

El Paso County Public Health Director’s Report

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In the News

- On Nov. 25, the Colorado Springs Business Journal (CSBJ) published an [article on the 'triple-demic' impacting local communities, schools and hospitals](#). The article, which featured interviews from El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) co-medical directors Dr. Bernadette Albanese and Dr. Paul Mayer, provided in-depth information on trends related to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza (flu), and COVID-19. The article also included prevention messaging, in addition to interviews from local hospitals, schools and child care centers.

Program Spotlight

Recognizing the impact of the pandemic on our most vulnerable communities, EPCPH saw a new opportunity in 2022 to offer additional support to community members experiencing a lack of access to necessary resources. EPCPH's new Care Coordination program is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded to the agency in July 2021. The Care Coordination program provides individualized assistance to help connect members of the community to access to food, transportation, child care, housing, behavioral health, COVID-19 resources, and more.

EPCPH hired three full-time care coordinators, including a bilingual coordinator, to be in the community providing navigation resources relevant to community and COVID-19 recovery needs. The care coordinators are housed within the Maternal Child Health (MCH) program, which is well aligned with the existing MCH care coordinators who serve families and youth with special health care needs.

The three care coordinators are experts in connecting residents to local resources, navigating referrals and expanding community partnerships and outreach. In addition to serving the broader community, they also bring expertise in different areas within the Spanish-speaking community, Southeast Colorado Springs, families with special health care needs, and more. Additionally, they are building strong grassroots connections to different community groups and reconnecting with partners who serve high-need populations. The program also provides free bus vouchers, COVID-19 testing kits, and household care packages which include hygiene products, personal protective equipment to include gloves, masks, Lysol wipes, and more for individuals who request assistance.

Building community connections has been a cornerstone of establishing this program as a trusted source of information and assistance. Throughout 2022, the care coordinators have had 249 points of connection and outreach to local community organizations, attended 70 community events and meetings, distributed over 400 COVID-19 test kits, prepared and delivered 10 household care packages, and taken on 505 individual referrals. Of note, individual referrals can have recurring needs, and care coordinators may spend several hours with specific individuals to navigate them to the most appropriate resources.

Although the care coordinators have numerous success stories, here are a few highlights from their efforts:

- Connecting a client with the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging to assist with moving a client from California to Colorado Springs to be closer to family. The care coordinators helped assure the move and transition when smoothly for this elderly client.
- Most recently, the care coordinators were able to secure the EPCPH mobile outreach van to provide monkeypox vaccinations City Hope. Care coordinators also offered personal care packages for individuals leaving the shelter, which is set to close in December 2022.
- Successfully enrolling several clients in The Resource Exchange services as well as services with The Independence Center. These resources will provide clients with free events, activities, and other services for individuals with disabilities.
- Successfully facilitated a few clients signing up for the Section 8 Housing waitlist that opened momentarily.

Agency Operations

In 2008, the Colorado Public Health Act required the State Board of Health to establish, by rule, the core public health services that each county and district public health agency must provide or assure as well as establish minimum quality standards for those public health services. A revised ruling ([6 CCR 1014-7](#)), effective January 1, 2020, now requires state and local health departments in Colorado to ensure provision of seven Foundational Capabilities and five Foundational Services.



Image courtesy of the [Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials](#).

El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) fulfills its statutory requirement of providing these core public health services through the work of its divisions and programs. Activities supporting these services for the timeframe of this report follow. Definitions of each Foundational Public Health Capability and Services can be found on page 19 and 20 of this report.

Foundational Public Health Capabilities

Assessment and Planning

The Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) met in November to continue work on both the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) using the Colorado Health Assessment and Planning System (CHAPS) model.

Regarding the CHA, the HCC is on step six of eight, “analyzing and interpreting data”. These activities include:

- The EPCPH Director, Deputy Director, Medical Director, and senior staff are reviewing the epidemiological data selected by the HCC for context.
- The HCC has selected *suicide* and *access to medical and behavioral care* as the top priority areas and is exploring what health behaviors and determinants of health are influencing these issues, who is most impacted, and the level of community need and opportunities for improvement.

- Regarding the CHIP, the HCC is on step five of 10, “Develop a work group for each priority area”. At the November meeting, a work group began action planning for the goal of reducing suicide deaths by 20 percent by 2027.
- The HCC will begin action planning related to access to care, the second priority topic, at the Dec. 8 HCC meeting. A smaller group of HCC members working in areas related to access to care have been invited to help develop proposed goals, objectives, and strategies to present to the broader HCC for consideration.

The public health planner, with Public Health Data and Analytics, is preparing the required annual report for the Public Health Accreditation Board, to be submitted by Dec. 31, 2022. The report includes EPCPH’s activities related to improvement, continuing processes, and emerging public health issues and innovations. The report also provides updates on EPCPH monitored population health outcomes and objectives.

Communications

- The Office of Communication (OoC) managed television media inquiries pertaining to emerging issues including RSV, influenza (flu), COVID-19 and the Club Q shooting. The total estimated viewership for these television interviews is more than 336,573 and the estimated earned media value is more than \$25,000.
- The OoC also managed several print media inquiries on similar topics, in addition to a feature in the Colorado Spring Business Journal regarding local trends and prevention information related to COVID-19, RSV and flu
- The OoC provided communication support to a regional Joint Information Center (JIC) that was activated in response to the Club Q shooting. As part of the JIC, the OoC worked with approximately 15 local public information officers to provide critical updates, messaging, and behavioral health resources to the community. EPCPH quickly mobilized and launched a [webpage](#) with detailed information on behavioral health and community resources. The OoC also shared messages widely on social media. This content saw high levels of community engagement and interaction:
- In response to increasing levels of RSV in the community, the OoC worked with the communications team at Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs to coordinate and align messaging efforts. The OoC augmented these efforts by sharing trusted resources from [Children’s Hospital Colorado](#), in addition to launching a targeted RSV page on the [EPCPH website](#) and sharing messages on social media.
- In mid-November, the second phase of a large-scale prevention campaign launched. This phase of the campaign features messages to promote the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine, as well as the importance of flu shots and routine childhood immunizations. Ads also provide messages on prevention—such as the importance of getting tested and staying home when sick—to help reduce the spread of a wide variety of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. Digital ads are running in English and Spanish across social media and online platforms. The campaign is funded through the Epidemiology, Laboratory and Capacity (ELC) and Immunizations (IMM) grants.
- The agency’s website www.elpasocountyhealth.org had 26,486 new visitors in November, with 43,811 unique pageviews.

Policy Development and Support

The Development Office continues to focus grant efforts on strengthening public health infrastructure. The supplemental workforce funding received from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) earlier this year will provide funds to conduct a workforce gap analysis of the EPCPH workforce/structure and will provide national comparative data including workforce composition, top priorities, challenges, and salary/benefits. The primary deliverable will be a report summarizing key findings and recommendations with informatics to be used as both an internal and public-facing document guiding decision making, policy recommendations, and future grant proposals.

Announced on November 29, EPCPH received federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) titled Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems. The grant award is for a total of \$7,830,856 beginning December 2022 through November 30, 2027. Funding is in support of building a resilient public health system in El Paso County.

The following is an overview of the focal areas of each funded component:

Workforce Readiness and Employee Wellness: The primary objective of this approach will be to leverage the data related to workforce readiness to determine the optimal workforce capacity for a public health agency serving a county of this size. This will include key strategies targeting retention, recruitment, workforce development, and employee wellness.

Outcomes will include an increase in the core-funded workforce, increased diversity reflecting the El Paso County community, and increased retention throughout the agency.

Strengthening Community Partnerships: EPCPH proposes further expanding partnerships with the communities comprising El Paso County through these primary strategies, (1) strategic partnerships with cross-sector organizations to assess and monitor the critical areas of need, and (2) dedicated funds to sustain the work of current community navigators and to expand the effort through the addition of community navigators in partnership with external organizations.

Partnerships

The school liaison and prevention and policy specialist with the Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP) partnered with Children's Hospital Colorado and Academy District 20 to provide a training for parents about vaping and how to be a trusted adult. The objectives of the parent academy were to build caring, trusting relationships with young people, and to offer parents new perspectives and ideas for discussing vaping and other tough topics with their youth.

The healthy environment planner—along with numerous local nonprofits and community organizations—attended a planning session hosted by the Innovations in Aging Collaborative, with the goal of providing input toward the development of their next Age Friendly 5-year plan. There were several potential priority areas discussed, such as built environment, access to health services, transportation, and social inclusion. This plan for Age Friendly Pikes Peak will be developed next year and will now include the designation of El Paso County in addition to the City of Colorado Springs.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

The EPCPH Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) team was activated by the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency (PPROEM) management on Sunday, Nov. 20 to serve as the Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) lead to the Club Q mass shooting event. Under this activation, EPR coordinated with behavioral health partners at the state and local level to provide support for community members impacted by the event. The Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Victims Advocacy unit and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) stood up a community expo following the tragic event and ESF-8 partners provided support through services and resources as needed / requested.

EPR is currently updating the agency Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The COOP plan is developed to assure that Primary Mission Essential Functions (PMEFs) continue to be performed during a wide range of emergencies, including localized acts of nature, accidents and technological or attack-related emergencies. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, several elements of this plan have been identified for update. It is anticipated that this plan update will be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

November EPR exercises and drills included:

- Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM) Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) Exercise. Within this exercise, EPR served as the Emergency Support Function-8 lead (ESF-8) lead.
- Concept and Objectives (C&O) meeting for the Colorado Springs Utilities Rampart Dam exercise. The C&O meeting marks the formal beginning of the exercise planning process. As a community partner, EPCPH aims to support external partner exercises as the Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) lead.
- CDPHE Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) communications drill. This drill tests communications through the 800MHz radios across the state of Colorado. Effective use of radio communications is critical during emergencies to maintain redundancy and monitor for situational awareness.

Foundational Public Health Services

Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control

The Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic evaluated five individuals for latent tuberculosis in the month of November. TB staff have observed a total of 88 doses of medications taken for both active (infectious) TB cases and latent (non-infectious) pediatric TB cases via in-person and video visits. There are currently three active TB case and 13 latent TB cases under the care of this team.

Reproductive Health Clinical Services 2022 education impact includes:

- Eighteen STI education presentations conducted from February to November 2022
- Approximately 500 individuals have attended educational presentations.
- Two STI presentations scheduled for December in collaboration with University of Colorado, Colorado Springs medical student rotation at EPCPH.
- One monkeypox-specific community education session completed.

The Communicable Disease Program provided information to medical providers, local schools and child care facilities regarding for the early and severe start to respiratory season, including the marked increase of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and anticipated increases in influenza and COVID-19.

- During the month of November, a 55 RSV outbreaks were reported to EPCPH (nine suspect, 46 confirmed)

The Immunization Program continued efforts to address vaccine preventable with a specific focus on respiratory season and the ongoing mpox response

- Additional appointment times were added to the schedule to increase opportunities for clients to receive bivalent COVID-19 boosters.
- Continued support for Operation House Call and Long Term Care Facilities needing COVID-19 vaccine
- 113 total flu vaccines were administered in November
- The immunization program administered 63 monkeypox vaccines in the month of November, including community outreach clinics to increase timely access for individuals at greatest risk for mpox.

Maternal, Child, Adolescent and Family Health

Federal waivers tied to the Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency have been extended, which mandate that Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs continue to offer phone and virtual appointments through at least mid-April 2023. For the month of November, WIC served 13,505 active clients.

The WIC cash value benefit and fruit and vegetable voucher will continue to increase and adjust for inflation through fiscal year 2023. The new amounts are:

- Children (over the age of 1): \$25 per month
- Pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding (out-of-range): \$44 per month
- Exclusive breastfeeding and partially breastfeeding (in-range): \$49 per month
- Breastfeeding multiples: \$73.50 per month

Colorado State WIC is also rolling out new interactive educational materials for client education and retiring older printed materials. The new materials will be available to clients in October 2023.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) nurses conducted 170 visits in November 2022. Of these visits, 91 were conducted in client homes and 79 were conducted through telehealth. In November, EPCPH NFP nurses served 149 families, enrolled 13 new clients to the program, and graduated two clients who had participated in the NFP program for a full two and a half years.

Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion

The Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System (CFPS), codified in statute in 2005 and appropriated in SB13-255 during the 2013 legislative session, requires local public health agencies to operate Child Fatality Review Teams (CFRTs) to review child fatalities, identify trends and make prevention recommendations. In partnership with El Paso County Coroner's

Office, EPCPH convenes the El Paso County CFRT, a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency team that conducts fatality reviews in the following manners: accident, youth suicide, undetermined, and homicide.

CFRT recently completed the case reviews for all 2021 child fatalities for 0–17-year-olds. In total, the team reviewed 36 of 42 child fatalities, with six deaths not formally reviewed due to litigation status. Recommendations from the team are operationalized by existing collaboratives and programs, such as the Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup and Children’s Hospital Colorado’s Safe Kids Colorado Springs Coalition. They are also included in an annual statewide legislative report. The category and manner for each of El Paso County child fatalities (see below) are identified by the Coroner's Office.

Number of Deaths Reviewed	Category	Manner
4	Suicides	Suicides
7	Baby	Accidents
8	Baby	Undetermined
7	Motor Vehicle Accident	Accidents
2	Accidents	Accidents
5	Substance Use	Accidents
3	Homicides	Homicides

Access to and Linkage with Healthcare

This month, the care coordinators continued to provide outreach and information through shared flyers in English and Spanish. From these ongoing efforts, the care coordinators took on 94 new referrals (15 Spanish-speaking) from individuals seeking housing, transportation, utility and rental assistance, dental care, food assistance, health insurance, employment, behavioral health supports, senior care, COVID-19 information, and COVID-19 testing.

Regarding community outreach, the care coordinators continued to connect with partners and organizations to identify needs and provide resources. Additionally, care coordinators distributed 31 COVID-19 test kits and provided five households with care packages which include hygiene products, personal protective equipment (PPE) and more.

Care coordinators were able to successfully provide several key resources including:

- Connecting three families to food and services through COSIloveyou as well as The Resource Exchange
- Securing food boxes to three families in partnership with Care & Share
- Navigating a client to behavioral health support to receive substance use therapy
- Connecting a first-time pregnant mother to Nurse Family Partnership services
- Referring multiple families to services through the First Visitor program, providing bus passes to several clients with transportation barriers
- Providing information to numerous families on Christmas giveaways happening within the community

Appendix A: Environmental Health Activity

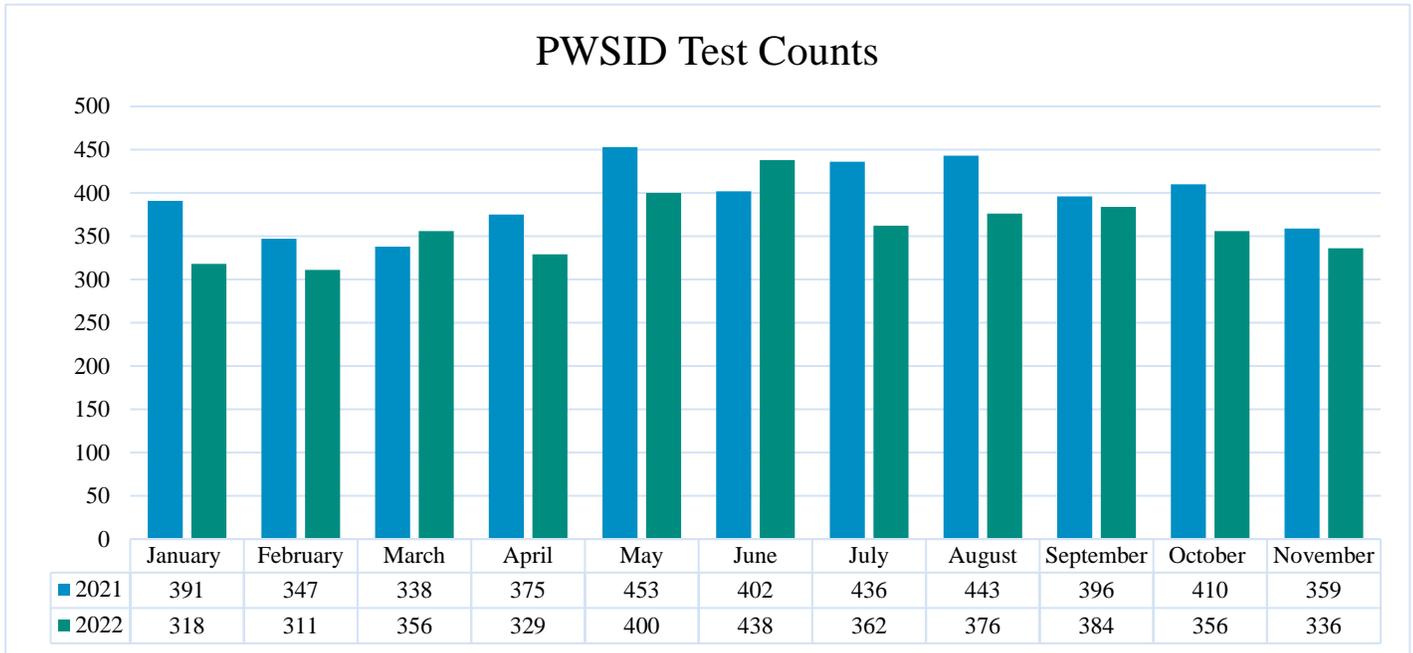
The table below captures a snapshot of activities across the Environmental Health (EH) Division. This work is accomplished through science-based risk assessment and policy development, inspections, consultation, education, and regulations designed to protect the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the places we live, work and play.

Environment Health Activity	2022 Total as of 11/30/2022	2021 Total
Air Quality Construction Permits	149	129
Air Quality Open Burn Permits	17	15
Air Quality Complaints	36	50
Animal Bites Reported	602	1,385
Body Art Routine Inspections	69	85
Body Art Follow-up Inspections	8	6
Body Art Complaints	20	21
Child Care Regular Inspections	129	214
Child Care Follow-up Inspections	14	0
Child Care Complaints	7	4
Child Care High Risk Field Consults	18	0
Land-Use Planning Review	215	162
Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Pumper Truck Inspections	80	72
OWTS Final Inspections	496	516
OWTS Partial Inspections	201	170
OWTS Application Design Reviews	505	703
OWTS Design Revision Requests	194	272
OWTS New Permit Applications	330	387
OWTS Repair Permit Applications	257	282
OWTS Modification Permit Applications	13	11
OWTS Acceptance Doc for Title Transfer	798	1,048
OWTS Soil and Site Evaluations	387	518
OWTS Complaints	25	29
OWTS O&M Systems	65	179
Recreational Water Safety Inspections	277	320
Recreational Water Follow-up Inspections	17	28
Recreational Water Complaints	8	13
Retail Food Establishment (RFE) Regular Inspections	1739	2,960
RFE Re-Inspections	149	119
RFE Complaint Investigations	462	153
RFE Plan Reviews	175	153
School Safety Regular Inspections	10	0

Environment Health Activity	2022 Total as of 11/30/2022	2021 Total
School Safety Complaints	4	6
School Safety Self-Certification Audits	13	9
School Safety Self-Certifications Returned	309	295
Waste Tire Facilities Regular Inspections	96	117
Waste Tire Follow-up Inspections	1	5

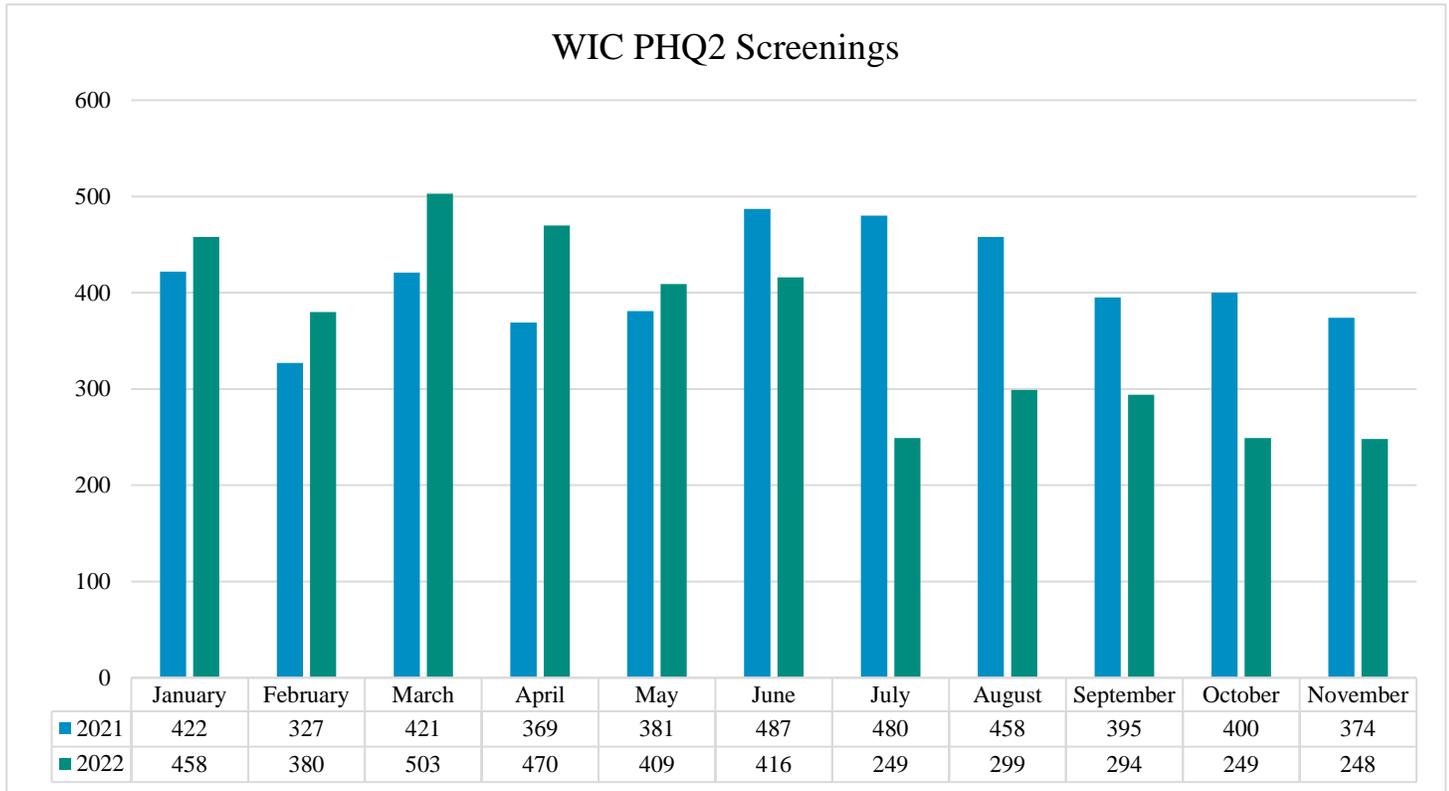
Appendix B: Laboratory Public Water System Test Counts

The EPCPH Laboratory is certified to test drinking water and wastewater for naturally occurring contaminants in which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has defined contamination limits. The laboratory performs testing for El Paso County and several surrounding county’s public water systems and private wells to assure safe water sources and protect public health. Testing includes bacteriological tests for pH, coliforms and E. coli, and inorganic anions such as nitrates, nitrites, fluoride, and chloride. The graph below shows data for public water system identification (PWSID) counts for public water system tests.



Appendix C: WIC Patient Health Questionnaire-2 for Depression

The WIC program works with pregnant and post-partum women to identify depression, refer for behavioral health treatment, and reduce the stigma of seeking behavioral health services for this at-risk group of women. CDC research shows about one in eight women with a recent live birth experiences symptoms of postpartum depression. Screening can provide a referral and connection to treatment resources. WIC staff completed 248 Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ2) screening see chart below.



The screenings led to a total of 14 referrals:

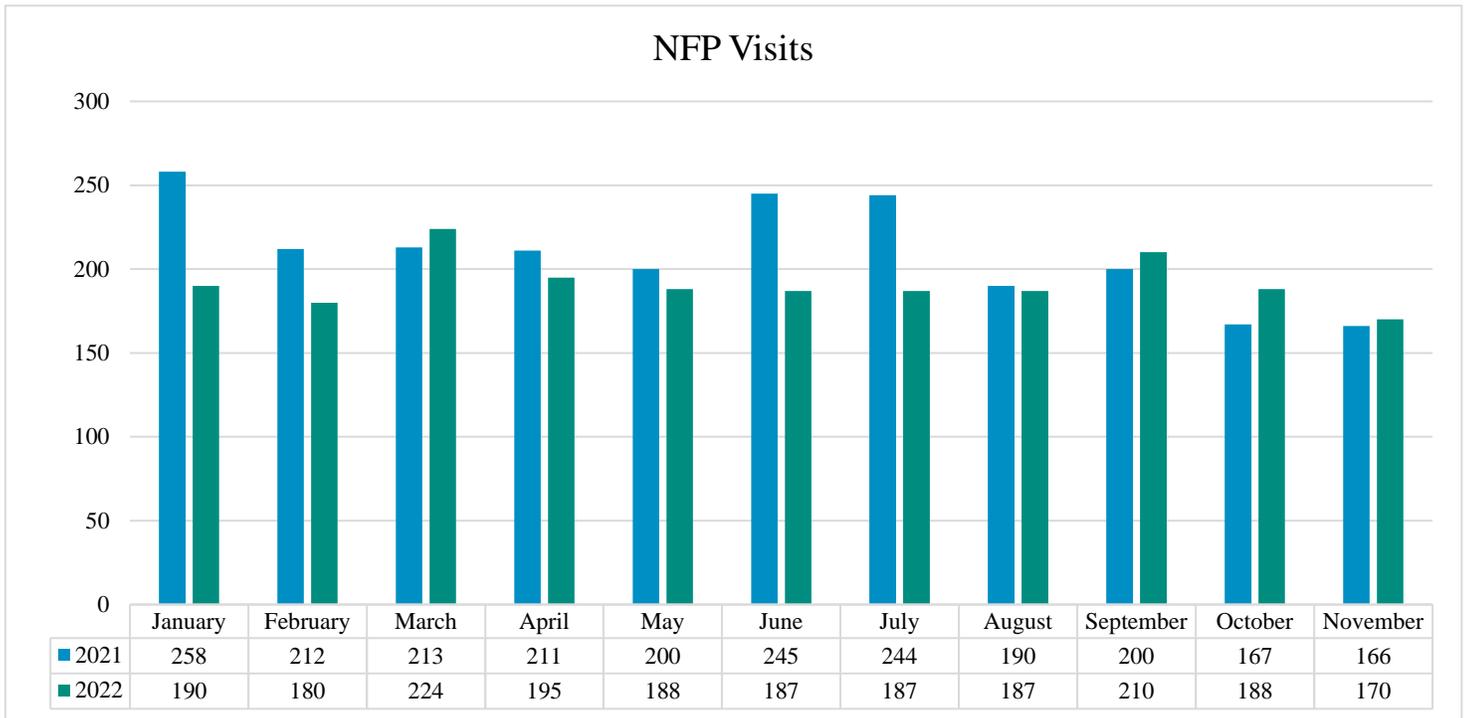
- Nine referrals were made to local behavioral health resources.
- One referral was made to Colorado Community Health Alliance (CCHA) for further evaluation and connection to meet their specific behavioral health needs.
- One client on Tricare was referred to active-duty resources on base; two clients on Tricare were referred to non-active-duty case management.
- Five clients were already receiving services and declined a referral for that reason.

Appendix D: Immunizations Program Vaccines Administered

Month	Non-COVID Vaccines	COVID Vaccine Administered in Clinic/Distributed (Long-Term Care Facilities and Operation House Call)	COVID Vaccine Administered by EPCPH Mobile Team
January	335	95	897
February	342	81	390
March	314	71	192
April	410	129	321
May	417	121	196
June	406	159	155
July	548	139	102
August	635	142	0*
September	601	203	120
October	558	203	36
November	378	204	12

*Mobile van team supported monkeypox vaccination clinics for the month of August.

Appendix E: Nurse-Family Partnership Client Visits



Appendix F: Disease Prevention and Control

Category	Disease	YTD 2022	2021	2019
Food/Waterborne Diseases				
	Campylobacter	102	75	89
	Cryptosporidium	23	14	16
	Cyclosporiasis	10	4	3
	Giardia	44	52	42
	Hepatitis A	3	0	127
	Legionellosis	9	10	7
	Salmonella	54	65	71
	Shigella	50	8	29
	Shiga Toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)	37	29	26
	Vibriosis	5	2	4
Food/Waterborne Diseases Totals		337	259	414
Viral Hepatitis				
	Hepatitis B (acute)	3	0	3
	Hepatitis B (chronic)	85	81	76
	Hepatitis C (acute)	2	0	10
	Hepatitis C (chronic)	262	245	614
Viral Hepatitis Totals		331	347	703
Healthcare Associated Infections				
	Carbapenem-Resistant Acinetobacter baumannii (CRAB)	0	0	0
	Carbapenem Non-susceptible Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)	42	42	40
	Carbapenem-Resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (CRPA)	41	66	32
Healthcare Associated Infections totals		83	108	72

Vaccine Preventable Diseases				
	Haemophilus influenzae (H. flu)	12	11	13
	Measles	0	0	0
	Meningococcal Disease	0	0	1
	Mumps	2	0	3
	Pertussis	28	10	75
	Rubella	0	0	0
	Varicella	20	10	45
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Totals		62	31	137
COVID-19		99,069	85,884	0
Hospitalized Influenza*		272	17	506
Monkeypox		25	-	-

*Flu Seasons:

- September 27, 2020- May 22, 2021; 2
- October 3, 2021- May 21, 2022; 188
- October 2, 2022- May 20, 2023; 64

Table 2 – Foodborne illness complaints received at El Paso County Public Health in November

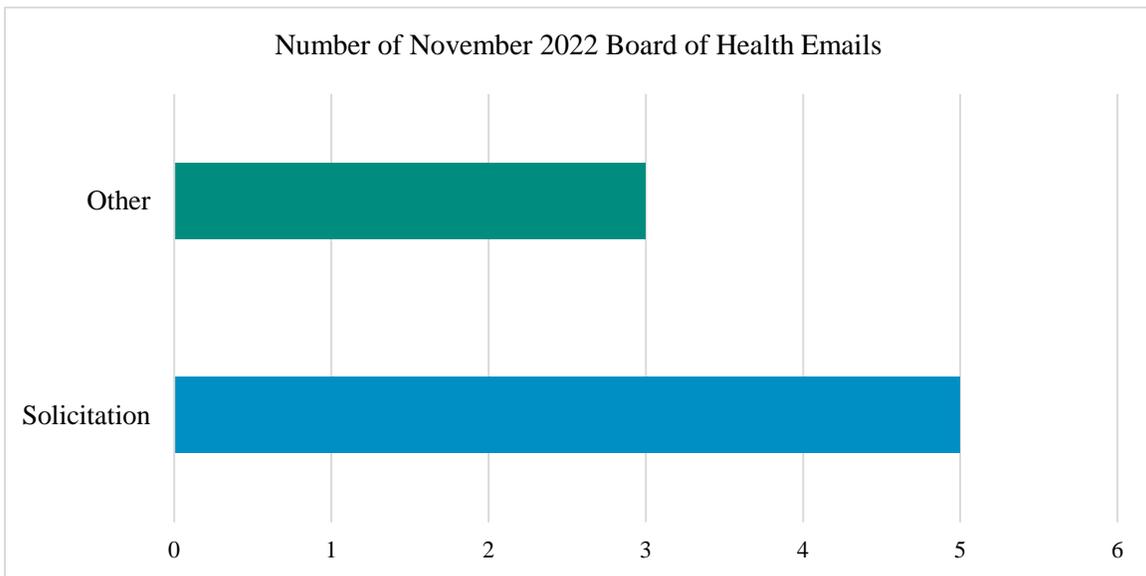
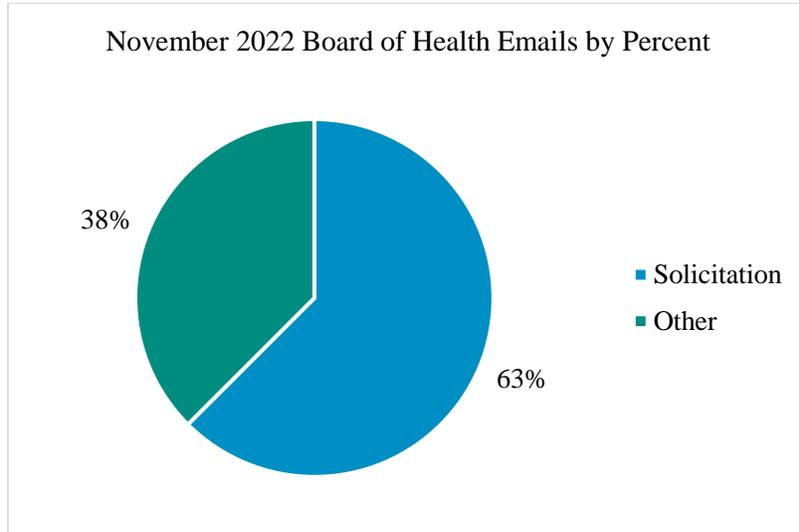
Foodborne Illness Complaints	# Referred to Env. Health
6	1

Table 3 – Annual rabies control activities

Year	Rabid animals total	Animal type
2022	4	Bat (4)
2021	7	Bat (3), Skunk (3), Cat (1)
2020	10	Bat (5), Skunk (4), Coyote (1)

Appendix G: Board of Health Email Inquiries

The Board of Health email (boardofhealth@elpasoco.com) received eight unique emails during the month of November. Five of the emails were solicitations and three emails were classified as other requests to support community organizations.



Definitions of Foundational Terms

Foundational Public Health Capabilities

Assessment and Planning- Colorado's governmental public health system will apply the principles and skilled practice of epidemiology, laboratory investigation, surveillance and program evaluation to support planning, policy and decision making in Colorado.

Communications - Colorado's governmental public health system will be a trusted source of clear, consistent, accurate and timely health and environmental information.

Policy Development and Support - Colorado's governmental public health system will inform and implement policies to meet the community's changing health needs. Public health policies will aim to eliminate health disparities, reduce death and disability, and improve environmental quality and health outcomes for all people in Colorado.

Partnerships - Colorado's governmental public health system will create, convene, and support strategic partnerships, engage community members and cross-sectoral partners, agencies, and organizations to achieve public health goals.

Organizational Competencies – No official definition from CDPHE but this section will be used to report on QI, accreditation, finance/budget, governance, awards, etc.

Emergency Preparedness and Response - Colorado's governmental public health system, in coordination with federal, state and local agencies and public and private sector partners, will have the capability and capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies with health, environmental and medical impacts.

Social Determinants of Health - Colorado's governmental public health system will intentionally focus on improving systems and institutions that exacerbate health disparities so that all people and communities in Colorado can achieve the highest level of health possible. Governmental public health will have the requisite skills, competencies, and capacities to play an essential role in creating comprehensive strategies needed to address health inequities, and social and environmental determinants of health.

Foundational Public Health Services

Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control - Colorado's governmental public health system will carry out state and locally coordinated surveillance, disease investigation, laboratory testing, and prevention and control strategies to monitor and reduce the incidence and transmission of communicable diseases. Programs will target illnesses that are vaccine-preventable, zoonotic, vector-borne, respiratory, food- or water-borne, bloodborne, healthcare associated, and sexually transmitted as well as emerging threats. Communicable Disease Control will collaborate with national, state, and local partners to ensure mandates and guidelines are met and timely, actionable information is provided to the public and to health professionals.

Environmental Public Health - Colorado's governmental public health system will use evidence-informed practices to understand the cause and effect relationships between environmental changes and ecological and human health impacts, to protect, promote, and enhance the health of the community and environment. Agencies will participate in the protection and improvement of air quality, water, land, and food safety by identifying, investigating, and responding to community environmental health concerns, reducing current and emerging environmental health risks, preventing communicable diseases, and sustaining the environment in a coordinated manner with agencies at the federal, state, and local levels as well as industry stakeholders and the public.

Maternal, Child, Adolescent and Family Health - Colorado's governmental public health system will develop, implement and evaluate state-wide, regional and local strategies related to maternal, child, adolescent and family health to increase health and wellbeing, reduce adverse health outcomes and advance health equity across the life course. Strategies may include but are not limited to identifying and providing information, promoting evidence-informed and multi-generational approaches, identifying community assets, advocating for needed initiatives, and convening partners.

Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion - Colorado's governmental public health system focuses on common risk and protective factors that affect social, emotional and physical health and safety. To prevent chronic disease and injuries and promote behavioral health, Colorado's governmental public health system will use policy, systems and environmental change strategies to comprehensively address the root causes of poor health outcomes and advance health equity. Priority areas include, but are not limited to, nutrition, physical activity, oral health, access to care and disease management, injury prevention, violence prevention, suicide prevention, mental health and substance use (including tobacco, alcohol and other substances).

Access to and Linkage with Healthcare - All Coloradans should be connected with and have access to needed personal health care services that include primary care, maternal and child health care, oral health care, specialty care, and mental health care. All Coloradans should be connected with and have access to needed personal health care services that include primary care, maternal and child health care, oral health care, specialty care, and mental health care.