

County and District Health Officer Reports

Carson City



Carson City Health and Human Services Report State of Nevada Board of Health Meeting September 8, 2023

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County	Carson City - some services provided in Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties

Report Highlights and Requests

- ✓ **Workforce** – Currently, CCHHS has the following positions posted for hire: (1) Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Division Manager, (2) Environmental Health Specialist 2, (3) part-time front desk Office Specialist, (4) part-time Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Specialist, and a (5) part-time Community Health Worker (CHW) to work for both the Adolescent Health and Preventive Health and Health Services programs. Advertisements for the PHP Division Manager have been placed with national public health organizations.
 - **Request to Carson City BOH** – As you meet with constituents and contacts, let them know we have multiple job opportunities. If interested, encourage them to apply at carson.org.
- ✓ **Public Health Funding from the State of Nevada** – The legislative session is over; however, the advocacy for public health funding continues. Senate Bill 118 appropriated \$15,000,000 to the Department of Public and Behavioral Health to distribute to Health Districts directly or designees, which is how Carson City will receive the public health funding. Per the legislation, the State needs to allocate the funding by August 1, 2024. An entity receiving the money will need to: (1) evaluate the public health needs of the residents, which has been accomplished by the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA); (2) determine the level of priority of the public health needs identified by the CHNA, which will be accomplished by the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); and (3) spend the money based on the priority levels. This bill requires all fund recipients to submit a report to the State of Nevada Interim Finance Committee concerning how the funds were used at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026.

- **Request to Carson City BOH** - Continue to advocate for public health funding. This funding may raise Nevada to 46th in the nation, up from being tied for 50th. Public health funding can be tied to better health outcomes for communities.

- ✓ **Tobacco Control and Prevention Funding** – Continued Youth Vaping Prevention funding was not approved during the 2023 Legislative Session. This is extremely disappointing given the fact that youth vaping is still an epidemic. CCHHS developed presentations for youth to be given within the schools, social media campaigns were created and posted – Head in the Clouds, and the Attracting Addictions. Some of the materials created can be re-used and continue to be posted; however, no new content will be developed. At this time, CCHHS’ Tobacco Control and Prevention Program is still intact for now. This funding amounted to \$100,000/year.

- The CDC Tobacco Prevention funding was stayed the same at approximately \$70,000. This results in decreases to the operating or program expenses to accommodate for increasing personnel wages due to cost-of-living adjustments and merit raises. The Nevada Clinical Services grant, formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada, funding was cut from \$68,000 to \$61,200 so grant deliverables had to be reduced and adjusted.

- **Request to Carson City BOH** – Advocate for Youth Vaping Funding to be restored in the future. These funds should not be replaced by the funding by SB118.

- ✓ **Public Health Workforce Infrastructure Funding** – The CDC released a “Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems” grant for a total of \$3.945 billion over 5 years. Due to a condensed timeframe the first-year budget and scope of work have been submitted to the State in the amount of approximately \$750,000. This funding will equal approximately \$3.7 million through December 31, 2026. With this funding, 6 additional positions are proposed, along with funding the Epidemiology Division employees since current funding through the STD Supplemental grant will be affected by the Federal Debt Ceiling agreement and will end 2024. The 6 new positions proposed are: (1) Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator, (2) Community Health Worker, (3) Administrative Assistant, (4) Data Analyst, (5) Communication Specialist, and (6) Seasonal Mosquito Abatement Specialist. The Notice of Award will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance when received from the State of Nevada.

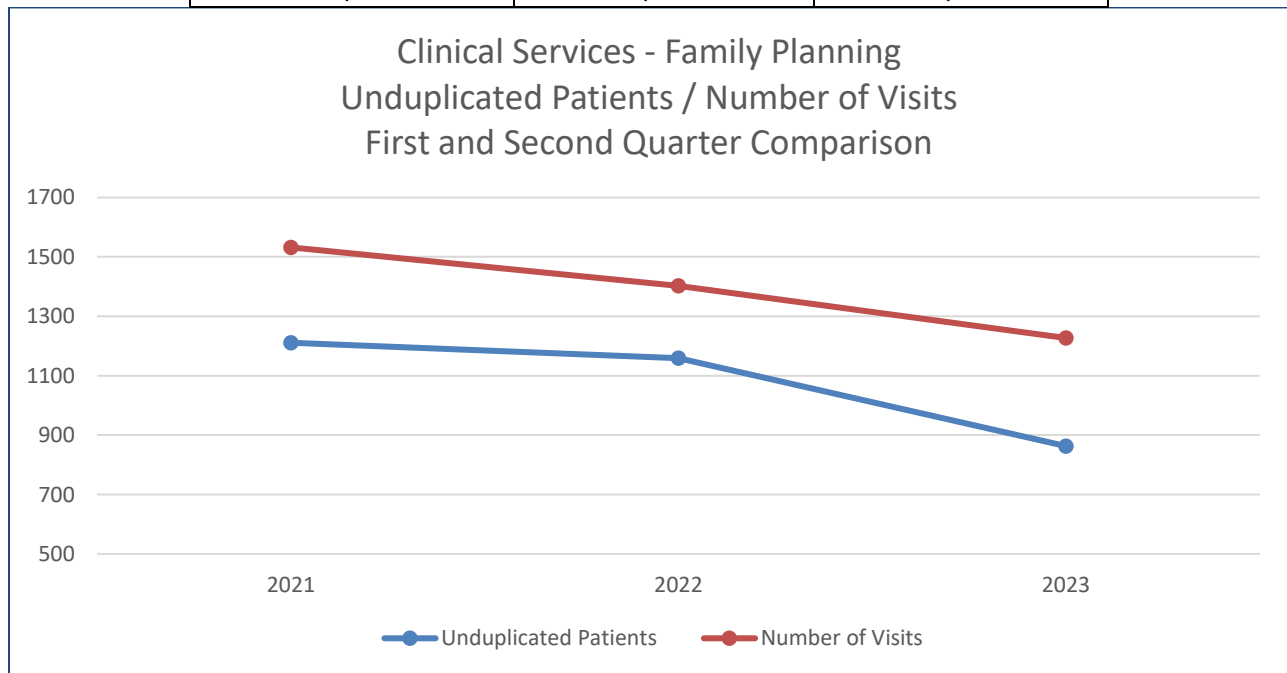
- **Request to Carson City BOH** – Provide support for enhancing our public health workforce to: (1) provide more robust services as well as having the ability to increase communication to our internal and external partners, and the community; (2) build a workforce that is innovative and performs at the top of their field; (3) attract highly qualified personnel; and (4) develop a holistic approach to community needs.

Division Reports

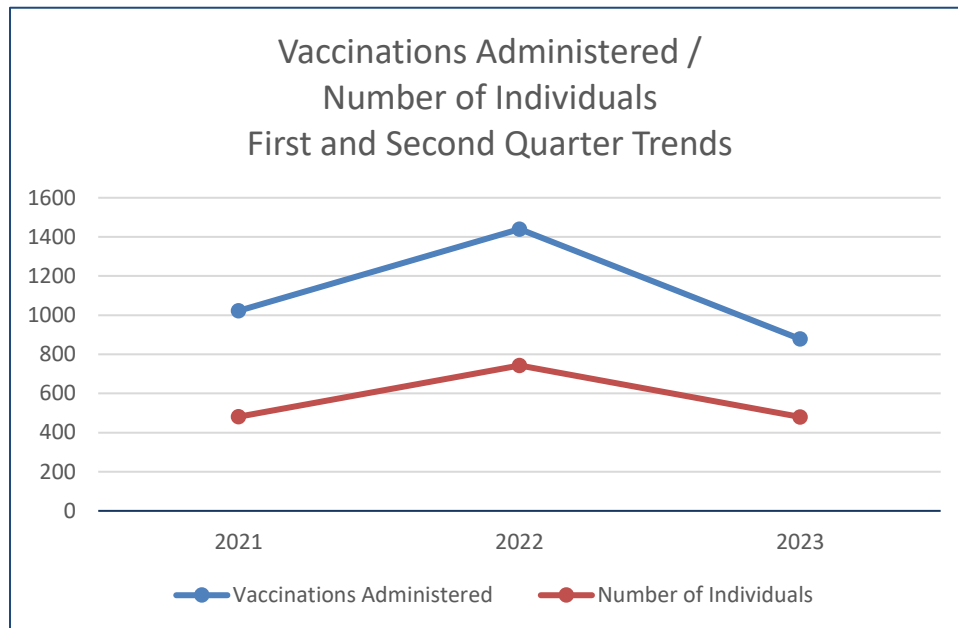
Clinical Services Division

- The clinic is fully staffed.
- The Clinical Services Division Manager has returned from leave.
- Back to School Vaccination Clinics were August 7th – 14th. Immunize Nevada assisted with accessing WebIZ records which helps determine what vaccines individuals need.
- University of Nevada, Reno, Orvis School of Nursing students have been learning about public health within the clinic. The UNR Affiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 8/3/23 (Item 9B).

Family Planning (Title X)		
Unduplicated Patients / Number of Visits		
First and Second Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 6/30/23)		
2021	2022	2023
1211/1532	1159/1402	863/1227



Vaccinations Administered / Number of Individuals First and Second Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 6/30/23)		
2021	2022	2023
1023/481	1440/743	878/480



Carson City Employment Drug Screening

CCHHS administers the City's drug screening for new employees.

Carson City Pre-employment Drug Screening First and Second Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 6/30/23)		
2021	2022	2023
111	109	150

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

An intradermal TB test is a two-visit process. One visit to place the test and the second visit to assess the result. Some individuals are required to have two tests within 7 to 21 days of each other which requires 4 visits to complete both rounds of screening; those individuals have not had a TB test within the last 12 months. Some TB testing is completed via QuantiFERON blood testing which only requires one visit. TB testing includes services provided both at the clinic and at the inpatient drug and alcohol treatment center (Vitality).

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening / Number of Individuals First Quarter and Second Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 6/30/23)		
2021	2022	2023
260/206	232/171	341/256

Budget

- General Funds – 11%
- Grants – 59%
- Revenue – 30%

Staff Trainings

- April 12 - Tuberculosis training to all Clinical Services staff
- April 24 - Mandatory Reporting to all Clinical Services staff
- May 3 - QI Success Series to all Clinical Services staff
- May 8-9 - Five staff attended the Nevada Health Conference
- May 22 - Identifying and Supporting Trafficked Youth – Adolescent Health Initiative to all Clinical Services staff
- June 1 - GSK Vaccines Update to all Clinical Services staff
- June 14 - Tobacco Presentation to all Clinical Services staff
- June 26 - HIV/PEP/PrEP Presentation to all Clinical Services staff



Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Division

Adolescent Health Education Program

- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff provided the Making Proud Choices curriculum at the following locations:
 - April 2023: Western Nevada Regional Youth Center and the Carson City Juvenile Detention
 - April/May 2023: Carson High School - curriculum completed in 6 Freshman Health classes
 - June 2023: Carson City Juvenile Detention – Summer Wilderness Program and a combination in-person and hybrid training for Healthy Communities Coalition – Summer Comstock Youth Program in Dayton and Yerington

Making Proud Choices statistics for the April – June quarter: Total participants – 308, Total participants completing 75% of the curriculum – 172, which is the requirement for completion of the program.

- Outreach events participated in during this quarter:
 - April 29 - Twenty-Eight (28) participants reached at the Department of Child & Family Services & Court Appointed Special Advocate's 1st BE A HERO Fun Run & Family Fair
 - May 21 - Two hundred twenty-five (225) participants reached at Carson City Kids to Parks Day at Mills Park
 - June 16, 17 and 18, 2023 - Three hundred sixty-two (362) participants reached at Stewart Indian School Father's Day Powwow

Ryan White – Retention in Care Program

The new grant was received for the period of April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. The three Retention in Care grant recipients and the grantor are coordinating geographic coverage and processes to be put in place.

Tobacco Control and Prevention Program

Program funding comes from:

1. CDC's Tobacco Control and Prevention
2. Nevada Clinical Services formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada
3. Health Disparities Grant through the Nevada Cancer Coalition

- CCHHS Tobacco Control and Prevention Program staff continue to be members of the Nevada Tobacco Control and Smoke-free Coalition formally known as Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition.
 - Staff continue to assist in the development of educational materials for statewide partners to use on priority policies related to the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, Tobacco Prevention and Control Funding, Restricting Flavored Tobacco Products, and Addressing Youth Access via Tobacco Retailers.
- Staff are collaborating with Washoe County Health District on developing a campaign to reach the communities in Northern Nevada most affected by COVID-19 and tobacco use by offering cessation resources. Specifically, the education provided to at-risk communities includes how COVID-19 can be more detrimental to those who smoke and vape, providing information on quitting tobacco use and the importance of getting vaccinated.
 - Campaign ran from January 17 - April 30, 2023
 - As of April 30, 2023, there have been 5,785-page views
 - Landing pages are:
 - <https://www.nevadacancercoalition.org/healthy-lungs-nv>
 - <https://www.nevadacancercoalition.org/quit-vaping-nv>
 - Five posters on Jump Around Carson City (JAC) bus shelters
 - Two local business, Pandaderia LA Barca and Centro Market, displayed posters
 - Western Nevada College hung posters
- CCHHS staff provided feedback and review draft of Nevada Statewide Retailer Improvement Strategy Plan by evaluating the data collected in 2022 through Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings (STARS) assessment tool.

In 2022, Nevada's Tobacco Control Program (TCP) and partners used the STARS tool to evaluate the tobacco retail landscape in Nevada. STARS surveys assess the availability and placement of tobacco products, and promotion and pricing.

The following items were assessed during this survey period:

- Types of retail locations selling tobacco products and types of tobacco products available, including availability of flavored products.
 - Visibility/quantity of tobacco product marketing in store fronts and at locations within 3 feet of the floor.
 - Placement of tobacco products in stores, including proximity to items of relevance or interest to children/youth and accessibility with/without assistance from a salesclerk.
 - Presence of pricing promotions, including advertisements for products costing less than \$1, in retail locations.
 - Presence of posted Tobacco 21 signage.
- CCHHS staff reviewed and provided feedback on the Nevada Statewide Retailer Improvement Strategy Plan by evaluating the data collected in 2022 through STARS.

- CCHHS staff conducted STARS assessment surveys in June 2023 for 34 tobacco retailers identified from the master list from the Attorney Generals offices.
 - 35 tobacco retail toolkits distributed, which included information of [Home Page - Tobacco Merchant Training Platform \(responsibletoabacnv.com\)](#) website and training, along with Nevada laws pertaining to tobacco retailers.
 - 541 promotional items were distributed which included FDA identification clocks and stickers, Responsibletoabacnv buttons and lanyards.
- Outreach events staff participated in included:
 - April 6 - C. C. Meneley Elementary School Health Fair
 - April 20 - Three Carson Middle School Club Presentations to 6th-8th grade students
 - April 27 - Jacks Valley Elementary School Health Fair
 - April 29 - Be a Hero Fun Run & Family Fair
 - May 21 - Kids to Parks Day
 - May 31 – CCHHS’ Life Skills Presentation
 - June 8 - Ace's Pride Night
 - June 16 – 18 - Stewart Indian Father’s Day Powwow
 - June 24 - CCHHS Clinic Presentation

Prevention Health and Health Services

The Community Health Worker (CHW) submitted her resignation after finding a suitable full-time job with benefits. The position has been posted and will be re-hired.

Staff Trainings

Adolescent Health

- Staff are trained in ETR’s evidence-based program Making Proud Choices and Promoting Health Among Teens Abstinence only. The full-time staff person is also trained in a curriculum for parents called Families Talking Together.
- May 11 and 12, the full-time Adolescent Health staff person attended the Adolescent Health Initiatives 2023 Conference on Adolescent Health, its second completely virtual event. There were 615 registered attendees, which included 120 youth, representing 432 organizations from nine countries.
- Staff reference a monthly publication, Journal of Adolescent Health, and utilize the Adolescent Health Initiative website as a training resource <https://umhs-adolescenthealth.org/>.

Budget

- General Funds – None
- Grants – 100%

Environmental Health (EH) Division



Permitted Establishments – Inspections Conducted First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
Permitted Establishments	2021	2022	2023
Food Establishments- Carson City	303	315	331
Food Establishments– Douglas County	233	210	59*
Temporary Events – Carson City	37	52	92
Temporary Events - Douglas County	27	40	62
Childcare Facilities – Carson City	23	26	8**
Public Pools, Spas, Aquatics - Carson City	23	53	20
Public Pools, Spas, Aquatics - Douglas County	7	7	2
Septic Systems – Carson City	20	28	31
Hotels/Motels – Carson City	17	17	4***
Hotels/Motels – Douglas County	N/A	N/A	10
Schools – Carson City	11	11	4****

* Food establishment inspections in Douglas County are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover.

**Childcare facilities inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover and some childcare facilities have closed due to internal business-related issues..

***Hotel/motel inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover and 10 long term stays hotel/motels which are not inspected by Environmental Health (inspections are completed on clean hotel/motel rooms).

****School inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover.

Permitted Establishments – Violations, Carson City Only First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
Permitted Establishments	2021	2022	2023
Food			
Critical	87	67	79
Non-critical	158	203	224
Pools			
Critical	2	8	0
Non-critical	23	53	2*

*The inspectors are observing more critical violations compared to the past since they are exercising thorough inspection protocols and are being trained to observe and ensure facilities are following protocols and procedures to avoid the five major risk factors of foodborne illness. During the first and second quarters of 2023, the inspectors observed facilities with major critical issues such as having bare hand contact, lack of cleanliness and sanitation of food contact surfaces, and proper cold holding temperatures.

During the same time period, inspectors observed more facilities with non-critical issues such as employees without proper food safety knowledge, hand washing, food protected from environmental contamination, consumer advisory and issues with premises cleanliness.

Plans Reviewed (Carson City and Douglas County) First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022	2023
Number of Plan Reviews	56	22	279*

* During this time period, the Environmental Health (EH) Division Manager pulled information from the Carson City building permit center Energov and Douglas County Accela and based on all reviewers at this time, 279 is the total number of plan reviews performed by the EH Division Manager and staff inclusive. There are more businesses aware of the need to submit applications to EH resulting in an increase in plan reviews.

Mosquito Abatement First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022	2023

Number of Hours by EH Staff	29	22	32
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Other News

- The EH staff member who was trained in mosquito abatement has left the organization. A seasonal position has been budgeted in the Public Health Workforce Infrastructure funding. This person needs to have specific qualifications.
 - Challenge – at the time of this report, CCHHS is still waiting for the Notice of Award from the State of Nevada so this position will not be hired for this season.
- The Environmental Health Division continues to work on 4 standards towards Food and Drug Association's (FDA) Retail Standardization. There are 9 standards. Within the grant received, the following standards are being worked on:
 - Standard 2 – Trained Regulatory Staff
 - Standard 3 – Inspection Program Based on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Principles
 - Standard 5 – Foodborne Illness and Food Defense Preparedness and Response
 - Standard 7 – Industry and Community Relations
- On June 20, 2023, the Environmental Health Division had the opportunity to have an on-site training and meeting with our mentor, Northern Nevada Health District formerly Washoe County Health District, and are collaborating with them to ensure we are in conformance with our information for standardization.
- One of the inspectors was able to attend a training on conducting the Retail Standardization Self-Assessment. The training and travel were a grant deliverable.
- Staff are attending outreach events to encourage food safety, pool safety, vector/mosquito safety and illness safety in our community. Outreach within this division is a new activity. The events attended this quarter include:
 - National Night Out
 - "Kids to Park" day event at Mills Park, 150 flyers were passed out with helpful information about some of the many services that Environmental Health offers for the community.

Staff Trainings

- Internal trainings were provided to EH staff by the Division Manager on how to perform inspections for all programs inspected by EH Specialists.
- One of our Environmental Health Specialist Trainees, Sharon Montiel, successfully completed and passed the Certified Pool Operator Training and Test on 5/31/2023.

Challenges

Staffing is an ongoing challenge in Environmental Health. Currently, we have hired 2 Environmental Health Specialist Trainees for vacant positions in Douglas County. Carson City has a vacancy in which we are looking for an individual with experience, Environmental Health Specialist 2.

During this time of being short staffed, the Environmental Health Manager has taken on the responsibility to also perform complaint investigations, plan construction inspections and routine inspections to ensure Environmental Health programs are being executed consistent with past levels. EH staff will continue to strive to provide levels of customer service as a commitment to our constituents, partners and stakeholders.

Budget

- General Funds – 100%
- Grant – \$25,000 for special project - Environmental Health Food and Drug Association Retail Standardization

Epidemiology Division

Sexual Health Statistics (Carson City) First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023
Chlamydia	97	106	98
Gonorrhea	22	12	13
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	13	28	2

*Due to the reporting system change, the numbers of reported conditions should be considered preliminary and are subject to change.

Sexual Health Statistics (Douglas County) First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023
Chlamydia	52	36	37
Gonorrhea	16	5	8
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	1	2

*Due to the reporting system change, the numbers of reported conditions should be considered preliminary and are subject to change.

Sexual Health Statistics (Lyon County) First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023
Chlamydia	93	69	91
Gonorrhea	20	12	6

Primary and Secondary Syphilis	8	4	1
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Vector Borne Disease-Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon Counties First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023
West Nile Virus	1	0	0

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Since April 2023, there were 7 facility outbreaks reported to CCHHS. The outbreaks reported included GI illness of an unknown origin; COVID; Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease; and Sapovirus (very similar to Norovirus). These outbreaks all occurred in state licensed facilities, such as Long-Term Care and Child Care facilities. CCHHS worked with facility staff and state staff on mitigation efforts, such as exclusion/isolation of residents and staff. CCHHS also provided guidance on appropriate environmental measures, such as cleaning frequency and sanitizing vs. disinfection of high touch areas.

Other Disease Investigations – Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon Counties First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023*
Campylobacteriosis**	7	4	10
Facility Outbreaks (Childcare, Long-Term Care, etc.)	0	0	7
Rabies, Animal (Bat)	0	1	0
Salmonellosis**	9	3	7

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** Common causes of foodborne illness

During the second quarter of 2023, both influenza and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) season ended. For the 2022-2023 season, 9/25/2022 – 5/20/2023, there were 85 influenza, and 153 RSV hospitalizations reported in the region (Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties). The average age of RSV hospitalizations was 18 years, and the average age of Influenza hospitalizations was 59 years.

Influenza and RSV Hospitalizations – Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties First and Second Quarter Comparisons			
	2021	2022*	2023
Influenza	2	65	5

RSV	Data not available	Data not available	28
Adults	Data not available	Data not available	13
Pediatric	Data not available	Data not available	15

*Due to the reporting system change, the RSV data is not available for 2021 and 2022 currently.

Staff Training

During the second quarter of 2023, the Epidemiology Division staff attended several trainings totaling over 280 hours. Some of the trainings include:

- One staff member attended a two-day workshop on selected legal issues that typically arise during emergencies.
- Two staff members attended STDEngage, a conference dedicated to public health professionals that work in sexually transmitted infection investigations.
- Two staff members attended the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE) Disaster Epidemiology workshop.
- Two staff members attended a one-day workshop on Applied Outbreak Investigations.
- One staff member attended the Annual CSTE conference.
- One staff member attended a Red Cross Shelter training.
- One staff member attended the Crisis Intervention Training.
- Several staff members attended classes hosted by National Coalition of STD Directors, including a STI/HIV Interview Series, Self-Care for Disease Intervention Providers, and Maintaining Personal Safety While in the Field.

Budget

- General Funds – None
- Grants – 100%

Challenges

The Federal Debt Ceiling agreement had impacts on the Epidemiology Division's funding. The loss of funding will occur in 2024. The Epidemiology Division will work with the CCHHS Director and Division of Public and Behavioral Health to identify additional funding sources to support foundational public health services, such as case reporting, contact tracing, and public education / outreach.



Human Services

Activities

- On July 14, 2023, a Volunteer Fair was held. This proved to be an opportunity to bring agencies looking for volunteers and community members looking for volunteer opportunities together. There were 30 vendors and 51 attendees that spoke with vendors. Positive feedback was received, and the event may be repeated in the future.
- The Veterans Administration is coming to CCHHS on the third Thursday each month 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm to assist veterans, as needed.

Individuals Assisted

January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023:

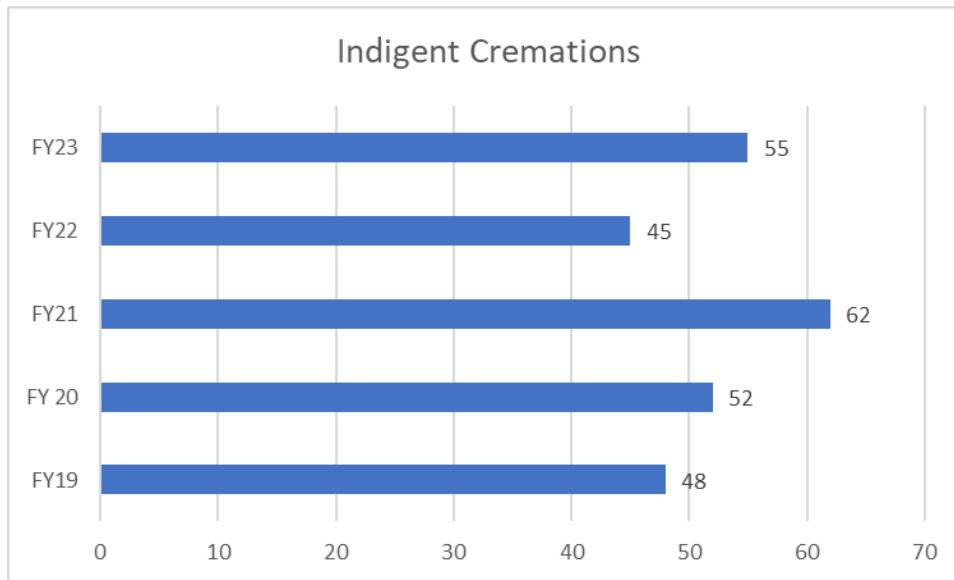
- An on-going housing program, Shelter Plus Care, assisted **6 households** that were previously chronically homeless.
- Homeless prevention programs through the Emergency Solutions Grant-Homeless Prevention and Affordable Housing Tax Fund assisted **34 households**.
- The Emergency Solutions - Rapid Rehousing Grant made it possible to rehouse **1 household**.
- Through the Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Prevention Grant, **4 households** impacted by COVID-19 were assisted with rental assistance to prevent homelessness.
- Welfare Set-Aside funds assisted **4 households** with security deposits.
- Welfare Set-Aside funds assisted **1 household** with a one-time rental assistance.
- **Nine individuals** were housed in the CCSHARES Program, which is the housing partnership between CCHHS and the Carson City Specialty Courts. CCHHS is the funding source.
- In FY23, **1 individual** in the county received assistance for long term care. He passed away in March 2023.
- There were on average a total of **115 individuals** in the Medicaid County Match program (long term care) in FY23.

CARSON CITY HOUSING PLAN:

- **Eight residents** were housed in a location secured by CCHHS, who did not have a place to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 or were at high risk due to medical needs. Average length of stay is **58 days** to transition out of emergency sheltering.

- The Group Living Program utilizes the shared living model, which is non-family members living within 1 unit. CCHHS has re-housed **10 individuals** using the group living program.

Indigent Cremations Chart



The rate paid for indigent cremations changed 7/1/20 (FY21) from \$550 to \$650.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

For Quarter April - June:

- The Carson City clinic has seen a total of **214 unduplicated participants**: **37%** of women receiving benefits were pregnant women, **24%** of the women receiving benefits were fully breastfeeding, **14%** partially breastfeeding, and **25%** not breastfeeding.
- The Gardnerville clinic has seen a total of **117 unduplicated participants**: **22%** of women receiving benefits were pregnant women, **55%** of the women receiving benefits fully breastfeeding, **9%** partially breastfeeding, and **14%** are not breastfeeding.

Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force Update

The Taskforce is analyzing data from the Community Health Needs Assessment and prioritizing strategies to move towards meeting the needs of the community. Childcare and bilingual mental health and physical health providers are two of the priorities being discussed. Last month the Taskforce learned about a program, Children's Confidence Through Creativity, being offered to children, along with their parents that helps identify emotions and build foundations for confidence. Dolly from Flavors of India is providing a sponsorship for 15 children to attend the 6-week session. She is also providing dinner to these families so the parents have a meal when going home and the focus can be on enjoying a meal together.

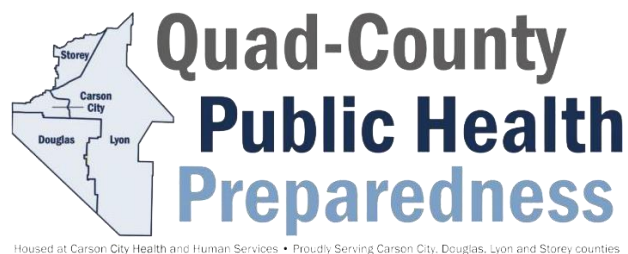
The Taskforce will be pushing a strategy forward to the Northern Nevada Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board to collaborate with neighboring counties on returning residents to their counties of origin after behavioral health treatment.

Staff Training

- May 23 - Human Services Workforce Case Manager attended the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals Annual Conference.
- The Red Cross Shelter Training/Shelter Manager Training was attended by the Community Health Worker (CHW) and the Housing Case Manager.
- The CHW attended the Housing Supports for Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness conference.
- The Workforce Case Manager attended the Welfare 101 training.

Budget

- General Funds – 29%
 - Grants – 71%*
- *Includes the Indigent Accident Funds



Public Health Preparedness

Emergency & Disaster Preparation

- Quad-County Public Health Preparedness (PHP) staff brought together staff from across Carson City to develop the City's Mass Care and Sheltering Plan as an annex to the City's Emergency Operations Plan.
- PHP staff coordinated an American Red Cross Shelter Manager training to Carson City employees. More than 25 staff from all City departments completed the 8-hour training.
- PHP staff collaborated with numerous partners across the region to complete the creation, revision, or update of several public health preparedness plans. Some of these plans have been finalized and others will be finalized with emergency management leaders in the near future.
- PHP staff hosted a Quad-County regional workshop about the roles and responsibilities of all

- partners in a Family Assistance Center.
- PHP staff assisted Lyon County during their Spring Thaw emergency declaration.
- PHP continued to prepare and ensured readiness for the next public health emergency. PHP staff led Department Operations Center (DOC) training for all CCHHS staff.

Health Care Emergency & Disaster Preparation

- PHP staff were notified that **their abstract for the 2023 National Healthcare Coalition Conference was accepted for presentation**. This conference will be held in Las Vegas, NV in November 2023.
- The Quad-County Healthcare Readiness and Response Coordinators (RRCs) delivered evacuation and communications training to two long-term care facilities in the region.
- The Healthcare Coalition hosted a radiation surge exercise with multiple partners including emergency management, law enforcement, healthcare, schools, and public health.

Community Vaccinations

- PHP staff have collaborated with partners around the Quad-County Region to set dates and identify locations for more than a dozen public flu vaccination events in the fall of 2023. These events will be scheduled in the late afternoon and early evening hours so access to the flu shot is brought to the public where they are and at times that have been identified as most convenient for the public.

Staff Training

- During this quarter, staff have completed trainings on PsySTART, LGBTQ+ DEI Training, Public Health and the Law - Planning for Community Disaster Recovery, Mass Violence Incidence, and Mindfulness for Emotional Strength.
- Four staff attended the NACCHO Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA.
- In total, PHP staff completed more than 180 hours of training this quarter.

Staffing Challenges

The search for a new Public Health Preparedness Division Manager began in September 2022 and continues as the search has been unsuccessful to date. Advertising with national organizations has been completed.

Budget

- General Funds – None
- Grants – 100%

CCHHS Administrative/Fiscal

Staff Report

Employees – Number of employees - 49

- 40 FT City Employees - 82%
- 8 PT City Employees – 16%
- 1 Contract Employees [Marathon] – 2%
- 5 Vacant Positions
- 3 – Contracted (1) Health Officer, 2) Family Planning Medical Director, and 3) Pharmacist (not included in the percentages)

Challenges

Hard to fill vacancy: 1) Public Health Preparedness Division Manager

Budget

General Funds – 100%

- * Two of the part-time fiscal staff (2 PT) are partially grant funded and are included within the appropriate division statistics.

Accreditation

- A virtual site visit was conducted on June 13, 2023.
- Final report received from the site visit team.
- Next Steps -
 - Public Health Accreditation Board Decision – meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2023
 - Result of site visit – Reaccredited or Action Plan – decision will be communicated to CCHHS within 2 weeks after the meeting

3rd Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Update

Executive Summary and entire assessment are located on www.getthehealthycarsoncity.org.

3rd Community Health Improvement Plan

Next step is development of the plan with the help of a collaborative group of professionals and residents. Within the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure grant, an Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator is budgeted to assist with this project and many other projects involving assessments and accreditation activities. The grant's Notice of Award has not been received yet; budget and scope of work has been submitted.

CCHHS Strategic Plan

Will be developed after the Community Health Improvement Plan is completed. Within the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure grant, an Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator is budgeted to assist with this project.

Staff Training

The CCHHS Director and Environmental Health Division Manager attended the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) conference, July 10-13 in Denver. There were a record 2,500 attendees, along with virtual attendees. The theme of the conference was "Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and Tomorrow". Plenary sessions, expert-led panel discussions, and break-out sessions focused on "how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward amid an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to protect the health of communities nationwide".

Prior to the conference, the Director attended a State Association of County and City Health Officials (SACCHO) meeting. This meeting had the largest attendance since the SACCHOS started meeting. This meeting allowed for discussions about issues and successes for local public health.

Washoe County

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Date: August 4, 2023
To: State Board of Health Members
From: Kevin Dick
Washoe County District Health Officer
Subject: September 2023 Washoe County District Health Officer Report

Health District Communications Update - The Health District name change to Northern Nevada Public Health is set for Thursday, Aug. 31. Invites to this media event have been sent. Our team is working to finalize outdoor signage and new website template implementation. Internal comms and staff apparel plans are being executed. Media buy announcing the launch is under review.

Other comms initiatives (in English and Spanish) included updating the community on mosquito abatement, an air quality emergency episode, and back to school vaccine events.

COVID-19 Communications Update - The Health District comms team continued to update the www.COVID19Washoe.com website and post social media updates about vaccine events (most prominently about the Pride event) and testing. We also continued paid advertising for bivalent vaccine awareness and provided updates in English and Spanish.

Salary Increases and Grants - The salaries of Health District staff are increasing in FY24 due to the 3.5% cost of living increase effective July 1 and the countywide classification adjustments resulting from the Korn Ferry review being implemented retroactive to August 14. Additional increases will continue into the future due to annual merit increases for staff who have been reclassified to positions with salary ranges that have higher top ends of the range. In addition, benefit costs are rising due to increases in the PERS rate, and the rate being based on the increased salary levels.

Grant funding has not increased to cover these costs. Salary and benefits funding through existing grants may not be sufficient to maintain staffing and recurring grants may not have sufficient funding available to maintain staff into the future.

As a result, it will be necessary to shift these costs that grants are not able to cover to local funds. We still do not know the specific salary increases that will occur for each individual in the Health District and we won't know these costs until the Korn Ferry adjustments occur. Because of this, additional salary and benefit expenses were included in the FY24 Health District budget based on estimates from the County Budget Office on what these costs might be.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) - Greet, Eat and Meet (GEM) – GEM's is a CHIP initiative between the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and community partners to engage directly with the Medicaid population to increase awareness and utilization of Medicaid benefits. In July, a GEM's event was held at the Empowerment Center which supports women suffering

from substance abuse to restore their quality of life. The event was well attended and included a guest speaker that focused on the importance of enrollment and utilization of insurance benefits, physical activity and nutrition including how to read food labels when grocery shopping.

Family Health Festival (FHF) – On July 29th the FHF served close to 400 community members. There were over 55 participating organizations and services covering children and adult dental screenings, scoliosis evaluations, free grocery items through the NNFB’s Mobile Harvest, immunizations, child development screenings, SNAP, Medicaid and Childcare subsidy application assistance, energy assistance qualification screenings and application assistance, haircuts among others.

Language Accessibility - A PowerPoint of key learnings and findings from the internal language accessibility survey with WCHD programs has been developed. Next steps include researching language accessibility best practices for local government entities and comparing the health district against those best practices. The results of the survey mixed with the comparison against best practices will help inform a set of recommendations on how the Health District can improve upon their language accessibility efforts.

Cultural Competency Training - The build of the asynchronous cultural competency training in partnership with the Larson Institute is progressing. All of the training module outlines are complete, and all of the vignettes (short videos) have been filmed. Next steps include editing the vignettes, inputting the module outlines into the learning management system, and reviewing the training in its entirety including the full transcript to see how the training will look and function for the end-user.

External Collaborations - WCHD became an associated partner with the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition (NMHEC). A WCHD representative attended orientation and attended their first partners meeting. The NMHEC is a partnership of academic, civic, private and community organizations that aim to address health disparities and inequities in Nevada by building capacity, informing policy, and conducting research. This is a great opportunity for WCHD to engage with health equity partners on health equity initiatives state-wide.

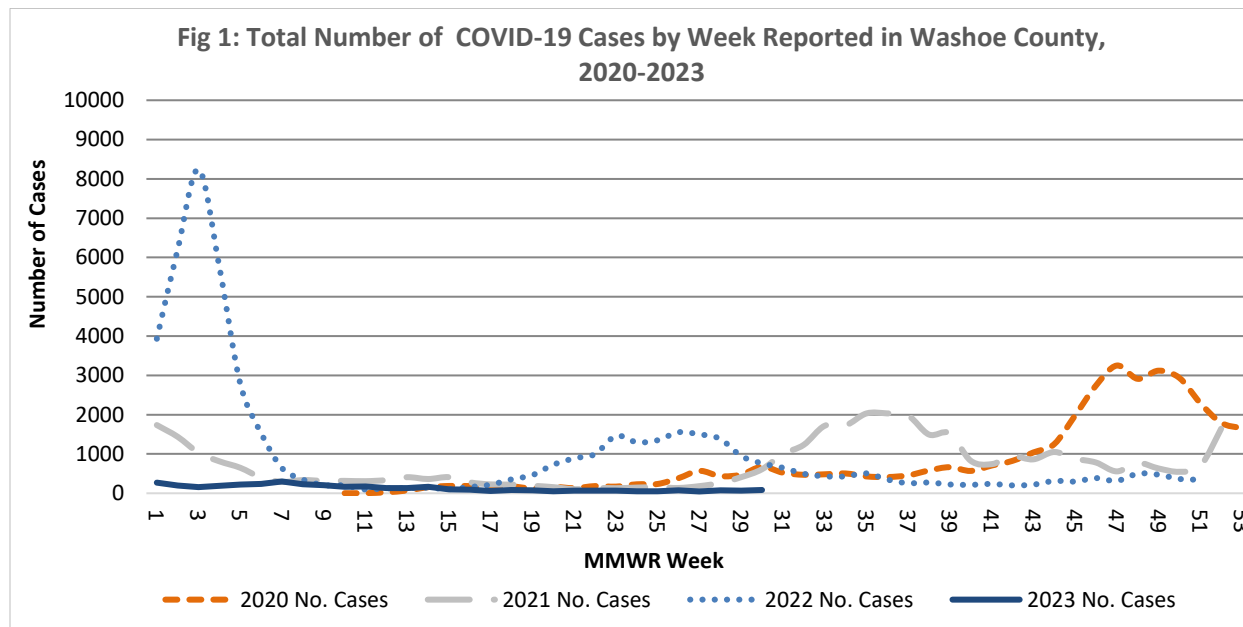
Epidemiology Program and COVID Epidemiology Branch

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) - By the end of July 2023, Washoe County Health District’s COVID Epidemiology team had received reports of 129,619 cases of COVID-19 among Washoe County residents since the start of the pandemic [Table 1].

Table 1: Number and Percent of Total COVID-19 Cases Reported, Washoe County, March 2020 – June 2023			
Time Period	Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Avg. Number of Cases per Day	Percent of Cumulative Cases
2020 March - December Total	35,982	118	28%
2021 Total	37,814	104	29%
2022 Total	51,920	142	40%
2023 January	897	29	1%
2023 February	1,000	36	1%
2023 March	743	24	1%
2023 April	440	15	<1%
2023 May	305	10	<1%

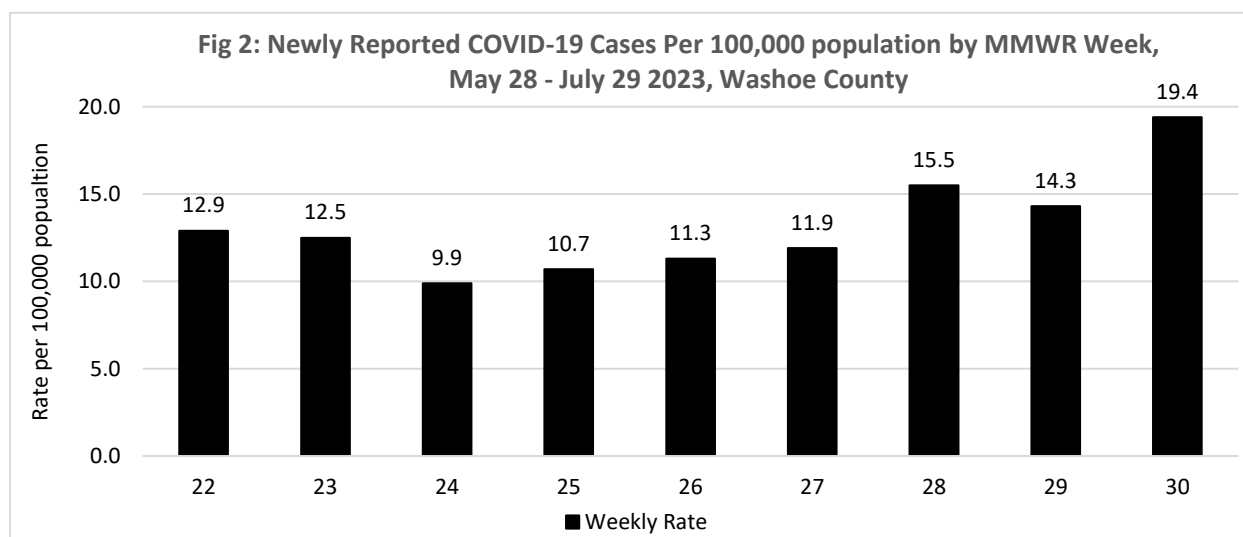
2023 June	237	8	<1%
2023 July	281	9	<1%

Figure 1 provides an overview of the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported to Washoe County to date by MMWR week from 2020 through the end of July 2023.



* Note: there is no MMWR week 53 in 2021

Figure 2 illustrates the number of new cases per 100,000 population over the course of an eight-week period, from the first week in June through the last week in July 2023. As of MMWR week 30, Washoe County was at 19.4 new cases per 100,000 population.



Outbreaks – There were four (4) newly declared outbreaks in July 2023. There were two (2) gastrointestinal outbreaks and two (2) COVID-19 confirmed outbreaks.

Table 2: Number of Outbreaks Declared by Type and Month, 2023												
Type	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gastrointestinal Illness	1	5	5	7	8	1	2					
Respiratory Illness	0	2	2	4	6	0	0					
Influenza Confirmed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					
COVID Confirmed	2	1	0	7	2	0	2					
Rash Illness	0	0	0	3	2	2	0					
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					
Total	4	8	7	21	18	4	4	0	0	0	0	0

Epi News – Epi News is a brief (1-3 page) newsletter that has been produced and disseminated by the Washoe County Health District Epidemiology Program since 1997. Epi News publications are emailed and faxed to 700-800 subscribers, are topic dependent, and are available on the County website at <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health/programs-and-services/ephp/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/epi-news/index.php>.

In July, there was one (1) Epi News newsletter published:

- Waterborne Diseases: Giardiasis and Cryptosporidiosis

Other Reports – The Quarter 2 Carbapenem Resistant Organism (CPO) Surveillance report was posted in July and can be found here <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health/programs-and-services/ephp/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/healthcare-professionals/CPO.php>

The 2021 Community Antibiogram is also now completed in July and available online here <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health/programs-and-services/ephp/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/healthcare-professionals/antimicrobial-resistance/antibiogram/index.php>

General Communicable Diseases – During September 2022, a mass migration from one data system, NBS, to another data system, EpiTrax, occurred at the state level. This has been a nearly 2-year endeavor on behalf of the state and local health epidemiologists and information systems staff to bring on this new reporting system. The Epidemiology Program Manager attends a weekly meeting with state partners for the implementation of EpiTrax as challenges are addressed. Due to a change in how EpiTrax functions, only positive laboratory results are reported into the system, and there are still some conditions which are not confirmed to be reporting into the new system appropriately. Several validation processes are in place to verify reporting is accurate. During the month of July, there were 142 positive labs reported, with 32% resulting in a confirmed, probable, or suspect case.

Epidemiology Program Cross Divisional Projects

Environmental Health Services – The Epidemiology Program is building a database to detect and track foodborne, waterborne, and other enteric illnesses. This database will house both lab-confirmed cases received and interviewed by epidemiologists as well as food-establishment complaints received by the Environmental Health Services Division staff. The multiple data inputs into a single database should assist in earlier detection of potential outbreaks and trends in enteric conditions and illness.

Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

The planning for Fall Flu PODs (points of dispensing) is underway in partnership with Community and Clinical Health Services (CCHS) and local fire departments. The PODs will take place on October 14 and 21, 2023 and will exercise the ability to dispense medical countermeasures in emergency situations. Both flu and COVID-19 vaccines will be available during this POD event. Local Fire and EMS agencies are invited to participate in the PODs to provide a coordinated multi-agency training opportunity to make sure the skills developed through the COVID-19 pandemic are maintained.

A new training resource was created and is now available on Washoe County's Human Resources' Bridge training website. The CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) training is intended as foundational knowledge for the layperson who is interested in gaining a general understanding of this effective public health emergency response tool. A certificate of completion is available to those who successfully complete the introductory course. The training will be made available to the WCHD Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers as well in the future.

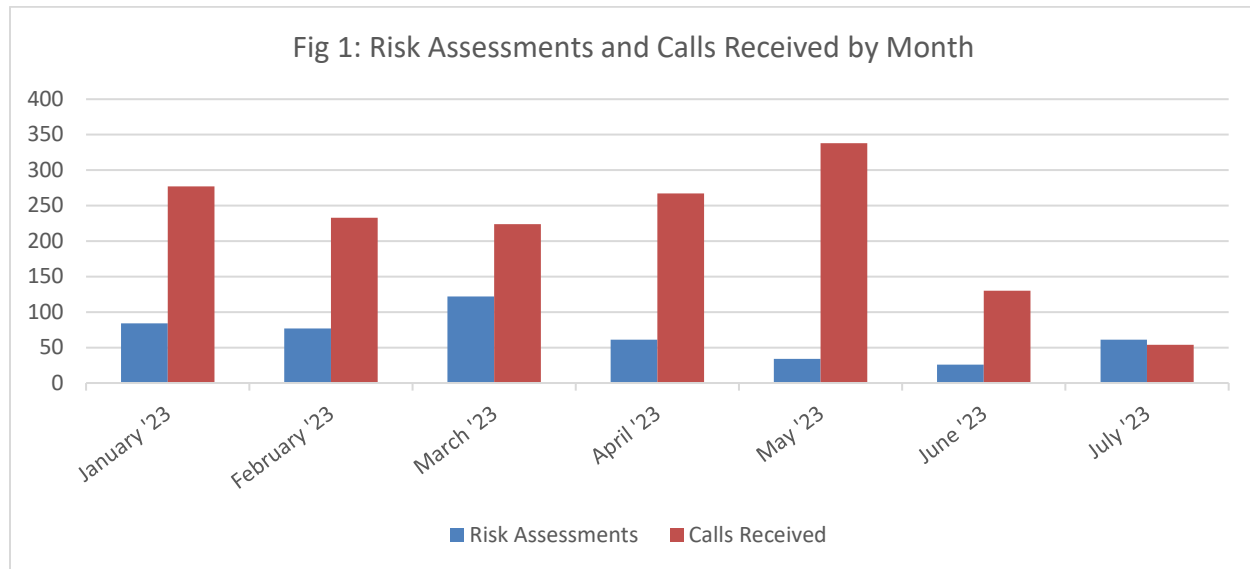
The PHEP program continues to coordinate with Washoe County schools (public, private and charter) to assist in developing emergency planning processes for their Emergency Operations Plans based on [Nevada Revised Statute \(NRS\) 388.241](#). The PHEP team participated in a total of 23 meetings with 21 area schools (8 charter schools and 13 private schools) from July 2022 through June 2023.

Program staff participated in an initial virtual meeting between the State of Nevada's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer organizations from the different regional health districts including Quad Counties and Southern Nevada in the month of July. This meeting will occur monthly to support open communication and collaboration between organizations regarding MRC efforts.

COVID-19 Response

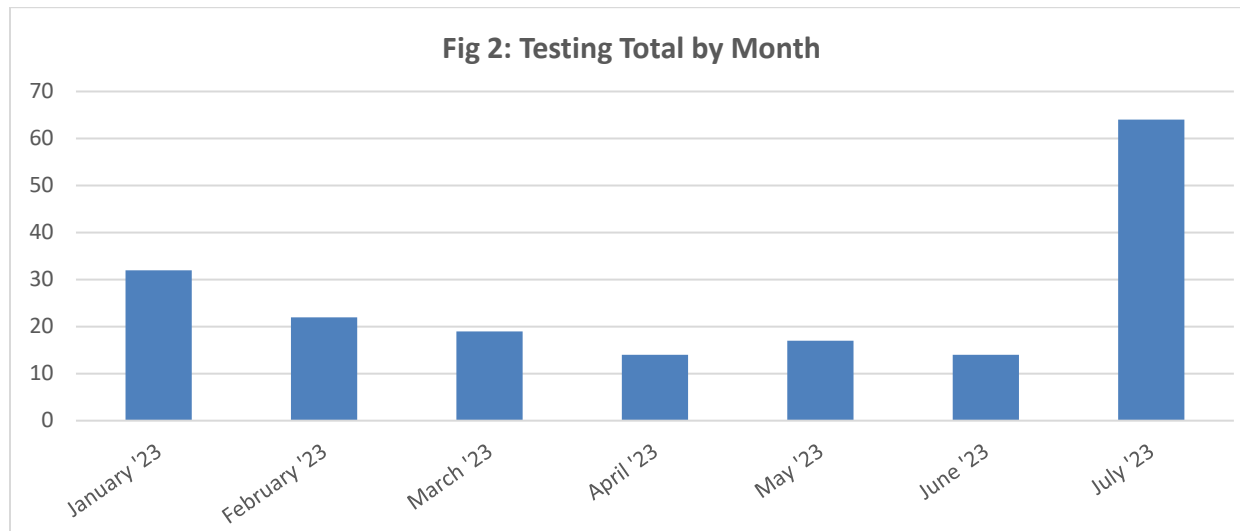
Call Center and Point of Screening and Testing (POST) – The COVID-19 Call Center received 61 Risk Assessments in July, an increase of 135% from June. Some Risk Assessments were entered by end-users through the web portal, and others were entered by the Call Center staff. During the month of July, the Call Center received 54 calls, a 58% decrease over June. Table 1 summarizes Risk Assessments and Calls Received by the COVID Call Center since the beginning of 2021, while Figure 1 graphs the data since January 2023.

Table 1. Total Risk Assessments and Calls				
Month Reported	Risk Assessments	Inc/Dec	Calls Received	Inc/Dec
2021 Totals	55,371		75,174	
2022 Totals	26,871		22,726	
January 2023	84	-66%	277	-40%
February 2023	77	-8%	233	-16%
March 2023	122	58%	224	-4%
April 2023	61	-50%	267	19%
May 2023	34	-44%	338	27%
June 2023	26	-24%	130	-62%
July 2023	61	135%	54	-58%



Testing continued two days per week via home visits. A total of 64 tests were conducted in July, an increase of 357% over June. This increase was due to 53 out of the 64 tests were done to support assisted living facility groups. Table 2 summarizes the number of tests performed to date since the beginning of 2021, while Figure 2 graphs the data since January 2023.

Table 2. Number of Tests Performed		
Month Reported	Tests Performed	Inc/Dec
2021 Totals	30,996	
2022 Totals	7,892	
January 2023	32	-66%
February 2023	22	-31%
March 2023	19	-14%
April 2023	14	-26%
May 2023	17	21%
June 2023	14	-18%
July 2023	64	357%



Healthcare Preparedness Planning (HPP)/Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council (IHCC)

As of July 1, 2023, the PHP Program started the last year of the Administration of Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) grant planning cycle, and planning is already underway for a chemical exercise to be conducted in the spring of 2024.

On July 19, HPP and the EMS Oversight Program team participated in the annual Great Reno Balloon Race 2023 tabletop exercise. The collaboration between several city, county, and private organizations in preparing and refining emergency response for the balloon races is an important piece of the planning for this special event which expects thousands of visitors over September 8-10, 2023.

HPP staff and the EMS Oversight Program conducted Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) trainings with Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center on July 10 and 12. In preparation for an upcoming Incline Village Community Hospital (IVCH) evacuation exercise on August 16, HPP staff and the EMS Oversight Program also conducted an MAEA training with IVCH and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD).

The HPP Program continues to participate in the weekly Hospital Net, a Ham Radio communications drill among hospitals in Northern Nevada and Eastern California. The purpose of the net is to improve redundant communications during a disaster.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Oversight Program

EMS Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) - The JAC has begun assignments for the Washoe County EMS Strategic Plan 2023-2028. Goals not pertaining to regionalization decisions have been assigned. Work will begin once all participating agencies and persons have been assigned to, and oriented to, the new tracking process via Microsoft Project.

REMSA Franchise – The Program continues to work with REMSA on opportunities to streamline the exemption approval process.

REMSA Exemption Requests

Table 1: REMSA Exemption Requests FY 2023-2024					
Exemption	System Overload	Status 99	Weather	Other	Approved
July 2023	-	-	-	-	-

REMSA Call Compliance – The franchise area is divided into response zones. The response zones will have response time compliance standards for all Priority 1 calls indicated below. Due to low call volumes in the separately defined response zones B, C and D, REMSA compliance response will be calculated in accordance with the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service dated May 2, 2014, as combined Zones B, C, and D for all Priority 1 calls. Table 2 shows REMSA’s compliance rate starting FY 2021-2022.

- Zone A – REMSA shall ensure that **90%** of all presumptively defined life-threatening calls (Priority 1 Calls) have a response time of eight (8) minutes and 59 seconds or less within the combined Zone A areas.
- Zones B, C, and D – REMSA shall ensure that **90%** of all presumptively defined life-threatening calls (Priority 1 Calls) collectively have a response time of; 15minutes and 59 seconds or less for the combined Zone B areas, 20 minutes and 59 seconds or less for the combined Zone C areas, and 30 minutes and 59 seconds or less for the combined Zone D areas.

Table 2. REMSA Percentage of Compliant Priority 1 Responses by Zones FY 2023-2024		
Month*	Zone A	Zone B, C, and D
July 2023 ^a	92	90
Monthly Average	92	90
Year-To-Date**	92	90

*Compliance percentage per month is the percentage calculated using the monthly “Chargeable Late Responses” divided by “Compliance Calculate Responses”.

**Year-to-date is the percentage calculated using the sum of all to date “Chargeable Late Responses” divided by “Compliance Calculate Responses”.

^aCompliance percentage for the month are not yet finalized at the time this report is compiled and will be updated in the next month’s report.

Community Services Department (CSD) – Memo Review - The EMS Oversight Program staff reviews and analyzes project applications received from the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development and the Planning and Building Division of the Washoe County Community Services Department and provides feedback. Program staff reviewed seven (7) applications during the month of July and did not have any concerns that would affect EMS response.

Mass Gatherings/Special Events - The EMS Oversight Program received zero (0) applications for Mass Gatherings/Special Events in the month of July.

Vital Statistics

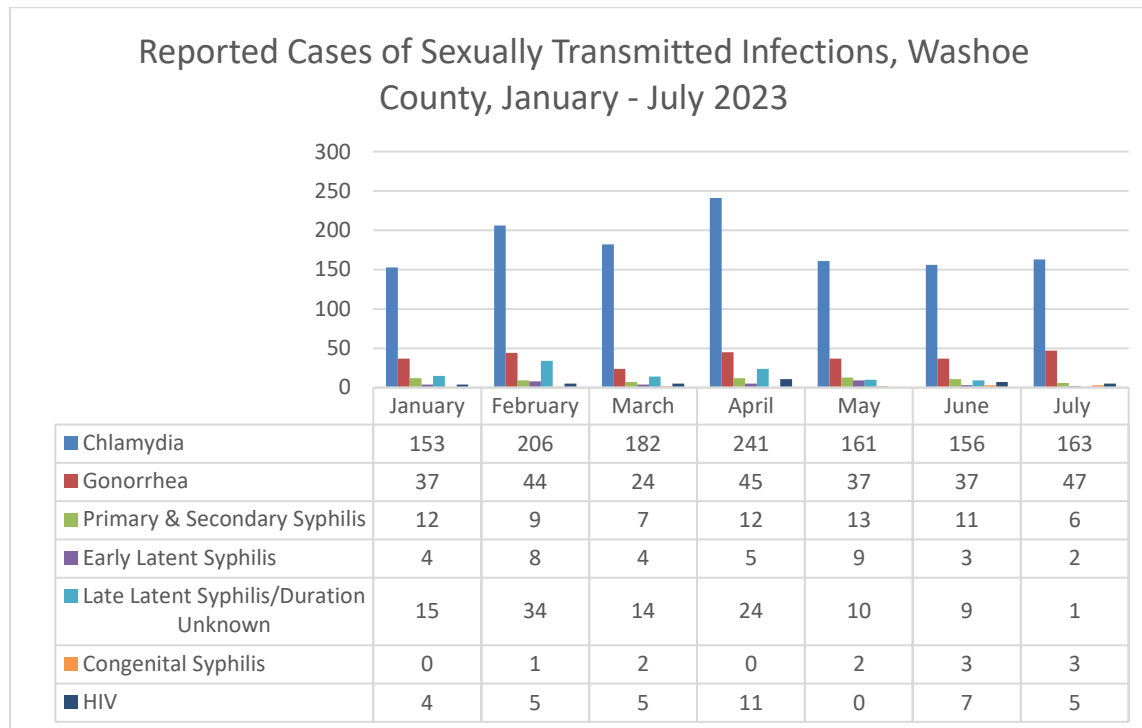
Vital Statistics has continued to serve the public through the mail, online and in-person. During the month of July, Vital Statistics staff registered 478 deaths and 481 births; 15 death and 56 birth corrections were made. Program staff also submit weekly records on decedent information for HIV/AIDS and a monthly update to senior services.

Table 1: Number of Processed Death and Birth Records

June	In Person	Mail	Online	Total
Death	1629	24	384	2037
Birth	852	36	509	1397
Total	2481	60	893	3434

Sexual Health (Outreach and Disease Investigation) – Gonorrhea cases have been prioritized for investigations to include people who are pregnant, people who are aged 18 and younger, people with two or more documented STDs in the last 6 months prior to the current infection, and cases of disseminated gonorrhea. Starting August 1st, investigations will be expanded to include pharyngeal cases and starting September 1st, all gonorrhea cases will be investigated. This expansion is due to the increasing gonorrhea cases and concerns for intervention. Gonorrhea treatment is at the last line of antibiotic treatment available, and drug resistant gonorrhea is a global health concern. Gonorrhea can disseminate throughout the body and cause sepsis. Some cases may even be fatal. All disease investigators, Public Health Investigators I and II, will complete gonorrhea investigations. Public Health Investigator IIs investigate gonorrhea and syphilis.

Program Positions and Investigation Types			
	Chlamydia	Gonorrhea	Syphilis
Public Health Investigator I	X – select sites & prioritized cases	X	
Public Health Investigator II		X	X
Public Health Nurse		X	X
STD Epidemiologist			X



Immunizations – COVID-19 disrupted in-person learning and routine well-child visits for many children over the last three years and it is important for everyone to get back on track with routine vaccinations. Maintaining routine immunizations is essential to protect individuals, families, and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. Routine vaccination prevents illnesses that can lead to additional medical visits and hospitalizations, resulting in further strain on the healthcare system.

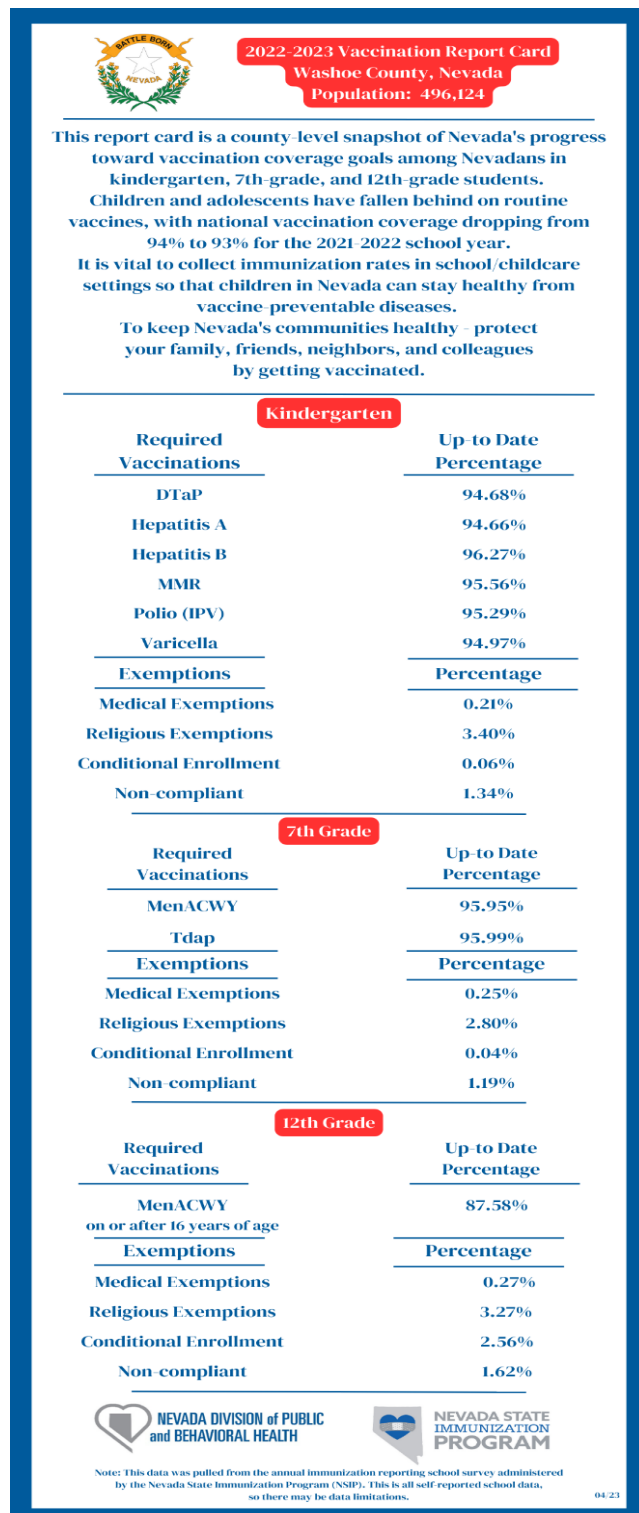
Annually, the Immunization Program highlights the efforts of the Health District in protecting patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases with on-time vaccination. Health District staff have been working diligently to provide citizens with routine vaccinations, influenza, and COVID-19 vaccines. The on-site Immunization clinic remains open for public access five days a week. With enhanced influenza funding from the Nevada State Immunization Program, staff organized and implemented 12 Influenza Point of Dispensing (POD) events in collaboration with community partners. These mass vaccination events help to prepare Washoe County staff to implement large-scale vaccine or medication distribution during public health emergencies.

The Immunization Program staff have been an integral part of the COVID-19 response, from assisting with COVID-19 testing in March of 2020, to shifting to mass COVID-19 vaccination PODs in December 2020, to integrating the COVID-19 vaccinations into Washoe County's onsite immunization clinic in December 2021, to continued participation in outreach events in underserved populations. Staff continues to participate in efforts to reach unvaccinated individuals to protect them from COVID-19 infection by making vaccines available in different community areas through partnerships with the local school district, local businesses, and agencies to reach underserved and high-risk individuals. Staff regularly meet with Immunize Nevada and the COVID-19 state team to avoid duplication of efforts when planning community events. Additionally, staff are busy leading POD events onsite and offsite, redistributing COVID-19 vaccine to providers, and maintaining competence in a continuously changing vaccine landscape. The program facilitated the administration of 8,210 total COVID-19 doses last year. Providers enrolled in the Nevada COVID-19

program can receive the vaccine from WCHD, allowing access to smaller, more manageable quantities. Staff continues supporting and assisting community partners with questions regarding vaccine storage and handling and providing temperature monitoring equipment.

Immunization Program staff are responsible for carrying out various grant-related activities. Staff conduct Vaccine for Children (VFC) provider visits to enhance stewardship and accountability for publicly purchased vaccines, to now include COVID-19 vaccine programming; work with VFC providers to implement quality improvement (QI) strategies to help increase vaccine uptake through enhanced immunization workflow; and ensure all VFC/ COVID providers complete annual training requirements. This work is critical for increasing the rates of fully immunized children in Washoe County, ensuring proper use of valuable resources, and supporting a competent workforce. In addition, staff provide children with reported elevated blood-lead levels and abnormal newborn screening results with follow-up case-management services. More recently, staff have received orientation and training to conduct and assume responsibility for the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program activities for the Washoe County jurisdiction. This program ensures persons infected with Hepatitis B virus and their medical providers receive education, resources, and guidance for completing testing, postexposure immunoprophylaxis, and vaccinations for themselves, close contacts, and the newborn infant(s) as part of the national strategy to eliminate this disease from the United States.

In response to the increase in Mpox disease that occurred in mid-2022 and the continued emergence, the Immunization Program implemented new procedures around the Smallpox/ Jynneos vaccine for administration to exposed or high-risk persons. Staff maintain and report proper inventory accordingly as the jurisdictional depot and contribute to community events and/or requests for vaccine provision to minimize the spread of Mpox infections. Staff administered 777 Jynneos doses last year.



The Nevada State Immunization Program recently highlighted jurisdictional vaccination rates per kindergarten, 7th-grade, and 12th-grade benchmarks. (Pictured left)

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health provides updated infant 7-series vaccine statistics based on the current Advisory Committee on Immunizations (ACIP) recommendations for infants 0 – 24 months. The 7-series includes ≥ 4 doses DTaP (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis) and PCV (Pneumococcal), ≥ 3 doses Hepatitis B/ Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)/ Poliovirus, and ≥ 1 dose MMR (Measles- Mumps- Rubella) and VAR (Varicella). In 2022, Nevada's 7-series infant completion rates rebounded but remained lower than pre-pandemic levels. Notably, the Washoe County region has the highest 2022 completion rate compared to statewide counties, at 72.4%, and the second-largest percentage of infants missing one or two vaccines, at 11.6%.

Washoe County: 2022 Infant (0 – 24 months) 7-series: 72.4%

Nevada State: 2022 Infant (0 – 24 months) 7-series: 63.7%

Providers continue to refer clients to WCHD Immunization Program to receive their routine vaccination. The Immunization Program served 5,799 people and administered 21,428 vaccine doses in FY 22-23.

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Analytics
HPV Vaccination Rates, 13-17 Year Old by Doses, Year and Gender,
Washoe County and Nevada Residents, 2021-2022

	Washoe 2021			Nevada 2021			Washoe 2022			Nevada 2022		
	F	M	Both	F	M	Both	F	M	Both	F	M	Both
1 Dose	60.6	60.1	60.3	54.5	52.9	53.7	61.5	61.1	61.3	54.0	52.6	53.3
2 Doses	43.5	42.1	42.8	37.2	35.0	36.1	44.2	42.9	43.5	37.0	34.9	35.9
3 Doses	6.4	5.4	5.9	5.1	4.5	4.8	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4

Data source: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Analytics, 7/31/2023

In 2022, Washoe County increased their initiation of the HPV series to 61.3% while the State of Nevada rate remained at 53.3%. Vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV) is recommended to prevent new HPV infections and HPV-associated diseases, including some cancers. ACIP routinely recommends HPV vaccination at age 11 or 12 years. It is important to note that ACIP updated the recommendations for HPV to a 2-dose schedule in December 2016 for girls and boys who initiated the vaccination series at ages 9 through 14 years. The three-dose series remains recommended for persons who initiate the vaccination series at ages 15 through 26 years and for immunocompromised persons.

To increase our vaccination rates for HPV, the immunization team opted to do an Immunization Quality Improvement Project (IQIP) which would target HPV vaccination and series completion, as well as increase rates of Meningococcal B vaccinations for the same age group. Staff began this project on July 1, 2023, and the project will continue for a full year.

Offsite and outreach clinic activity provided immunizations to vulnerable populations through partnerships with multiple community agencies. The past year was challenging due to the continued evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine products, Mpox response efforts, the availability of new vaccine formulations and presentations for several routine products, and staff changes. Despite these obstacles, Health District staff worked diligently to provide routine and recommended vaccines to persons of all ages. Utilizing partnerships, staff conducted multiple outreach events including, four Back-to-School clinics, and 12 Community/ Employee/ POD Influenza clinics. The influenza PODs provided an opportunity for the community to receive the annual influenza vaccine and COVID-19 vaccines.

Immunization Program Offsite Clinic Activities – July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023				
# of Clinics	# of Children Served	# of Adults Served	# Vaccine Doses Administered	Collaborating Agencies
Back to School Clinics for children 4-18 years old				
11	499	16	1,238	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunize Nevada Community Health Alliance Washoe County School District
Community Flu and other POD Events				
13	196	220	416	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nevada Discovery Museum Immunize Nevada Senior Fest Washoe County Health District Administration Safeway Washoe County School District St Peter Canisius Catholic Church Our Center Boys and Girls Club Gerlach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center Nevada Urban Indians Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Point of Dispensing (PODs) Clinics for mass flu immunization exercise targeting low income/high risk adults				
1	85	371	456	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washoe County EPHP Program Immunize Nevada Lyon County Student CNA trainees Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Homebound Flu Clinics and daily totals				
Weekly	1	465	466	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Nevada Veterans Home Well Care Services Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center Cascades of Sierra Willow Springs Pleasant Care Group Home Reno Gospel Mission Advanced Healthcare Fountains Senior Care ALTA Skilled Nursing Sierra Manor Vista Adult Care Graceful Living Group Family Home Care Incline Village Hospital And more
Total Offsite Clinics	Total # of Children Served	Total # of Adults Served	Total # of Vaccine doses Administered	In partnership with multiple community agencies
25	781	1072	2576	

In addition to continued COVID-19 disease challenges, our team also had to navigate multiple changes on recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine schedule guidelines. Between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Washoe County Health District administered a total of 7,764 COVID-19 doses during homebound, community POD events and on-site at the immunization clinic. Staff administered all Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine presentations for those 6 months of age and older. This includes 35 Janssen doses, 129 doses of Novavax, 2,837 doses of Moderna, and 4,763 doses of Pfizer vaccines. Staff continue efforts to provide access to the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the community.

Washoe County Health District COVID-19 Community POD Vaccination Summary July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023			
# of Clinics	Zip Code Served	# COVID-19 Vaccine Administered	Collaborating Partners
Community PODs – July 2022			
8	89436 89433 89501 89512	271	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lazy 5 Park • Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center • Renown • Wingfield Park • Sun Valley Family Resource Center
# of Clinics	Zip Code Served	# COVID-19 Vaccine Administered	Collaborating Partners
Community PODs – August 2022			
5	89436 89512 89502	85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lazy 5 Park • Boys and Girls Club (Neil Rd) • WCHD Building B
Community PODs – September 2022			
4	89502 89509	345	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and Girls Club (Foster Dr.) • Reno-Sparks Convention Center
Community PODs – October 2022			
7	89512 89506 89502 89501	518	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCHD Building B • Reno-Sparks Convention Center • Discovery Museum • O'Brien Middle School
Community PODs – November 2022			
6	89502 89431 89412 89509	192	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reno-Sparks Convention Center • Reno Korean Presbyterian Church • Gerlach • Swill Coffee and Wine
Community PODs – December 2022			
6	89502 89512	104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and Girls Club • Reno-Sparks Convention Center • Mariposa Academy Charter School • Smithridge Elementary School

Community PODs – January 2023			
4	89433 89512 89502 89436	179	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys & Girls Club (9th St) Spanish Springs Library Our Center St Peter Canisius Catholic Church
Community PODs – February 2023			
3	89512 89436 89511	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Springs Library Boys and Girls Club South Valleys Library
Community PODs – March 2023			
3	89511 89512 89436	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galena High School Washoe County Complex Parking Lot Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Community PODs – April 2023			
9	89509 89512 89431 89436 89502 89506	68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys and Girls Club Washoe County Complex Parking Lot Dilworth Middle School Sparks Middle School Fred W Traner Middle School Sky Ranch Middle School Pine Middle School O'Brien Middle School
Community PODs – May 2023			
4	89512 89502	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washoe County Complex Parking Lot Washoe County Senior Center Neil Road Community Center Evelyn Mount NE Community Center
Community PODs – June 2023			
6	89502 89509 89512 89511	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reno Town Mall Washoe County Complex Parking Lot South Valleys Library Evelyn Mount NE Community Center Idlewild Park Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center
65	Total Community PODs	1,933	Total # of COVID-19 vaccine administered

Immunization staff conducted a back-to-school event on Friday July 22, 2022, a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) event on Saturday July 30, 2022, as well as held onsite consecutive Saturday events on August 13, 2022, and August 20, 2022. All events were in collaboration with Community Health Alliance and Immunize Nevada. Staff vaccinated 330 children and administered 858 individual vaccines. The Immunization Program administered approximately 21,428 doses of vaccine during the last fiscal year.

To start the new fiscal year, staff participated in the back-to-school Family Health Festival at Hug High School on July 29, 2023. WCHD hosted two Saturday back-to-school events for kids 4-18 years old on August 12th and August 19th. This year WCHD hosted the Washoe County School District's (WCSD) Back-to-School Expo. This event included Northern Nevada Food Bank's Mobile Harvest, Salvation Army, and

Paws for love as well as many WCDSD vendors. COVID-19 vaccines will also be available during all these events.

Robust community partnerships are essential to carrying out the goal of increasing immunization rates in Washoe County. These collaborations are useful to reach vulnerable populations for recommended vaccinations as well as prepare the community for delivering new vaccinations as they become available.

Reproductive and Sexual Health Services – Two APRNs attended conferences in July to enhance and strengthen reproductive and sexual health services at Washoe County Health District. One APRN attended the 2023 Title X Grantee Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Valuable information was gathered at this conference on a variety of topics including innovative approaches to Information & Education committees, implementing patient navigation in Family Planning programs, and social media engagement strategies for engaging adolescents. One APRN attended the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology’s training to learn how to perform colposcopies. Colposcopy is a diagnostic test done after an abnormal cervical cytology screening to determine if precancerous or cancerous cells are present on the cervix. Colposcopy services in Washoe County are difficult to access for uninsured and underinsured persons with a cervix. These clients typically must wait months to obtain a colposcopy through Women’s Health Connection. FPSHP staff is hopeful that the addition of colposcopy services in the clinic will decrease the length of time clients will have to wait for diagnostic testing.

Preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV services continues in the FPSHP clinic. The number of clients initiating PrEP continues to grow with the majority returning for prescription refills and HIV testing in 3 and 6 months. The FPSHP now has generic Truvada on hand to dispense to clients which eliminates the need to go to a pharmacy to pick up PrEP prescriptions. FPSHP staff is excited to be meeting the needs of the community by offering PrEP services in the clinic.

Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program (CDIPP) – The final report on the Spring Secondhand Cannabis Smoke billboard campaign showed 6.7 million impressions were provided by the campaign which ran from February 13 to April 9 in 14 rotating locations. The aim was to raise awareness about the impacts of secondhand cannabis smoke.

Staff attended three Mobile Harvest events and conducted community surveying on physical activity engagement, concluding the gathering of community input. In total, staff collected 154 surveys which will be used to better deliver messaging about physical activity to our community.

Staff attended an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) train-the-trainer course.

Staff presented youth vaping, physical activity, and nutrition education at Dean’s Future Scholars summer program, reaching approximately 175 youth. Additionally, staff presented on the importance of healthy eating and staying active to K-5th graders attending Challenge Island, a STEAM based summer camp reaching about 80 students.

Staff attended the Family Health Festival on July 29, 2023. Program resources were distributed, and an upcoming walking audit was highlighted to recruit for community participation. Kids participated in trivia and interactive activities, and approximately 64 individuals visited the CDIP table.

My Life, My Quit promotion began running at Swift SportsDome and will continue over the next 12 months primarily reaching youth and parents. In July, the campaign had 26,784 impressions

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) – Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health activities include Lead Screening, Newborn Screening, Cribs for Kids, and the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR).

WCHD has taken over lead cases from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Lead Program Specialist position which was recently vacated. Currently all lead cases above 3.5 µg/dL within Washoe County go to the WCHD Lead Team. The WCHD Lead team is currently following twelve open cases. The team continues to participate in monthly status calls with the Nevada Childhood Lead Prevention Program (NVCLPP).

Public Health Nurses and Community Health Workers (CHWs) continue to follow-up and provide coordination education and resources on referrals from the Nevada Newborn Screening Program to ensure all infants receive the second newborn screening.

Washoe County Health District CHWs continue to hold Cribs for Kids classes on a regular basis in English or Spanish, educating new parents on safe sleep. CHWs were re-certified as Safe Sleep Ambassadors on July 12th and July 27th. CHWs are also Baby and Me Tobacco Free facilitators and promote PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System), Nevada 211 and Nevada Medical Home Portal. CHWs have been promoting Cribs for Kids classes at the monthly Food Harvest held on site at the WCHD.

Participants in Cribs for Kids classes are also connected to REMSA for Point of Impact events for free car seats and installation by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Community Health Workers have been trained in basic car seat installation to provide transport to clients with children. Two clients referred to Baby and Me Tobacco Free and one client successfully enrolled and participated in first prenatal session.

The Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board (FIMR) meets monthly, except for June and December. Two new cases were received in July. The FIMR Board met on July 20, 2023, and reviewed 3 cases. No maternal interviews were conducted in July; however, sympathy cards were sent out. Staff continue to give updates on fetal infant deaths at the Washoe County Community Child Death Review. The last Child Death Review meeting was held on June 9, 2023. Staff assisted with the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Organization of the Sierra Annual Fundraiser Craft Fair on July 15, 2023.

Staff training included SafeTalk Suicide Training on June 28th, 2023. Awaken, sex trafficking training on July 27, 2023.

The Northern Nevada Maternal Child Health Coalition (NNMCHC) met on June 8, 2023. The NNMCHC is planning a bag assembly event for the New Mama Care Kits for Post-Partum women in need in Northern Nevada. The next meeting is August 10, 2023.

The FIMR grant fiscal year is changing from July-June to October – September. The program was awarded a grant extension for \$20,047 to carry the program through July- September of 2023. Staff is currently working on the grant application for FY 2024 October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) – WIC has been operating under COVID “waivers” which has allowed staff to see clients remotely through phone visits. With the end of the COVID emergency declaration, the waivers will expire on August 9, 2023. The State WIC program has applied for a new set of “ARPA

waivers” which would require WIC clients to submit height, weight, and hemoglobin information from a valid source, or come into the WIC office for the collection of this data. The ARPA waivers support client choice on how they want to have their WIC visit completed (in-person or remote) and afford a variety of options for clients to provide the required height/weight and hemoglobin data. Staff have prepared a plan for bringing clients back in person, including creating drop-in times where clients can come into the office to get height, weight and hemoglobin checked and recorded.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) – The Community Health Workers (CHWs) provided 38 clients with resources and assistance accessing health care and social services from community partners. The Community Health Workers are also aiding clients accessing PrEP services in the clinic through education and linkage to financial assistance to pay for PrEP medication. The CHWs have been distributing 988 materials to CCHS staff including posters, magnets, and client cards with 988 information. 988 offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

The CHW team completed interviews for the open CHW position. An offer has been made to the top candidate with an anticipated start date of August 14th. Additionally, a request to fill has been submitted for a fourth CHW position that would be assigned to the FPSHP clinic. In conjunction with the Zero Suicide Committee, FPSHP anticipate an increase in behavioral health referrals as clinic staff implement depression and suicide screenings.

CCHS Assessment

After reviewing vendors recommended by the California Primary Care Association, an introductory meeting was held with a vendor on July 28th. This vendor has extensive experience conducting assessments for Federally Qualified Health Centers, public health clinics, and other community agencies. The meeting was very productive, and a quote was secured. A meeting with a second vendor is being held on August 14th. Once two quotes are secured a vendor will be selected with the intention of completing the assessment and developing a plan for implementing recommendations by January 2024. As part of the contract the selected vendor will be asked to present the final assessment and recommendations to the District Board of Health.

Food/Food Safety – The Food Safety Program hosted its inaugural Active Managerial Control (AMC) Program Class July 3rd. The class was attended by twenty individuals from various food establishments in the area. In order to prevent foodborne illnesses in our community, all food establishments that do not pass their routine health inspection must take the AMC class. The AMC class is taught by the WCHD Food Safety team to food service managers to learn about implementing food handling practices and procedures in their food establishments.

For almost a decade, the WCHD Food Safety Team has participated in the NACCHO Mentorship Program. WCHD is currently a mentor agency for Carson City Health and Human Services, Trinity County Health and Human Services, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). Part of the grant deliverables of the mentorship program is conducting a site visit with your partnered agency. Two staff will be visiting Saipan from August 18-August 25th to conduct the site visit. During the agency site visit, WCHD will be training Saipan inspectors

in food safety inspections, developing an action plan to adopt the FDA Food Code, and assisting in workshops with the local businesses and stakeholder groups from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Food Construction – The team is continuing to see high numbers of change of ownership and opening inspections. The intake of new construction plans is remaining steady at this time. The team has hosted numerous pre-construction/permitting meetings with operators for mobile food operations including carts and portables.

Epidemiology (EPI) – One of the referrals EHS received a from WCHD’s Communicable Disease department (CD) was for a vibriosis case that consumed raw oysters (in addition to cooked seafood) at a seafood restaurant in Reno. Vibrio is a bacterium that is commonly found in raw or undercooked seafood, including oysters. EHS staff conducted an investigation at the restaurant and provided findings and traceback information from the oyster batches consumed on the day in question to CD, who then forwarded the information to the CDC for further review. As of August 4, 2023, EHS has not received any other confirmed vibriosis cases that dined at the same restaurant during the same time period.

Epidemiology	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020
Foodborne Disease Complaints	3	7	38	3	25	3	5	84	51	98	130
Foodborne Disease Interviews	3	7	38	3	25	3	4	83	47	59	66
Foodborne Disease Investigations	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	5	4	12	7
CD Referrals Reviewed	2	6	6	3	2	1	2	22	81	178	82
Product Recalls Reviewed	17	18	22	26	24	22	23	152	250	251	61

Temp Foods/Special Events – The month of July was another busy month for special events in Washoe County. EHS staff conducted inspections at multiple venues for 4th of July events, including events in Incline Village as well as Star-Spangled Sparks. Other large events covered include the Lavender and Honey Fest, Northern NV Pride, Wing Fest and The Reno Garlic Fest, all of which were held in Reno.

Commercial Development – Commercial Plan are at an increase of 25% compared to the same time last year. The average plan review time for the month of July, for all plans with completed reviews is 9 calendar days. The Team will begin testing a new Accela building workflow for Health that has been under development with Tech Services to create additional efficiencies and consistency with all jurisdictional reviews and processes for building permits

Commercial Development	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020
Development Reviews	47	28	42	36	40	44	28	265	494	400	357
Commercial Plans Received	119	139	174	153	139	173	164	1061	1,555	1,169	1,059

Permitted Facilities – The Permitted Facilities Senior REHS voluntarily stepped down and is transitioning into a new role. At this time, the team is assisting and carrying the load of additional work and assisting with the transition until a new Senior REHS is in this role. Public Pools and Spas are still exhibiting very low compliance rates.

Land Development - Septic and well construction season remains very busy, with daily inspection slots being filled almost every day. Local well drillers are reporting an unprecedented number of inquiries from prospective property owners looking to drill and develop further out into unincorporated areas of the county.

Land Development	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020
Plans Received (Residential/Septic)	55	56	61	68	93	83	60	476	999	918	705
Residential Septic/Well Inspections	43	48	53	88	98	104	97	531	1,436	1,282	1,075
Well Permits	4	3	9	14	4	8	13	55	141	150	131
Water Projects Received	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	25	40	64

Safe Drinking Water (SDW) - The team was invited to the first meeting held by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water to discuss the possibility of water project waivers for small systems. The concept is allowed by regulation but in the past has only been allowed for larger systems. The waiver would be allowed for small extensions of water system distribution or connections and be based on their available capacity and standard construction details. Current discussions would have the water systems be able to apply for the waiver every few years. This should reduce costs on small water systems for simple extensions. Several more meetings are planned with industry before any action is taken.

Two sanitary surveys were conducted during July. Currently 12 of the required 30 surveys for 2023 have been completed. It is expected that all surveys will be completed by the end of November. Two water hauler inspections were conducted during July. Four water hauler inspections remain to be completed in 2023.

Staff have been contacted by property owners inquiring about the process to reactivate two inactivated public water systems. Reactivation will require a sanitary survey and all deficiencies corrected, a full round of water quality sampling, and installation of treatment, if applicable.

Staff held numerous internal discussions on the continuous verification process and how best to address unresponsive property owners. Staff plan to develop letter templates that can be easily modified based on the situation.

Staff worked with Steamboat Springs Waterworks Public Water System staff during July to determine the best path forward with respect to installing permanent chlorination of the distribution system. The PWS also experienced a large leak on July 21st in the same vicinity as a large main break that occurred in 2022. The current leak resulted in a loss of pressure to a large portion of the water system and subsequent Precautionary Boil Water Order. The BWO was lifted August 3, 2023. Staff will continue to work with them to help develop their Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity to help better manage leaks, main breaks and Total Coliform.

Safe Drinking Water	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023
Sanitary Survey	1	0	1	4	4	0	2	12
Level 1 Assessments	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Level 2 Assessments	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3

Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD) - Staff conducted an aerial larvicide application with a new helicopter contractor on July 18, treating 950 acres. Staff continue routine adult mosquito population monitoring and have begun trapping for arbovirus surveillance.

Staff continue to conduct surveillance and treatments of regional small sources (less than 5 acres) with growth regulating larvicide products.

Service requests for midge flies have seen a significant reduction.

Vector	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Service Requests	0	0	0	3	35	23	29	90	65	59	135
Mosquito Pools Tested	0	0	0	0	0	220	349	569	506	385	280
Mosquito Surveys and Treatments	0	0	0	8	14	63	64	149	791	821	72

Waste Management (WM)/Underground Storage Tanks (UST) - Discussions on permitting are under way with an outside vendor looking to assist with Burning Man waste clean up. They are interested in providing temporary “transfer station” facilities during the event to help with reducing illegal dumping. This may also help with waste streams that come back into Reno and Sparks after the event and cause negative impacts on local businesses.

It was discovered that the reporting of WM permit inspections had some database reporting issues that resulted in inspection levels being under reported. Work is being done to correct the issue and the problem should be corrected over the next month.

The WM team is looking into developing digital inspection forms/templates and discussing taking the files completely electronic by the end of the year. Currently, WM is one of the few remaining programs to have not transitioned away from physical folders.

UST staff completed 14 inspections for the month of July and the monthly report was submitted to NDEP and internal staff

Inspections:

EHS Inspections	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020
Child Care	11	9	9	9	12	5	9	64	128	118	142
Food/Exempt Food	291	371	291	338	329	346	244	2210	4,419	4,958	4,264
Schools/Institutions	13	42	17	40	23	15	0	150	292	291	199
Tattoo/Permanent Make-Up (IBD)	18	12	9	15	4	5	1	64	130	134	112
Temporary IBD Events	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	34	5	0	1
Liquid Waste Trucks	10	26	13	3	18	6	4	80	111	111	110
Mobile Home/RV Parks	7	3	10	8	4	0	2	34	121	117	202
Public Accommodations	10	5	6	6	0	1	2	30	139	151	130
Aquatic Facilities/Pool/Spas	23	27	17	54	287	191	87	686	712	1,128	408
RV Dump Station	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	7	21	19	17
Underground Storage Tanks	17	18	17	16	20	15	14	117	161	4	10
Waste Management	16	24	20	13	5	9	12	99	132	146	211
Temporary Foods/Special Events	22	29	20	57	99	254	131	612	1,174	766	48
Complaints	42	60	47	58	108	77	87	479	613	689	911
TOTAL	482	626	482	617	909	924	626	4,666	8,158	8,632	6,765
EHS Public Record Requests	207	344	470	382	436	434	345	2,618	5,703	4,769	3,249

Complaint breakdown	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023
Food	26	27	21	25	34	22	31	186
Permitted Facilities	3	5	4	2	3	4	4	25
General	1	0	0	3	35	23	30	92
Liquid Waste	3	10	6	7	9	5	4	44
Solid Waste	9	18	16	21	27	23	18	132

New Permits/Change of Ownership Inspections:

New Openings*	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	JUL 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Child Care	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	8	7	9	5
Food/Exempt Food	31	37	44	61	49	59	37	318	486	479	286	454	452
Schools/Institutions	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	2	4	4
Tattoo/Permanent Make-Up (IBD)	9	6	2	6	2	2	1	28	32	50	21	45	41
Liquid Waste Trucks	0	7	4	1	0	0	1	13	17	11	5	0	0
Mobile Home/RV Parks	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	8	5	10	7	6
Public Accommodations	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	9	9	10	5	11
Aquatic Facilities/Pool/Spas	0	1	3	16	5	7	4	36	28	41	25	38	29
RV Dump Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
Waste Management	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	7	8	6	16	8	13
TOTAL	42	52	56	86	59	69	47	411	605	614	382	570	561

* This table identifies new business opening inspections but does not include re-inspections during the opening process

Southern Nevada Health District



DATE: September 1, 2023

TO: State Board of Health Members

FROM: Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer

SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Extreme Heat

In July, the Southern Nevada Health District began posting monthly reports of heat-related deaths and emergency department visits on its website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/statistics-surveillance-reports/heat-associated-deaths-emergency-department-visits-reports/.

During the month of July, as temperatures were rising and excessive heat warnings were issued for the community, the Health District urged area residents and visitors to take precautions. Triple-digit temperatures are common between June and September in Southern Nevada. Older adults, the very young, and those with mental illness or chronic medical conditions have the highest risk of heat-related illness. However, anyone can be affected if participating in strenuous physical exercise in hotter weather. Everyone should take precautions to reduce their risk. Recommended precautions include:

- Plan activities earlier in the morning or later in the evening.
- Dress in light, loose-fitting clothes.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect the face and use sunscreen.
- If unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and gradually increase the pace.
- Avoid being out in the sun for extended periods.
- When planning extended outdoor activities, bring an adequate supply of water. Drink plenty of water at regular intervals, regardless of activity level.
- Avoid alcohol or liquids that contain high amounts of sugar.
- Plan well-balanced light meals.
- Check the local weather forecasts and plan activities accordingly.
- Check on the status of homebound neighbors and relatives.

The Health District cautions that people who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restrictive or low-salt diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake or changing what they eat and drink.

More information on extreme heat is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>. For additional summer safety tips, visit SNHD's website at <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/safer-summer>.

National Health Center Week

The Southern Nevada Community Health Center celebrated National Health Center Week August 6-12, by raising awareness of the services it offers, showing appreciation for patients with giveaways and raffle prizes, and celebrating its dedicated employees at its Community Health Center locations.

National Health Center Week is a time to recognize how community health centers touch many aspects of community life and are a critical component of the public health priorities of increasing access to care and improving health outcomes for the most vulnerable populations. On a national level:

- One in 11 Americans are health center patients. Of those:
 - 20% are uninsured.
 - 59% are publicly insured.
 - 90% are low-income.
 - 65% are members of racial and/or ethnic minority groups.

At the local level, the Health District's Federally Qualified Health Center (Community Health Center) began operations in 2019 at its main location at 280 S. Decatur, Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107. Services provided by the Community Health Center include primary care, family planning, Ryan White, behavioral health, sexual health, pharmacy and telehealth services. A second location opened in August 2022, at the Fremont Public Health Center at 2380 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104, and a satellite location at All Saints Sexual Health Clinic, 4201 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89107, provides sexual health services.

In 2022, the Community Health Center served 6,242 patients for a total of 16,642 patient encounters, of which 9,117 (55%) were delivered to uninsured patients. The Community Health Center offers services on a sliding fee scale, which allows patients to pay according to their income and federal poverty levels, and no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. In 2022, sliding fee adjustments saved patients a total of \$2.5 million for health care services provided at the Health District's Community Health Center.

Community Health Centers look beyond their patients' medical charts to address the root cause of their symptoms such as social and mental health needs, or access to resources. They collaborate with community partners to improve the long-term outcomes for patients who represent some of the most medically vulnerable and underserved populations in Southern Nevada.

During National Health Center Week, the Health District reaffirmed its committed to supporting the Community Health Center and to ensuring the patients who need it most have access to health care that is affordable and provided in a culturally respectful environment.

For more information about the Southern Nevada Community Health Center, its locations and services, go to www.snchc.org. For information about National Health Center Week, visit <https://healthcenterweek.org/about-nhcw/>.

Back-to-School/National Immunization Month

The Health District began reminding parents and guardians early that all students enrolled in Nevada public, private or charter schools must be up to date on mandatory vaccines before classes begin. Health District immunization clinics offered expanded dates and times to accommodate the back-to-school rush.

The following vaccinations are required for students enrolling in the Clark County School District (CCSD): chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, polio, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (DTaP and Tdap), quadrivalent meningitis, and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Parents who recently moved to Nevada were made aware that hepatitis A vaccination is required in the state, and immunizations that were up to date in other states that do not require hepatitis A vaccination might not be current in Nevada.

Students enrolled in the 12th grade in Nevada schools must receive the meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) before the start of the 2023-2024 school year. MenACWY is also required for students entering 7th grade and for students entering grades 8-12 who are new to Nevada schools, including private or charter schools. In addition, 7th-graders must receive their tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. For additional information on required vaccinations, visit Immunize Nevada's [School Vaccinations](#) page.

The Health District also highlighted the importance of routine vaccinations for people of all ages during National Immunization Awareness Month in August. Vaccines have saved lives for more than a century, but serious disease remains a threat. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccines save an estimated 2-3 million lives globally each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "There are more than 25 safe and effective vaccines to prevent diseases, protect health throughout the lifespan, and help to prevent and mitigate outbreaks."

The success of vaccines such as MMR, Tdap and HPV is well-documented. However, even today, people still become seriously ill or die from diseases that vaccines can help prevent. This is why it's important to stay up to date on recommended vaccines. Since some protections stemming from vaccines can fade over time, boosters may be needed to maintain protection.

For more information about the Health District vaccine clinics, go to www.snhd.info/immunizations.

Xylazine

The Health District is urging heightened public awareness of the health dangers associated with xylazine, an animal tranquilizer that is increasingly being found in the country's illicit drug supply and linked to overdose deaths throughout the United States. Xylazine, also known as "tranq," is not approved for human consumption. It can be life-threatening and is especially dangerous when combined with opioids such as fentanyl.

In March, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a [report](#) alerting the public of a sharp increase in the trafficking of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. The DEA said, "Xylazine and fentanyl drug mixtures place users at a higher risk of suffering a fatal drug poisoning." The Health District's message to the public noted the devastating impact of the fentanyl/xylazine combination, underscoring that it is vital to be proactive in taking steps to educate people about this threat in order to save lives.

The use of xylazine can cause drowsiness, amnesia, blood sugar abnormalities, slowed breathing, slowed heartbeat, apnea, dangerously low blood pressure and death. Federal authorities say people who inject drug mixtures containing xylazine also can develop severe wounds, including necrosis which may lead to amputation. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, repeated xylazine use is associated with skin ulcers, abscesses and related complications.

While xylazine use has not been widely reported in Nevada, the Health District registered one overdose death involving both the drug and fentanyl in 2020. The Health District has been expanding its surveillance

capabilities to help ensure it can detect new substances more quickly and collaborate with its partners to respond appropriately.

According to the CDC, overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) have been increasing nationwide in recent years. A major reason is people who use drugs not realizing that their drugs are laced with fentanyl. Fentanyl test strips allow people to test drugs for traces of fentanyl, which can be deadly even in small amounts. The Health District provides test strips without a prescription at 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107, or at a distribution location which can be found at <https://nvopioidresponse.org/harm-reduction/fts/fts-finder/>. Given the potential of xylazine's presence in combination with fentanyl, in the event a substance tests positive for fentanyl it is important to use extra caution if using the substance.

While naloxone (Narcan) will not reverse the effects of xylazine (xylazine is not an opioid), it should be given in response to any suspected overdose as a means of reversing any possible opioid effects. It's also important to call 911 for additional medical treatment. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides information on responding to an opioid overdose at [How to Respond to an Opioid Overdose | HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/health-topics/opioid-overdose).

To learn more about xylazine, visit <https://harmreduction.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Xylazine-in-the-Drug-Supply-one-pager.pdf>. People who are using substances, or their loved ones, can obtain information about support and resources by calling the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline or by visiting <https://behavioralhealthnv.org/>.

National HIV Testing Day

In observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 27, the Health District and the Southern Nevada HIV Awareness Consortium provided free HIV testing throughout the day at community locations. The theme of this year's observance was, "Take the test and take the next step."

The Health District also partnered with Walgreens and Greater Than HIV to provide free HIV testing, safer sex kits, and information about PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) at two Walgreens locations.

Men's Health Month

June was Men's Health Month, and the Health District urged men to take charge of their overall health by implementing health-centered decisions. The agency promoted services available through the Southern Nevada Community Health Center as well as the many prevention and self-management resources on the www.GetHealthClarkCounty.org website.

One program highlighted was the Barbershop Health Outreach Project. Cardiovascular disease disproportionately impacts African Americans, and 44% of Black men are diagnosed with some form of heart disease. As part of its ongoing efforts to address the burden of cardiovascular disease, the Health District and community partners involved in the Barbershop Health Outreach Project hosted a "Shop Talk" event on June 29, at 5-Star Barbershop, 2696 W. Ann Rd., North Las Vegas, NV. "Shop Talk" was an evening of unfiltered dialogue to discuss men's heart health and overall physical and mental health. The event was free and featured opening remarks from Clark County Commissioner William McCurdy II and panelists with a range of backgrounds.

Central Nevada Health District

State of Nevada Board of Health
Agenda Report
Central Nevada Health District (CNHD)

Date Submitted: August 16, 2023

To: Board of Nevada State Board of Health
From: Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator CNHD
Tedd McDonald, Health Officer CNHD

General Administrative Update

General: Over the last 3 months CNHD continues to implement program initiatives and participate in various community events. Major highlights are provided below:

Community Events: We are pleased to report on several community events that the CNHD team has participated in or will participate in, to include:

July 29: Churchill County Community Day
August 5: UNSOM Rural Outreach Program, Churchill and Pershing Co.
August 12: Mineral County Back-to-School and Pershing County Resource Fair
August 16: Back-to School Night Pershing County

Additional Updates:

CNHD has mailed out the invite letter and application to our food facility database, posted on the website and worked with the PIO to distribute throughout the district for the Environmental Health Advisory Board.

CNHD is preparing to shadow DPBH leaders during the upcoming Burning Man event and will be on-site August 25th thru August 31st.

Personnel: Hiring members of the CNHD team remains a critical focus for the health district. CNHD has conducted interviews and recruited an exceptional staff to support CNHD's operations, as outlined below:

Hired:

Environmental Health Manager
Public Health Preparedness Manager
Grants Manager
Clinics Manager (RN)
Health Officer (MD)

Interviewed and Offers Made:

Registered Nurse
Resource Liaisons(2)
Environmental Health Specialist
Public Health Investigator
Office Specialist

Upcoming Interviews:

Permanent Administrator for CNHD(Position posted and on Churchill Co. website)

In future weeks CNHD will continue to conduct interviews in efforts to fill other critical positions. We will continue updating you on progress in our staffing efforts.

Website Development: The CNHD team continues to work with Canyon Creative to update the agency's website. The website can be found at www.CentralNevadaHD.org

Funding Support: CNHD continues to develop funding to support the six (6) and twelve (12) month budgets that were approved by the CNHD Board. These efforts include funding provided by the City of Fallon and member counties, competitive federal grants, state passthrough grants, and other state funding to support CNHD's operations and services.

District Member Funding: \$437,408.50

Other Funding/Grant Awards to Date:

Fund for Healthy Nevada: \$333,333.00
Children's Immunization Grant: \$78,000.00
Environmental Inspection Permits: \$525.00

Competitive Grants: We will continue to identify and pursue federal grant opportunities to support CNHD's operations and services.

State Passthrough Grants: CNHD continues to actively work with Nevada DHHS and DPBH to identify, apply for, and receive funding to support CNHD's operations and services.

Clinical Preparation: The CNHD continues to move forward with staffing, service, and educational preparation. We are currently working with Medicaid, Medicare, Nevada state Board of Pharmacy, DHHS, DPBH, and Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to insure CNHD's ability to serve its member communities unique needs.

We appreciate the help from the state's rural community health team in our transition into clinical services. They have been willing to fill in gaps to make sure our rural patients receive a continuity of care and services.

CLIA Certification: Certification was awarded after inspection July 27, 2023.

Pharmacy Certification: We are awaiting onboarding of CNHD's nurse practitioner and testing for dispensing certification. Medication storage devices, safety measures and documentation protocols are in place for future inspections. The State Board of Pharmacy has been very helpful in our efforts and we appreciate their input and time.

Community Health Warnings:

Algae Bloom, Lahontan Reservoir and Associated Waterways: On July 20th , 2023 a potentially harmful algae bloom was reported within the Lahontan reservoir, lake, and associated waterways. Review of posting, use of social media for announcements and education, and quality of education showed a very high level of cooperation between the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, and Nevada State Parks.

The staff of CNHD looks forward to establishing close relationships with these organizations who reflect the goals of a public health system to protect, educate, and promote their communities.

West Nile/Equine Encephalitis: The Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District does testing on captured mosquitos 2-3 times weekly. No positive tests have been discovered in Churchill County. No positive report of West Nile infection has been submitted locally or to the state. The Banner Churchill Hospital's lab has not processed a positive lab sample.

Douglas County

County Health Officer Quarterly Reports to the State Board of Health

County Health Officer Name	John R Holman, MD, MPH
County	Douglas
Date of Submission	1 August 2023
Do you plan to attend the State Board of Health meeting to provide a verbal update as well or answer questions?	No - I have a full time clinical practice and will be seeing patients at that time

County Board of Health Updates

- Any changes related to your county board of health membership or county health officer or deputy county health officer appointments? – **No changes**
- Did you hold a county board of health meeting the last quarter? If so, what topics were covered at the meeting? **No - this meeting was scheduled for 21 July 2023 but had to be rescheduled due to lack of quorum until August 4th, 2023. Agenda items to be discussed:**
 - For presentation only. Presentation from Health and Human Services on 2022 Environmental Health Activities (Maria Menjivar)
 - For Presentation only. Presentation from the Foundational Public Health Services Rural County Survey (Amy Hyne-Sutherland)
- Did the board of health consider any new guidance documents, resolutions, or regulations? *Any regulations under consideration must be approved by the State Board of Health.* **No**
- Has the county board of health adopted any fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license? **No**

General Updates

- Are there any health conditions that the county has focused interventions on in the last quarter to highlight? **We are evaluating the pros and cons of becoming a health district perhaps including other members of the Quad County Coalition**
- Has the county started or ended any public health programs? **No**
- Is there any technical assistance the county needs from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Chief Medical Officer, or State Board of Health? **No**
- Other items you would like to share? **No**

Elko County

County Health Officer Quarterly Reports to the State Board of Health

County Health Officer Name	Dr. Bryce S. Putnam
County	Elko
Date of Submission	08/17/2023

County Board of Health Updates

- Any changes related to your county board of health membership or county health officer or deputy county health officer appointments?
Not at this time
- Did you hold a county board of health meeting the last quarter? If so, what topics were covered at the meeting?
 - On July 19, 2023, the BOH in Elko County conducted the 3rd meeting of the year. The main topic of this meeting was behavioral health and community health updates. The following organizations gave presentations:
 - Nevada Health Centers: **Stephanie White went over the NVHC report. NVHC shared access numbers, community outreach events, and shared the plan for back-to-school immunizations.**
 - Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital: CEO, Steve Simpson updated the Board about the hospital "Scorecard" and the need for transparency and accountability for NNRH to the county.
 - Dr. Putnam spoke about the health bills that were signed by the Governor. He did not go into detail but did want to make the Board aware. He touched on AB37, AB45, AB132, AB158, SB35, SB118, and SB237.
 - Elko County School District: **Ken Higbee spoke on behalf of ECSD. There was a brief discussion about staffing issues within the district. Secondly, the district has brought back health screenings for employees and their spouses. Mr. Higbee further discussed the ongoing mental health issues within the schools. ECSD will provide more skill training for staff and students on suicides.**
 - Vitality Unlimited: Further updates on Vitality's Crisis mobile Unit and the crisis line that was available for immediate response within the City of Elko.
 - Kairos Recovery and Behavioral Health Center: **Troy Harris introduced himself and his team. Kairos is an outpatient and day treatment recovery center. Their goal is long lasting recovery and to help people deal with their traumas that lead into addiction. Limitations to the start of their program include a 3-6 month licensing wait.**
- Did the board of health consider any new guidance documents, resolutions, or regulations? *Any regulations under consideration must be approved by the State Board of Health.*
No agenda items considered documents, resolutions or regulations.

- Has the county board of health adopted any fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license?
 - **No fees were discussed during this meeting.**

General Updates

- Are there any health conditions that the county has focused interventions on in the last quarter to highlight?
Elko County will continue to focus on Behavioral Health, substance abuse and provider Recruitment issues in rural Nevada.

- Has the county started or ended any public health programs?
Elko County has not started or ended any public health programs.
- Is there any technical assistance the county needs from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Chief Medical Officer, or State Board of Health?
Not at this time.

- Other items you would like to share?

We will be talking to providers and businesses about the wait times for licensing within the State. We may reach out to the State Board for clarification about the smooth transition for providers to be licensed in “Hard to Recruit” areas of Nevada.

Esmeralda County

County Health Officer Quarterly Reports to the State Board of Health

County Health Officer Name	Anthony Philips
County	Esmeralda
Date of Submission	08/15/23

County Board of Health Updates

- Any changes related to your county board of health membership or county health officer or deputy county health officer appointments? *Esmeralda County has a new sheriff, Nicholas Dondero*
- Did you hold a county board of health meeting the last quarter? If so, what topics were covered at the meeting? *Meeting was held with no updates at that time.*
- Did the board of health consider any new guidance documents, resolutions, or regulations? *Any regulations under consideration must be approved by the State Board of Health. Not at this time.*
- Has the county board of health adopted any fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license? *Not at this time.*

General Updates

- Are there any health conditions that the county has focused interventions on in the last quarter to highlight? *None*
- Has the county started or ended any public health programs? *Not at this time.*
- Is there any technical assistance the county needs from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Chief Medical Officer, or State Board of Health? *Not at this time.*
- Other items you would like to share?

It is my understanding that neighboring Nye County in the Round Mountain area had 4 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the last 2 weeks. We have had no cases reported in Esmeralda. Was wondering if there was any uptick of cases in the state.

Thank You

Humboldt County

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August 23, 2023

Attn Sherry Stevens:

Quarterly County Health Officer Report To The State Board Of Health

County Health Officer: Charles A. Stringham, MD

County: Humboldt County

Date of Submission: August 23, 2023

County Health Board Updates:

Any changes related to your county board of health membership or county health officer or deputy county health officer appointments?

The Humboldt County Board of Health has two new members. They are the Humboldt County Sheriff, Angel Cardenas and County Commissioner, Mark Evatz. There have been no changes to the position of County Health Officer or additions of deputy health officer appointments.

Did you hold a county board of health meeting the last quarter? If so, what topics were covered at the meeting?

No quarterly meeting of the county board of health was held during the previous quarter.

Has the county board of health adopted any fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license?

There have been no changes or additions to existing health permits or licenses.

General Updates:

Are there any health conditions that the county has focused interventions on in the last quarter to highlight?

Current health conditions that Humboldt County is addressing include the recent discovery of the West Nile virus discovered in a mosquito trapped within our county recently. While there has been no known case of West Nile virus in humans this year, we plan to begin a public awareness campaign in today. This will advise community

members of the best practices to avoid exposure and of what symptoms would indicate reason to seek medical advice. Additionally, a concerted mosquito abatement program is in progress currently as well.

Has the county started or ended any public health programs?

Humboldt County has not begun or ended any public health programs during the past quarter.

Is there any technical assistance the county needs from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Chief Medical Officer, or State Board of Health?

No assistance is requested at present.

If I may be for further assistance to the State Board of Health, I would be happy to provide other details.

Thank you,

Charles A. Stringham, MD

Lander County

County Health Officer Quarterly Report to the State Board of Health

County Health Officer Name: Troy Ross, MD, MPH

County: Lander

Report for: second quarter of 2023

Date of Submission: 8/16/2023

County Board of Health Updates

There are no changes in the Board of Health.

There was one Board of Health meeting completed for the second quarter.

Actions taken by the BOH in the second quarter: the BOH approved a proposal to be forwarded to the county commission to authorize the hiring of an Advanced Nurse Practitioner to staff the community health clinic.

General Updates

Lander County hosted a high school presentation to address the issues surrounding the growing problem of drug use. This was followed by a presentation to the parents and community on the same topic. Follow on community action is anticipated.

Storey County

County Health Officer Quarterly Reports to the State Board of Health

County Health Officer Name	Dr. Scott Shepherd
County	Storey County
Date of Submission	1 September 2023
Do you plan to attend the State Board of Health meeting to provide a verbal update as well or answer questions?	No - I have a full-time clinical practice and will be seeing patients at that time

County Board of Health Updates

- Any changes related to your county board of health membership or county health officer or deputy county health officer appointments? – [No changes](#)
- Did you hold a county board of health meeting the last quarter? If so, what topics were covered at the meeting? [No – we will be establishing times for future meetings.](#)
- Did the board of health consider any new guidance documents, resolutions, or regulations? *Any regulations under consideration must be approved by the State Board of Health.* [No](#)
- Has the county board of health adopted any fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license? [No](#)

General Updates

- [None](#)