



February 7, 2024

Assembly Health Policy Committee

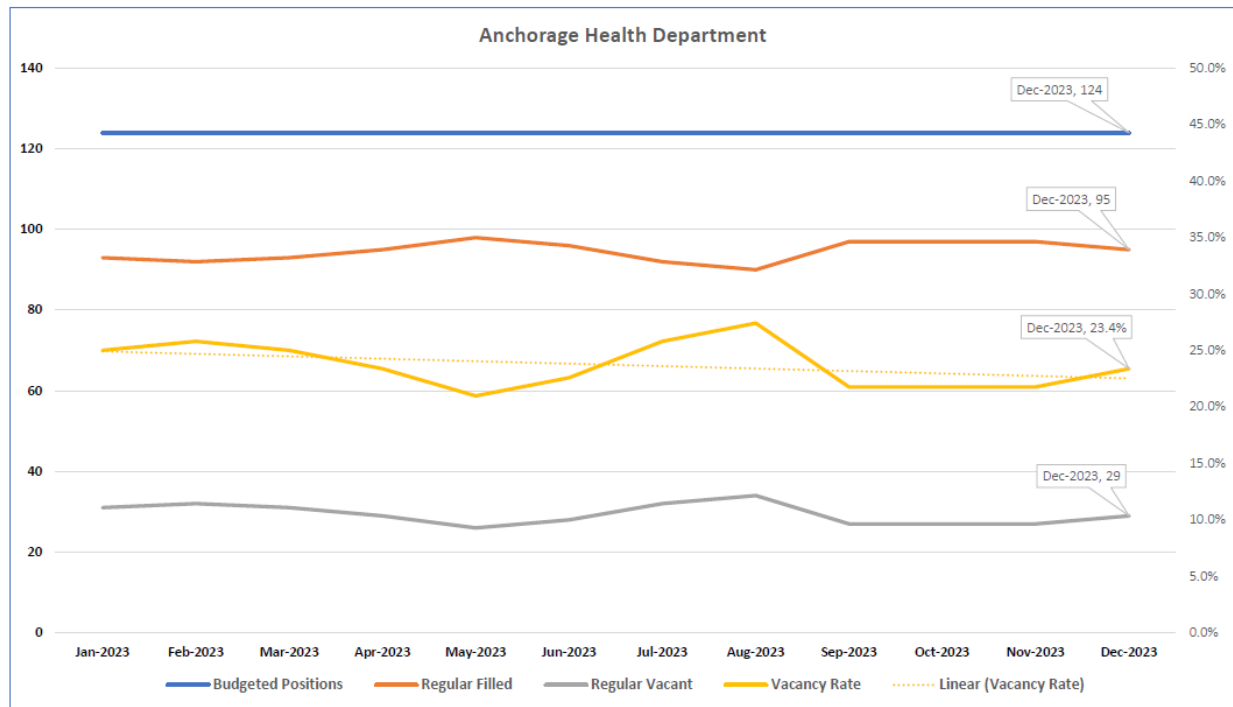
Please note: all report outs are related to December program activities unless otherwise noted. This is due to the timing of this meeting.

Director's Office

- Managing Me Enterprises and the UAA Resiliency Lab kicked off its new quarterly AHD Wellness Sessions in December, which is a program to promote employee wellness and connection. About 45 people attended the first session and the session focused on encouraging AHD employees to recognize what is bringing them joy currently, envision what they would like their 2024 to look like, and what they would like to leave behind in 2023.
- AHD used its social media to alert the public to holiday closures and advertise the Diversity Community Health Fair, the Alcohol Tax Prevention Grant application, AHD jobs, the great work AHD employees did in 2023, the winter solstice, food safety, AHD's air quality program at the Solstice Tree Tour, the Plug at 20 program, the benefits of exercise, the Anchorage Child Care Early Education Fund and encouraged people to get vaccinated.

Administration Division

Human Resources

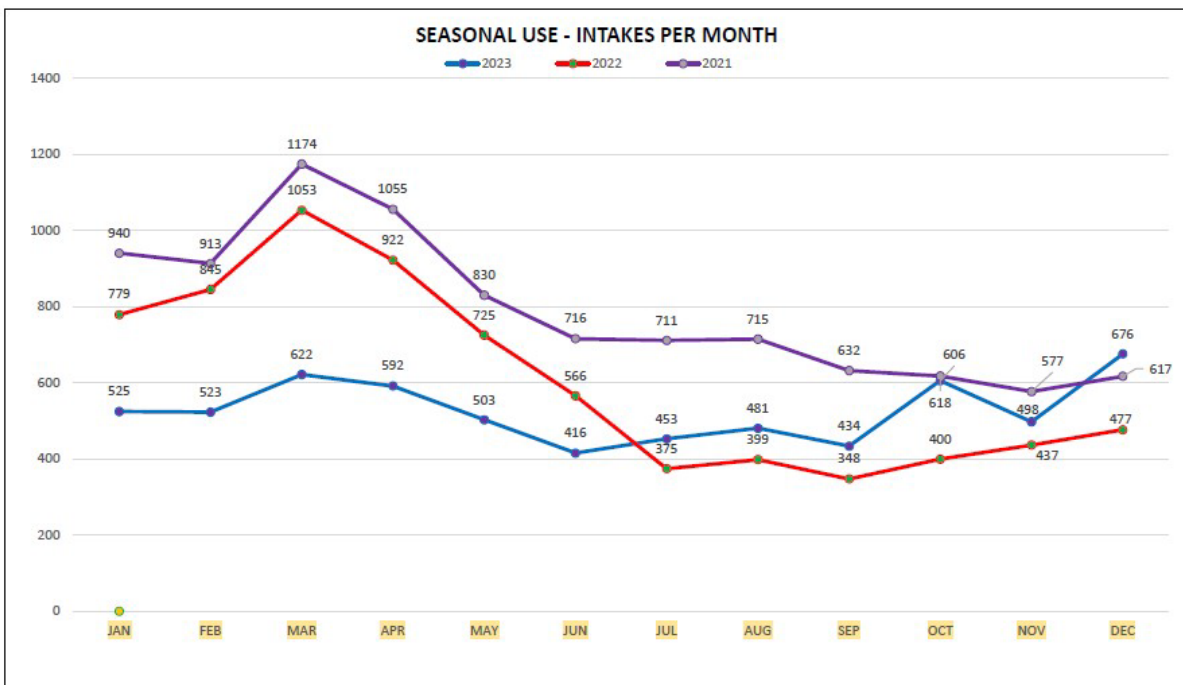


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

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: 676.
- Responded to calls: 1,212.
- Transported: 524.
- Unduplicated clients: 319.

Overall, 319 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 676 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	525	523	622	592	503	416	453	481	434	606	498	676
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). The EH program permits, regulates, and inspects over 2,000 public facilities in the Municipality of Anchorage. EH also conducts initial plan reviews, opening inspections, changes of ownership and remodel plan review approvals. Regulated public facilities include food/beverage establishments, school kitchens and pools, hotel kitchens and pools, 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, restaurants, noise, outdoor air quality, pest harborage, smoking in public places, mold in hotels, healthcare transparency, nuisance trash and neighbors, domestic and non-domestic animals, 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 provides noise, special land use, and conditional land use permits. Our Environmental Health Educator coordinates with community partners to participate in public events, promote activities focused on air quality and reducing use of single-occupancy vehicles, and produces food safety education materials, among various other tasks.

- Addressed 24 complaints.
- Performed 62 inspections.
- Made 478 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 12 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 8 Plan Reviews. Worked 24 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 18 permits.
- Issued 0 Food Worker Cards.

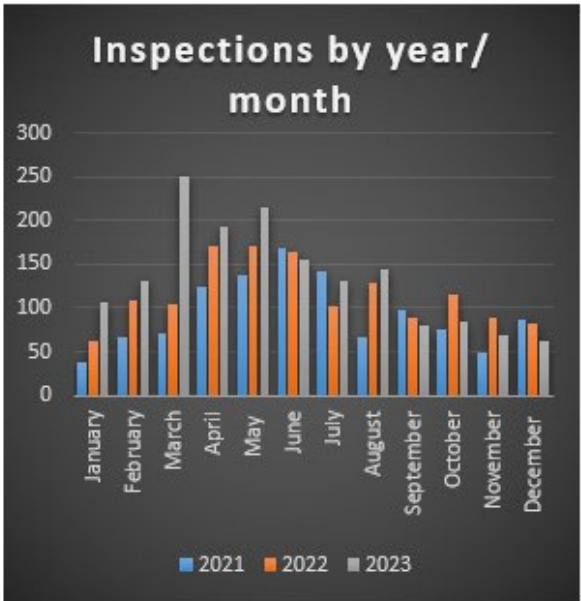
Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

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 December our Air Quality Specialist was on leave.

During December the Environmental Health Educator:

- Distributed 117 Plug@20 kits (block-heater timer and extension cord, along with literature about reducing air emissions) and have 28 remaining to be picked up.
- Worked to revise/update advertising for Jan/Feb 2024 with Alaska Public Media, I Heart Radio, and the Alaska Channel.
- Outreach/Planning Meetings for Winter Bike Fest 2024 (February 2024).
- Started planning with Bike Anchorage for Trail Tales, Big Fat Ride, Winter Bike to Work day, and other events.
- Events Completed: Solstice Tree Tour, Nordic Ski Association, 12/17.
 - An estimated 3,000 people attended this event. We distributed 500 reflective lights during this event.
- Other Activities: Created/posted social media content for AQ and Food programs, bike safety, and event promotion, ordered and received bike helmets, designed custom labels and ordered Skida hats for Winter Bike Fest incentives.



Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- December WIC participant total: 3,708.
- Launched new website: www.muni.org/wic . WIC has improved the applications by creating Microsoft Form applications that are easier to fill out for participants. More information regarding services and referrals to a variety of community resources.
- Through the Alcoholic Sales Tax funds the programs (produce incentives, transportation vouchers, nutrition education programming, the Paraprofessional Nutritionist position and translation services) have impacted 788 WIC households and provided over \$30,000 to local growers and produce sellers during 2023.
- Outreach events: Preschool Family Night and Northwood Preschool; Mountain View and Muldoon Libraries; and Women’s Care of Alaska.
- WIC will be piloting using Doxi.me for video telehealth appointments this next quarter.
- Recruiting for three Family Service Aides; new staff member started in December.
- Facebook: 40 posts: 5,029 reach.
- Instagram: 19 posts: 208 reach.

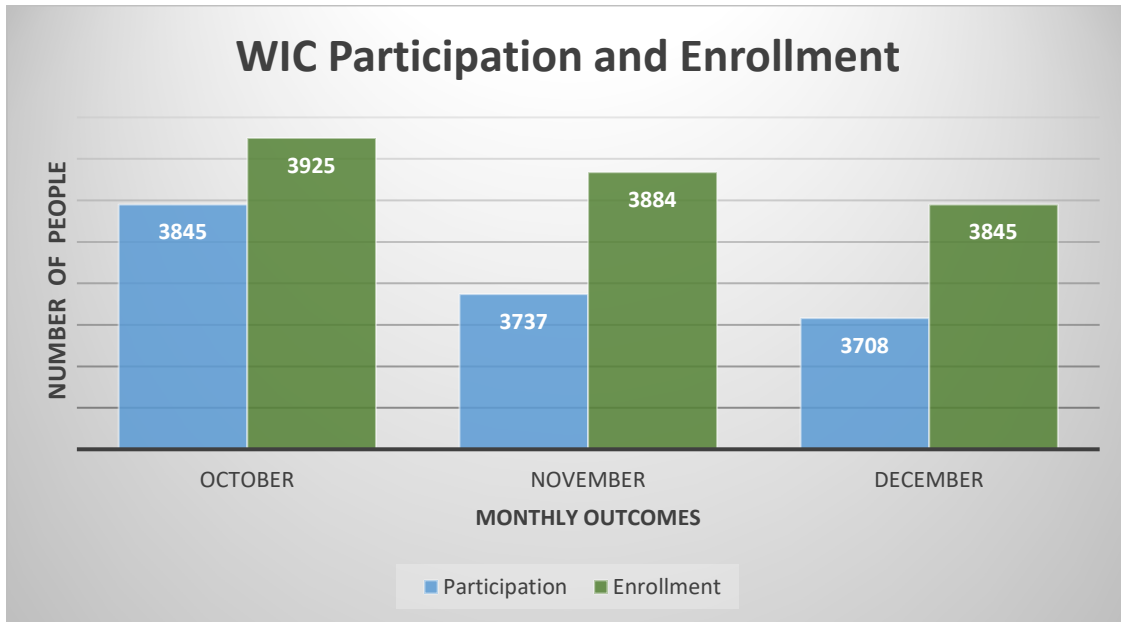
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

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

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 36 women currently enrolled.
- 41 total contacts were made in December to the 36 enrollees.
- WIC had paused referrals to the BFPC program during August – November due to staffing shortage. Referrals to the BFPC program were reopened in December.
- Facebook: 28 posts: 664 reach.
- Instagram: 22 posts: 125 reach.

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

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



Opioid Remediation

- The Anchorage Opioid Task Force did not meet in December however AHD sent a quick email update to the group and announced the meeting date for January. We expressed our appreciation for everyone’s continued support and participation in the AOTF.

Community Health Nursing (CHN):

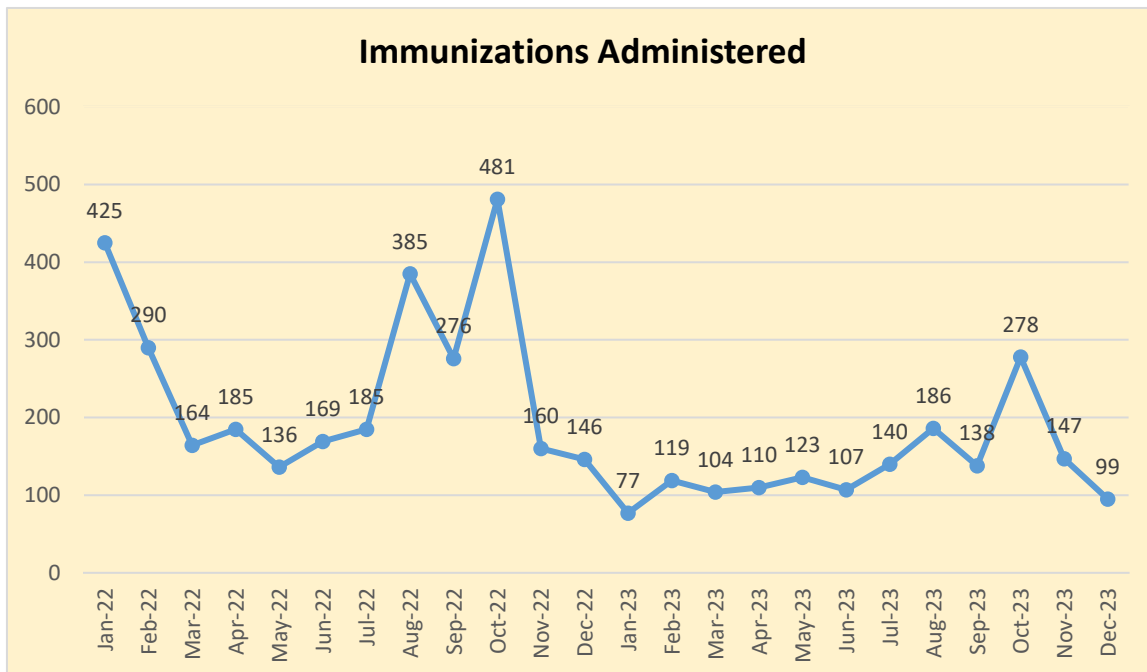
- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Reestablished tracking and investigation of enteric disease in partnership with the state.
- 44 COVID-19 vaccines given.
- Tracked 7 pathogen cases in December.

Pathogens	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Campylobacteriosis	5	2	1
Legionella			1
Salmonella		5	4
Haemophilus		1	1
Listeriosis		1	
Pertussis		1	
Giardiasis		1	

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

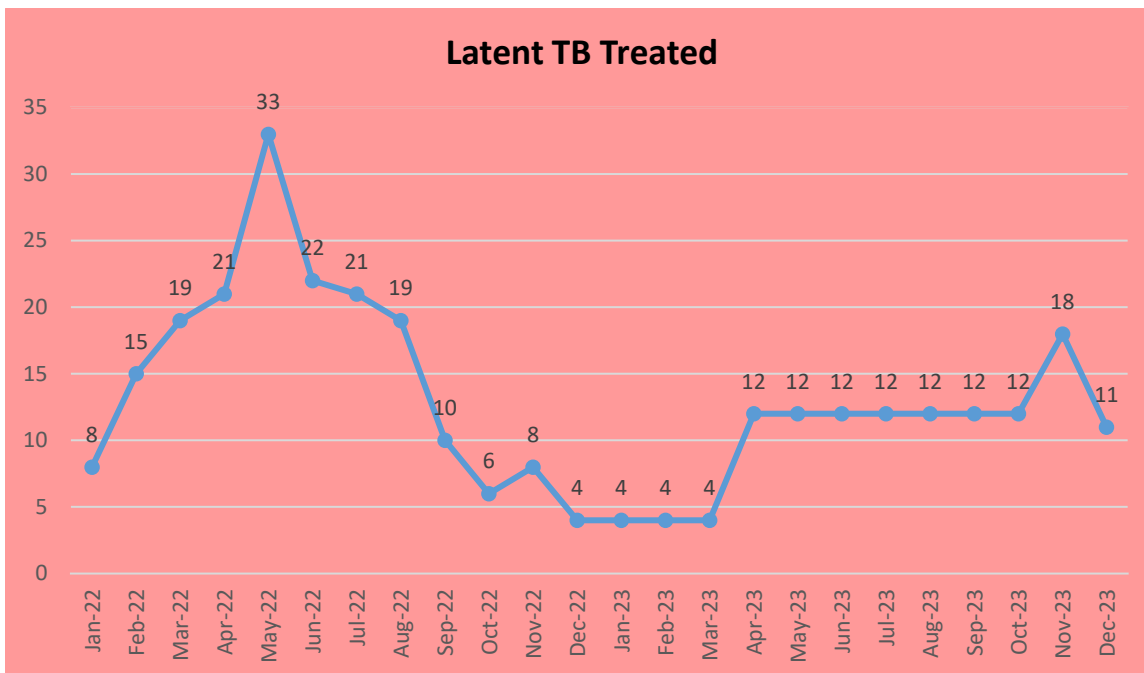
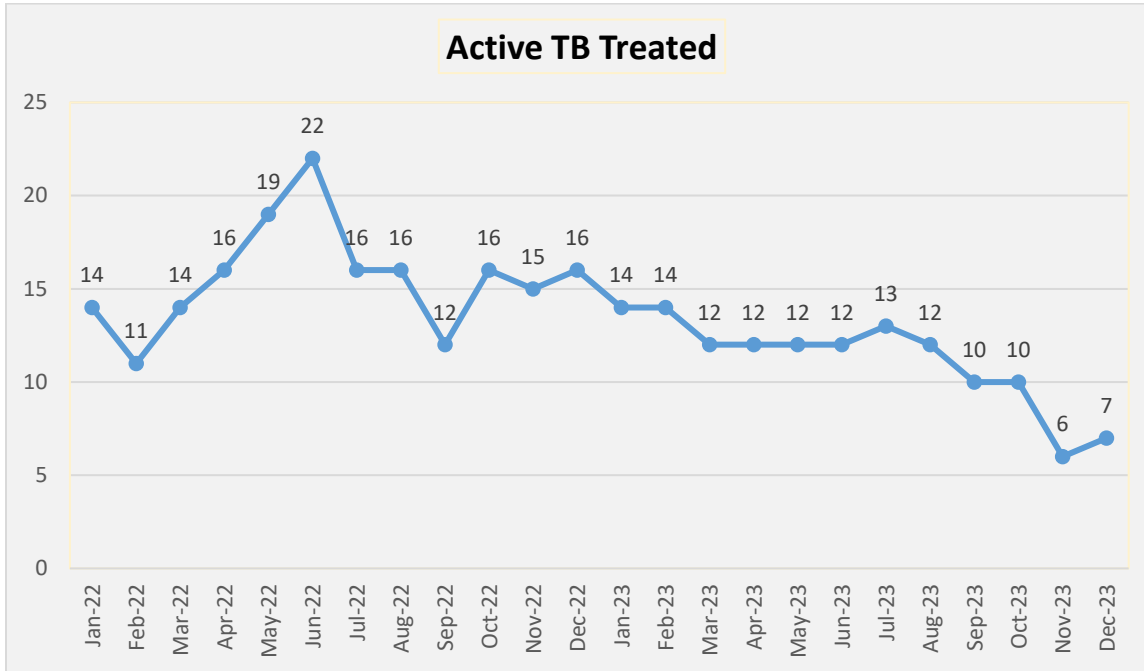
Immunizations

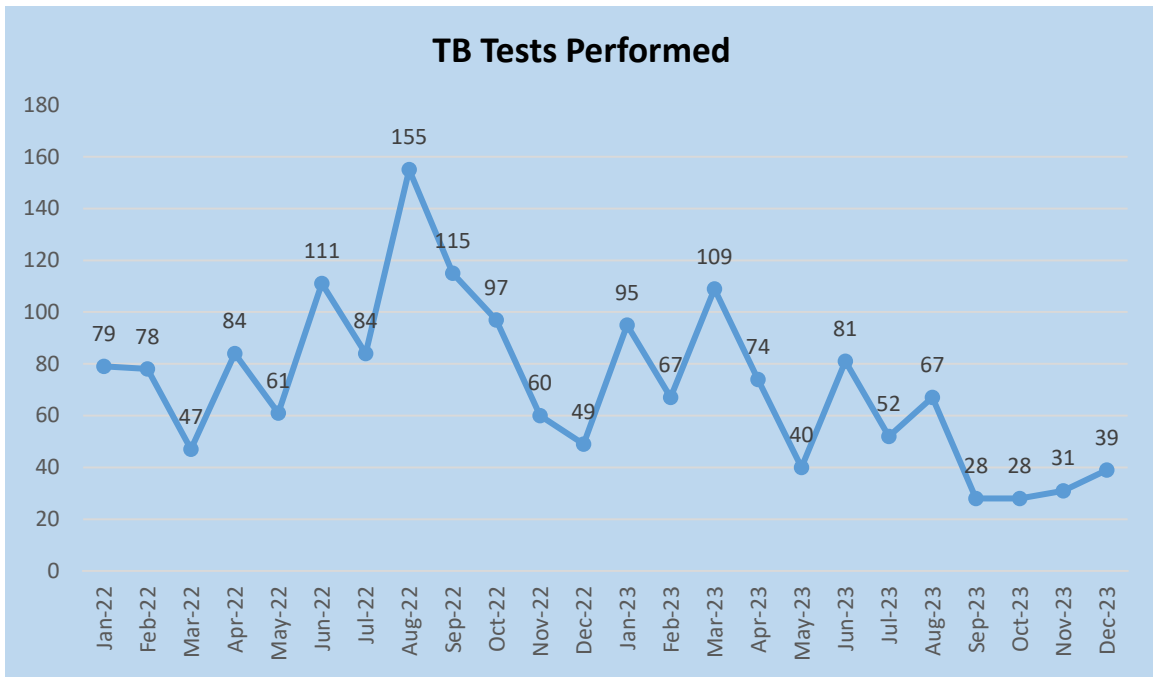
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 99 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 8 Moderna bivalent
 - 4 HPV
 - 2 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 22 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 63 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 7 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 38
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 1

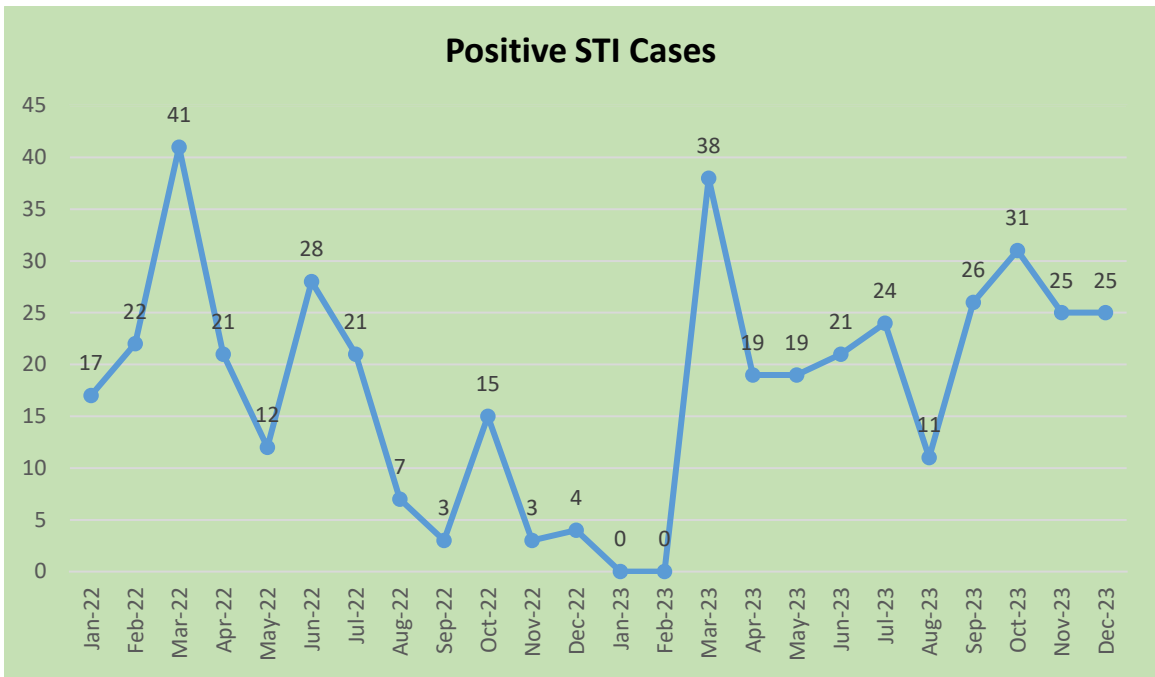
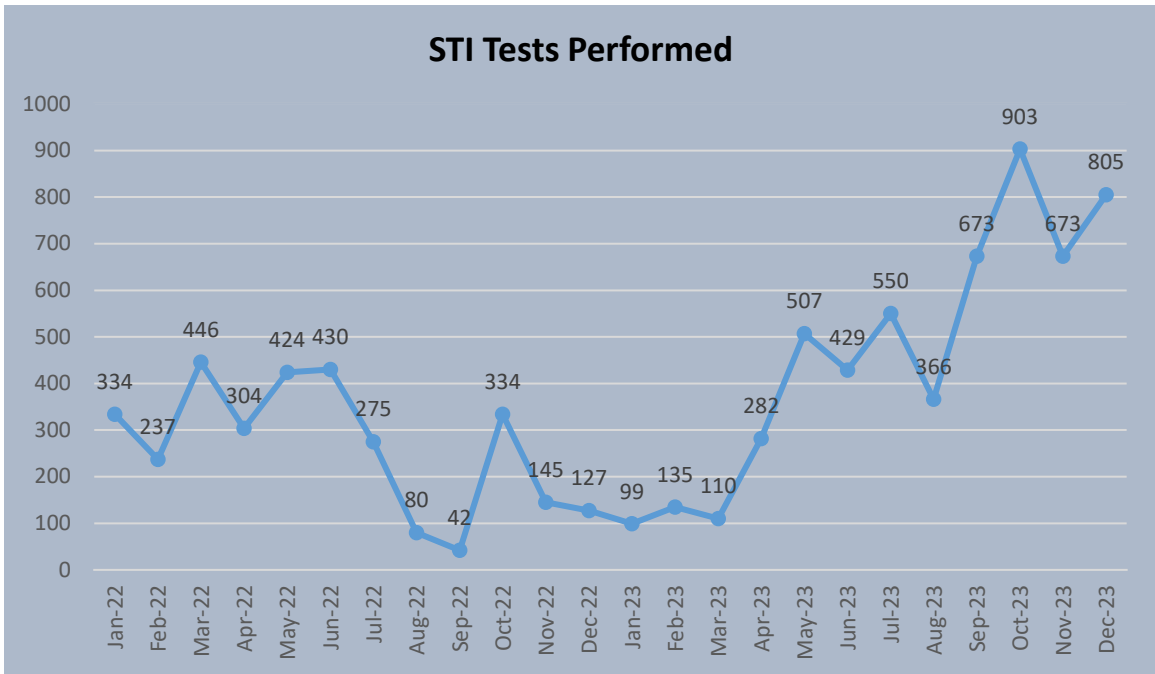




Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- 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.
- 73 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old.

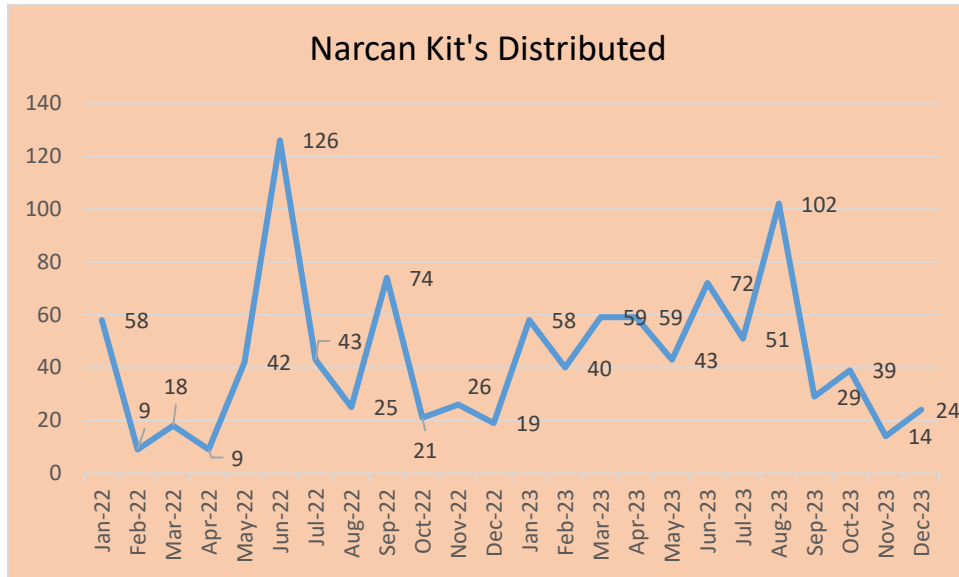
STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	83	0
Rapid HCV	76	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	222	13
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhea Clamper (GC)	224	11
Syphilis	92	1
Trichomoniasis	108	0



Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 24 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in December.
 - 3 kits by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 18 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 3 kits on outreach.

- Less kits being distributed attributed to less demand. Kits offered *on demand at above locations*. Additionally, Sexual Health Clinic staff can offer naloxone and fentanyl test strips during office visits. Kits are available at appropriate public events (no events in last 3 months). Naloxone flyers are posted in exam rooms, and on the [website](#).



HIV Prevention

- 5,832 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 230 teens educated on sexual health and relationships at 6 community organizations: Mears Middle School, Mirror Lake Middle School, Wendler Middle School

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2024 MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY	1	Thursday	5:00-6:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	7	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	28	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	29	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board