County Health Officer Quarterly Report to the State Board of Health

Fourth Quarter 2026

Administrative Detail	Record Information
County Health Officer	Noah Walker
Jurisdiction	White Pine County
Reporting Period	Fourth Quarter of 2026
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County Board of Health Updates

The White Pine County Board of Health maintained ongoing public health surveillance and administrative coordination during the fourth quarter. The Health Officer briefed county leadership on seasonal respiratory patterns and heightened multi-state communicable disease alerts.

Major Public Health & Board Updates

- **Enhanced Measles (Rubeola) Surveillance and Monitoring**
  Maintained heightened communicable disease surveillance in response to significant national measles case increases and regional travel-associated exposures. Monitored Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) epidemiological notices and Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) technical bulletins to track regional threat levels and maintain prompt case-reporting readiness.
- **Community Education and Public Inquiries**
  Conducted targeted public health education and risk communication for concerned White Pine County residents. Emphasized the high contagiousness of airborne transmission, early clinical indicators (fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis,

followed by maculopapular rash), and the critical protective efficacy of the two-dose MMR vaccine regimen (97% effective against infection).

- **Provider Guidance and Infection Control Protocols**
  Coordinated with local clinical partners, including William Bee Ririe Hospital and regional outpatient clinics, reinforcing standard and airborne precautions for suspected rash illnesses. Emphasized phone triage procedures prior to clinic entry, proper laboratory collection protocols (nasopharyngeal/throat RT-PCR and serology), and strict adherence to the 24-hour notification mandate to DPBH epidemiology.
- **Inter-Agency Public Health Alignment**
  Continued close operational liaison with DPBH White Pine Community Health Nursing staff to track local immunization coverage rates, coordinate routine adult and childhood vaccine availability, and monitor broader respiratory viral activity (influenza, COVID-19, and RSV) entering the winter season.

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