant uncertainty at this time. D. Gray, longtime NP has announced her impending retirement on 5/1/2021 leaving a gap in service until the end of the current grant cycle (expected at 6/30/2021). Planning is in process to mitigate this gap.

In order to more closely match demand and capacity, the MWHS reduced hours of operation in July, 2020 from three days per week to two days per week. Additionally, the contractual relationship with Integra for billing and revenue cycle management was terminated (also in July) and the billing function was brought back in house, very capably managed by P. Robb, Sr. Clerk with oversight by K. Standish, Fiscal Administrator. Cost savings and efficiencies helped reduce expenses associated with this program.

Reproductive health care at MWHS is delivered through health assessment, physical examination, counseling and education on health / social risk factors, the clients' Reproductive Life Plan (desire for and timing of children), contraceptive options and prevention / treatment of STD's, as well as Hep C testing in cooperation with Public Health Nursing. Clients at risk for substance use disorder receive an SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment). MWHS staff provide referrals to Wyoming County clinical providers and community-based organizations for needed services. Narcan training and kits are provided to clients at risk of opioid use.

Charges are cost based; there is a sliding fee scale, Medicaid and most private insurances are accepted. See below for annual NYSDOH Family Planning Program client volume comparison:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Unduplicated Clients</b>						
Warsaw	921	905	888	828	671	<b>539</b>
Attica	56	59	57	48	19	<b>0</b>
Male	43	42	35	29	40	<b>16</b>
Female	934	922	910	847	650	<b>523</b>
<b>Total Unduplicated Clients</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>539</b>
<b>Client Visits</b>						
Warsaw	1,761	1,669	1,606	1,507	1,327	<b>1,093</b>
Attica	97	98	86	63	30	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Client Visits</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,093</b>

# WYOMING COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

## WYOMING COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Environmental Health Division is obligated to educate, guide, review and enforce the regulations as outlined in the New York State Sanitary Code and the Sanitary Code of Wyoming County.

➤ **Staff - Director, Assistant Director, (3) Field Staff, (1) Clerical, (.4) Public Water Staff**

➤ **Assists other State Agencies**

- NYS Department of Conservation

(Public Water Supplies, Air Quality, Ground & Surface Water Contamination, Spills)

- NYS Agriculture and Markets

(Initial Retail Store Complaints/Investigations, Facility Water Supply Protection)

➤ **Assists other County Departments**

- WC Building & Fire Codes

(Water/Sewage System Requirements, Complaints, Fire & Safety Inspections)

- WC Soil & Water and WC Water Resource Agency

- WC Emergency Services

- WC Weights & Measures

### 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

On February 12 the NYS Department of Health, Western Region Environmental staff, conducted an in-service / review on our environmental Lead Prevention Program. Case numbers and environmental response investigations were reviewed and discussed to assist this department in meeting the requirements of the new Lead Prevention Program guidelines.

As part of an agreement between NYS Department of Health and the Department of Labor this department is in the process of Permitting a Migrant Labor Camp in the Town of Wethersfield. The facility will be in operation from 4/15 - 12/1/2020 and annually thereafter.

As a result of the Governor's Executive Order addressing workforce reduction due to COVID -19, this office stopped all operational inspections with four of the environmental staff being reassigned to the WC EOC to assist in its operation. Those staff members included: Danni Hutson and Richard Stevens as part of the Logistics team responsible for inventory warehousing and deliveries, Amy DeGweck-Hallborg as part of the Call Center Operation and the Environmental Health Directors as EOC Liaison. The remaining environmental staff members, Robert Jines and Shelley Connelly, reported to the Health Department to address the remaining essential environmental workload.

While most program areas were place on hold, the Public Water, Rabies and Public Health Nuisance programs remained active. Guidance from NYS DOH also recommended that home visits, as part of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, be postponed unless the elevated blood lead level was greater than or

equal to 45 ug/dL. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, this office was notified of such a case with an EBLL of 65 ug/dL in Wyoming County with the child requiring chelation. As a result, Amy DeGweck-Hallborg of this department conducted the required home visits. All necessary COVID -19 pre-cautions were implemented during this visit.

During the month of May this department continued to provide guidance to many of the businesses & facilities impacted by the PAUSE NY as well as during the re-opening of NY Phases 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>) and 2 (May 29<sup>th</sup>). This guidance assisted in providing answers to the many questions being asked concerning the guidelines being issued as well as the required safety plans each had to develop. This department continued to work with Scott Gardner, WC Chamber of Commerce, to ensure re-opening guidelines, updates and information were provided to our business community in a timely manner through the Chambers website.

Permits were issued to many of our Recreational Campgrounds during the Month of May allowing them to re-open for the camping season and answered many questions from our foodservice operations as they prepared to re-open for outdoor dining, being allowed under Phase 2, in addition to the take-out service currently being provided.

This department responded to the many complaints being received regarding potential COVID-19 guidance concerns/violations. The Departments of Health and Code Enforcement were the two primary agencies responsible for addressing these types of complaints.

The Microtel Inn, V. Warsaw, was inspected and permitted during the month of June. This new facility is a nice addition to temporary residence operations serving Wyoming County and permitted by this department.

Our department assisted NYSDOH with an investigation into a potential legionella cluster in the Village of Perry. As part of that investigation water samples were collected from a nearby industrial cooling tower. Sample results indicated legionella species DNA was present but not legionella pneumophila which typically is indicated in human legionella cases.

This department is currently working on providing guidance to our Community Water Systems regarding new water testing requirements for 3 newly regulated compounds, PFOS, PFOA and 1, 4- Dioxane. This new rule applies to Community Water systems (15 service connections or 25 people) and Non-Transient Non-Community (i.e. Letchworth CS, Markin Tubing, etc.). These three tests cost approximately \$600 and must be done quarterly for the next year. Based on the results there may be reduced monitoring going forward. Some sources for these compounds are non-stick cookware, stain-resistant clothing, cosmetics, detergents & shampoos, microwave popcorn packaging and some fire-fighting foam.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> this office's Annual Water Operator Training sessions was held. This was a scaled down version of the training session that was cancelled in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was offered to only those operators that were in urgent need of continuing education needs for license re-certification and/or expirations that were placed on hold during the NYS Pause orders. The session was held in a facility that was able to accommodate our class size while also enabling us to achieve the proper social distancing and mask use. There were twenty-five Wyoming County operators in attendance and it was well received.

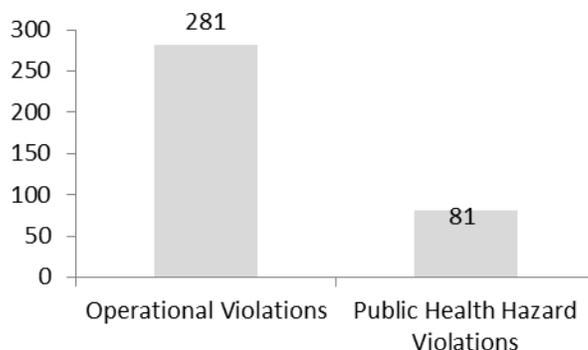
## 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM STATISTICS & COMPARISONS

(Number compared to previous year)      2019    \*2020

### Community Environmental Health & Food Protection Program

Food Service Establishment	267	200
Community Dinner Events	225	128
Recreational Campground	19	17
Temporary Residence	21	21
Swimming Pool	32	21
Bathing Beaches	8	6
Mobile Home Park	16	16
Children's Camps	20	4
Tanning Facility	8	8
Agricultural Fairground	1	0
Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishment	4	4
Operational & Fire/Safety Inspections	678	359

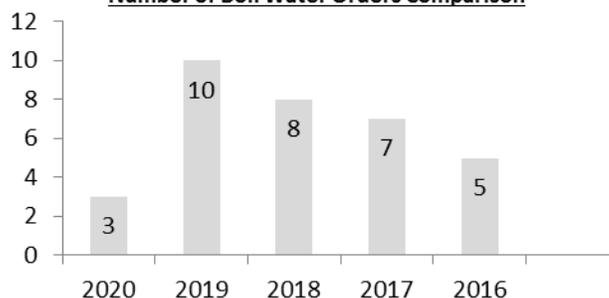
**Total Number of Violations / Type for 2020**



### Water Supply Program

Community	30	29
Non-Transient Non-Community	5	5
Non-Community	75	64
Individual Water Supply (Public)	2	3
Public Water Samples Collected	493	369
WCWRA Water Samples Submitted	1,039	972
Private Water Samples Collected	544	507
Surface Water Quality Samples Collected	31	21
Water System Plans Approved	7	3
Onsite Wastewater System Permits	78	86
Property Transfer Inspections	295	290
Water Operators Training Course	1	1

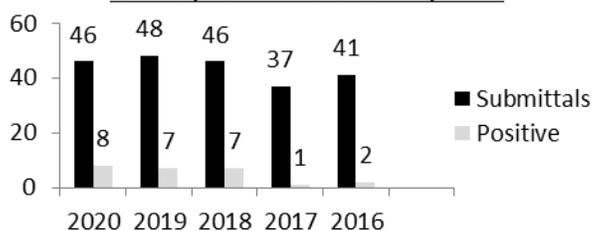
**Number of Boil Water Orders Comparison**



### Rabies Program

Animal Bite Investigations	102	98
Specimens Submitted for Testing	48	46
Positive Rabies Confirmations	7	8
Human Post Exposure Treatment	14	9
Rabies Vaccination Clinics	5	5
Total Number of Animals Vaccinated	955	776

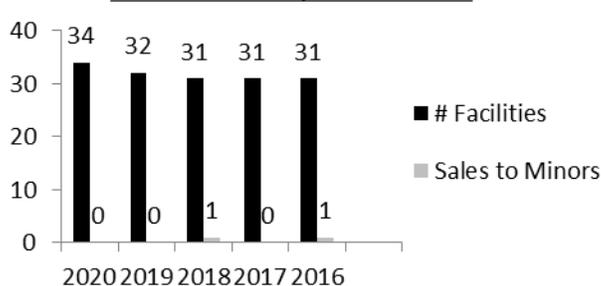
**Rabies Specimen Submittal Comparison**



### Miscellaneous Program Areas

Nuisance Complaints	43	56
COVID-19 Complaints	0	210
Mass Gatherings	3	0
Retail Tobacco Establishments	32	34
Lead Program Investigations	10	22

**Retail Tobacco Est. / Sales to Minors**



**Enforcement Proceedings Initiated**      15      13

\*Pause NY during the COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in many permitted operations /events being postponed and/or closed.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## 2020 Program Goals

- Timely completion of the PHEP Grant Deliverables, including required reporting.
- Continue to attend various trainings to deepen PHEP program knowledge, develop understanding of best practices in place elsewhere in the Western Region.
- Devise and implement a training schedule for all HD employees to assure understanding of their respective roles in preparedness and response.
- Test the HD Medical Countermeasures Distribution Plan through an exercise/drill.
- Work closely with EM to complete the transition of duties from former PHEP Coordinator to current PH Program Coordinator.
- On behalf of the Health Department, participate with the Emergency Management process to update the Wyoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan, CEMP and ESF annexes.

## 2020 - WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

- 1/8 CDC issues a health advisory regarding "pneumonia of unknown etiology" in Wuhan, China
- 2/1 NYSDOH hosts a "Commissioners Call" with all local health departments in NYS to review the emerging threat of new Coronavirus (subsequently named COVID-19)
- 2/3 WCHD convenes a meeting to discuss COVID-19, review local Isolation & Quarantine Orders and evaluate processes, identify gaps and develop an action plan. Present are Board of Supervisors, County Attorney, Emergency Management and HD staff
- 2/7 WCHD places asymptomatic medium risk traveler under mandatory quarantine for 14 days
- 2/12 Board of Health members sent a letter outlining statutory responsibilities of the Board of Health in the event an Involuntary Order of Quarantine and/or Isolation is issued, pursuant to local policies based on provisions of Public Health Law Article 21, Title 1, Section 2100
- 3/1 First positive Coronavirus case in New York State
- 3/7 New York State declares State of Emergency by Executive Order 202
- 3/15 Wyoming County declares State of Emergency
- 3/16 Schools are closed
- 3/17 Wyoming County HD receives first lab confirmed report of COVID-19 in a resident & Wyoming County reduces departmental staffing by 50% for non-essential services. The HD continues reporting.
- 3/17 WCCHS restricts visitors and cancels elective surgeries
- 3/20 Wyoming County activates the Emergency Operations Center; HD staff are deployed to participate in assigned roles (Incident Command, Liaison, Logistics, Response Line, Supplies, Safety, PIO).
- 3/24 WCCHS submits a plan to NYSDOH to increase capacity by 50% to 93 beds.
- 3/25 Wyoming County launches the Wyoming County Response Line to answer non-Health Department calls from members of the public at 786-8911, available Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm
- April Wyoming County launches the Human Services group to share information on emerging needs among residents during the period of pandemic shutdown (donations, employment, housing, food insecurity, mental health, healthcare, DV, child maltreatment, substance use disorder)
- May Governor Cuomo announced the NY Forward plan to reopen businesses in New York on a regional basis. Wyoming County is in the Finger Lakes Region. A dashboard of 7 metrics guides whether a region can reopen (disease prevalence, hospital capacity, testing, contact tracing).
- May to July  
The Finger Lakes Region re-opens through the Phases with significant restrictions on operational criteria. The HD participates in education to business and individuals on reopening and requirements, including responding to complaints. Limited active cases.
- July to August

Work closely with schools on DOH and SED guidance surrounding re-opening requirements, restrictions and plans. Responded to community inquiries regarding restrictions due to Phased re-opening. Manage case investigation and contact tracing.

Sept Commence large scale COVID-19 testing events & begin planning for vaccination clinics. Manage case investigation and contact tracing.

October to December

High volume of case investigations and contact tracing (135 cases from 1/1/20 through 9/30/20 and 937 in the 4th quarter alone). Finalize logistic plans for POD at County Highway, recruit staff/volunteers, map process.

### **2021 Program Goals and Objectives**

- COVID Response, including:
  - Continued vaccination at POD, meeting eligibility restrictions imposed by NYS
  - Vaccination of special populations (young people, agricultural workers, homebound, inmates etc) in alternate settings
  - School re-opening activities (anticipated Fall, 2021)
  - Participate in Event After Action Reporting with County officials
  - Lead After Action process internal to the HD, to determine vulnerabilities and areas for systemic improvement
- Timely completion of PHEP Deliverables, including required reporting.

# CORONERS

Wyoming County has four Coroners, elected for four year terms; they are:

- Michael Smith (2018 - 2021), Wyoming
- Renee Hill (2020-2023), Attica
- Neil Williams (2020-2023), Arcade
- Dr. Jennifer Prutsman-Pfeiffer (2019-2021, corrected term), Darien Center

In 2020, Coroners were paid \$100 per community case, plus mileage; they received \$200 for cases in NYS Correctional Facilities. Note the case volume below:

M. Smith	94	J. Prutsman-Pfeiffer	34
R. Hill	43	N. Williams	40

Arcade: 19	Attica: 29	Bennington: 10
Castile: 15	Covington: 9	Eagle: 8
Gainesville: 7	Genesee Falls: 2	Java: 14
Middlebury: 2	Orangeville: 5	Perry: 39
Pike: 4	Sheldon: 13	Silver Springs: 3
Warsaw: 27	Wethersfield: 3	Wyoming: 2

When a death occurs in the community, a Coroner is contacted by the Wyoming County Dispatch to conduct an investigation for determination of the cause and manner of death. Coroners are generally assigned a geographic quadrant of Wyoming County for response purposes, however, the majority of cases are responded to by M. Smith due to his availability. If cause and manner can be reasonably determined, and a physician will sign the death certificate, the decedent is released to a Funeral Home and required paperwork is completed by the Coroner to file a death certificate. If cause and manner of death cannot be determined, the case is referred to the Medical Examiner for autopsy. Wyoming County contracts with the Monroe County Medical Examiner (MCME) for these services. When a case is referred to the MCME, the decedent is transported by a contracted Wyoming County Funeral Home at a cost of \$200 per transport. The Wyoming County Funeral Homes that provide this service are: Robinson Hackimer (Warsaw), WS Davis (Arcade), Marley (Attica) and Eaton-Watson (Perry). Certain cases must be referred to the MCME, including: MVA, suicide, suspected overdoses, pediatric and inmates. In 2018, the Coroners began working through a change to Hospice case response, wherein they do not respond to the scene if Hospice is on site and rather remotely initiate the death certificate in EDRS (the "Electronic Death Record System"); this protocol was operational during all of 2020.

MCME requires an annual contract for Medical Examiner Services, wherein an estimate of volume must be provided to obtain contracted services at a contracted rate (\$2,100 for full/partial autopsies and \$1,600 for B&D). Annual cost is determined based on this estimate: if the County overestimates volume, the full contracted cost is due and payable. Similarly, if the County underestimates volume, additional cases beyond the contracted numbers are payable at a higher rate (\$2,500 and \$1,800 respectively). This contract format has been unfavorable in recent years due to increased volume of cases being referred to MCME as a result of overdose deaths and suicides among Wyoming County residents, which cannot be predicted. Attempts to negotiate a more favorable format have been unsuccessful to date. Concerns about the timeliness of MCME services prompted WCHD to enter into an Agreement with NMS for post mortem lab testing; this has improved timeliness of lab results. In 2020, there were 211 Coroner attended deaths with 35 Cases referred to MCMC: 27 Full / Partial and 8 Blood & Description. The only revenue offset to Coroner-related expenses is a chargeback to DOCCS and SCOC for inmate deaths (which must be referred to MCME).

# Wyoming County Department of Weights and Measures

## Program responsibilities

The Department of Weights and Measures is responsible for assuring measurement accuracy in commerce throughout Wyoming County in accordance with Article 16 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. The Department is tasked with inspecting and testing all commercially used weighing and measuring devices, including scales of all sizes, liquid metering devices and farm bulk tanks.

The Department is also charged with testing retail petroleum products within the county under the Petroleum Product Quality Program to ensure the quality of gasoline and diesel fuel in Wyoming County.

## Program updates 2020

Throughout the year Wyoming County staff completed 372 device inspections, collected 40 gasoline samples and 8 diesel fuel samples. Much staff time was pulled to COVID 19 pandemic response as of March, additionally one of the two trained inspection staff resigned in August. With this change in operational focus to COVID response, device inspection totals were down by 8 devices from 2019. With this we look forward to training additional staff for Weights and Measures duties in 2021, increasing capacity for device inspections.

## Inspection Statistics

### Weighing Devices

Scale Type	Number of Devices in County	Inspections performed 2020
Computing Scale	70	75 (includes rechecks)
Pre-Pack Scale	29	31 (includes rechecks)
Customer Scale	2	2
Vehicle Scale	26	22
Monorail Scale	4	4
Prescription Scale	6	1
Livestock Scale	2	2
Platform Scale	25	16
Hopper/Batch/Tank Scale	5	4
Miscellaneous Scale	2	2

### Liquid measure Devices

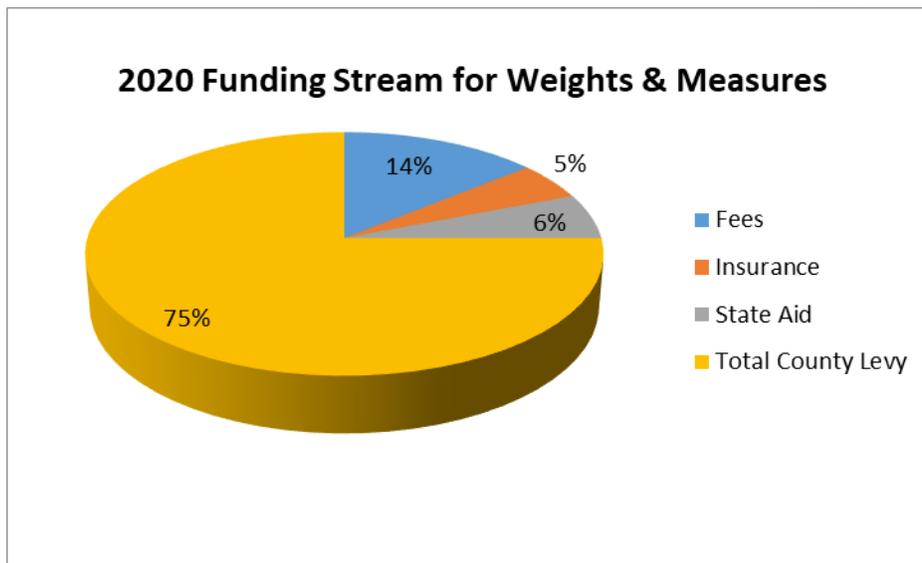
Meter Type	Number of Devices in County	Inspections performed 2020
Petroleum Pump	215	198
Petroleum Meter VTM	11	0
Milk Tanks	250 (estimate)	11

# WEIGHTS & MEAURES

## FISCAL REPORT

2020 was Weights and Measures first full year of operation as a Health Department subsidiary. The year started out strong but came to a halt in March with the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We reassigned staff to assist with COVID-19 detection and response activities. Based on the information below comparing 2019 to 2020, under the circumstances services were only down 8% and revenues 39%.

	<b>Budget Revised</b>	<b>Actual Figures</b>		
Fees	7,000	6,570	(430)	
Insurance	1,700	2,237	537	
State Aid	<u>3,136</u>	<u>2,598</u>	(538)	
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b><u>11,836</u></b>	<b><u>11,405</u></b>	(431)	
Personal Svc	30,385	24,403	(5,982)	
Capital	-	-	-	
Contractual	8,730	5,483	(3,247)	
Fringes	<u>22,282</u>	<u>16,546</u>	(5,736)	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>61,397</u></b>	<b><u>46,432</u></b>	<b>(14,965)</b>	<b>***Under</b>
<b>Total County Levy</b>	<b><u><u>49,561</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>35,027</u></u></b>	<b>14,534</b>	<b>Budgeted Levy</b>
			-29%	



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**Prior Year Comparison**

<b>Year</b>	<b>County Levy</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Percent of Levy</b>
2020	35,027	49,561	75%
2019	55,168	70,574	78%

This new structure continues to help us decrease overall taxpayer levy. This department only receives \$3,000 per year of State Funding. Service revenues and taxpayer levy offset the remainder of the \$46,000 budget. In 2020, fee revenues only decreased \$2,620 or 39%. Taxpayer levy went down 3%. The hope is for this to turn around in 2021 with a full year of services.