



January 4, 2022

**Assembly Health Policy Committee**

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

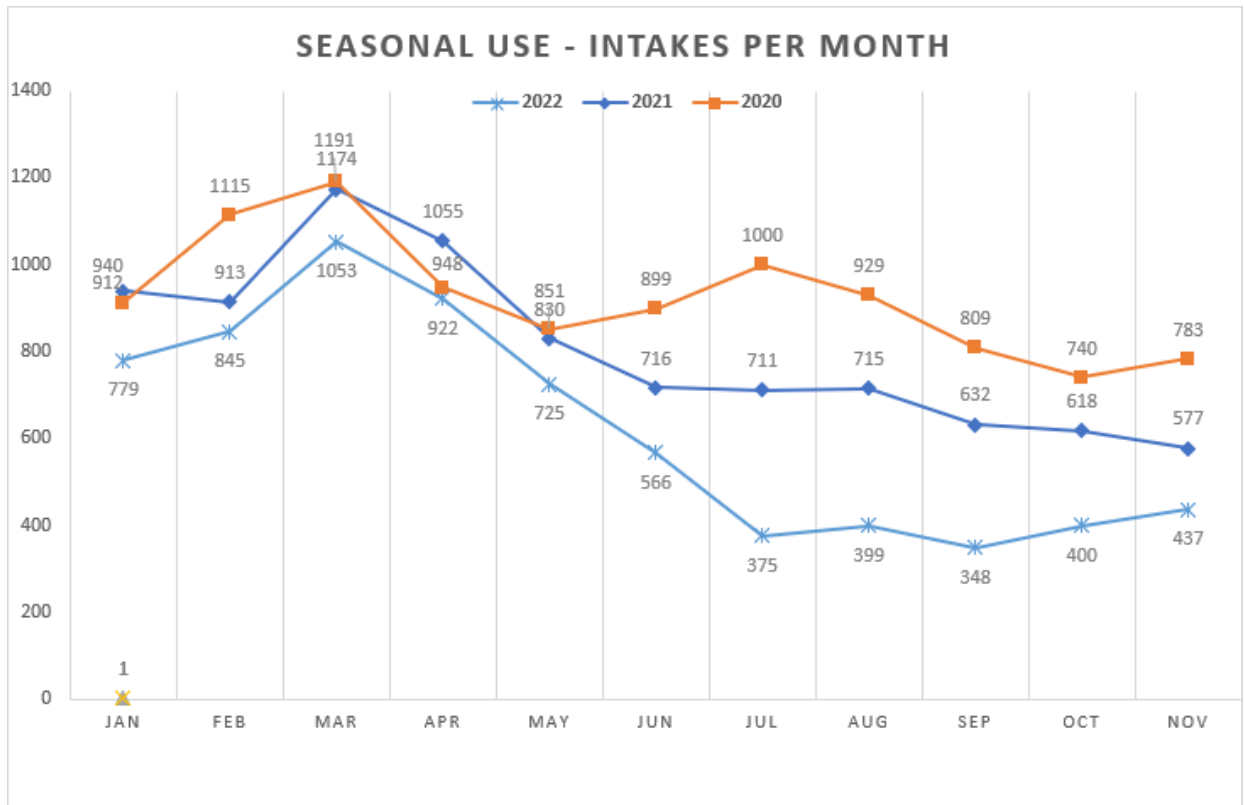
### Director's Office

- The primary focus continues to be the development and placement of advertising. The Environmental Health Plug@20 campaign is underway and Northwest Strategies continues to develop campaigns for Public Health Nursing, Housing and Homelessness Services (Alcohol Tax grant opportunities), and Anchorage WIC (increasing enrollment).
- On November 9, AHD staff, with the assistance of AKNG Counterdrug Support Program, hosted the largest opioid rescue kit build in Alaska history at the Fairview Recreation Center. This kit build was unique as it occurred in the evening to allow community attendance and was not primarily staffed by AHD and OSMA staff, demonstrating a high level of community interest. Approximately 40 people attended and 3,000 kits were built. The previous record was 1,500 kits. The event generated some additional awareness for Opioid Rescue Kits thanks to the attendance of a local TV station.
- In November, substance misuse stakeholders from all over Anchorage attended a series of Opioid Taskforce planning meetings facilitated by John Gregoire, who previously facilitated ARPA discussions for MOA, and did an excellent job managing the discussion. The meetings were highly productive and resulted in the development of vision, goals, and structure for the opioid taskforce. The taskforce is awaiting funding through the opioid settlement and expects to begin meeting early next year.
- The Get Moving Anchorage campaign continued with the "Foodie" challenge for November, which encouraged participants to prepare and submit photos of three healthy meals. November saw 14 participants. Challenges can be submitted online through our form library: <https://forms.anchoragepublichealth.com/get-moving/>. The December challenge will focus on outdoor winter recreation.

### Administration Division

**Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P):** Respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day

- Intakes: 437
- Responded to calls: 983
- Transported: 320
- Unduplicated clients: 284



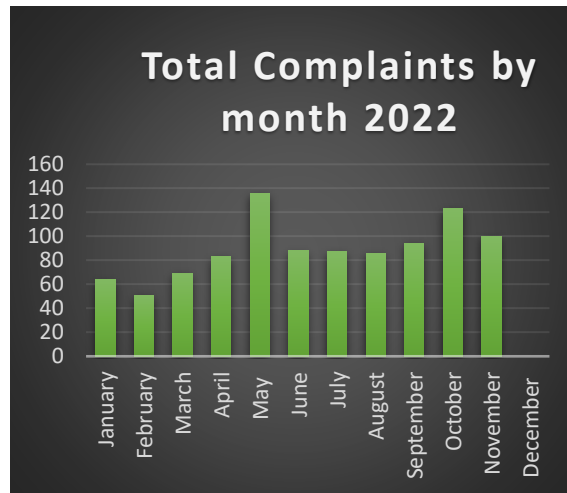
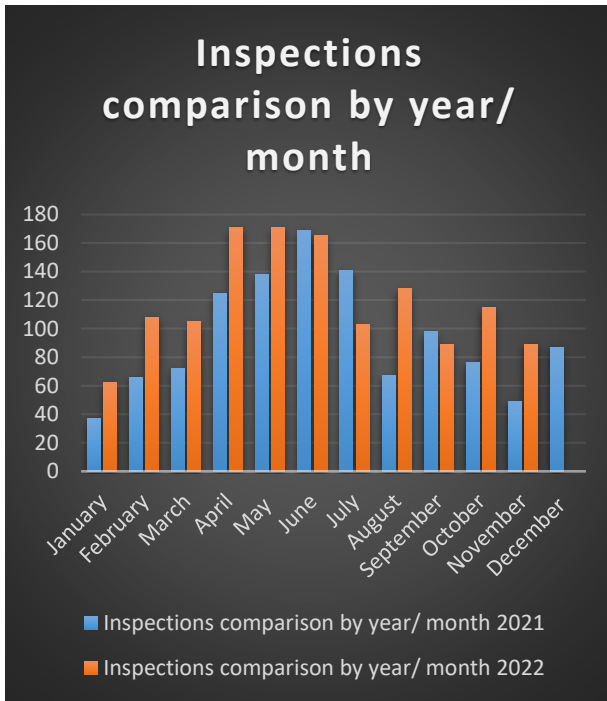
INTAKES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437
2021	940	913	1174	1055	830	716	711	715	632	618	577
2020	912	1115	1191	948	851	899	1000	929	809	740	783

**Public Health Division**

**Environmental Health Services (EH):**

- The EH Program addressed 100 Complaints in November.
- Performed 89 inspections.
- Made 599 Customer Service contacts.
- Renewed 51 Liquor and Marijuana retail licenses.
- Responded to four food borne illness reports.
- Completed five plans and worked 21 plan reviews.
- Issued 50 permits.
- Administered six Food Worker Cards.

The chart below is an indicator that in-person events and inspections are starting to get back to normal numbers after COVID closures in 2020 and to some extent in 2021.



**Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):**

- WIC focused on the following activities for the month of November:
  - Developing a plan to provide in-person services by April 2023. The goal is to make the process much more streamlined than it was, prior to COVID.
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  - Developing a strategic plan to increase enrollment and participation in the program.
  - A Nutrition Outreach Coordinator started November 14, 2022.
  - WIC is working with Northwest Strategies to develop a strong marketing campaign which should result in increased participation and enrollment over the next year. Our first marketing release should be released to the public by the end of this year.

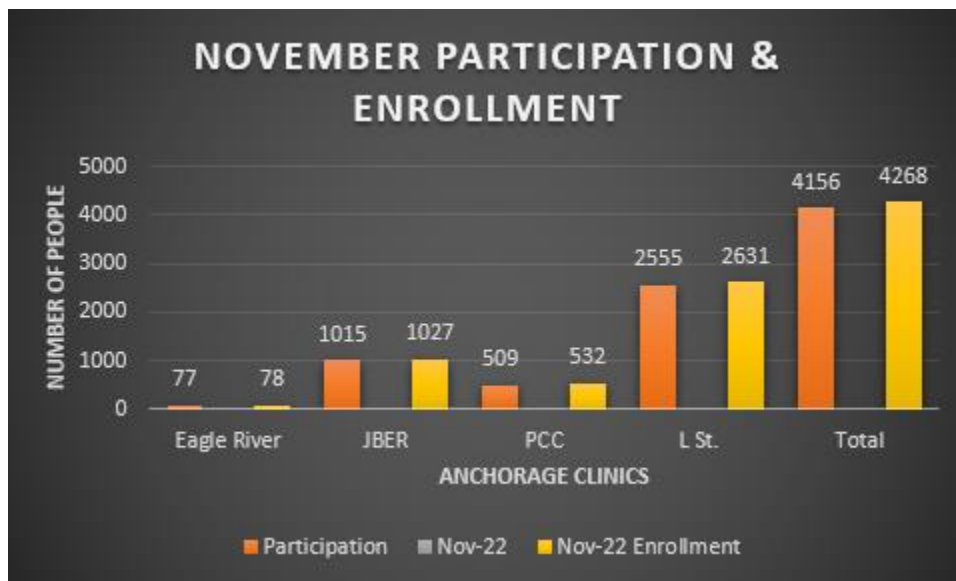
- Recruiting for two FSA positions to support the clinic.
- Providing taxi vouchers to participants who struggle with transportation.
- Partnering with Arctic Deliveries to provide boxes of fruits and vegetables to our participants. Purchased 15 boxes; distributed on a first come first served basis. The pilot was successful, and WIC intends to continue providing this service so long as the funding is approved to do so.
- Through outreach, WIC is beginning to partner with local farmers to provide fruits and vegetables during the winter and intends to have winter Fresh Bucks coordinated by December.
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- Outreach goals are to partner with local Farmers and local Medical Facilities. We are providing remote services to Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to ensure potential participants are informed of their WIC eligibility; we meet monthly to develop a strong partnership that serves the largest amount of people.
- Working towards setting up Doxy.me to provide more efficient remote services to our community partners.
- Formula shortages continue; State WIC Programs will stop allowing substitutions for non- contract formula by the end of December 2022. This is important to note considering WIC issues formula prescriptions.

#### **WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BPCP)**

- Providing mandatory WIC/BFPC trainings monthly to begin in December. Our first in-person training will be on anthropometrics and hemoglobin in preparation for providing in-person services.
- Two BFPC's are on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 132 women currently enrolled.
  - Through outreach, our Facebook page reached 811 people in the month of November.
  - WIC's Instagram reached 849 people in the month of November.
- WIC is developing a group session schedule to provide training, BFPC and parenting classes to WIC participants. We intend to provide both in-person and virtual sessions. On December 15, our staff will be hosting our first in person event since COVID, for our clients, "Holiday Crafts and Tea, with a BFPC".
- We recently hired a BFPC who is currently in training. We expect she will complete training in the next month or so.

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

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



### SNAP-Ed Program

SNAP-Ed Mission: *SNAP-Ed teaches people how to make their SNAP dollars stretch, how to shop for and cook healthy meals, and how to stay physically active. SNAP-Ed initiatives include nutrition education classes, social marketing campaigns, and efforts to improve policies, systems, and the environment of communities.*

- As of November 14, 2022, the SNAP-Ed position is vacant. We hope to fill the coordinator position so that SNAP-Ed services can resume soon.
- Nutrition Education: *\*Paused until we can fill this position. \**
  - *AHD SNAP-Ed continues working with the Anchorage Public Library (APL) Community Outreach and Recourses Events to facilitate nutrition education at the Muldoon Library monthly.*
  - *Covenant House Alaska (CHA): Continuous nutrition education and cooking activities with Covenant House Alaska (CHA) Youth Engagement Center every Wednesday.*
  - *Play, Shop, Save and, cook workshop with Akeela Stepping Stones Program: Participants began this 4-week nutrition education.*
  - *SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator continues to actively seek partnerships with the Anchorage Health Department, area community councils, the Alaska Farmers Market Coalition, local farmers' markets, the Alaska Food Coalition, and small retailers in Anchorage to improve access to farmers' markets and healthy retail environments for SNAP-eligible community members.*

## Community Health Nursing (CHN):

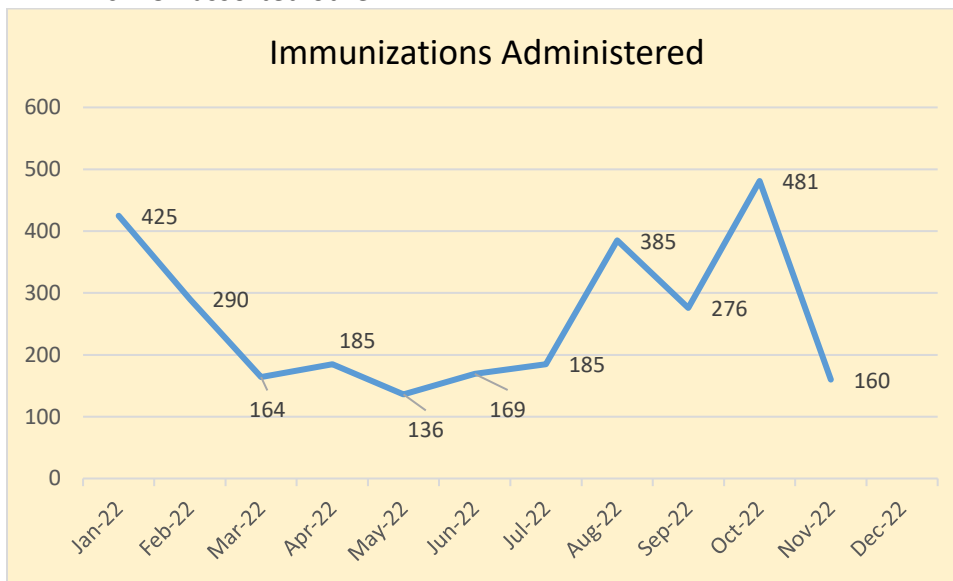
### Overview

- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Tracked 2 cases (siblings) of varicella (chicken pox) and investigation of enteric disease in partnership with the state.

### Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

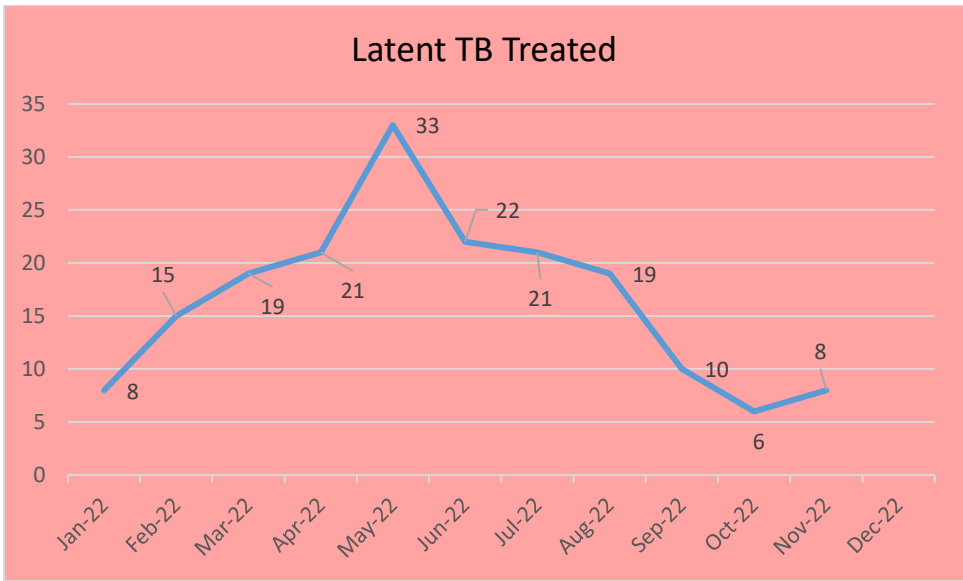
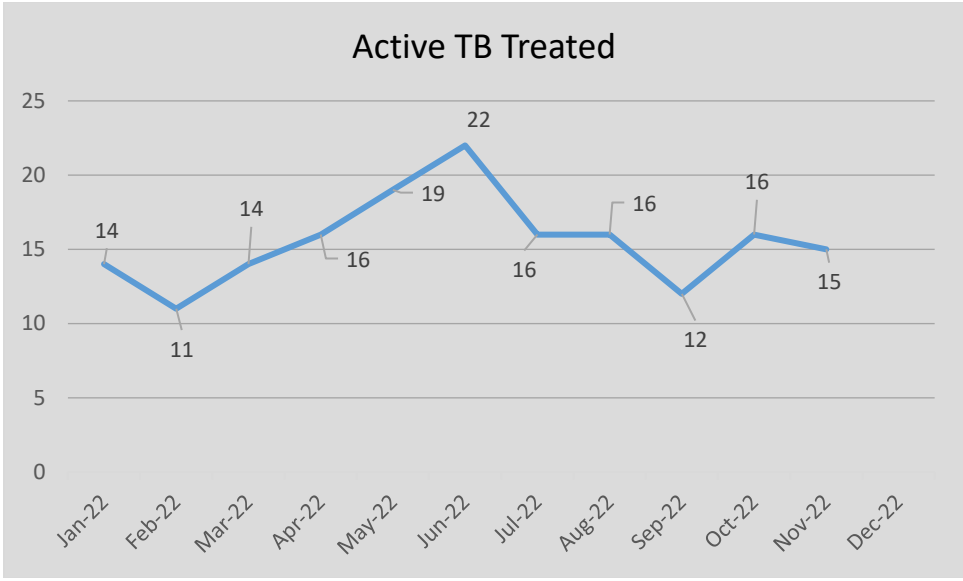
#### Immunizations

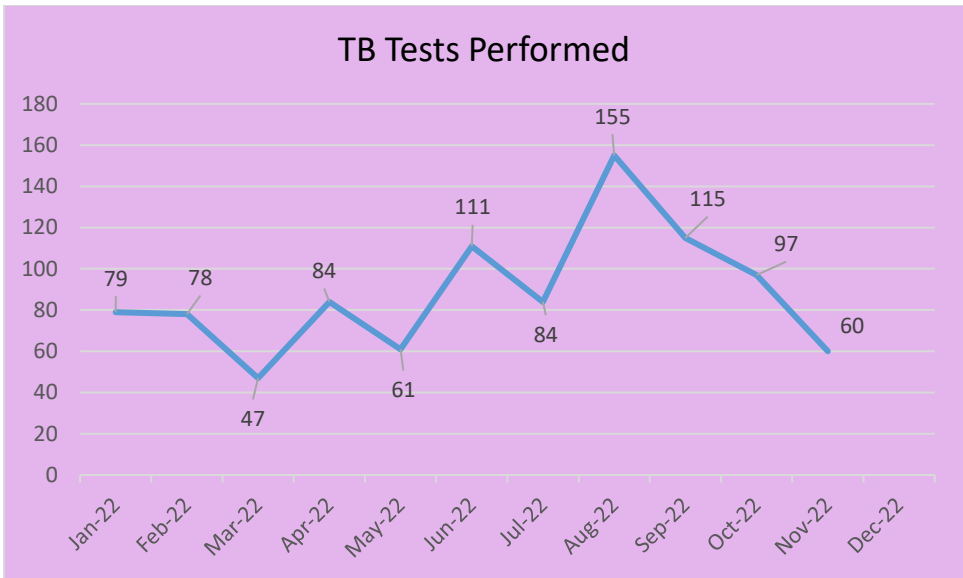
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 160 Routine vaccines were provided:
  - 19 Pfizer bivalent
  - 23 Moderna bivalent
  - 6 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
  - 30 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
  - 6 PPDs (purified protein derivative)
  - 11 Mpox (monkeypox)
  - 32 assorted other



#### Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 15 clients with Active TB.
  - TB tests performed IGRA: 55
  - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 5

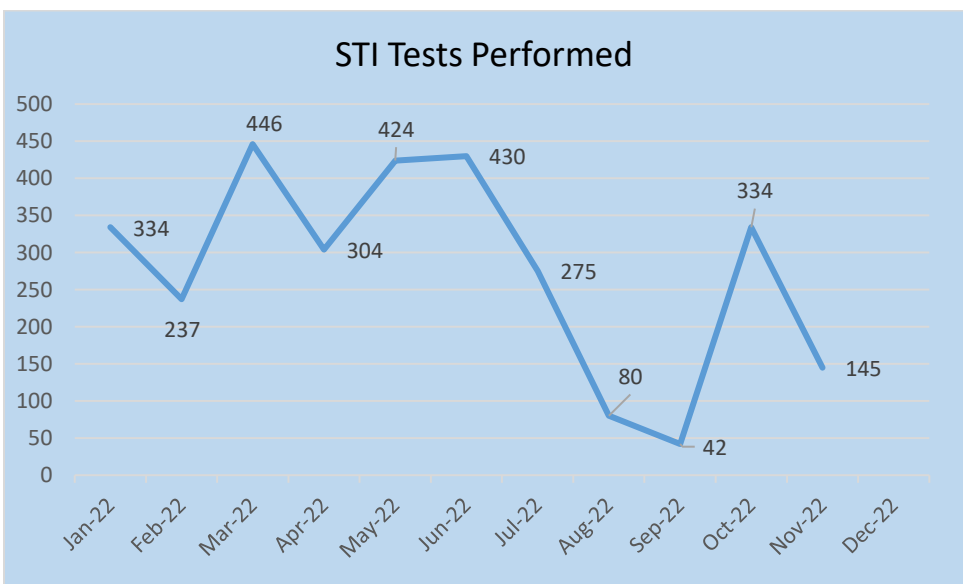




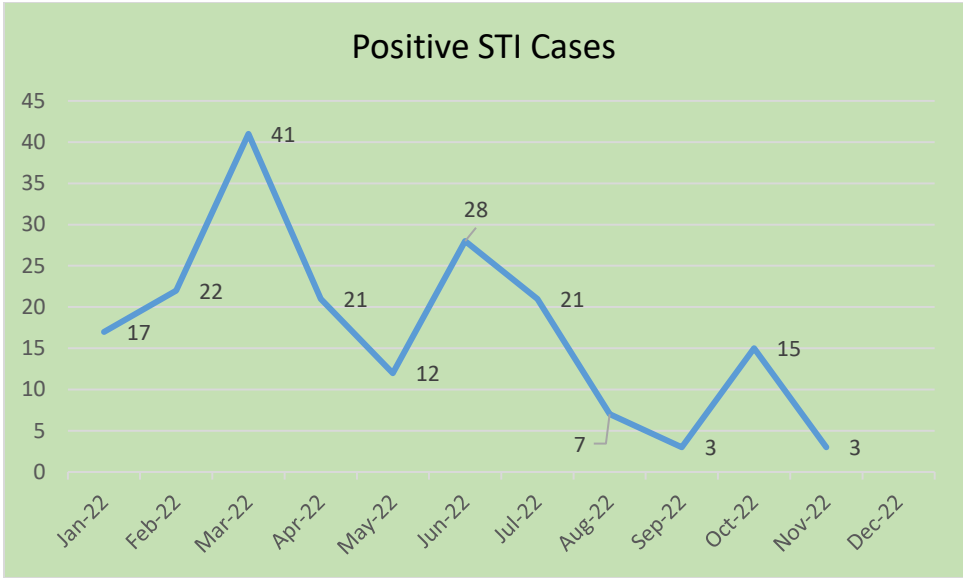
### Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

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

	Tested	Pos
• <b>STI</b>		
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	32	2
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhea Clampier (GC)	32	1
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	51	
Hepatitis C (HCV)	1	
Syphilis	29	

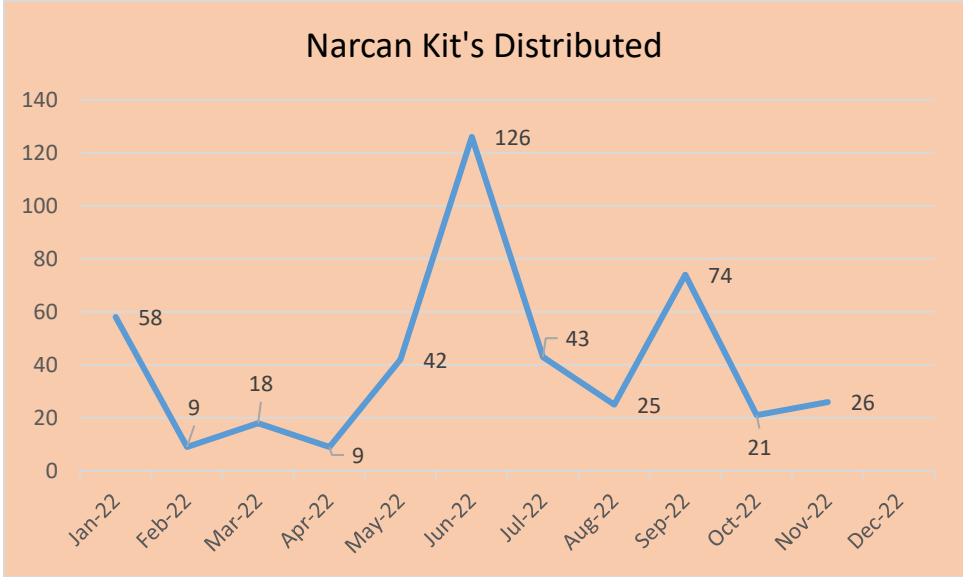






**Substance Initiative in PHN Grant**

- 26 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in October
  - Eight by Sexual Health Clinic
  - Six kits given to public during AHD outreach events
  - 12 kits given at Sullivan Arena TB homeless outreach on 11/16/22
- 11/17/22: Presentation on health risks of vaping to five teens at Volunteers of America



**HIV Prevention**

- 119 rapid HIV tests provided.
- 4,000 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

**TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)**

- Busy fall semester with 18 presentations to nine cohorts of youth, totaling 287 youth in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in five ASD middle & high schools.

- Birth control, STI's & Condoms, and Healthy Relationships, with great youth & teacher feedback

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES**

Note: ADA Commission not presently active

JANUARY	4	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	5	Thursday	4:00-5:30	Anchorage Women's Commission-Cancelled
	11	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health and Human Services Commission
	25	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	26	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board