

To: Board of Health
From: Susan Wheelan, M.B.A., Public Health Director
Date: July 2022 (reflects June 2022 activity)
Re: Director’s Report

Communicable Disease and Tuberculosis

Public Health has statutory responsibility to monitor, detect, report, investigate, respond to and mitigate the spread of numerous communicable diseases. After two-plus years of extensive communicable disease response to the COVID-19 pandemic, El Paso County Public Health’s (EPCPH) skilled team of epidemiologists is heavily focused on re-engaging in their core responsibilities and statutory requirements related to communicable disease investigation.

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) continues to have a robust tuberculosis (TB) preventive health service program, with the goal of decreasing the incidence of local TB infection and disease. This critical work is conducted in alignment with [CRS 25-4-501](#), which directs local and state agencies to employ prevention and treatment strategies to mitigate and treat TB, with the ultimate goal of protecting the public health.

In July, the EPCPH TB Program was notified by a local emergency room of a suspect active pulmonary (infectious) case. The patient was seen at the EPCPH TB clinic and sputum specimens were obtained which conclusively diagnosed the patient with active TB. In accordance with statutory responsibilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease, the patient received education, was placed on isolation, and has been receiving daily anti-tuberculosis antibiotics via Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) seven days a week with staff from the TB Program. A contact investigation is underway to identify anyone who may have been exposed to this individual. We will continue to treat this individual with four drug therapies for a total of two months with in-person DOT and will then continue with two drug therapies for four months, with a minimum total duration of six months of EPCPH-supported treatment.

EPCPH’s TB Clinic has evaluated six other individuals for latent tuberculosis in the last month. Staff continue to provide clinical consultations to community partners such as Peak Vista Community Health Centers; answer routine phone calls from the general public with TB questions or concerns; and collaborate with CDPHE around on-going case management of local TB cases.

Summary to TB Clinic Activity by Year (2022 data is January – July 12)

	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Active TB Cases	1	5	3	1
Latent TB Cases	21	13	15	36
DOT/DOPT	1440	1302	869	766
Contacts Investigated	67	32	17	2

Communicable Disease

EPCPH’s Communicable Disease Program monitors and responds to over 70 different diseases and conditions under [Regulation 6 CCR 1009-1-1](#) for the purposes of disease investigation and intervention. A full list of diseases and conditions can be found [here](#).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all agency communicable disease staff were assigned to COVID-19 response activities. A continuity of operations plan was implemented under which the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) led investigations for other reportable conditions on behalf of local public health agencies including EPCPH. During the first quarter of 2022, EPCPH Communicable Disease Program developed plans and prepared to transition back to the full scope of disease prevention activities. These activities included developing new job descriptions, new organizational reporting structures, and training communicable disease staff to be prepared to respond to the full spectrum of reportable conditions.

As of April 1, 2022, EPCPH is once again leading all disease reporting, investigation and intervention activities for El Paso County. Between April and June, this team has led the investigation of over 400 reports associated with the reportable conditions noted above (not including the 14,553 cases of COVID-19). Leading this statutory responsibility locally means more timely investigation, increased ability to identify outbreaks, and more timely intervention to mitigate the spread of communicable disease in El Paso County.

Communicable Disease (CD) activities for June:

Notifiable diseases reported to El Paso County Public Health through June 30, 2022

Category	Disease	2022	2021	2019
Food/Waterborne Diseases				
	Campylobacter	42	75	89
	Cryptosporidium	8	13	16
	Cyclosporiasis	5	4	3
	Giardia	23	52	42
	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0
	Hepatitis A	2	0	127
	Legionellosis	3	10	7
	Salmonella	20	65	71
	Shigella	5	8	29
	Shiga Toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)	10	29	26
	Vibriosis	1	2	4
Food/Waterborne Diseases Totals		119	258	414
Viral Hepatitis				
	Hepatitis B (acute)	0	0	3
	Hepatitis B (chronic)	45	80	76
	Hepatitis C (acute)	1	0	10

	Hepatitis C (chronic)	143	217	614
Viral Hepatitis Totals		189	297	703
Health Care Associated Infections				
	Carbapenem-Resistant Acinetobacter baumannii (CRAB)	0	0	0
	Carbapenem Non-susceptible Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)	2	16	40
	Carbapenem-Resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (CRPA)	11	43	32
Healthcare Associated Infections totals		13	59	72
Vaccine Preventable Diseases				
	Haemophilus influenzae (H. flu)	5	11	13
	Measles	0	0	0
	Meningococcal Disease	0	0	1
	Mumps	1	0	3
	Pertussis	9	10	75
	Rubella	0	0	0
	Varicella	12	10	45
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Totals		27	31	137
COVID-19		75,863	85,048	0
Hospitalized Influenza*		204	16	506

*Flu Season 2019: September 30, 2018 - May 18, 2019. 464

*Flu Season 2021: September 27, 2020- May 22, 2021. 2

*Flu Season 2022: October 3, 2021- May 21, 2022. 188

- Responded to 10 foodborne illness complaints
- Responded to 42 calls regarding human or pet exposures to potentially rabid animals, or other rabies-related concerns. From those inquiries, seven animals (six bats and one skunk) were tested for rabies, and two bats tested positive for rabies.
- Persons recommended for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP): 10
- Total rabid animals for 2022: 2 animals (bats)
 - 2021: 7 animals (3 bats, 3 skunks, 1 cat)
 - 2020: 10 animals (5 bats, 4 skunks, 1 coyote)

COVID-19 Status and Response

To access the latest COVID-19 data on cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, in addition to vaccination data, visit [the COVID-19 data and vaccine dashboard](#).

Testing Update

The Mako COVID-19 community-based testing site located at the Chapel Hills Mall closed on June 30. EPCPH, in partnership with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, is continuing the gradual transition to shift COVID-19 testing back into the traditional health care

settings and through federal programs including the [Test to Treat program](#) and free, at-home rapid tests available at [COVIDTests.gov](#).

The Citadel Mall testing site will remain open with normal hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)

- The emergency preparedness and response (EPR) team attended the Integrated Preparedness and Planning Workshop (IPPW) at the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPEM). The IPPW is an annual engagement with key emergency management partners and stakeholders to establish the strategy and structure of an emergency management exercise program. In addition, the workshop sets the foundation for the planning, conduct, and evaluation of individual exercises within the local jurisdiction to maximize efficiency of resources, time, and funding. The succinct collaboration enables EPCPH an opportunity to address the training and exercise needs that have been identified as gaps through real world events and after-action reports (AARs). The result is a coordinated training and exercise plan to support building and improving both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and CDC public health core capabilities.
- The EPR team completed a review and update of the Public Health Emergency Operations Plan (PHEOP). The PHEOP is an all-hazards plan that incorporates the comprehensive framework of the national incident management system (NIMS) as the standard for incident management within EPCPH. Revisions to the PHEOP are implemented as a result of changes in statutes, policies, procedures, guidelines, and after-action reports from exercises, drills, or actual events.
- The EPR worked with the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) to present a lunch-and-learn presentation about wildfire preparedness to EPCPH staff. The informational briefing focused on personal and family preparedness, making a plan, and understanding evacuation protocols within El Paso County (EPC). Having an informed and well-prepared public health workforce helps strengthen the capacity to respond should EPCPH be activated to support a wildfire event.
- The EPR team hired a logistics coordinator and is supporting training and onboarding of the new staff member. This is a new position that will maintain responsibility for coordinating and executing public health logistics activities to support agency priorities related to mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- EPCPH continues to use multiple prevention strategies to respond to COVID-19. The COVID-19 at-home testing program is another layer to complement EPCPH's other testing strategies (such as free community testing sites, in-school screening testing, and other point-of-care testing programs) within the community. All these programs help assure El Paso County residents have access to multiple free COVID-19 testing options. As part of the EPCPH test kit distribution program, the EPCPH Rapid Test Kit Team attended the Silver Key Senior Summit on June 15 and distributed over 500 rapid test kits to participants.

- The EPR team participated in the Web EOC (emergency operations center) drill conducted by Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM). Web EOC is a web-based emergency management information system used by the State of Colorado, PPROEM, and EPCPH to document routine and emergency events/incidents.
- The EPR team participated in the 2022 Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM) summer workshop. This workshop brings together emergency management partners and stakeholders to receive an informational briefing on weather and fire outlook for the summer months. EPCPH uses this information to help inform preparedness, planning, and readiness in the event public health is activated by PPROEM as emergency support function 8 (ESF-8) to support wildfire or flooding events within the local jurisdiction.

Communications

- The Office of Communication managed television media inquiries pertaining to emerging issues including COVID-19 and rabies. The total estimated viewership for these television interviews is more than 174,000 and the estimated earned media value is more than \$10,000.
- The Office of Communication also managed several print media inquiries on similar subjects, with the addition of articles on the topic of employers and COVID-19 and the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey.
 - The [Colorado Springs Business Journal featured an in-depth article on COVID-19 trends](#), outlining resources and strategies employers can utilize to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.
 - The Colorado Springs Gazette did an article on the [Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data for 2021](#). Although El Paso County did not yield a large enough sample to produce a data set, the article notes how EPCPH will use statewide results along with information from the Public Health and Data Analytics Office to develop future community health plans for youth.
- On June 17, the Office of Communication—working closely with subject matter expertise across communicable disease, medical direction, and agency leadership—sent [a news release announcing the first rabid animal of the season](#). The release provides information and education on how residents can protect themselves and their pets against rabies.
- The agency’s website www.elpasocountyhealth.org had 25,408 new visitors in June, with 54,387 unique pageviews.

Environmental Health (EH)

- Attended the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Colorado Restaurant Association (PPCRA) meeting on June 15. Partners were provided with updates on the renewal process and COVID-19 home test kits were provided to industry partners.
- Attended a project kick-off meeting with the City of Colorado Springs organizers of COSSBA to discuss how EH programs could be integrated into OpenCounter, which will be a City-run online tool that will help new small business owners navigate through the initial licensing and permitting process across local agencies. OpenCounter is intended to streamline the processes of opening new small businesses such as restaurants, child care, body art, and pools.

Other EH Activities

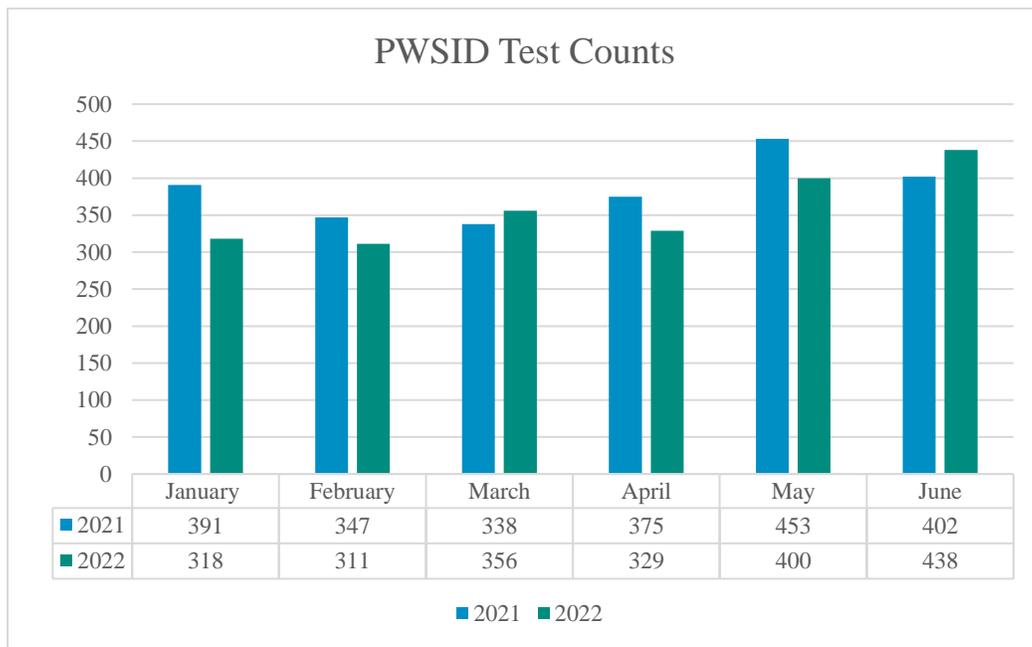
- The table below captures a snapshot of activities across the EH Division. This work—which is critical to the development of a healthy, economically vibrant, and safe community—is accomplished through science-based risk assessment and policy development, inspections, consultation, education, and regulations 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 6/30/22	2021 Total
Air Quality Construction Permits	84	129
Air Quality Open Burn Permits	6	15
Air Quality Complaints	21	50
Animal Bites Reported	455	1,385
Body Art Routine Inspections	22	85
Body Art Follow-up Inspections	4	6
Body Art Complaints	10	21
Child Care Regular Inspections	80	214
Child Care Follow-up Inspections	9	0
Child Care Complaints	5	4
Child Care High Risk Field Consults	4	0
Land-Use Planning Review	138	162
Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Pumper Truck Inspections	45	72
OWTS Final Inspections	205	516
OWTS Partial Inspections	85	170
OWTS Application Design Reviews	248	703
OWTS Design Revision Requests	70	272
OWTS New Permit Applications	197	387
OWTS Repair Permit Applications	137	282
OWTS Modification Permit Applications	5	11
OWTS Acceptance Doc for Title Transfer	471	1,048
OWTS Soil and Site Evaluations	197	518
OWTS Complaints	14	29
OWTS O&M Systems	34	179
Recreational Water Safety Inspections	200	320
Recreational Water Follow-up Inspections	5	28
Recreational Water Complaints	4	13
Retail Food Establishment (RFE) Regular Inspections	858	2,960
RFE Re-Inspections	51	119
RFE Complaint Investigations	187	153
RFE Plan Reviews	103	153
School Safety Regular Inspections	1	0

School Safety Complaints	3	6
School Safety Self-Certification Audits	13	9
School Safety Self-Certifications Returned	0	295
Waste Tire Facilities Regular Inspections	49	117
Waste Tire Follow-up Inspections	1	5

Laboratory: Public Water System Test Counts

The El Paso County Public Health 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.



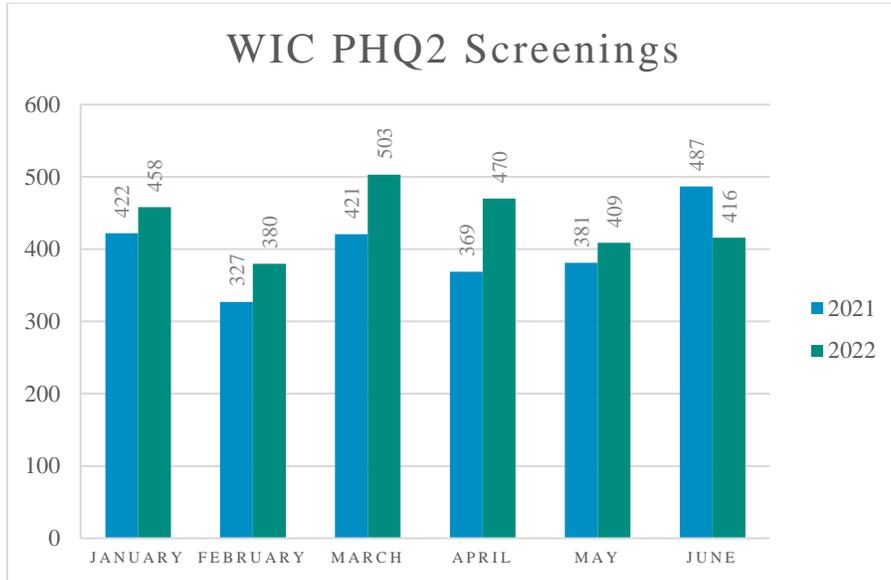
Health Services

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

The number of currently active clients served by WIC is 11,868. Active clients are defined as those who have received WIC benefits and who have been seen within the previous three months. WIC welcomed new certification/intake appointments back into the clinic in June for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Federal waivers tied to the Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency mandate that WIC programs continue to offer phone and virtual appointments through at least October 2022.

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 416 Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ2) screening, as seen in the graph below.



The screenings led to a total of 29 referrals:

- Eighteen referrals were made to local behavioral health resources.
- Seven referrals to Colorado Community Health Alliance (CCHA) for further evaluation and connection to meet their specific behavioral health needs.
- Two clients on Tricare were referred to active-duty resources on base; two clients on Tricare were referred to non-active-duty case management.
- Twenty clients were already receiving services and declined a referral for that reason.
- The WIC Program has over 2,600 infants on the caseload with over 1,580 receiving formula benefits from WIC. The national formula shortages continue to present challenges for families across the nation, state, and in El Paso County. The WIC team helped families locate formula and work on potential solutions to the ongoing national and local formula shortage. WIC staff were able to assist clients with changing food options as appropriate and as needed. If a client had a prescription on file for a specialty formula that was out of stock, WIC staff worked with the client and/or provider for a new prescription to indicate appropriate substitutions.
- There were federal and state waivers for package sizes and types of formula, for which EPCPH WIC staff were able to guide and explain those benefits to clients. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment added several formula options for WIC families to expand access to formula.
- When appropriate and desired by the client, WIC was able to counsel individually on increasing breast milk supply including issuing hospital-grade breast pumps.
- From July 2021-June 2022, 82 percent of EPCPH WIC clients initiated breastfeeding, with 24 percent exclusively breastfeeding at six months. WIC educators and

breastfeeding peer counselors work to support WIC clients and families in achieving their breastfeeding goals.

- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) updated their policy statement on Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk in June 2022. They recommend exclusive breastfeeding, along with appropriate complementary foods introduced at six months, when mutually desired by mother and child for two years. This is extended from the previous recommendation of one year. WIC services were mentioned as an opportunity to overcome barriers, noting that WIC peer support interventions improve rates of breastfeeding initiation and duration.

WIC staff continue to partner with multiple organizations such as CPCD HeadStart, SafeCare, Fort Carson Public Health Nurses, and Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) to provide appropriate community referrals and assistance for clients.

WIC's Breastfeeding Workgroup—which is comprised of three WIC staff who work with local providers around the shared goals of increasing breastfeeding exclusivity, duration and support among WIC clients and communities—completed final train-the-trainer meetings with community providers to expand access to breastfeeding support in El Paso County. Breastfeeding support can have long-term impacts on the duration and success of breastfeeding at both an individual and community level.

The EPCPH WIC mobile clinic continues to provide services at Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Charities, CPCD HeadStart, and Hillside Community Center. Family Promise Shelter was added as a service location in June. Planning activities took place with Homeward Pikes Peak and Calhan Community Outreach Center. The goal of the project is to improve accessibility and awareness of WIC, especially in populations facing the most barriers to service and food depression.

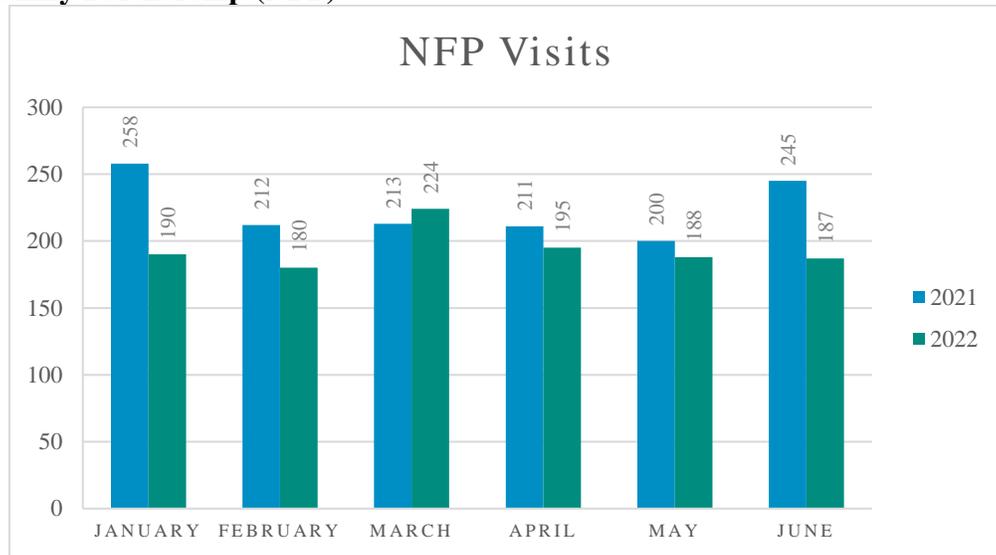
Reproductive Health Clinical Services

Screening, diagnosing and providing treatment for STIs requires a community network of providers to reduce disease transmission and prevent negative health outcomes. The Reproductive Health Clinic continues to provide educational presentations on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) to community providers, including information on STI rates, treatment guidelines, and community resources for care coordination. The Reproductive Health Clinic delivered three STI education outreach presentations in June to the Colorado Springs Criminal Justice Center, Peak Vista Women's Clinic Provider Group, and the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) Family Practice Clinic Providers.

Reproductive Health Clinical Services 2022 education impact includes:

- Thirteen STI education presentations conducted from February to June 2022
- Over 300 individuals have attended educational presentations
- Five (three confirmed, two in development) future scheduled educational presentations
- 15 presentations are required to be completed by August 31, 2022 to meet the grant requirements. Currently, 87 percent of the grant requirements with two months remaining are completed.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)



Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) nurses conducted 187 visits in the month of June. EPCPH NFP nurses served 135 families, enrolled two new clients to the program, and graduated two clients who had participated in the NFP program for a full two and a half years. NFP has three goals: improved economic self-sufficiency for families, improved pregnancy outcomes, and healthy child development.

Client Success Story: A current NFP client provides an excellent example of a client seeking and finding change that positively impacts herself and her child. This client came to the NFP program early in her pregnancy, having dropped out of high school during her senior year because of her need to work to support herself financially. The young woman had a negative self-image and did not see herself as capable of completing her education despite a strong desire to be a great parent. Her NFP nurse provided encouragement, support, and education, helping the client to achieve a healthy pregnancy and healthy baby. During the course of treatment, the nurse identified the client's strong desire to provide for her child and encouraged the client to set an ambitious goal of completing high school. The client was able to return to high school after a one-year break and graduated this spring with a high school diploma, setting herself and her child up for increased financial stability in the future. The client's confidence was considerably enhanced with this accomplishment, and she plans to emphasize the importance of education to her child as she develops.

In June, NFP and the Colorado Community Health Alliance (CCHA) jointly hosted a quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting, bringing together a variety of health care professionals and community resources that serve families and young children in El Paso County. Presenters included a representative from CCHA who spoke about upcoming process changes for Medicaid renewals, and a representative from Safe Families, a local organization that provides support and child care for families in crisis.

Immunization Program

The Immunization Program continued to provide COVID-19 vaccinations in the month of June, as well as routine immunization activities.

- The EPCPH mobile vaccination team held two COVID-19 vaccine clinics.
- Held six COVID-19 vaccine clinics for children ages 6 months up to 5 years following the authorization of the vaccine by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on June 18.
- Supported additional community vaccine activities such as Operation House Call (OHC) and long-term care facilities (LTCF), helping to decrease barriers to COVID-19 vaccine and support our community partners (e.g., Colorado Springs Fire Department).

Month	Non-COVID Vaccines	COVID Vaccine Administered in Clinic/Distributed (LTCF and OHC)	COVID Vaccine Administered by EPCPH Van 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

Community Health Promotion

Healthy Eating and Active Living

EPCPH participated in the City of Colorado Springs' Bike to Work Day on June 22. As a Corporate Champion, EPCPH supported and encouraged employee participation. The City's Corporate Champion program tripled in support this year with almost 120 organizations participating in promoting bike commuting. EPCPH also hosted a breakfast station behind the Citizens Service Center along the Sinton Trail. Approximately 70 participants came through the breakfast station, where EPCPH staff provided food, coffee, free COVID-19 rapid home test kits, and healthy recipes from the WIC program. EPCPH was one of nearly 40 breakfast stations throughout the City, a significant increase over prior years. More than 500 registrants indicated that their ride replaced a vehicle trip that day.

Workforce Development

The Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP) and WIC program managers attended the Center for Creative Leadership's Community Leadership Program, which covers four main leadership competencies: self-awareness, learning agility, communication, and influence. The leadership skills gained will support the program managers in developing and strengthening the workforce.

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

HCP, a care coordination program for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) served 15 active clients and received and triaged 35 referrals from a variety of sources including WIC, DHS, parents, and schools. Twenty percent (seven) of the June referrals

were related to a need for behavioral health resources. Care coordinators continue to partner with multiple organizations such as Colorado Respite, Special Kids Special Families, Family Voice, Pikes Peak United Way, SafeCare, various behavioral health providers, DHS and WIC. The mission of HCP is to assure that children and youth with special health care needs have the opportunity to grow, learn and develop to their highest individual potential.

Client Success Story: A current HCP client provides an excellent example of a client seeking and finding change that positively impacts herself and her children. Affordable and quality housing is something that many families across Colorado struggle to access, which becomes even more complicated when you have a child with significant health care needs. This HCP client and her three daughters were connected to a Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Housing application and were subsequently selected for homeownership through the program. The family's ground blessing ceremony took place a few weeks ago and their new house is slated to be finished by early 2023.

Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention

Fountain Valley Communities That Care (FV-CTC) hosted a Youth Summit for Community Change from June 9-11. This training was created by youth for youth to advocate for substance use prevention and mental health promotion in their communities. Sixteen youth participated in the training and on the final day of the training, the youth participants summarized their learning into a plan for implementation. Members of FV-CTC were invited to identify areas where they could assist these youth in implementation.

Community Partnerships

The COVID-19 care coordinators provide individualized assistance in navigating community resources for those who may have accessing resources such as food, transportation, health insurance, child care, clothing, housing, and physical and behavioral health. There are three care coordinators, including a bilingual coordinator, who are available to provide resource navigation to individuals and families in our community.

The COVID-19 care coordinators provided outreach and information to 12 partner organizations and attended three community events where they shared promotional materials in English and Spanish. From these efforts, the care coordinators received 15 new referrals seeking housing, dental care, utility and rental assistance, mortgage assistance, health insurance, employment, senior care, COVID-19 information, and COVID-19 testing.

One of the bilingual care coordinators presented at the Widefield Family Health & Fitness Day on June 4 to over 10 families, including Spanish speaking, to introduce and share flyers about the care coordination program and the numerous resources available to the community.

The COVID-19 care coordinators attended and hosted a table at the Southern Colorado Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 and 19 where information about the program was shared and 119 COVID-19 rapid testing kits were distributed. From this community event, the care coordinators were invited to further collaborate with Pikes Peak United Way, and to present and share more information about the program and its resources at Pikes Peak Community College in late July.

Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership

TEPP participated in two community events, providing information about tobacco and vaping prevention, as well as cessation resources.

- The Youth Pride Festival hosted by Inside Out Youth Services, where approximately 800 people attended the event.
- TEPP also participated in the Southern Colorado Juneteenth Celebration noted above.

Community Health Assessment and Planning

The public health planner is convening the [Healthy Community Collaborative \(HCC\)](#) and the HCC steering committee to inform and support the community health assessment process.

At the June 2022 meeting, the HCC reviewed the results of the capacity assessment survey completed by HCC members between April and May and a summary of the Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat (SWOT) analysis completed by HCC members at the May 2022 meeting. Assessing capacity is phase four of eight of the Colorado Health Assessment and Planning System (CHAPS), which provides guidance for local and state public health agencies to carry out community health assessment and community health improvement plan activities. Survey results indicated the top three areas of activity that HCC members are involved in are mental health, health behaviors & conditions, and access, utilization & quality care. Survey results will inform the prioritization process (phase five of CHAPS) that HCC will enter into at the July 2022 meeting.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

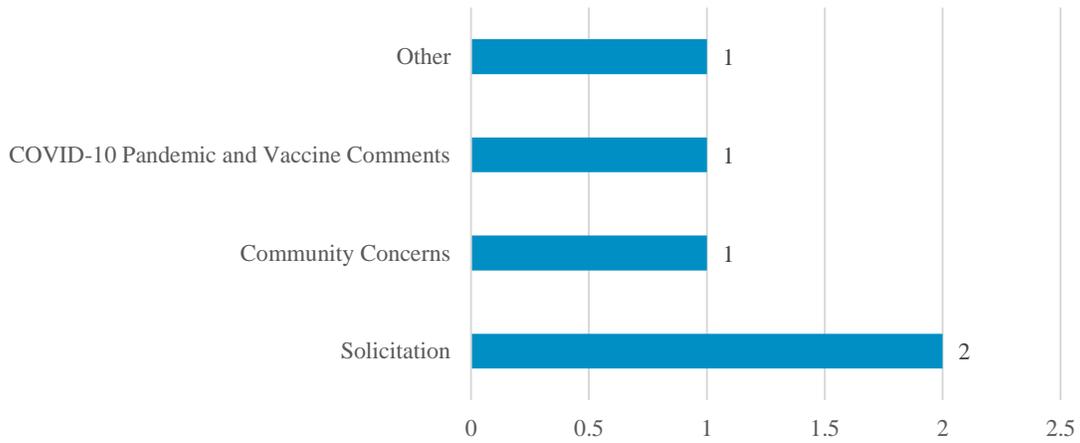
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognized El Paso County Public Health with its highest honor for transparency in budgeting with the 2022 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award was in recognition of the [2022 Budget Book](#).

The achievement honors state and local governments that prepare budget documents of the highest quality that reflect the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and GFOA best practices. Documents are evaluated in four categories as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device. To receive recognition, documents must be rated “proficient” or “outstanding” in those four categories, as well as 14 additional criteria within those categories.

Board of Health Email Inquiries

The Board of Health email (boardofhealth@elpasoco.com) received five (5) unique emails since the last Board of Health meeting throughout the timeframe of June 9 – July 12, 2022. Two of the five emails were solicitations.

Number of June 2022 Board of Health Emails



June 2022 Board of Health Emails by Percent

