



May 1, 2024

Assembly Health Policy Committee

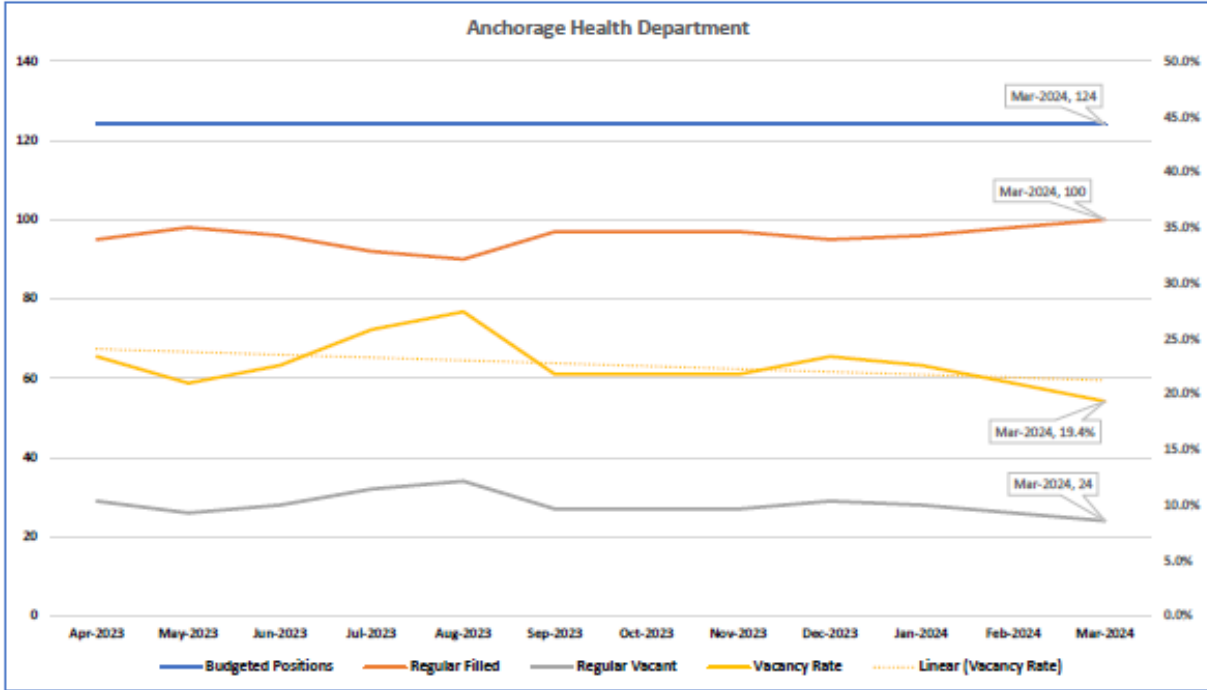
*Please note: all report outs are related to March program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- AHD used social media to advertise WIC services and shared a news article that featured one of WIC's employees, advertised extensively for World TB Day testing, the ADRC's Brown Bag Education Series event, the ASD Community Resource Fair and the AHD employees who attended, the spring equinox, food safety, the building closure for Seward's Day, the Daylight Saving Time change, the Learn to Vend Foods at Markets event with the Anchorage Community Land Trust, jobs at AHD, a volunteer opportunity with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, how to report potholes, free walk-in STI testing, information about measles and the MMR vaccine, the Anchorage Transportation Fair, and a Save the Date announcement for the May 17th Bike to Work Day.
- The PIO sent out a press release about two new clinics that are starting in April: the Well-Baby and Lead Testing Clinics. The PIO assisted the Chief Medical Officer with follow-up questions and media interviews about these two new services that will be provided in the Public Health Clinic and to help people understand the importance of routine examinations for young children.
- The PIO worked with several staff in the Public Health Clinic to create advertising for events, including World TB Day, National STI Awareness Week, Express STI testing, the Well-Baby and Lead Testing Clinics, and immunizations.
- The Anchorage Opioid Task Force aka Anchorage Community Opioid Response Network participated in an interactive session wherein members discussed immediate impacts between specific timeframes. Health Department staff developed a document referencing the immediate impacts with allowable uses for funds under exhibit E of the settlement documents. Next steps include planning out ideas to create a workplan within the 1-2-year timeframe for sustainable long-term positive impacts on the opioid epidemic. Monthly meetings occur at the Anchorage Health Department on the fourth Thursday of every month from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Administration Division

Human Resources

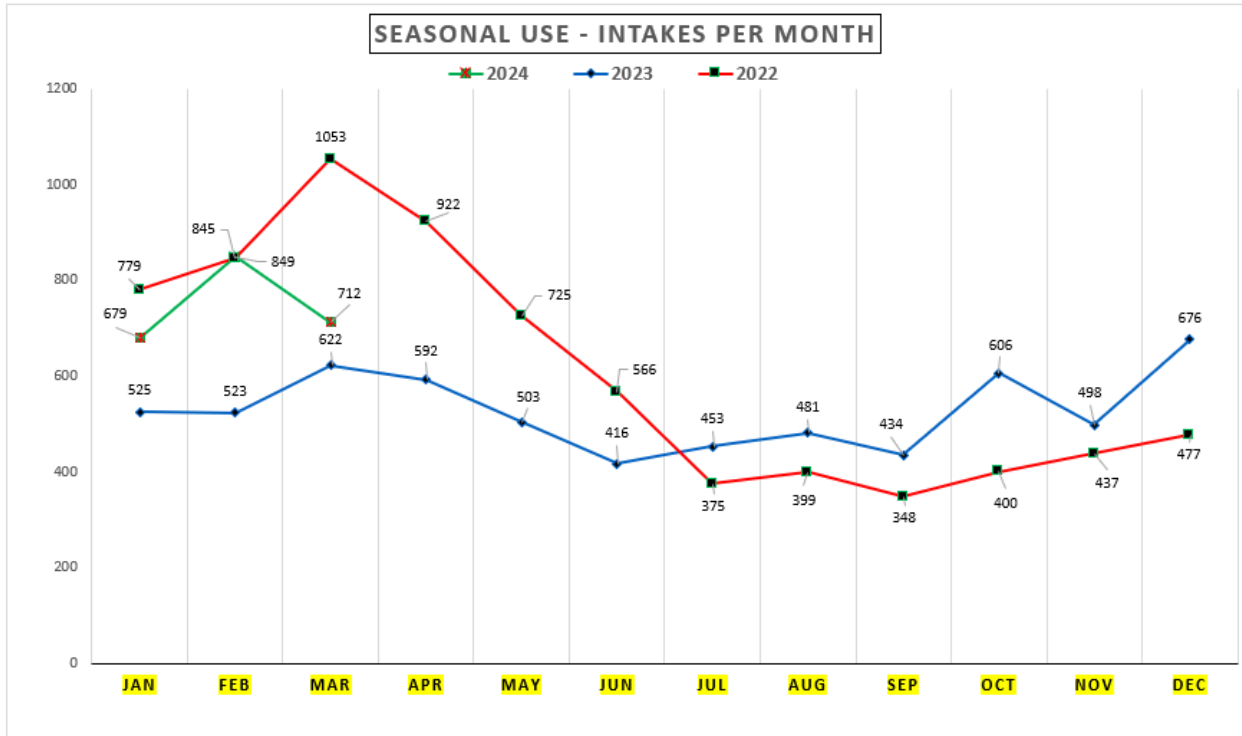


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): Under Title 47, respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day.

- Intakes: 712.
- Responded to calls: 1,163.
- Transported: 537.
- Unduplicated clients: 330.

Overall, 330 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 712 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2024	679	849	712									
2023	525	523	622	592	503	416	453	481	434	606	498	676
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437	477

Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

The Environmental Health (EH) section of the AHD is responsible for the enforcement of numerous sections of the Anchorage Municipal Code including Title 15 (Health), 15.30 (Clean Air Code), and 16.60 (Food Code). The EH program permits, regulates, and inspects over 2,000 public facilities in the Municipality of Anchorage. EH also conducts initial plan reviews, opening inspections, changes of ownership and remodel plan review approvals. Regulated public facilities include food/beverage establishments, school kitchens and pools, hotel kitchens and pools, childcare kitchens, public pools and spas, beauty salons, barbershops, Correctional Community Residential Centers (CCRCs), pesticide applicators, adult establishments, and marijuana retailers. The program also responds to public health complaints regarding food, restaurants, noise, outdoor air quality, pest harborage, smoking in public places, mold in hotels, healthcare transparency, nuisance trash and neighbors, domestic and non-domestic animals, and recreational pools/spas. Air Quality monitors and reports levels of air pollutants, such as fire smoke and fine dust particles, within the Municipality of Anchorage. The program responds to local air quality complaints and is responsible for various air quality projects. Additionally, EH provides noise, special land use, and conditional land use permits. Our Environmental Health Educator coordinates with community partners to participate in public events, promote activities focused on air quality and reducing use of single-occupancy vehicles, and produces food safety education materials, among various other tasks.

In March the EH Program:

- Addressed 28 complaints.
- Performed 61 inspections.
- Made 684 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 2 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 8 Plan Reviews. Worked on 24 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 21 permits.
- Issued 3 Food Worker Cards.

Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

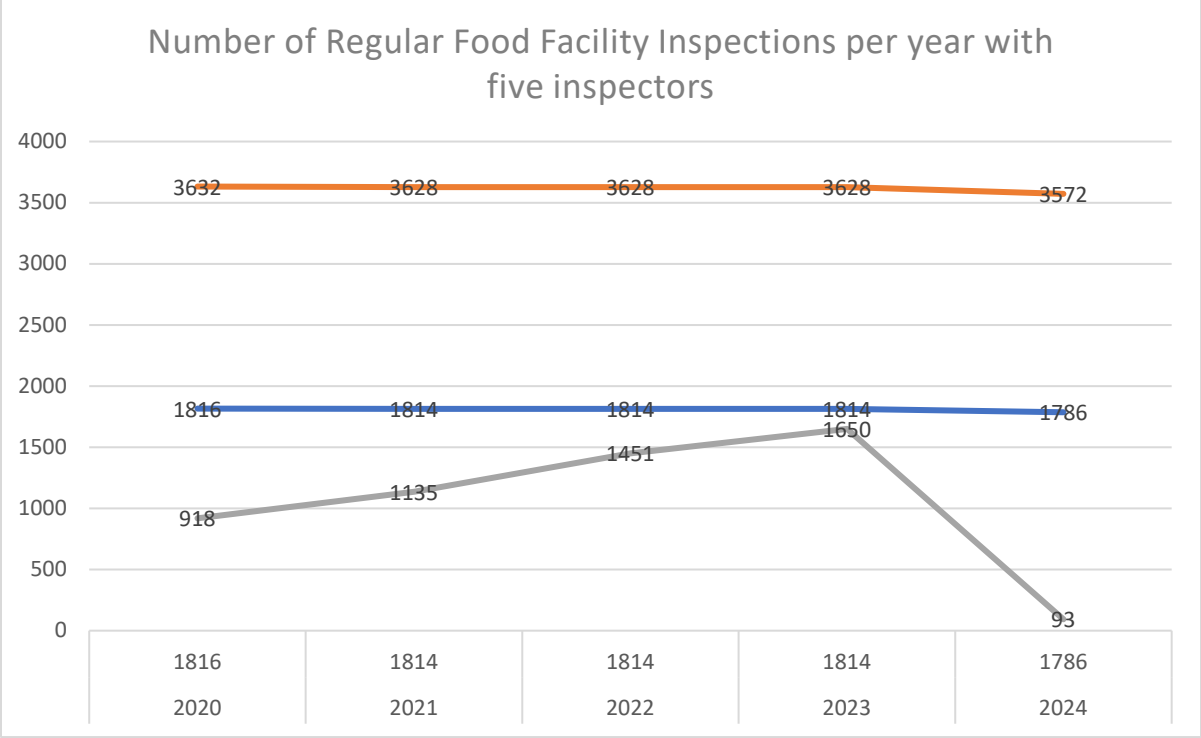
The purpose of the Air Quality and Business Awareness Education Campaign (AMATS) is to help improve air quality in the Anchorage area through advertising and education targeting a reduction in CO and other carbon emissions from high-emissions vehicles. Clean, non-motorized travel such as biking, and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

During March the Air Quality Specialist:

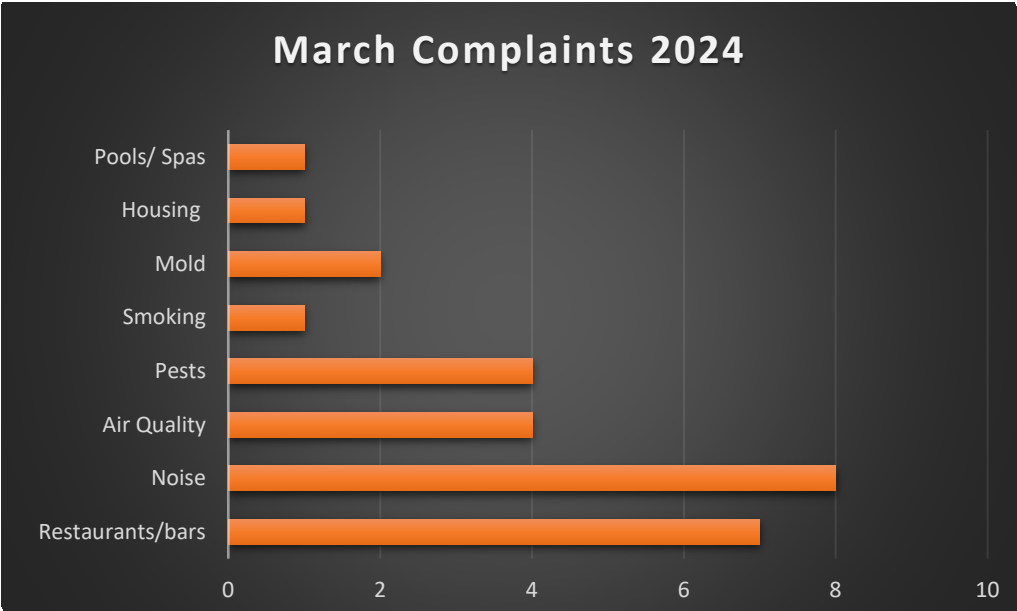
- Responded to 18 citizen complaints regarding air quality, noise, mold, and pest issues.
- Posted daily air quality forecasts via web & phone message.
- Participated in AMATS-TAC meeting: responded to report on transportation linkages (network efficiency & impacts study) Participated AQ Earth data review and network planning meeting.
- Reviewed FHWA guidance to advise future Transportation Efficiency Strategies analysis to demonstrate project eligibility for FHWA grant funds for that objective.
- Participated in meetings to advance the Anchorage/ Mat-Su air quality network in cooperation with DEC-Air Program.
- Participated in an AMATS-TAC meeting to present and recommend to the Policy Committee an updated AMATS Safety Plan; to review and provide comments on a conclusion report for the Seward Hwy to Glenn Hwy PEL (Planning Environmental Linkages) Study; and to learn lessons/ take-aways from MOA Transportation Planning staff who participation in a Cycling Urbanism Master Class.

During March the Environmental Health Educator:

- Distributed 1 Plug@20 kit (block-heater timer and extension cord, along with literature about reducing air emissions). This campaign is now closed for the season.
- Worked to revise/update advertising for Mar/Apr 2024 with Alaska Public Media, I Heart Radio, and the Alaska Channel.
- Completed events: None in March.
- Outreach: Met with Parks & Rec Youth Biking Program and distributed 10 helmets with helmet-fitting educational handouts.
- Other Activities: Created/posted social media content for AQ and Food programs, bike safety, and event promotion, ordered and received supplies and incentive giveaways. Met with Parks & Rec Youth Biking Program and distributed 10 helmets with helmet-fitting educational handouts.



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

- March WIC participant total: 3,700.
- Performed three vendor audits on their WIC eligible stores to ensure the stores are keeping minimum stock requirements for WIC products.
- Disseminated to all active participants: Annual WIC Survey – received 774 responses (27% of the English and Spanish surveys sent) and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Survey – received 31 responses (22% of the English and Spanish surveys sent). Compiling data and will provide an update to client feedback in April program updates.
- Emails to participants to help increase WIC redemption of benefits and provide information of recent increase in their fruit and vegetables cash value.
- Outreach events:
 - Anchorage School District Community Resources Fair, 3/8/2024
 - “Community Café” Gardening/Nutrition Event, 3/23/2024
- Facebook: 42 posts: 6,750 reach.
- Instagram: 25 posts: 218 reach.

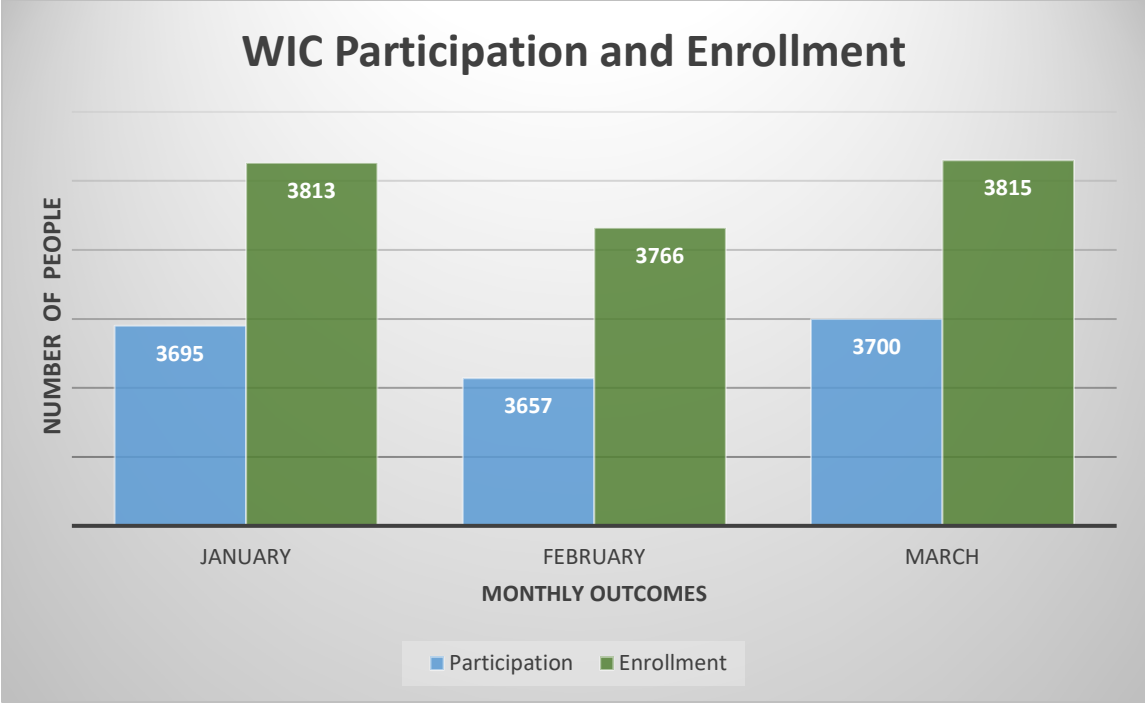
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

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

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 56 women currently enrolled.
- 112 total contacts were made in February to the 56 enrollees.
- Five new BFPC in training.
- Facebook: 14 posts: 539 reach.
- Instagram: 12 posts: 210 reach.

WIC Goal: Increase enrollment and participation to roughly 9,557 participants by 2025.

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



Community Health Nursing (CHN):

- Tracked 8 pathogen cases in February.

Pathogens	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Campylobacteriosis	1	1	3
Legionella		1	
Salmonella	3		1
Haemophilus	1		
Pertussis		1	2
Giardiasis		1	
Mumps*	5		
Hepatitis A		1	
Typhoid fever		1	
Vibrio infection, incl. cholera		1	
Shigellosis	1	1	
E.coli			2

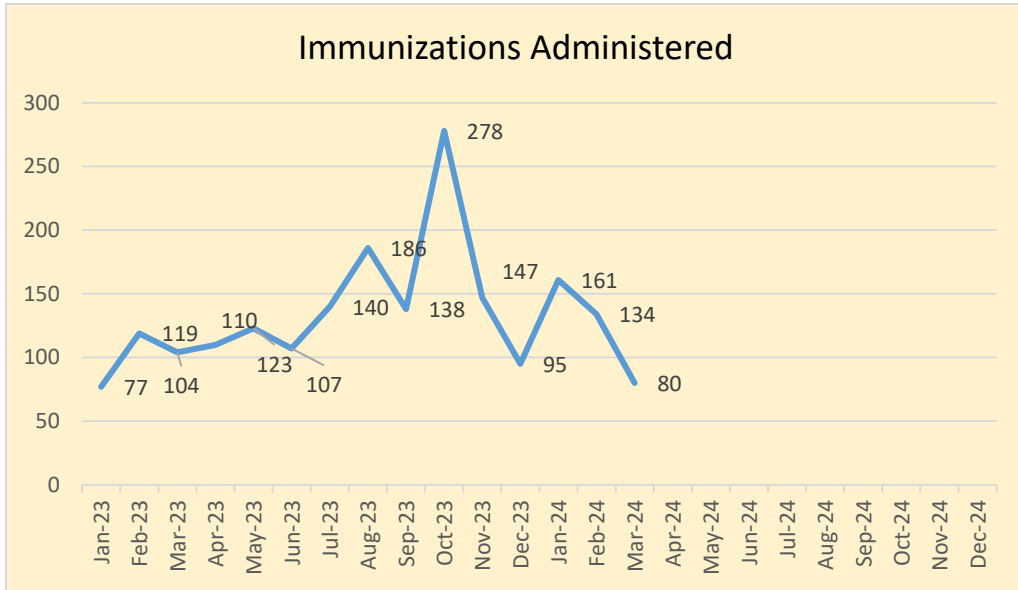
*no confirmed cases in Anchorage

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

Immunizations

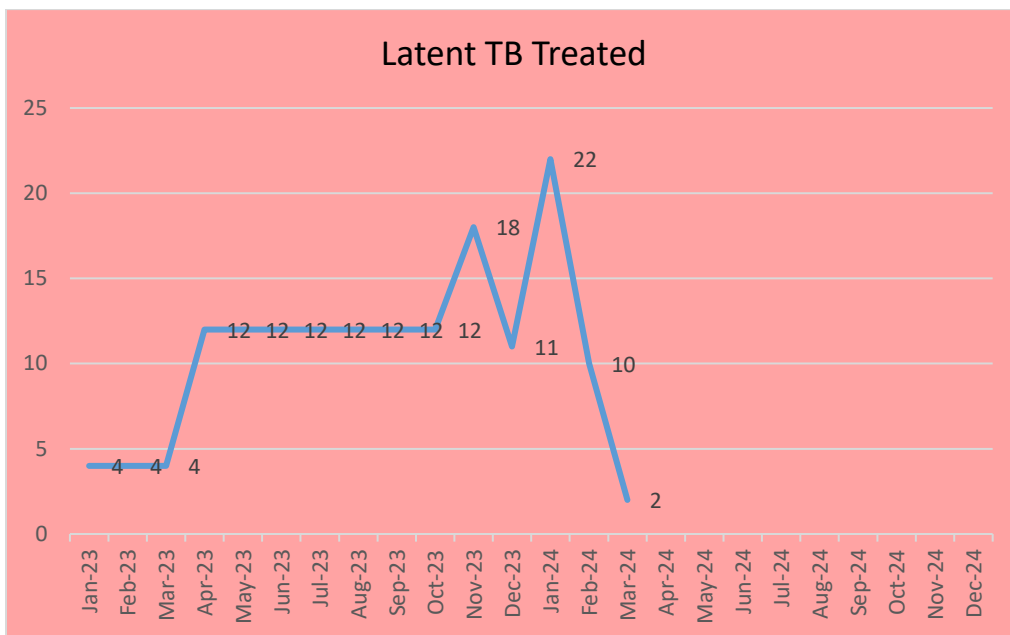
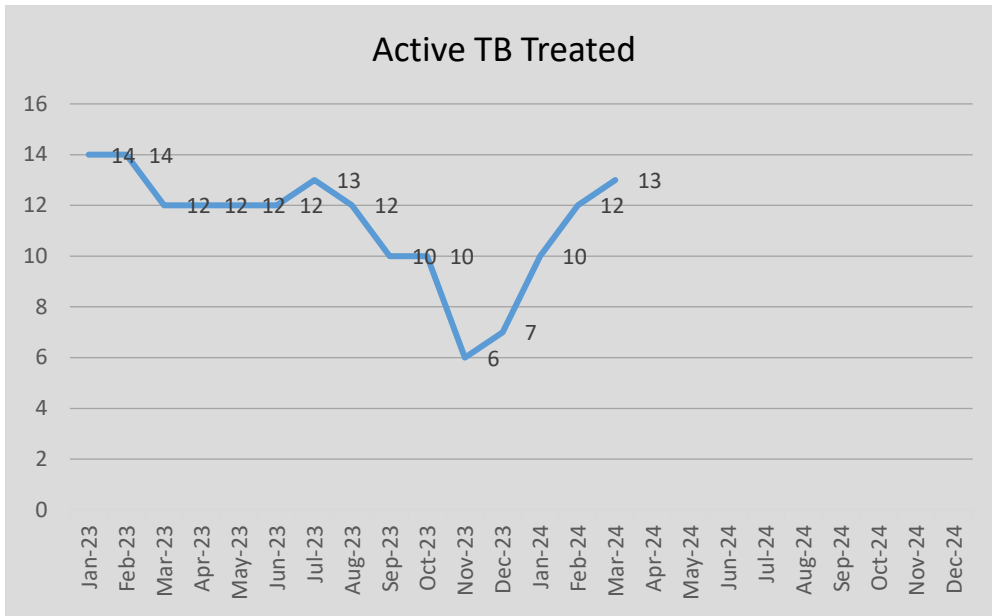
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 80 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 13 Moderna bivalent

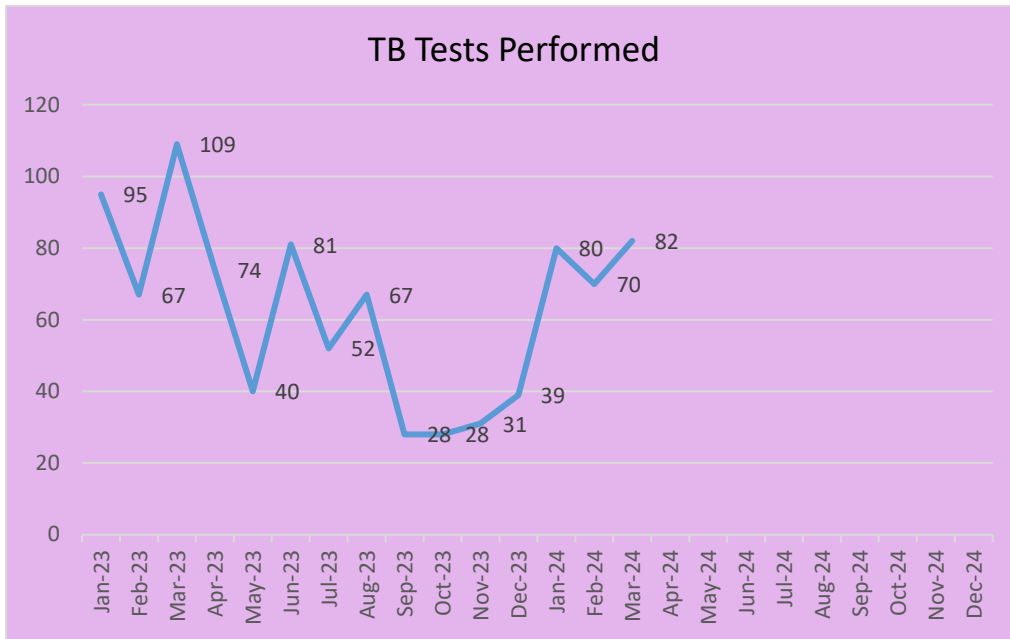
- 3 HPV
- 0 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
- 5 RSV
- 7 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
- 52 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 13 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 82
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 0
- World TB Day, March 27, 2024 (free tests & food): 31 tested, 4 positives

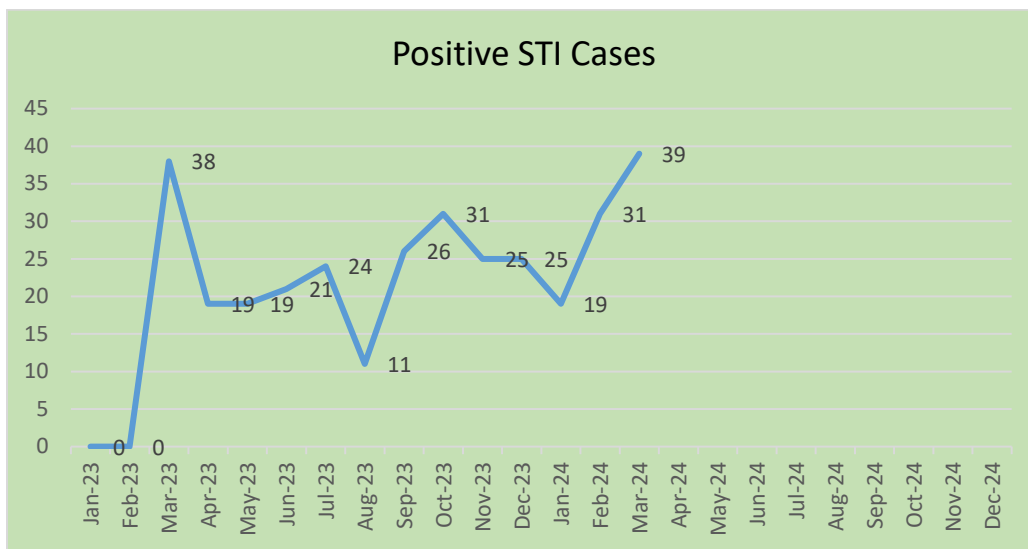
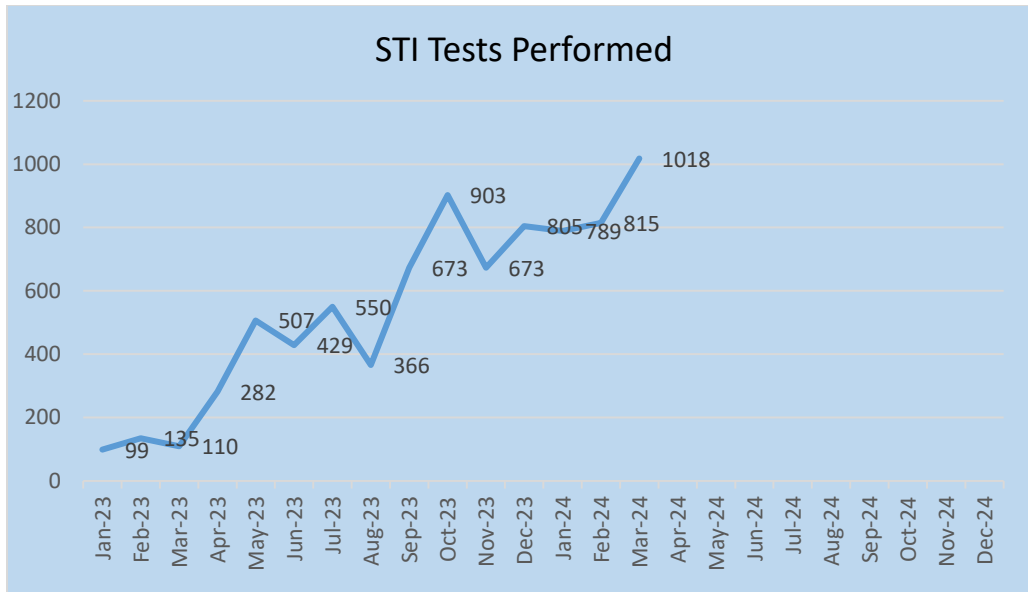




Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

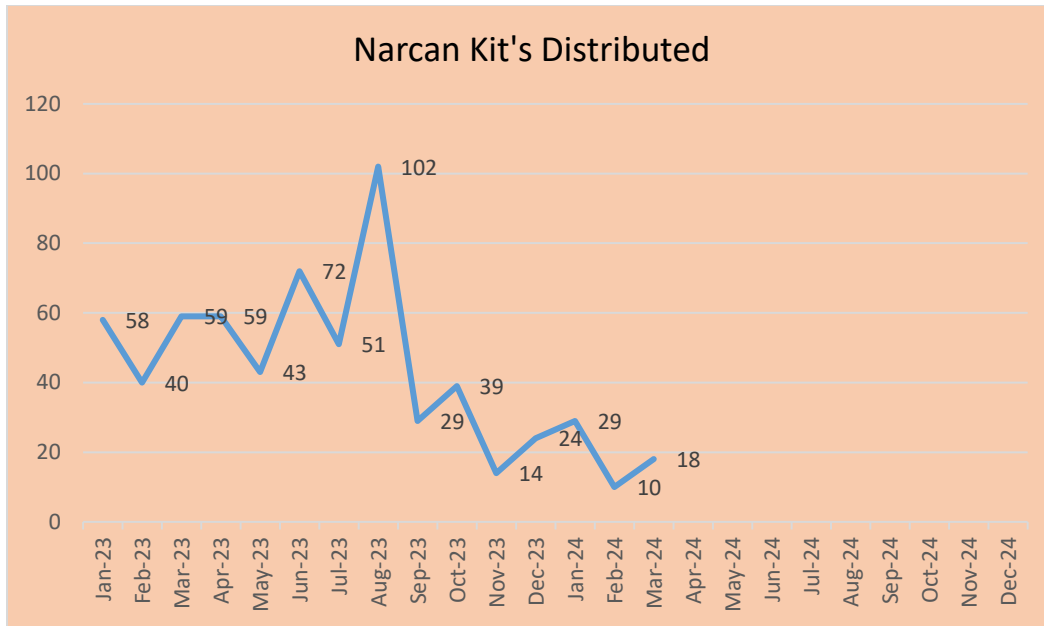
- STI express service is a walk-in screening focused specifically on STI screenings with low barriers and no cost to client that can reduce visit times, decrease time to treatment, and use provider time more efficiently.
- 122 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old.

STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	138	0
Rapid HCV	86	1
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	268	17
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clamper (GC)	270	9
Syphilis	120	10
Trichomoniasis	136	2



Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 18 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in March.
 - 9 kits by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 6 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 3 kits on outreach.
 - 0 kits for staff training.
- Less kits being distributed is attributed to less demand. Kits offered *on demand at above locations*. Additionally, Sexual Health Clinic staff can offer naloxone and fentanyl test strips during office visits. Kits are available at appropriate public events (no events in last 3 months). Naloxone flyers are posted in exam rooms, and on the [website](#).



HIV Prevention

- 6,372 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 119 youth ages 13-22 educated on sexual health and relationships at three community partners: McLaughlin Youth Center, ASD Benny Benson Secondary, and UAA.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2024 MEETING DATES

MAY	1	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	2	Thursday	5:00-6:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	8	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health and Human Services Commission
	22	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	23	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board