



November 1, 2023

Assembly Health Policy Committee

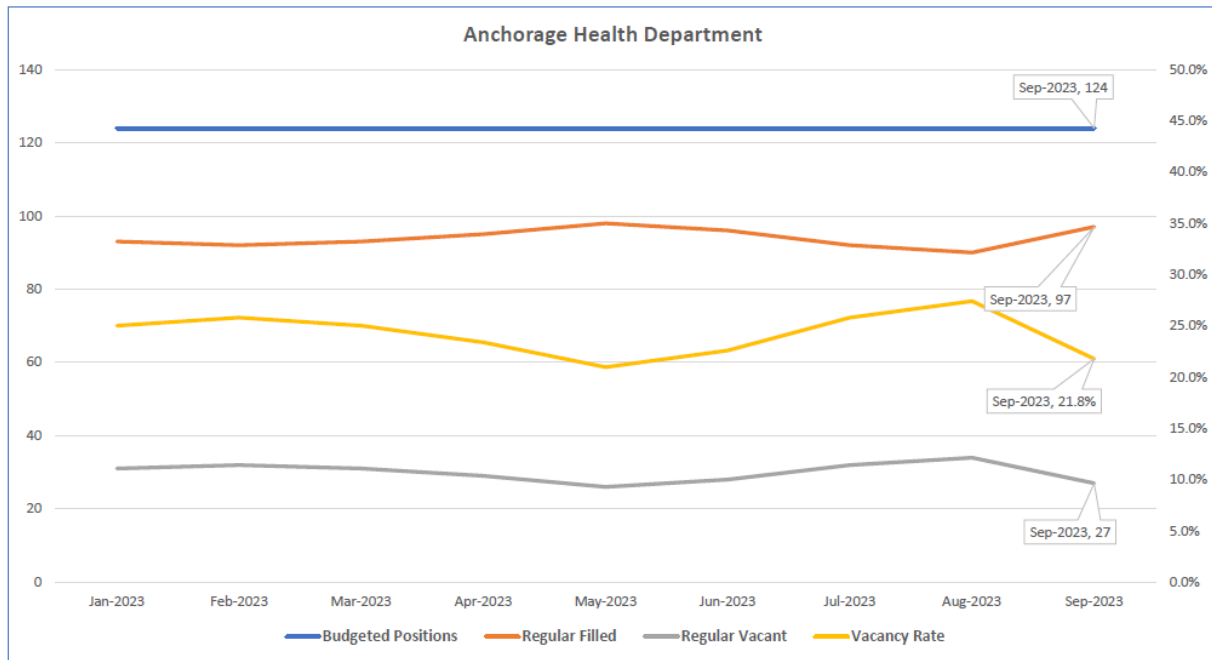
*Please note: all report outs are related to September program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- The PIO participated as a representative for AHD in Anchorage People Mover's stakeholder workshop. The workshop provided information about People's Movers study to potentially choose a new location for the transit center and the PIO provided feedback about the proposed sites.
- The department shared information on its social media about September being FEMA's National Preparedness Month, with the theme this year focusing on preparing older adults and people with disabilities in case of an emergency.
- AHD used its social media to advertise, food safety, the Cheers to You Anchorage campaign, the protected bike lane project, International Day of Clean Air, ANTHC's naloxone drive-thru training, the services of the ADRC, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, advertise the RFGP for the Healthy and Equitable Communities grant, the Alcohol Tax's early childhood education and prevention grantees, free covid-19 tests, and influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.
- AHD worked with Anchorage Animal Care and Control to craft a message about AACC's intake closure and to promote its Vaccination Clinic on September 30, 2023.

Administration Division

Human Resources



Budgeted Positions obtained from MOA 2023 Approved Operating Budget.

***Notation:** Update to graph. It now represents only budgeted positions. Previous rates included budgeted and unbudgeted positions within AHD.

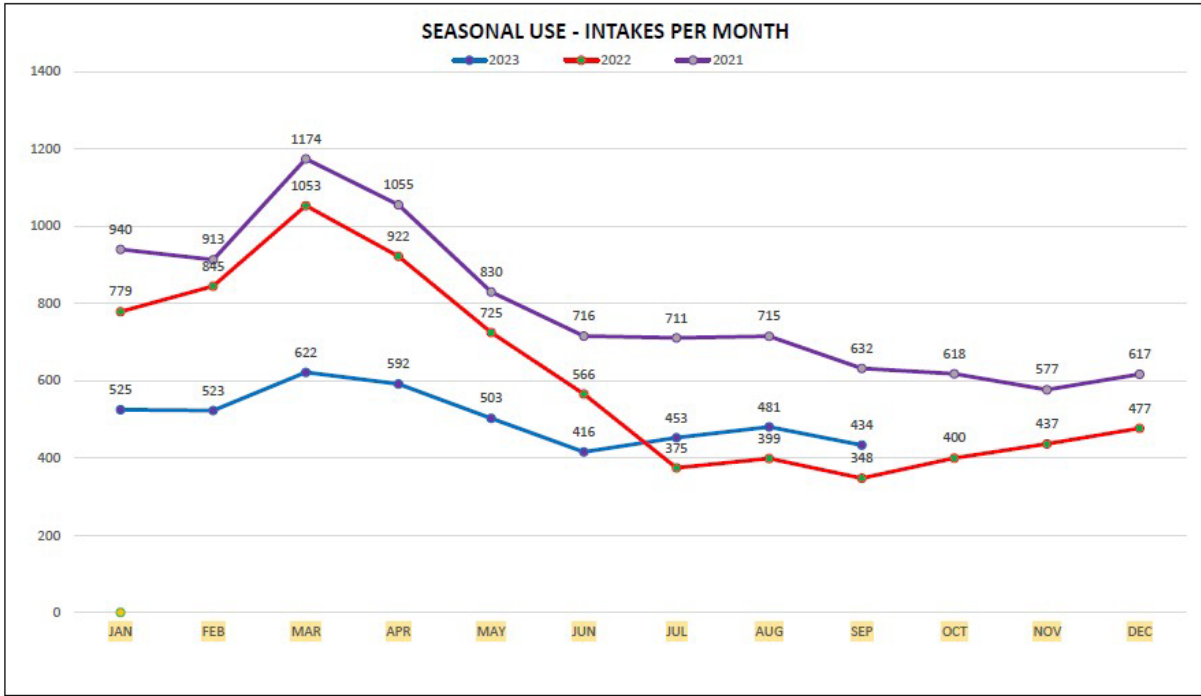
Recruitment efforts remain the same.

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): Under Title 47, respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day.

- Intakes: 434.
- Responded to calls: 1,001.
- Transported: 338.
- Unduplicated clients: 296.

Overall, 296 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 434 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.

***Notation:** Securitas contracted ended 9/30/2023



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	525	523	622	592	503	416	453	481	434			
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437	477
2021	940	913	1174	1055	830	716	711	715	632	618	577	617

Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

The Environmental Health (EH) section of the AHD is responsible for the enforcement of numerous sections of the Anchorage Municipal Code including Title 15 (Health), 15.30 (Clean Air Code), and 16.60 (Food Code). Food Safety & Sanitation (FS&S) permits, regulates, and inspects over 2,000 public facilities in the Municipality of Anchorage. FS&S also conducts initial plan reviews, opening inspections, change of ownership and remodel plan review approvals. Regulated public facilities include food/beverage establishments, school kitchens, childcare kitchens, public pools and spas, beauty salons, barbershops, Correctional Community Residential Centers (CCRCs), pesticide applicators, adult establishments, and marijuana retailers. The program also responds to public health complaints regarding food, noise, pest harborage, smoking in public places, mold in hotels, healthcare transparency, and recreational pools/spas. Air Quality monitors and reports levels of air pollutants, such as fire smoke and fine dust particles, within the Municipality of Anchorage. The program responds to local air quality complaints and is responsible for various air quality projects. Additionally, EH issues health permits, temporary health permits, beauty and barber permits, pool and spa permits, noise permits, CCRC, open burn permits, raw shell egg vending permits, pesticide control applicator permits, and cottage food licenses. EH also reviews special activity permits, liquor licensing applications, planning case conditional use permits (CUPs) and special land use permits (SLUPs), making comments/recommendations regarding how they may be impacted by codes AHD regulates. Education and Outreach coordinates with community partners to

participate in public events, promotes activities focused on air quality and reducing use of single-occupancy vehicles, and produces food safety education materials.

- Addressed 65 complaints in September.
- Performed 79 inspections.
- Made 748 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 0 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 6 Plan Reviews. Worked 22 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 49 permits.
- Issued 2 Food Worker Cards.

Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

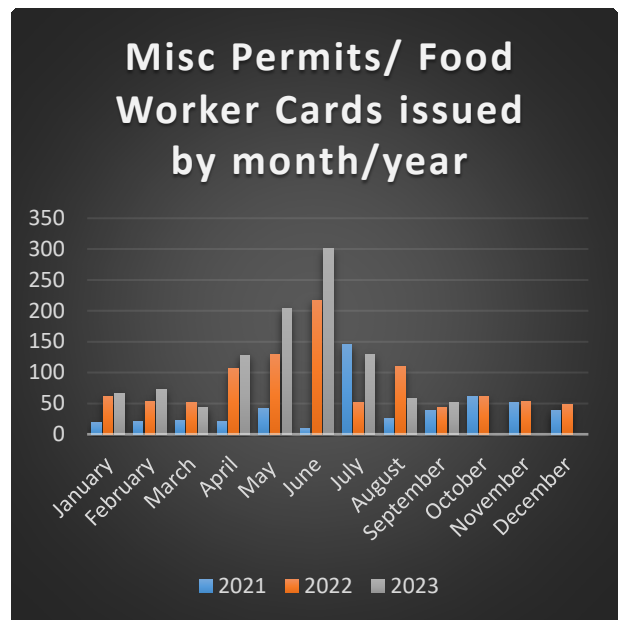
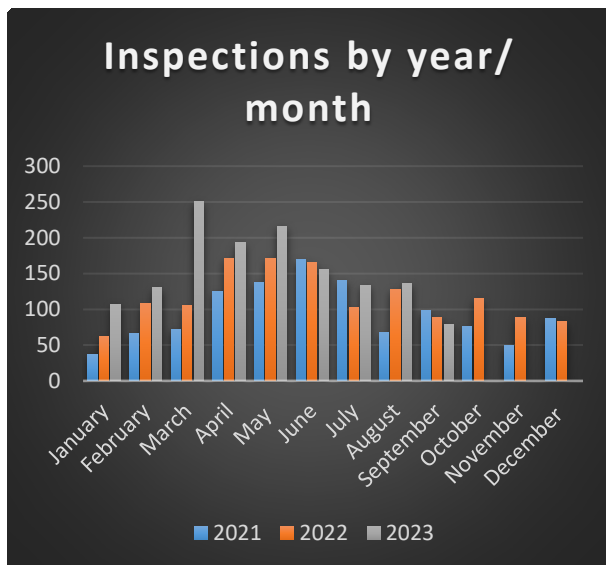
The purpose of the Air Quality and Business Awareness Education Campaign (AMATS) is to help improve air quality in the Anchorage area through advertising and education targeting a reduction in CO and other carbon emissions from high-emissions vehicles. Clean, non-motorized travel such as biking and walking are promoted.

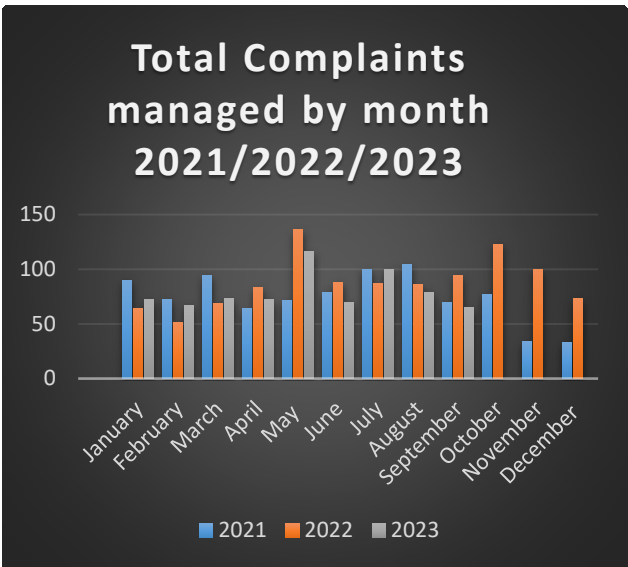
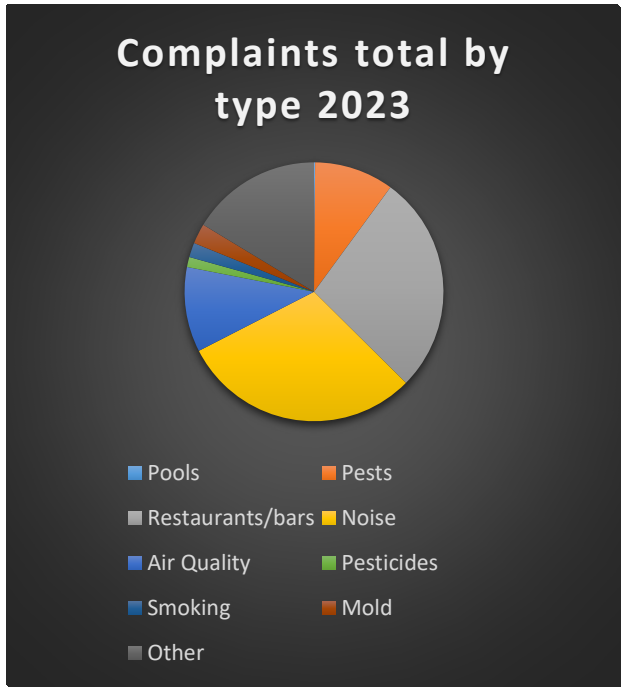
During September we secured advertising for our **Plug@20** Program:

- Alaska Public Media – Winter advertising (new video commercial) storyboarding and production.
- Correspondence with various media agencies (I Heart Radio, Alaska Channel...) for Plug@20 advertising planning for Q3, have POs in place and ready to launch campaigns in mid-October.

During September we participated in these events:

- UAA Club Council Meeting, 9/8/2023; Presentation about AQ program and services.
- Bike Lane Cutting Event, 9/9; 7 bike light sets, 7 reflector lights, 9 bike maps, 19 slap bracelets.





Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- September WIC participant total: 3,793.
- Attended Grow North and Muldoon Farmers’ Markets each week to provide WIC Fresh Bucks valuing \$50 to purchase fruit and vegetables to WIC and SNAP-Ed participants. WIC Fresh Bucks utilizes alcohol tax to provide free fruits and vegetables to the community.
- Provided nutrition education and outreach in Eagle River, Anchorage Public Library.
- Continuing to work towards filling vacant PCNs.
- Facebook: 41 posts: 4,884 reach.
- Instagram: 40 posts: 463 reach.

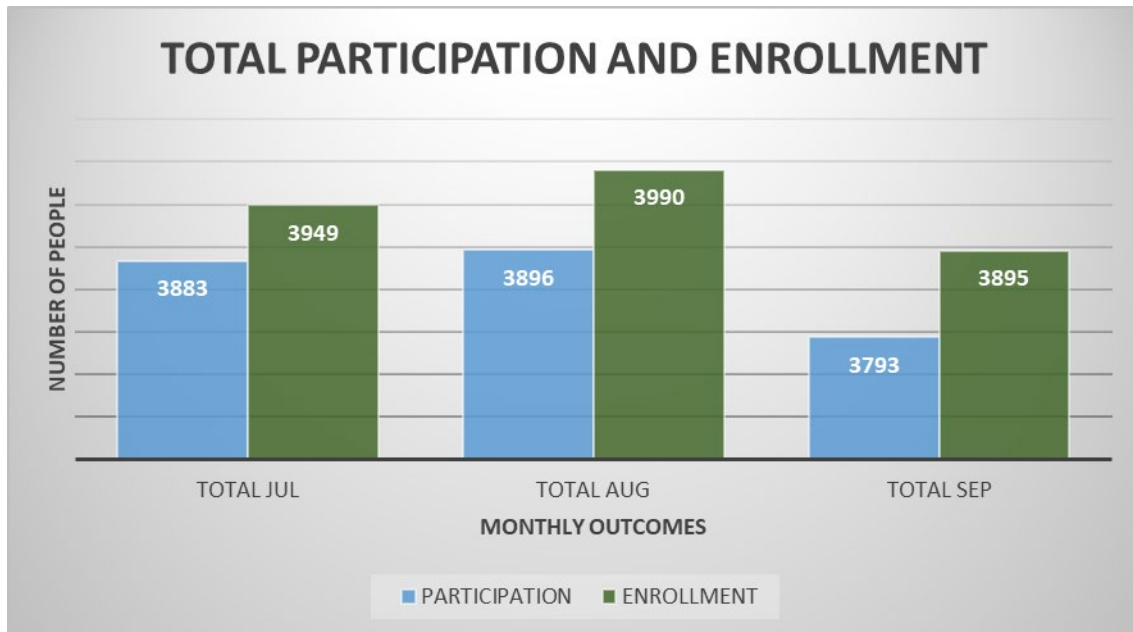
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

Provide consistent education, support, and guidance to breastfeeding participants.

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 147 women currently enrolled.
- 279 total contacts were made in September to the 147 enrollees.
- Facebook: 35 posts: 1,227 reach.
- Instagram: 22 posts: 236 reach.

WIC Goal: *Increase enrollment and participation to roughly 9,557 participants by 2025.*

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



Alcohol Tax Grant Management

- **Volunteers of America Youth Substance Prevention (VOA)** - VOA reports that they have a good amount of supply funds to put on a Halloween event and a Holiday event for the two bigger events coming up in 2023. There were many recovery month activities for September. With school starting, attendance has been low, but they are still offering events and helping their clients discover some sober, fun activities.
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)** – AFSP is holding a premiere at Bears Tooth where they will host a panel including partners in-state and out-of-state who helped create the movie. The documentary is about suicide, suicide prevention and the experiences of a high school class who graduated together. There are a lot of cultural experiences depicted in the film. VOA is excited to see the result of the film airing in November.
- **Recover Alaska, The Foraker Group** - 60 students started this academic 2023-2024 which is above the goal of 30. The UAA cohort is at 29 and anticipate 30 more students the next cohort. Finalizing offers for three new faculty at UAA. Recover will submit an invoice to AHD re: labor costs for new hires.

Opioid Remediation

- A comprehensive needs assessment scope of work was completed and submitted to the Anchorage Opioid Task Force (AOTF) to review and provide feedback. AHD expects to utilize the intent to bid process to secure a qualified contractor to complete this task. Applications to join the advisory council was created and submitted to AOTF with a due date of October 31st. A Town Hall is scheduled on November 9th and is open to the entire community. AOTF will secure a presenter to provide data and information

pertaining to this issue, followed by a few people who will share their personal stories, followed by an opportunity for the community to share how they would like to see this issue addressed. An Assembly Informational Memorandum will be submitted by December outlining AOTF’s plan along with a request for fund transfer to execute the plan.

Community Health Nursing (CHN):

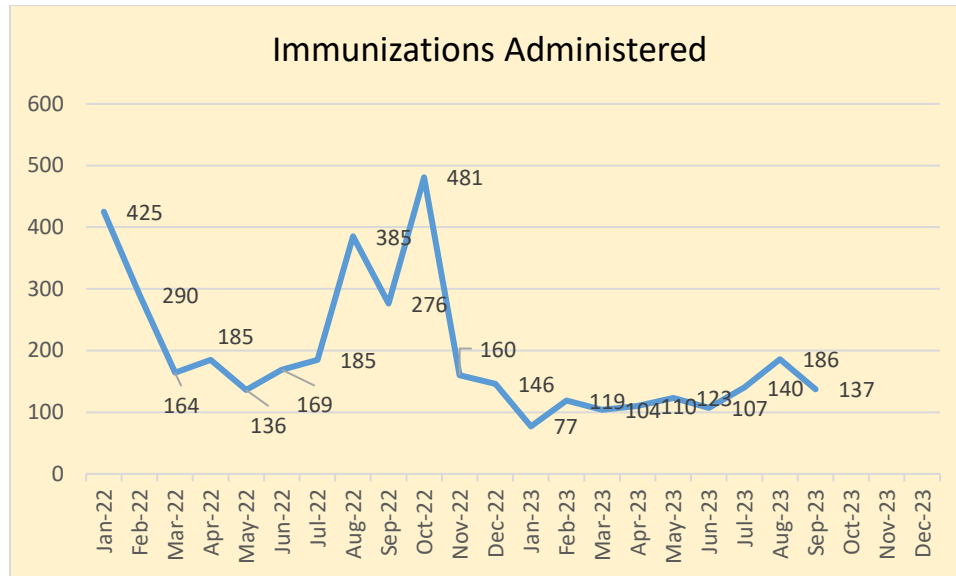
- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Tracked 3 pathogen cases in September.

Pathogens	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023
Campylobacteriosis	2	2	2
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1	
Hepatitis A	1		
Hepatitis B-acute	1		
Shigatoxigenic E. coli	1	1	
Varicella	1		
Vibrio	1		
Shigellosis	1	1	
Malaria	1		
Listeriosis		1	
Botulism			1

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

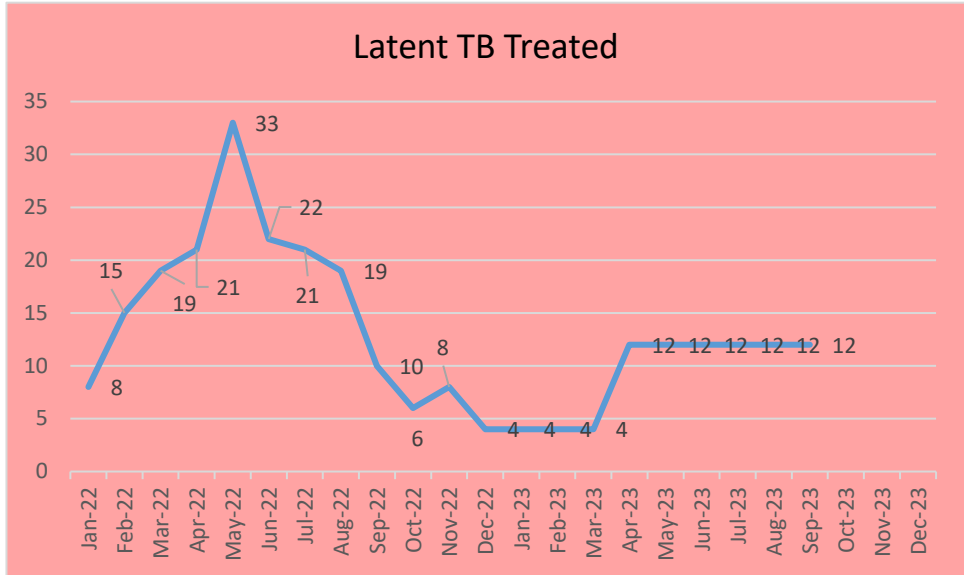
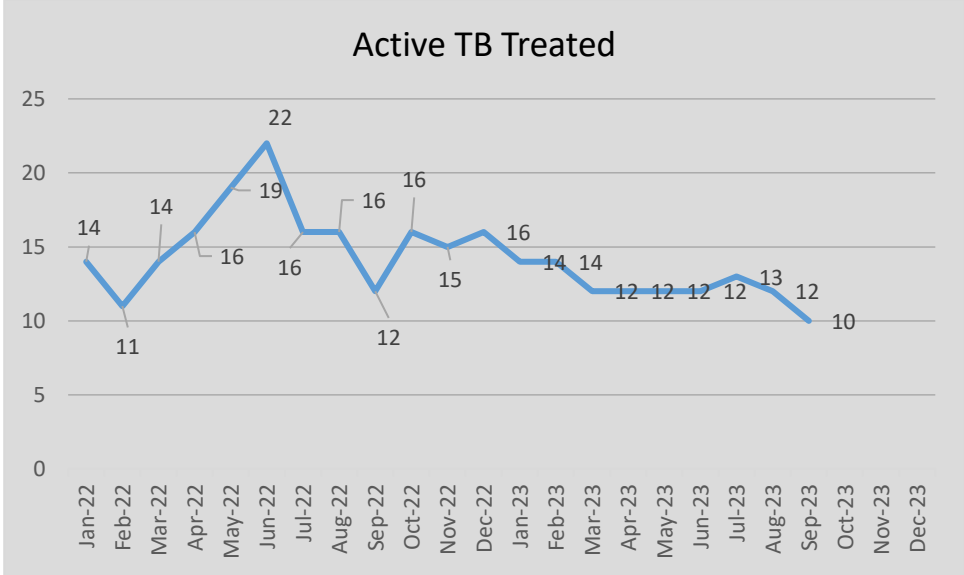
Immunizations

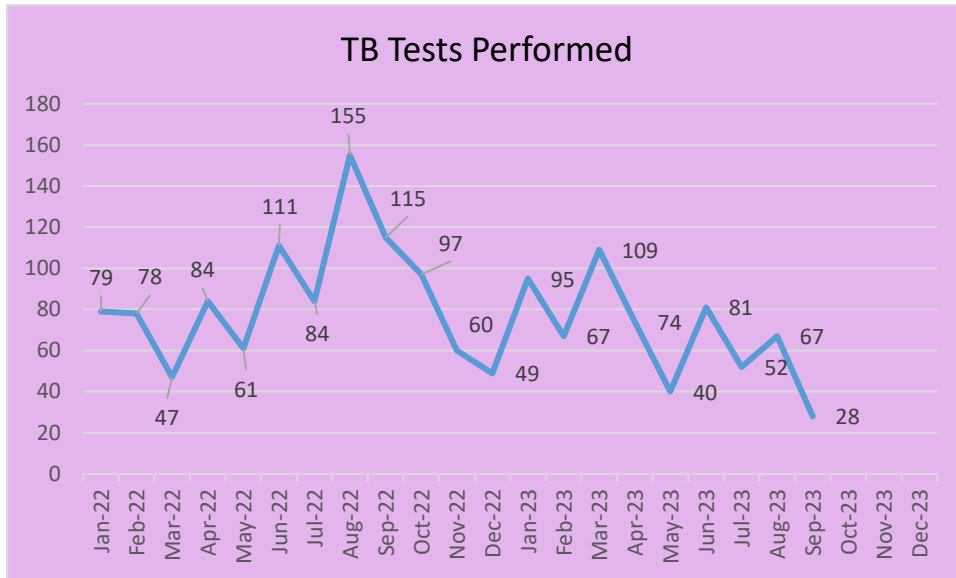
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 137 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 2 Moderna bivalent
 - 7 Moderna spikevax
 - 11 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 23 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 0 PPD (purified protein derivative)
 - 0 Mpox (monkeypox)
 - 94 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 10 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 27
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 1

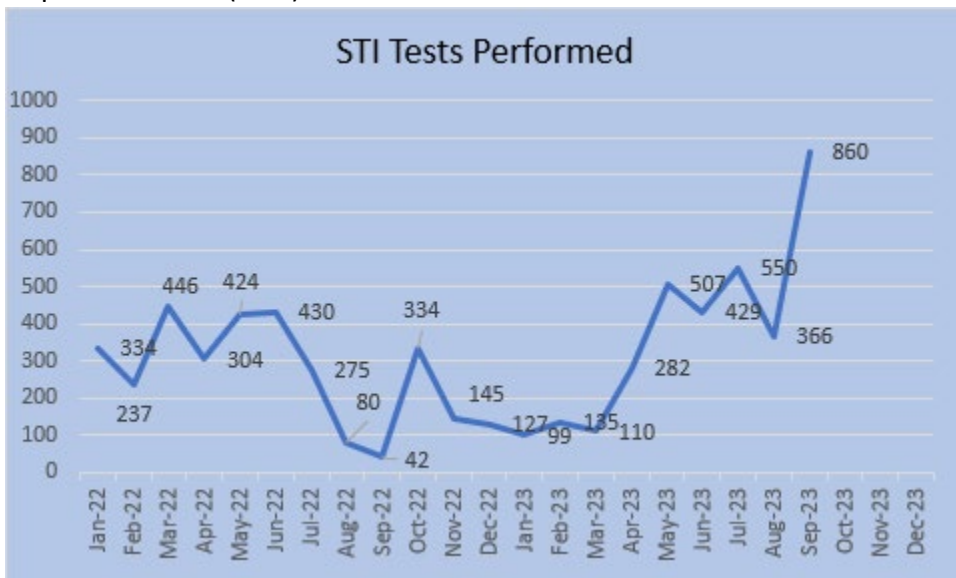


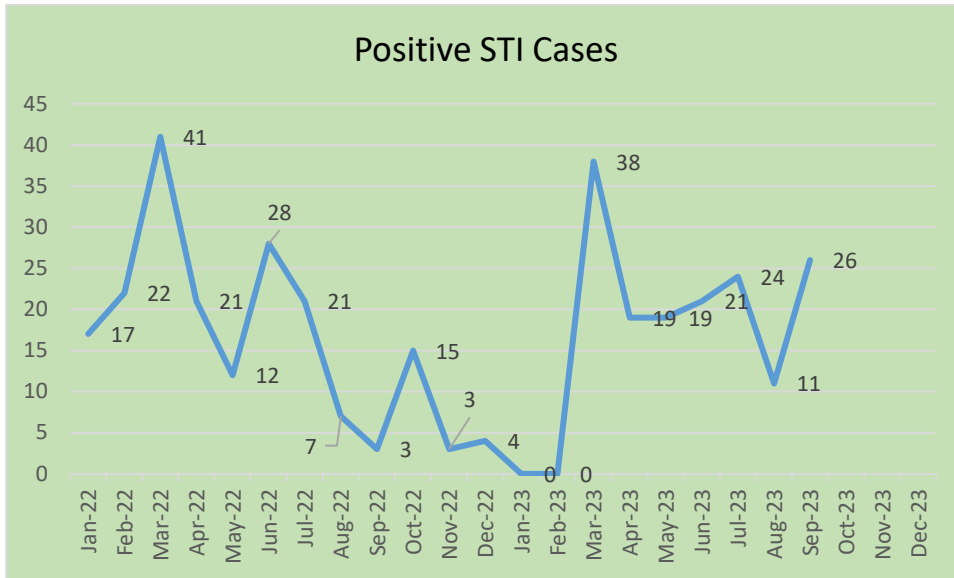


Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- STI express service is a walk-in screening focused specifically on STI screenings with low barriers and no cost to client that can reduce visit times, decrease time to treatment, and use provider time more efficiently.
- 151 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 0 during outreach.

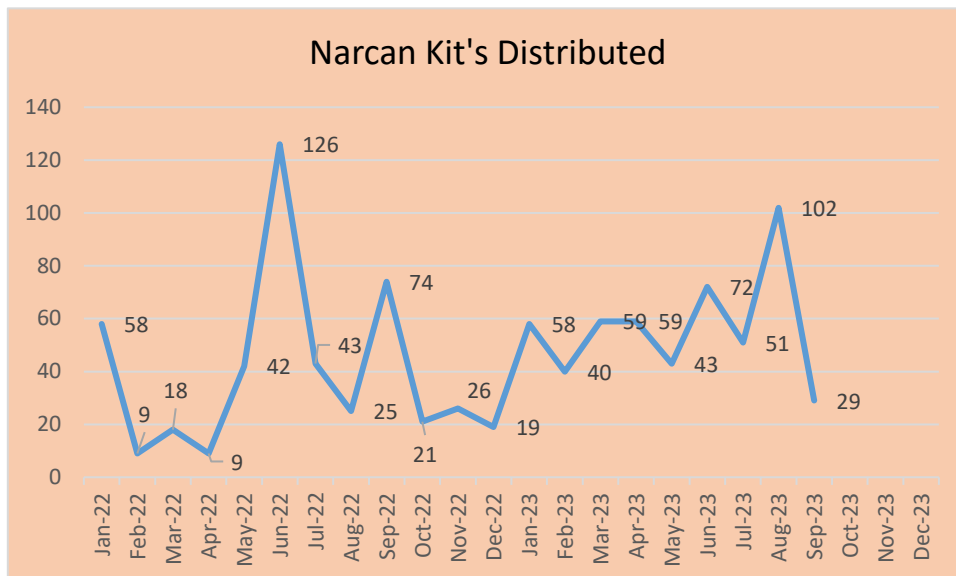
	Tested	Pos
• STI		
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	227	11
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clamper (GC)	228	8
Syphilis	90	4
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	96	0
Trichomoniasis	128	2
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)	91	1





Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 29 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in September.
 - 17 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 12 kits during outreach events.
 - Reportable activities:
 - 9/30/23 offered Narcan kits at Animal Care & Control vaccination event.



HIV Prevention

- 6,100 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).
- #### TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 20 teens educated on sexual health and relationships at event outreaches.
- Reportable Activities:
 - 9/26/23 Covenant House youth classes.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER 1	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
2	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Anchorage Women’s Commission
8	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health & Human Services Commission
15	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
TBD	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board

Due to Term Expirations, actively recruiting for anticipated Board/Commission Vacancies:

- Anchorage Women’s Commission
- Animal Control Advisory Board
- Health and Human Service Commission
- Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission