



December 6, 2023

Assembly Health Policy Committee

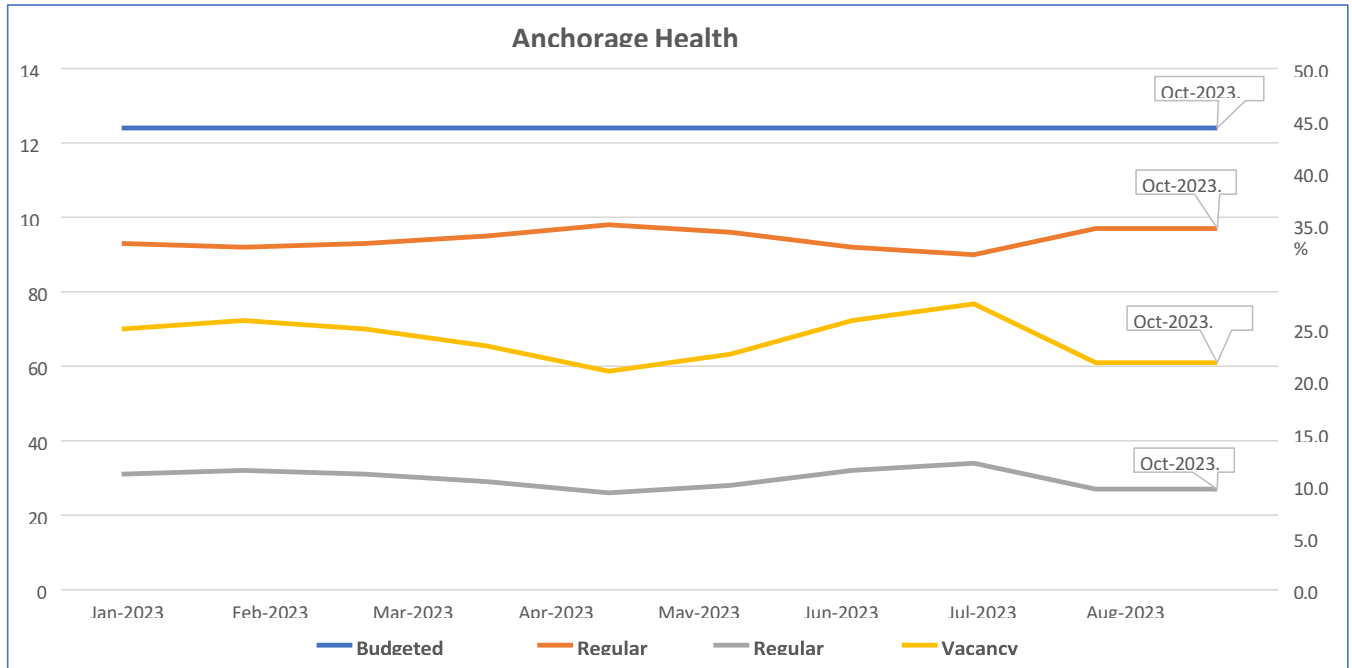
*Please note: all report outs are related to October program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- AHD used social media to advertise AHD's participation in the Volunteers of America Alaska Fall Festival, the Alaska Public Media Mental Health Resource Fair, and the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. Other posts included holiday closure notices, celebrating the completion of the protected bike lane project, People Mover's virtual open house, AHD's flu vaccine clinic, Pedestrian Safety Month, food safety, the change at the Anchorage Safety Patrol, the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Plan, alcohol tax early childhood education grantees, ADRC assistive technology, vaccinations, a call for members of the Implementation Team for the Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, DEA Drug Take Back Day, and Halloween.
- PIO began updating the MOA's Covid Response website.
- Coordinated with the Legislative Services Communications Coordinator to send out a joint press release seeking parent and provider members for the Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Implementation Team.
- The Anchorage Opioid Task Force (AOTF) met in mid-October and participants discussed ways for the task force to involve more people in Anchorage, including brainstorming a community engagement plan and existing events that the AOTF should table at.
- Customer service/clinic closures are based on operational capacity and needs. All closures are noticed to the public via building signage, calling clients/patients to reschedule, if necessary, social media and website updates and done in advance of changes to the normal operating hours.

Administration Division

Human Resources

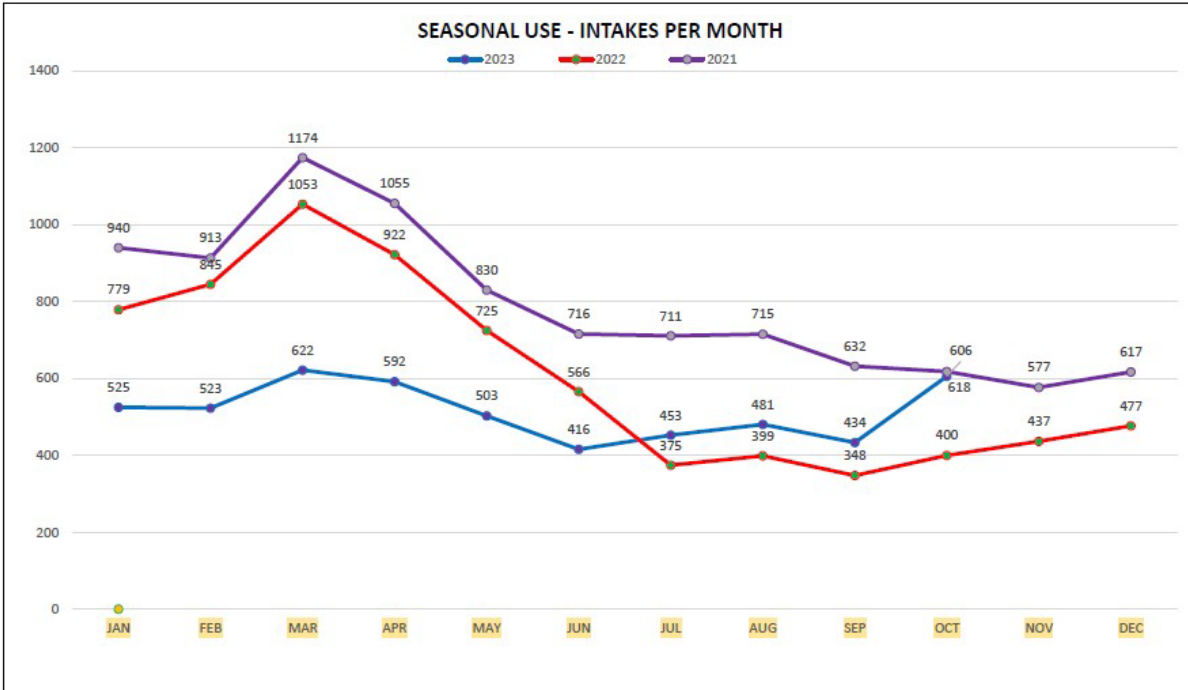


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

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: 606.
- Responded to calls: 996.
- Transported: 434.
- Unduplicated clients: 378.

Overall, 378 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 606 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		
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

***Notation:** In correspondence with the interim contractor, SALA Medics, the increase in intake was due to: An uptick in drug-related incidents in the city that required additional AFD requests. Additionally, we are following our physician-sponsored medical protocols focused on patient-centered care. This approach ensures a thorough medical assessment during intake. When conditions beyond an EMT 1 scope of practice are identified during this assessment or the person's request to go to the hospital, we promptly refer these cases to AFD for a higher level of medical care.

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 53 complaints in October.
- Performed 84 inspections.
- Made 610 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 3 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 5 Plan Reviews. Worked 34 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 46 permits.
- Issued 17 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.

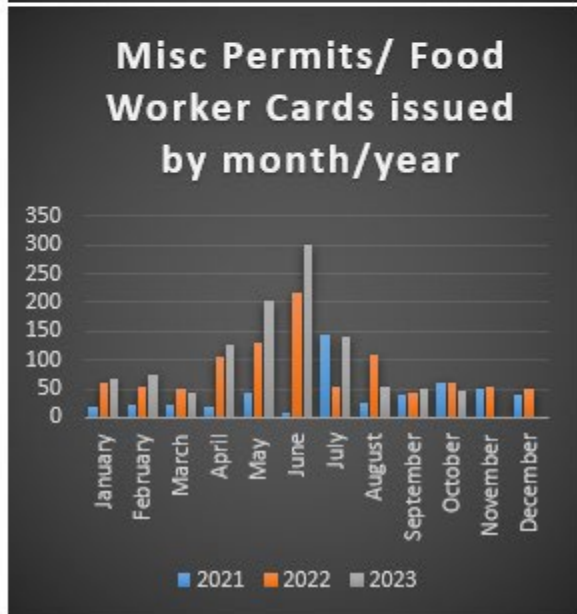
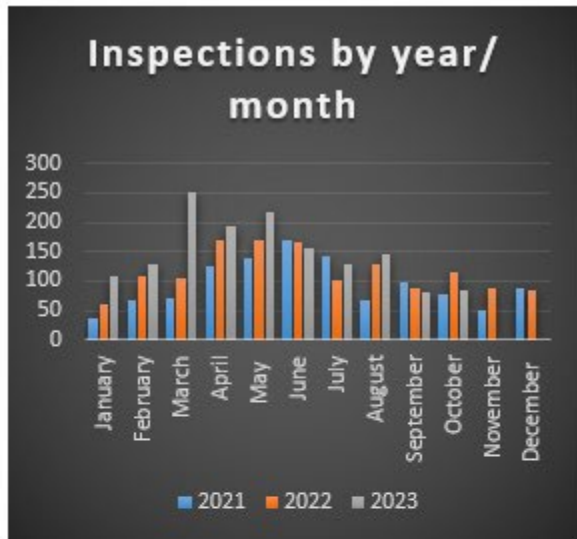
During October the Air Quality Specialist completed:

- Draft Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for the Draft 2050 MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan: has 20-Yr planning horizon) and presented it to the Interagency Consultation Team (ADOT, ADEC, EPA, FTA, FHWA, + AMATS Planning group) to explain AQ data statistics, methodology & affirmed AMATS' compliance with transportation planning administrative rules.
- Sought FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) guidance to resolve the planning group's concern regarding conformity rules specific to addition of National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure project to the MOA TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) and the Alaska STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program).

During October, EH staff participated in these:

- Fall Festival, VOA, Air Quality Awareness outreach.
- Air Quality Education Presentation, Chugiak Elementary School.
- Mental Health Resource Fair, Fairview Rec Center.
- AEHA Annual Conference, *One Fish, Two Fish, Blue Fish, Healthy Fish*.
- UAA Culinary Arts Program, Sanitation Class, overview presentation of AHD Environmental Health requirements for food establishments.
- Distributing Plug@20 kits (block heater timer, extension cord, information) at events, and from the office.

- Plug@20 advertising planning for Q3, in place and broadcasting since mid-October.



Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- October WIC participant total: 3,809.
- 2,074 Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupons valuing \$45 were distributed to WIC participants for the 2023 farmers’ market season. This is a total value of \$93,330 towards fresh, local produce.
- Almost 600 families received \$50 coupons of Fresh Bucks for local produce. Alaska farmers were reimbursed over \$28,000 for their contributions during the 2023 summer produce season.
- Outreach Nutrition Educator is improving the referral partnerships with Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC), Providence Hospital, Kids Corps, Inc. (a Head Start provider), and Anchorage School District preschools.
- Facebook: 36 posts: 2,936 reach.
- Instagram: 36 posts: 415 reach.

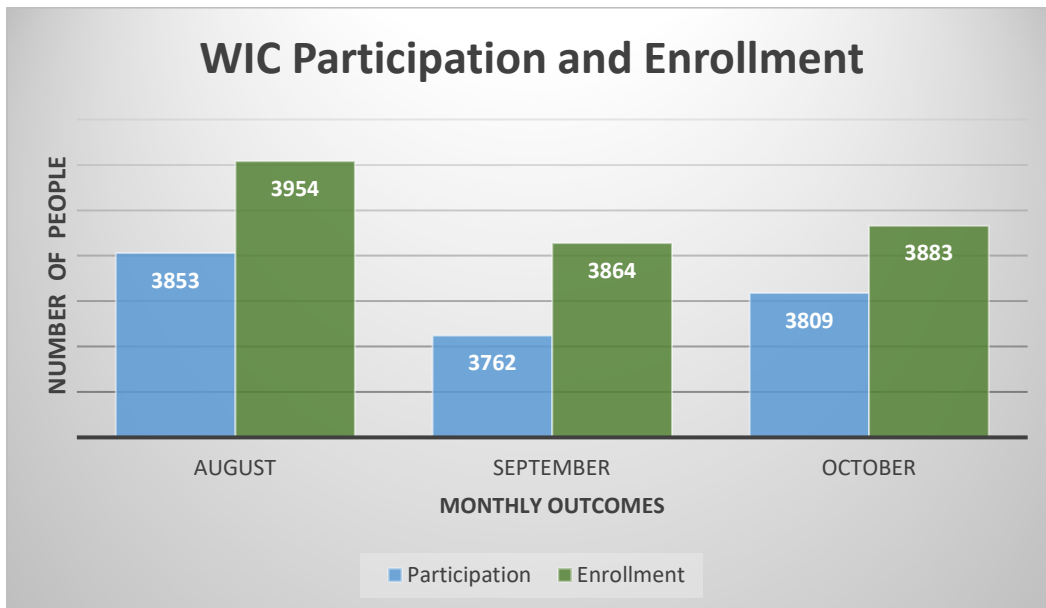
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

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

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 73 women currently enrolled.
- Two BFPC started training in October.
- 78 total contacts were made in September to the 73 enrollees.
- Facebook: 13 posts: 578 reach.
- Instagram: 13 posts: 204 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 Town Hall meeting was cancelled on 11/9/2023 and AHD staff are currently looking at dates to reschedule. More information to come.

Community Health Nursing (CHN):

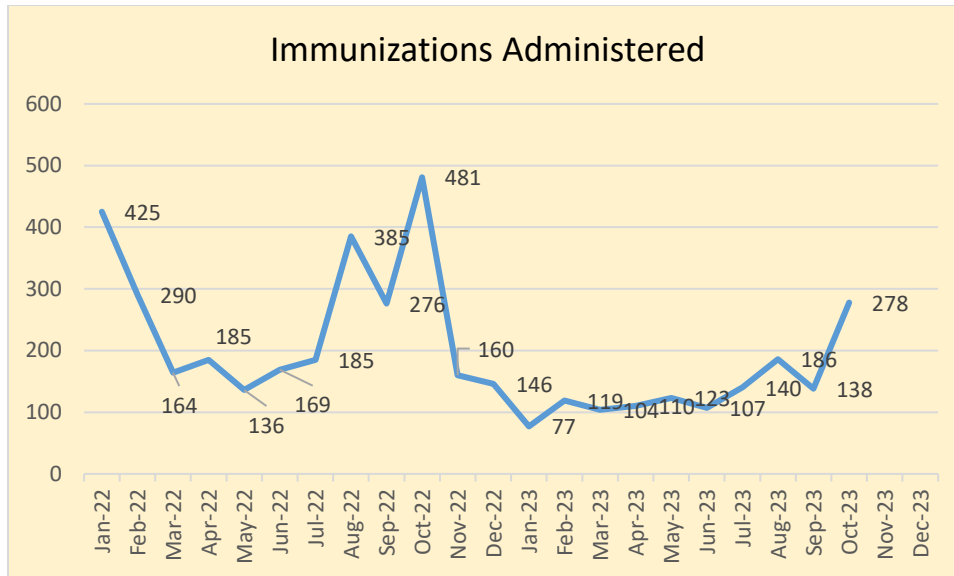
- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Reestablished tracking and investigation of enteric disease in partnership with the state.
- 202 COVID-19 vaccines given during AFN 2023.
- Tracked 5 pathogen cases in October.

Pathogens	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023
Campylobacteriosis	2	2	5
Cryptosporidiosis	1		
Hepatitis A			
Hepatitis B-acute			
Shigatoxigenic E. coli	1		
Varicella			
Vibrio			
Shigellosis	1		
Malaria			
Listeriosis	1		
Botulism		1	

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

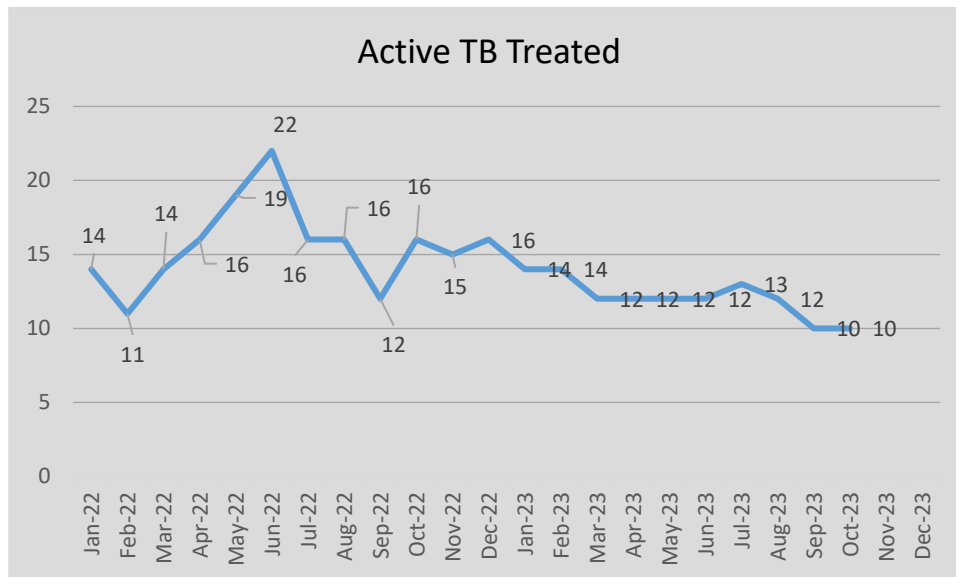
Immunizations

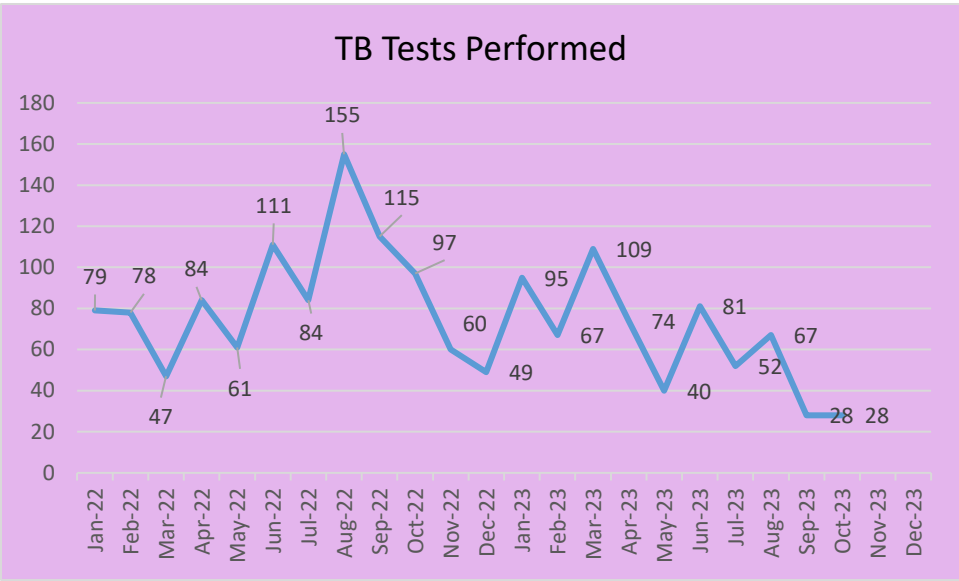
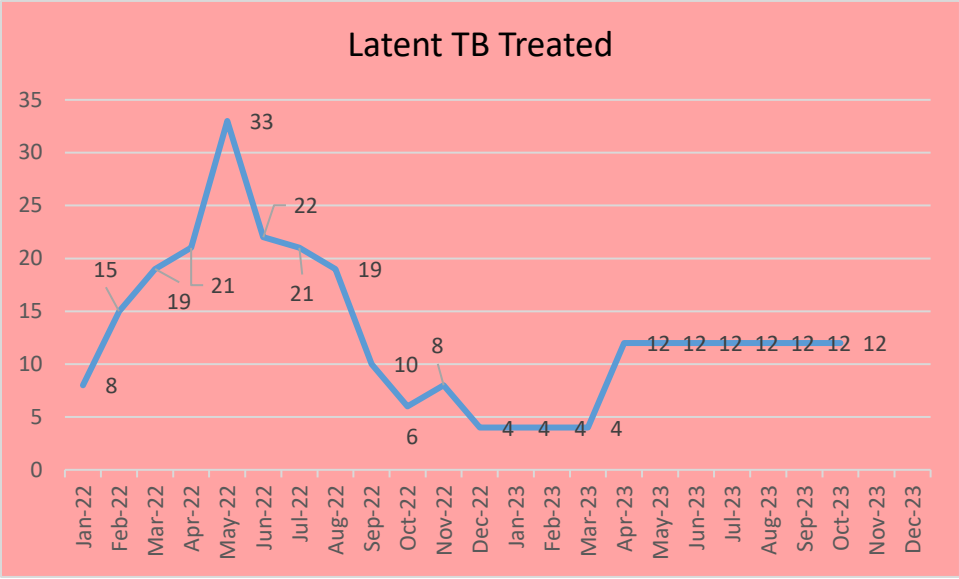
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 278 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 140 Moderna bivalent
 - 7 Moderna SPIKEVAX
 - 38 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 62 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 0 Mpox (monkeypox)
 - 31 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 10 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 24
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 4



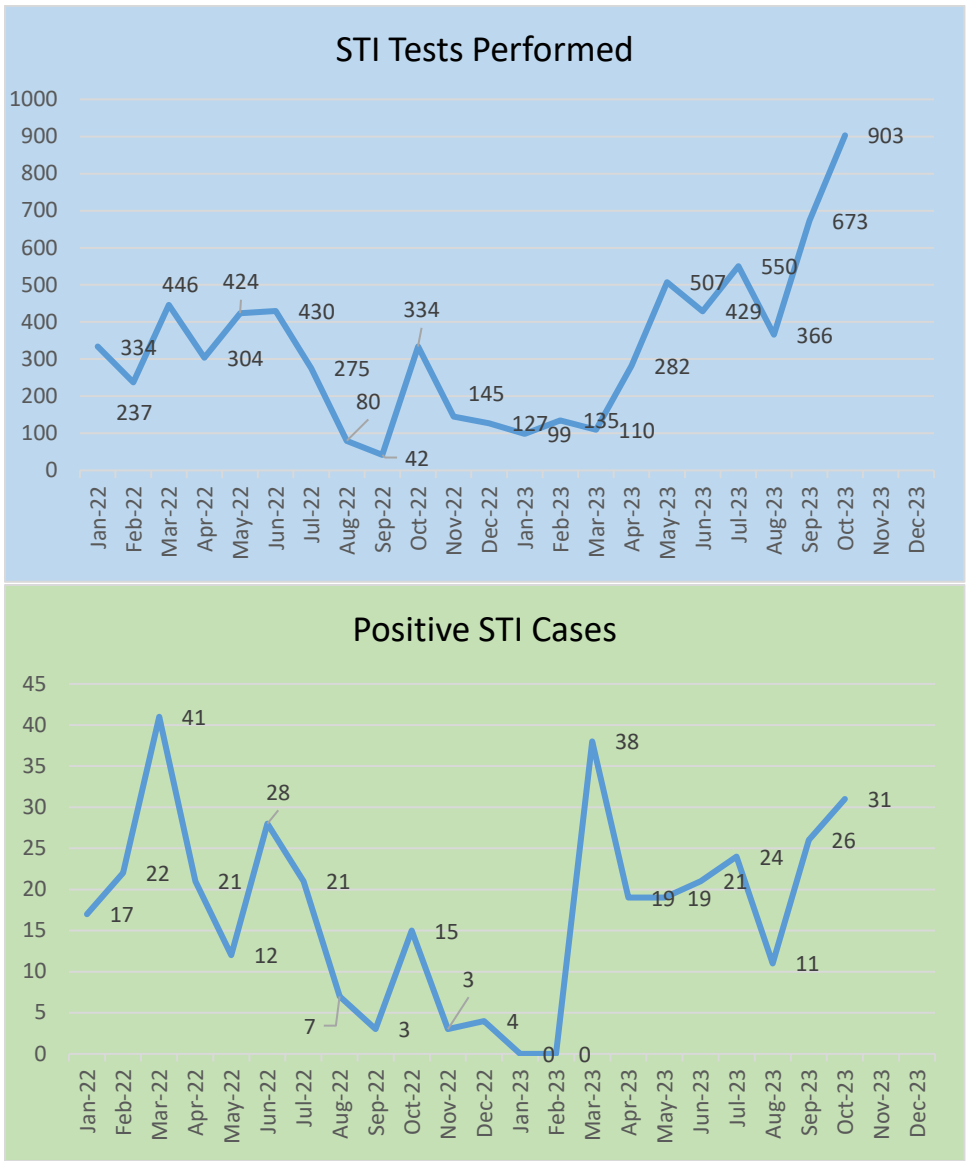


Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- 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.
- 166 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 45 during outreach.

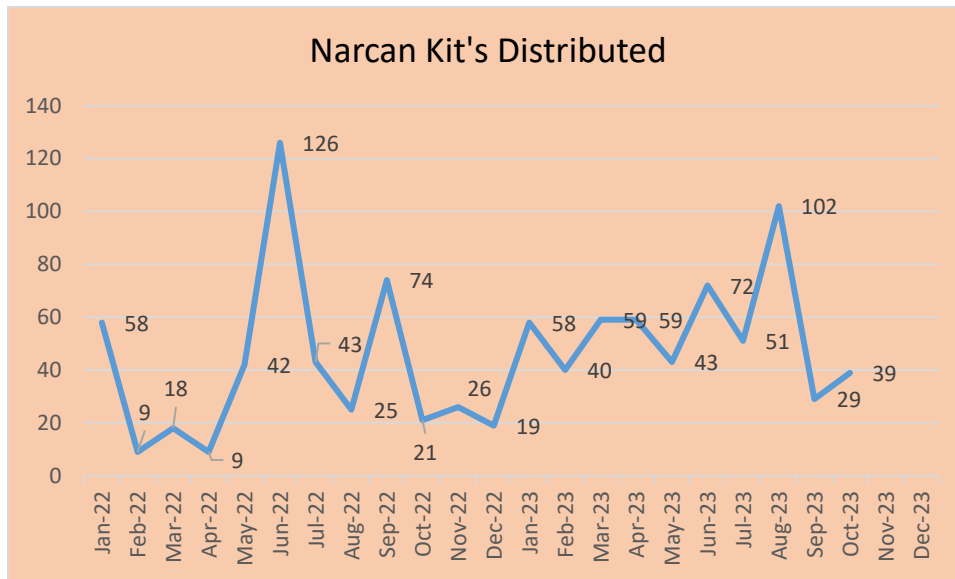
• STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	101	1
Rapid HCV	62	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	253	14
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clamper (GC)	252	13

Syphilis	101	1
Trichomoniasis	134	2



Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 39 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in October.
 - 2 by Sexual Health Clinic
 - 20 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 17 kits during outreach events.
 - Reportable activities:
 - 10/8/23: Volunteers of America Fall Festival promoted naloxone & safe med disposal, family audience.
 - 10/14/23: Mental Health Resource Fair, adult audience.
 - 10/28/23: HallowQueer Carnival, family audience.



HIV Prevention

- 0 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.). Awaiting on new vendor contract to order.

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 75 teens educated on sexual health and relationships at Benny Benson Secondary School
- Reportable Activities:
 - Engaged with youth and parents at event outreaches; Volunteers of America Fall Festival & HallowQueer Carnival

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES

DECEMBER 6	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development 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
- Health and Human Service Commission
- Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission