



Prowers County Public Health & Environment

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Prowers County Public Health & Environment Board of Health Agenda November 25, 2025

1. Approval of September 23, 2025 meeting minutes
2. Public Comment
3. Program Updates

A. Public Health

i. Lead September 1, October 17

ii. Mercury October 1

iii. Communicable Disease

a) Tuberculosis work up (no active disease) September 1, October 10

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Animal Bites	3	4	6	9	3	7
Campylobacter	-	-	1	3	-	3
Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae	-	1	-	-	-	-
COVID-19	-	3	-	5 (0)	-	1 (0)
Cryptosporidiosis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cyclosporiasis	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteropathogenic E coli (EPEC)	-	-	-	-	-	4
Giardiasis	-	-	-	-	1	-
Influenza, hospitalized	-	-	-	-	-	-
Invasive pneumococcal disease	-	1	-	-	-	-
Legionellosis	-	3	-	-	-	-
Measles	2*	-	-	--	-	-
Salmonellosis	-	-	-	1	1	-
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC	-	-	-	1	-	-

*Measles cases were suspected and ended up being negative. All suspected cases are reported

iv. Vaccinations Administered

May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
59	67	146	82	32	618

v. URHN/PH Planning- Awaiting funding opportunity decision for continuation for Youth Council. New funding for Chronic Disease via tobacco funds initially told \$60k/year, actual is \$120k/year x 3 years. Got grant also for working on PHIP, approx. \$15k

vi. Opioid work- still offering free naloxone and fentanyl test strips. Plan to apply for SECOR funding in January

vii. Child Fatality Review-No new reviews

viii. Vital Records/VSO update-Baca Update

ix. Nurse updates: Nothing new other than had busy month with Tb related things due to an exposure to active case in another county.

B. Southeast Colorado Case Management Agency (SECO CMA)

i. Case Load

May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
490	493	480	501	521	497

C. Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

i. Client Case Load (Includes Kiowa and Prowers)

May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
400	401	414	410	410	402

ii. WIC restructure update-Kit Carson County

D. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

i. Client case load

May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
40	40	41	42	46	47

ii. Goal caseload 65 when fully staffed.

E. Environmental Health- See EH report

F. Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) -Attended County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) for the county, Regional HCC funds restored in full (we are fiscal agent)

G. FINANCIALS- see report

H. Other business/Staffing Updates-Incentive payments this month

I. Next BOH Meeting – December 23, 2025 08:30AM. Meeting Adjourned

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Legionellosis Outbreak Historic Cow Palace Inn 2025

Case Definitions:

Confirmed Legionnaires' Disease: A laboratory confirmed case of Legionnaires Disease who spent time at the Historic Cow Palace in the 14 days before their illness onset, between 05/01/2025 and 07/10/2025.

Probable Legionnaires' Disease: An individual who is clinically compatible with Legionnaires Disease (diagnosed with pneumonia either by radiograph or provider based on clinical presentation) but was not tested for Legionella, and who spent time at the Historic Cow Palace Inn in the 14 days before their illness onset, between 05/01/2025 and 07/10/2025.

Confirmed Pontiac Fever: A clinically compatible case of Pontiac Fever (fever or two or more of the following symptoms: myalgia, chills, cough, headache, or GI symptoms), no diagnosis of pneumonia by medical provider, with confirmatory laboratory evidence of Legionella infection/exposure, who spent time at the Historic Cow Palace Inn in the 3 days before their illness onset, between 05/01/2025 and 07/10/2025.

Probable Pontiac Fever: An individual who is clinically compatible with Pontiac Fever (fever or two or more of the following symptoms: myalgia, chills, cough, headache, or GI symptoms), no diagnosis of pneumonia by a medical provider, and who spent time at the Historic Cow Palace and/or 1301 Tavern in the 3 days before their illness onset, between 05/01/2025 and 07/10/2025.

Case Counts:

Total: 22 (11 in Colorado, 11 out of state)

Legionnaires' Disease: 5 Confirmed, 4 Probable

Pontiac Fever: 0 Confirmed, 13 Probable

Deaths: 0

Hospitalizations: 6 (4 confirmed, 2 reported) Legionnaires', 0 Pontiac Fever

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Timeline of events:

- 06/18/2025: Notified of first legionella case
- 06/19/2025: Notified of case in El Paso County with possible exposure in Prowers County
- 06/20/2025: Further cases reported. Case investigations conducted with no identified connection. Investigation and consultation with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), plan developed to test local cooling towers. Testing supplies ordered.
- 07/10/2025: Follow-up interviews reveal the Historic Cow Palace Inn ("the Inn") as a connection between cases. The Inn notified and further facility investigation begins. Hot tub/Spa not in service as of 07/06/2025 for unrelated reason and remained shut down ordered until testing completed and resulted.
- 07/15/2025: Timeline for exposure determined and guest list from May 1-July 10, 2025 obtained. Guests contacted via phone and email for further investigation.
- 07/16/2025: Prowers County Public Health and Environment and CDPHE staff test Inn water for Legionella bacteria. Remediation processes started by the Inn.
- 07/28/2025: Pool and hot tub testing resulted, confirming Legionella. Certified Pool Operator requirement instated as condition of pool, hot tub/spa reopening.
- 08/08/2025: Potable water system testing resulted, confirming Legionella. Legionella positive hotel rooms removed from service. Inn retained contractor for remediation and plan for full water system treatment and follow up via Water Management Plan. The Inn required to notify current and future guests of potential exposure until remediation/shock completed.
- 08/18/2025: Inn provided PCPHE with the negative pool and hot tub results after remediation.
- 08/22/2025: Certified pool operator documentation provided to PCPHE
- 08/23/2025: Shock/remediation completed on the potable water system by Inn-contracted company. The Inn was closed during the shock.
- 08/26/2025: Pool and hot tub re-opened to the public
- 08/27/2025: PCPHE outreach to hotel guests completed.
- 09/03/2025: Inn initiated follow up testing as per Water Management Plan.

These outbreaks are followed for 12 months to ensure continued adherence to Water Management Plan.

Randy Martinez
Environmental Health Manager
October/November 2025
Prowers

Retail Food Establishment Inspections / School Kitchens	Total all Counties- Inspections - 23
Prowers - 11	3
Baca - 2	2
Bent - 2	
Kiowa - 3	

Retail Food Reinspections	Complaints
Prowers - 1	2
Baca - 0	
Bent - 0	1
Kiowa - 0	

Training - School inspections
Prowers high risk - 4 low risk - 5 Total -9 Inspections
Baca 0
Kiowa 0
Bent 0

CDPHE Retail Food Renewals sent out

Training
CDPHE plan review
Certified Pool & Spa Inspector course
Air Quality Control/CDPHE
Authorities and inspections of child care
Integrated Food Safety System
Deep Dive Work Shop CDPHE Colorado food Code

Meetings
Air Quality Control/CDPHE
Radon CDPDE- Margret
Cow Palace - Adrian
KWAY Radio
State-Wide Plan Review
Lap Meeting -CDPHE Monica review on retail food inspections