



March 6, 2024

Assembly Health Policy Committee

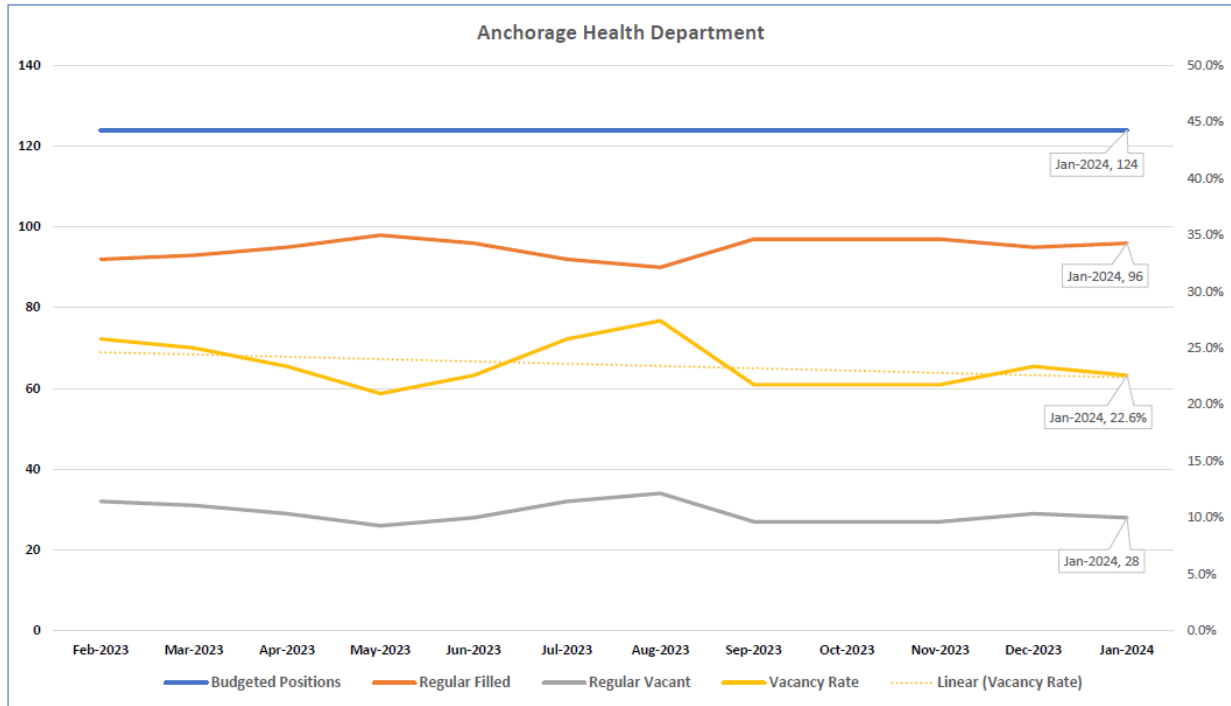
*Please note: all report outs are related to January program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- PIO worked with the Chief Medical Officer to give media interviews to educate the public about mumps and how to prevent, diagnose, and treat mumps. These interviews were in response to a suspected case of mumps at within the Anchorage School District. One key part of messaging was to remind people that the MMR vaccine is highly effective in preventing mumps and to encourage anyone not vaccinated to get vaccinated.
- AHD used its social media to alert the public to holiday closures and advertise the Alcohol Tax Prevention Grant application period, the Substantial Amendments to the Housing and Community Development Action Plans Public Hearing, the Citywide Job Fair, Winter Bike Fest events, the Diversity Community Health Fair, STI testing, the Anchorage Senior Activity Center Health Fair, the Mayor's Public Health and Safety Emergency Declaration and call for donations of warm clothing and snacks, and the Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund Child Care Conversations events.
- PIO assisted the Public Health Clinic with advertising its new operating hours that were effective February 1, 2024. This included creating new hours of operation signage for the front doors of AHD, reaching out to community partners, updating the clinic's website, and advertising the change on social media.

Administration Division

Human Resources

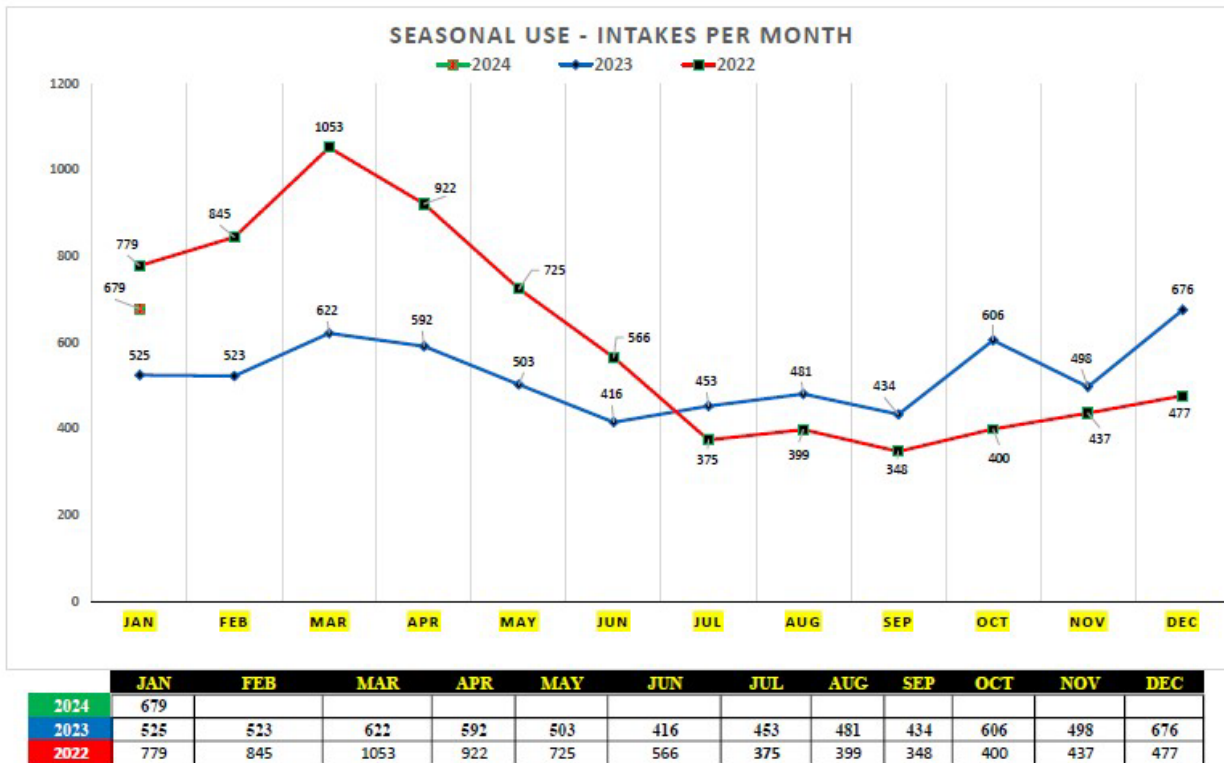


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

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: 679.
- Responded to calls: 1,325.
- Transported: 518.
- Unduplicated clients: 275.

Overall, 275 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 679 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.



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.

In February the EH Program:

- Addressed 50 complaints.
- Performed 62 inspections.
- Made 546 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 14 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 4 Plan Reviews. Worked 26 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 29 permits.
- Issued 6 Food Worker Cards.

Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

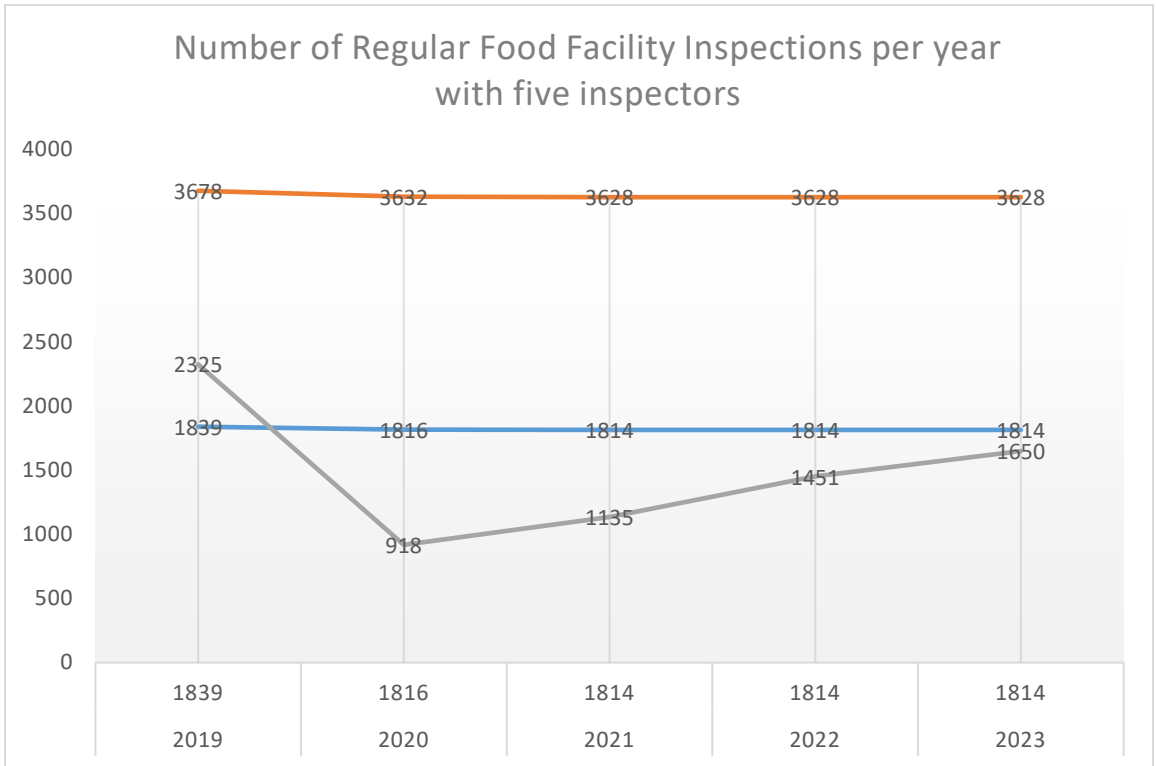
The purpose of the Air Quality and Business Awareness Education Campaign (AMATS) is to help improve air quality in the Anchorage area through advertising and education targeting a reduction in CO and other carbon emissions from high-emissions vehicles. Clean, non-motorized travel such as biking and walking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

During January our Air Quality Specialist:

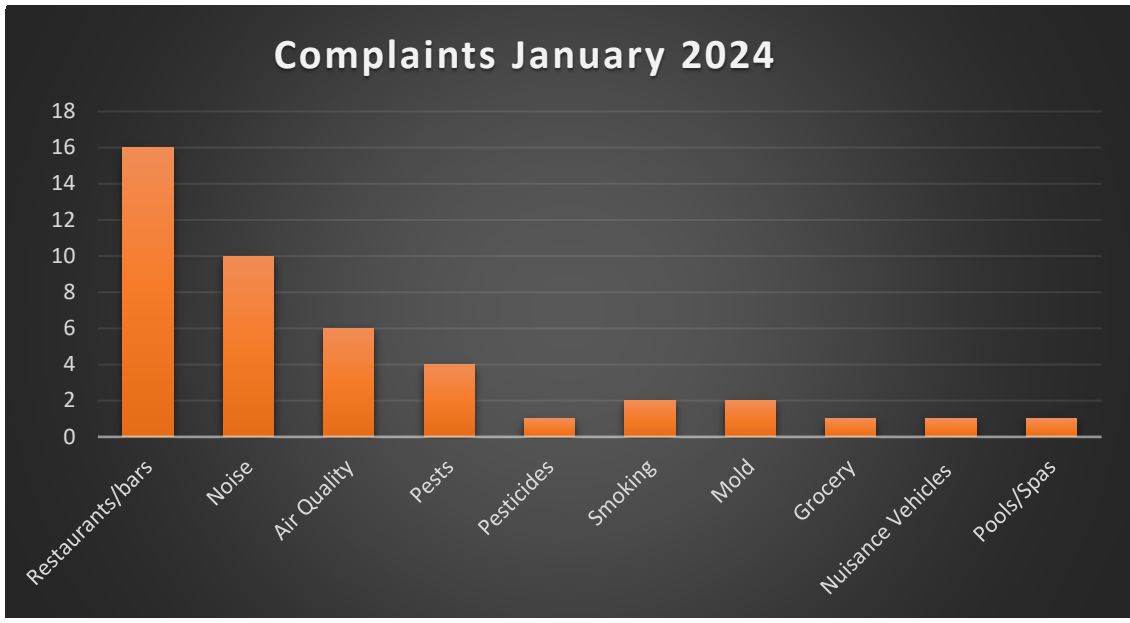
- Responded to 15 citizen complaints.
- Produced a draft air quality conformity report and presented it to the Interagency Consultation Team to support allow the FHWA to confirm an Air Quality Conformity Determination for a 2nd Amendment to the 2023–2026 Anchorage Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Participated in a joint TAC/PC/ADOT-PF meeting to review AMATS' suggested corrections to the Draft 2024–2027 Alaska STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program).
- Reviewed policies/procedures to improve coordination between AMATS & ADOT&PF in development of future state transportation plans.

During January the Environmental Health Educator:

- Distributed 8 Plug@20 kits (block-heater timer and extension cord, along with literature about reducing air emissions).
- Worked to revise/update advertising for Jan/Feb 2024 with Alaska Public Media, I Heart Radio, and the Alaska Channel.
- Participated in 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.
- Completed events:
 - 9th Diversity Community Awareness Fair, Loussac Library, 1/13/2024.
- 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, Q4 reporting, Recruiting efforts for 2024 BTWD artist, EPA Justice-HIA project team workshop.



Minimum Annual Inspections recommended by FDA	Minimum annual inspections required by AMC 16.60	Number of Regular Inspections Completed	Number of permitted facilities each year
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Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- January WIC participant total: 3,695.
- Through Alcoholic Sales Tax funds received, the program continues supporting taxi vouchers, produce incentives, telehealth appointments, and nutrition education programming.
- Outreach events:
 - Alaska Adoption Services event for potty training kit distribution, 1/03/2024.
 - 9th annual Diversity Health Awareness Fair at the Loussac Library, 1/13/2024, discussing WIC services to 118 community members.
 - Presented Bundles4Babies for 9 new/prospective JBER parents, 1/17/2023.
 - Presented to 25 employees in the annual learning skill for Community pregnancy about WIC services and how to make WIC referrals for their clients, 1/23/2024.
- Facebook: 32 posts: 3,172 reach.
- Instagram: 8 posts: 89 reach.

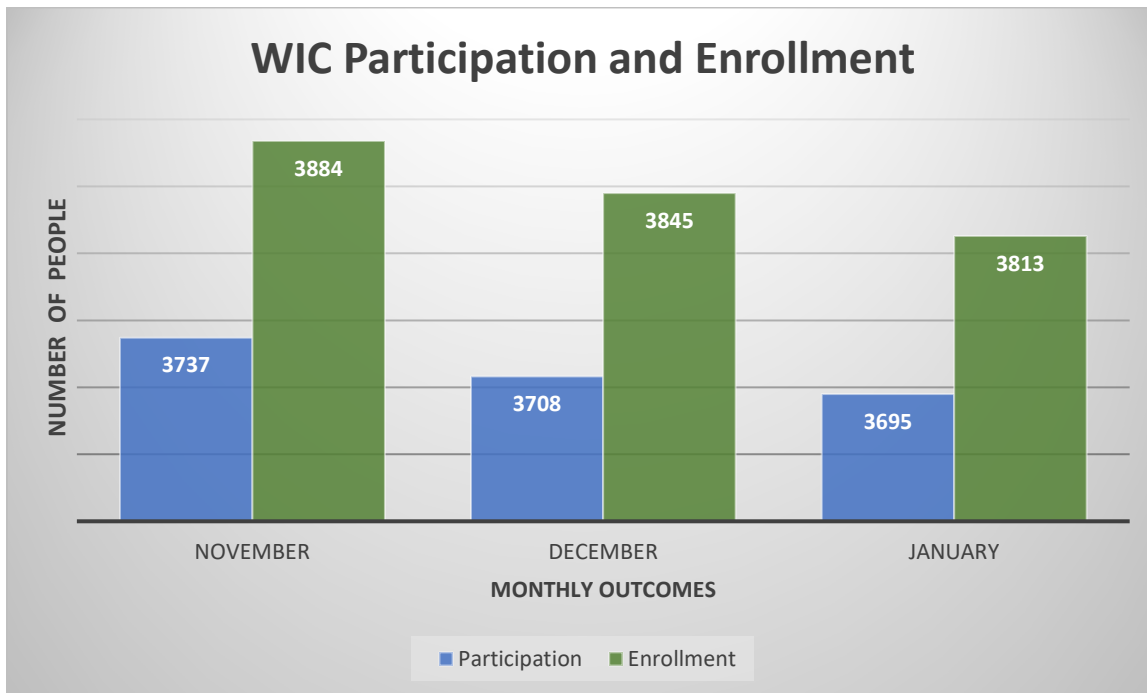
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

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

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 46 women currently enrolled.
- 27 total contacts were made in January to the 46 enrollees.
- One new BPFC started training in January.
- BPFC lead and WIC registered dietitian are developing an in-person breastfeeding support group for JBER parents.
- Facebook: 12 posts: 1,302 reach.
- Instagram: 13 posts: 222 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 met in mid-January and had about 20 attendees. The AOTF now has a [webpage](#) on the health department website and the meeting notes are available for review there.

Community Health Nursing (CHN):

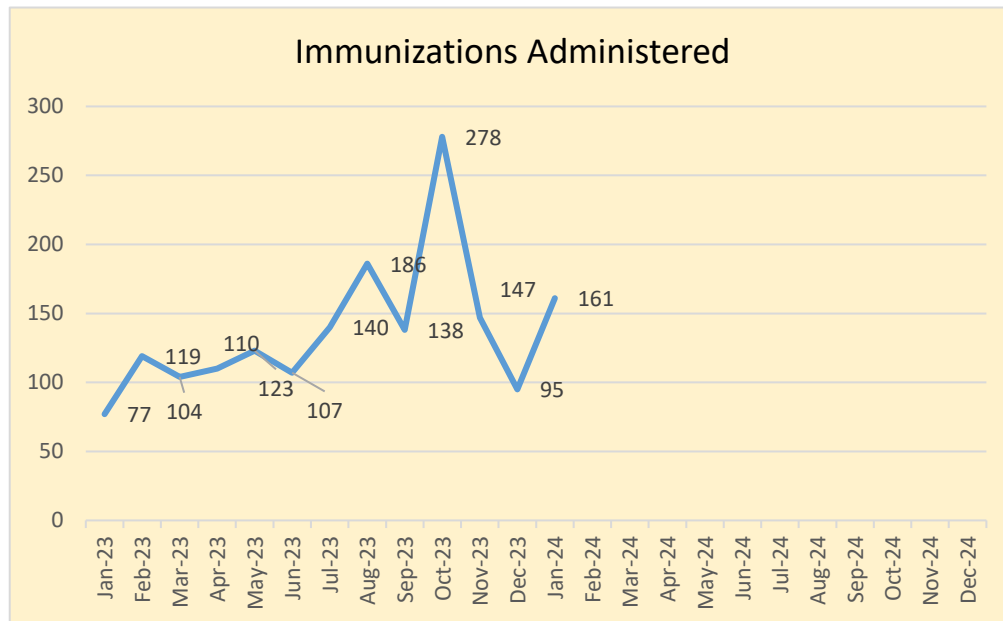
- Tracked 10 pathogen cases in January.

Pathogens	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
Campylobacteriosis	2	1	1
Legionella		1	
Salmonella	5	4	3
Haemophilus	1	1	1
Listeriosis	1		
Pertussis	1		
Giardiasis	1		
Mumps			5

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

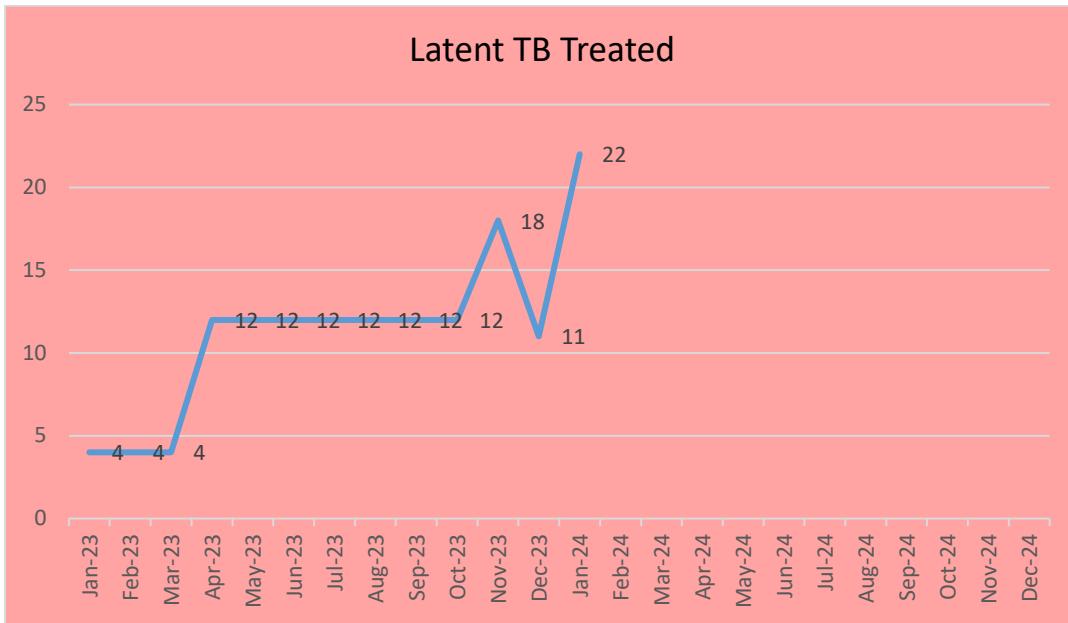
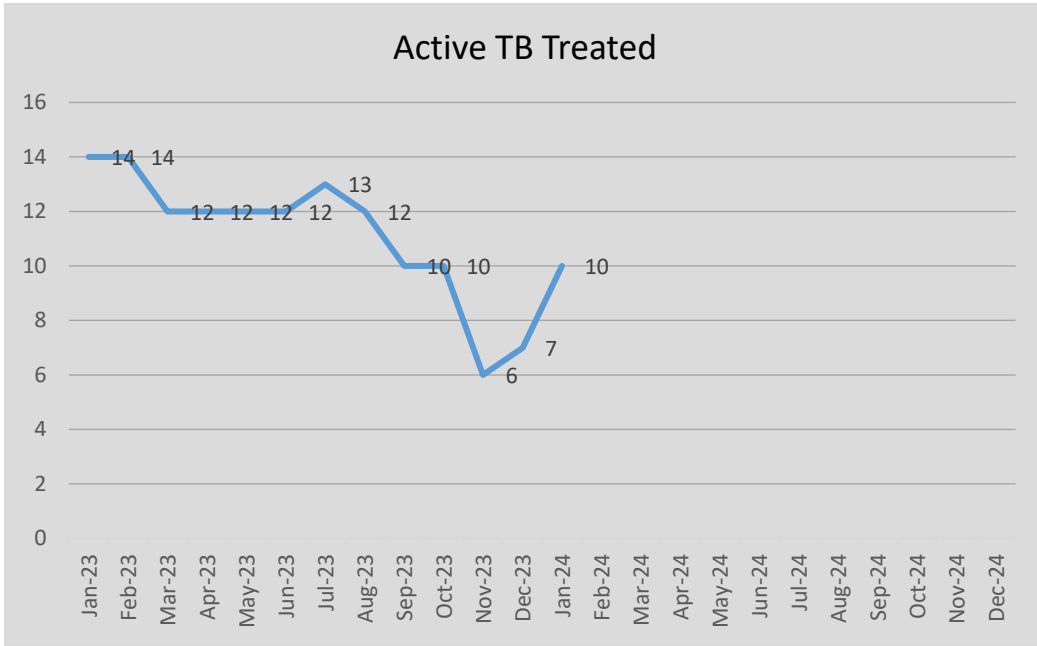
Immunizations

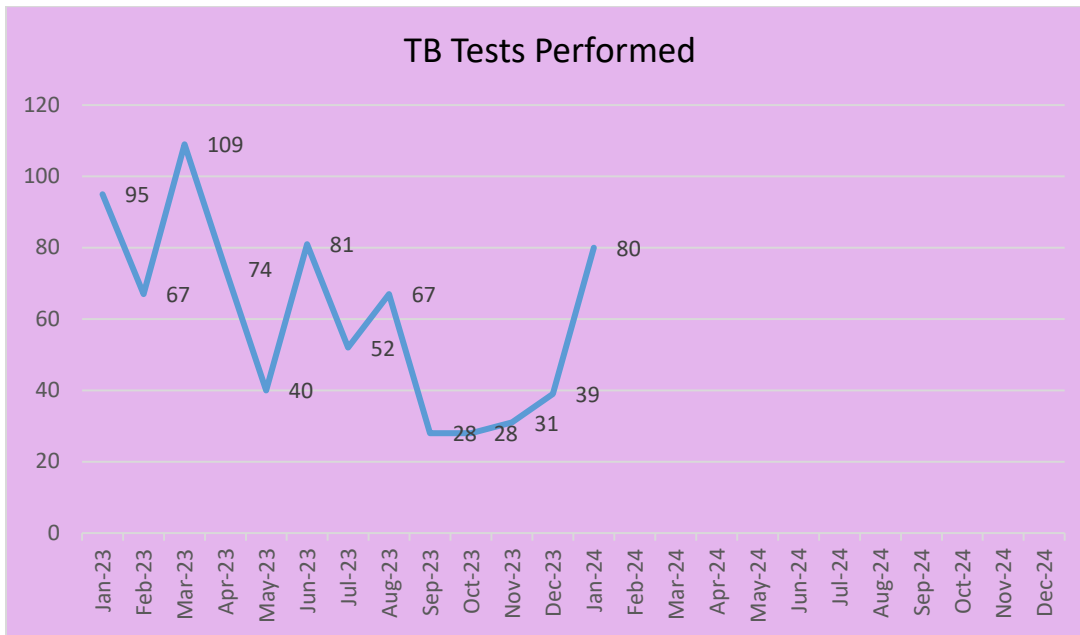
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 161 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 48 Moderna bivalent
 - 6 HPV
 - 11 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 5 RSV
 - 39 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 52 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 10 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 41
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 39

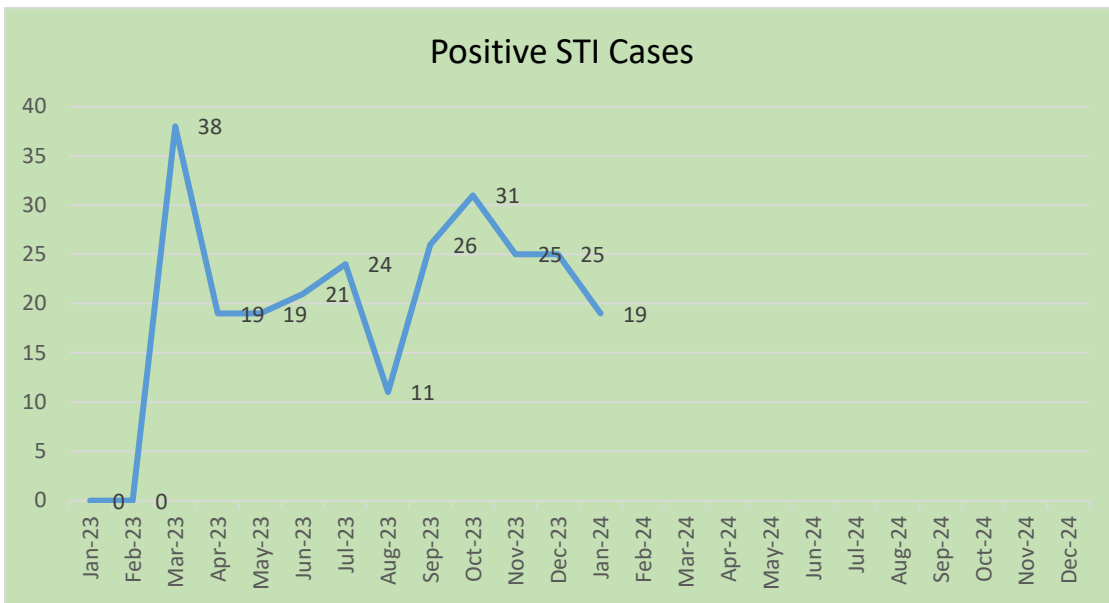
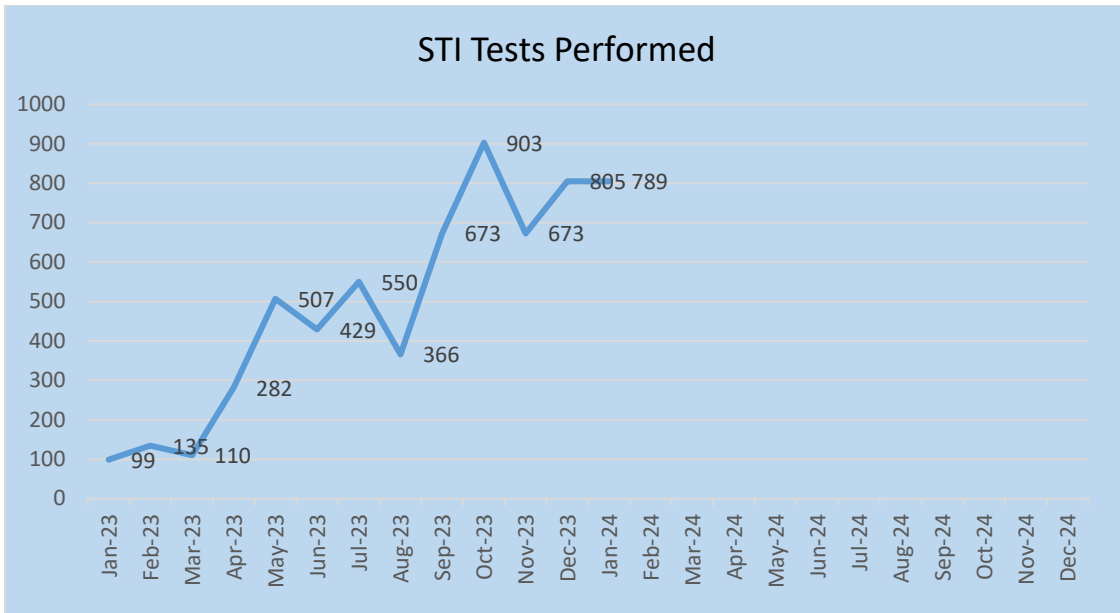




Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

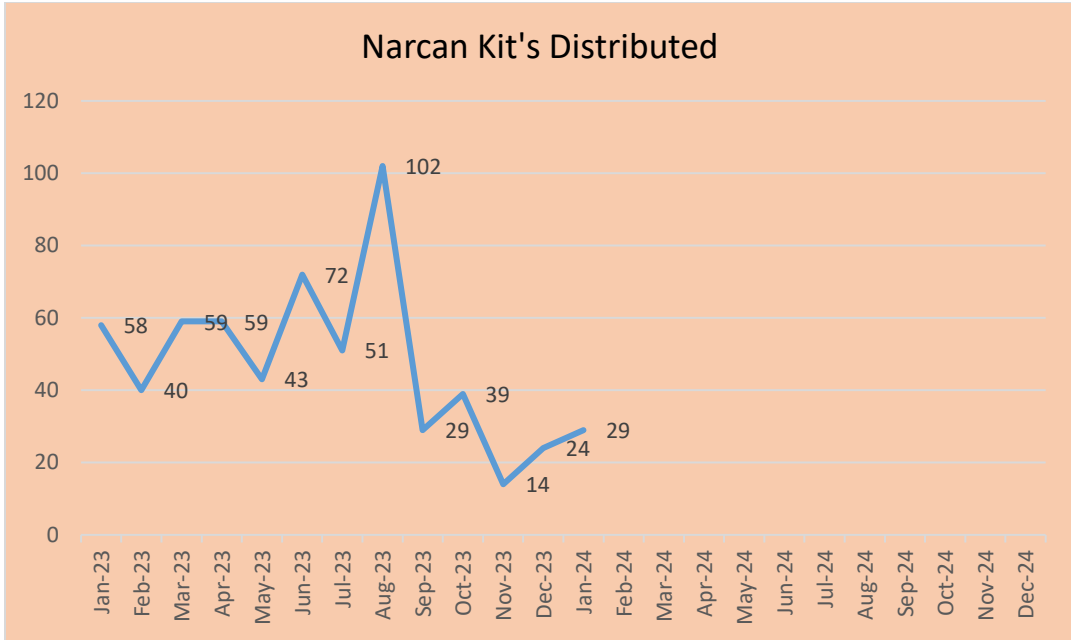
- STI express service is a walk-in screening focused specifically on STI screenings with low barriers and no cost to client that can reduce visit times, decrease time to treatment, and use provider time more efficiently.
- 89 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old.

STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	107	0
Rapid HCV	60	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	206	7
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clampier (GC)	207	6
Syphilis	94	3
Trichomoniasis	115	3



Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 29 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in December.
 - 5 kits by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 8 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 7 kits on outreach.
 - 9 kits for staff training.



HIV Prevention

- 2,714 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 5 young adults educated on sexual health and relationships at Covenant House.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2024 MEETING DATES

MARCH	6	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	7	Thursday	5:00-6:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	13	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health & Human Services Commission
	27	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	28	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board