

# Local Public Health & Communicable Disease Work

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Committee On Health and Human Services

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# HB 196: Covid-19 Response Relief Bill

*Thank  
you*



# Davidson County COVID-19 Response



# What is a communicable disease?

Smallpox Salmonella Hepatitis  
E.Coli Pertussis/Whooping Cough  
Food Borne Illness Rubella  
Malaria Typhoid Syphilis  
Coronavirus, 2019  
Tuberculosis Legionella





## 4th person dead in Legionnaires' outbreak tied to hot tubs at North Carolina state fair

Nearly 150 people who attended the fair and walked by a hot tub display were sickened, the state's Department of Health and Human Services said.

The News & Observer

NORTH CAROLINA

### More whooping cough cases in North Carolina prompt warning from school district

BY CHARLES DUNCAN

DECEMBER 11, 2019 01:57 PM, UPDATED DECEMBER 11, 2019 09:23 PM



This video from the Mayo Clinic explains the symptoms of and treatment for whooping cough.  
BY COURTESY OF MAYO CLINIC

## Tarheel Q remains closed; 200 cases of salmonella reported

Posted June 29, 2015 3:21 p.m. EDT



## NCDHHS Reports Increase in Hepatitis A Outbreak, Urges Vaccination

# Davidson County CD Response

- Hepatitis Vaccines in the homeless shelter and jail
  - Tuberculosis cases
  - Decedent donations
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- Norovirus outbreak at a local catering facility
  - Investigation of mysterious illness among children in a community
    - Public swimming pool malfunctioning pump system



# Communicable Disease

- 2 FTE \$184,194
- Reimbursement from the state: CD-\$3,806 + TB-\$30,736= \$34,542
- (\$149,652)





# The need....

- Recurring funding to improve ability to prevent and respond to typical communicable disease issues
- Resources to facilitate strengthening relationships in the community to improve response
- State-wide efforts, communicable diseases do not stop at the county line

Thank you for your  
leadership and  
consideration.

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