

# TETON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023





## VISION

We envision a safe environment and a healthy community.

## MISSION

Our mission is to promote the health and wellbeing of the community through protection and prevention efforts in collaboration with an engaged public and other community partners.

# Welcome

## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Member,

Over the past year, the Health Department focused on continuing our efforts related to positive work culture and increased organizational capacity. Our journey began with a staff retreat to dive into our work culture following the Department’s participation in a Fail Forward project through The Centre for Public Impact and the National Association of County Administrators. The Department has committed to improving our work culture and will continue to focus on this area into next fiscal year.

Several projects were completed to help achieve our goal of increasing organizational capacity. The first step was to update the Department’s Strategic Plan. Three key priority areas will help guide the Department’s direction for the next four years. Another project was the restructuring of the Nursing Division to add a Nurse Coordinator to each program, ensuring long-term sustainability for the Nursing Division’s management team. A new staff position was filled to work on Behavioral Health with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The position assists the Prevention Coordinator with five focus areas related to Community Prevention.

The Department maintained its community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Using systems developed during the COVID-19 response, the Department leveraged processes to respond quickly to MPOX (formerly monkeypox).

We thank the Teton District Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners for their continued support of the work the Health Department staff does to serve our community. We strive for fiscal responsibility by using grant opportunities and the collection of fees for service to offset our operational costs. We look forward to continuing to serve our community through a health equity lens where opportunities for good health are available to all.

Sincerely,

Jodie Pond, MPH, MCHES®  
Director of Health  
Teton County Health Department

## PROGRAMS

Look for these symbols throughout this report to identify the programs that contributed to the work on these pages.



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# FINANCIALS

The overall revenue, including grants, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, was \$2,016,010.56. This represents a decrease of \$212,406.61 from the last Fiscal Year. The change is attributed to a decrease in COVID-19 Grant revenue, while most other general revenue from services increased over last Fiscal Year.

## REVENUE

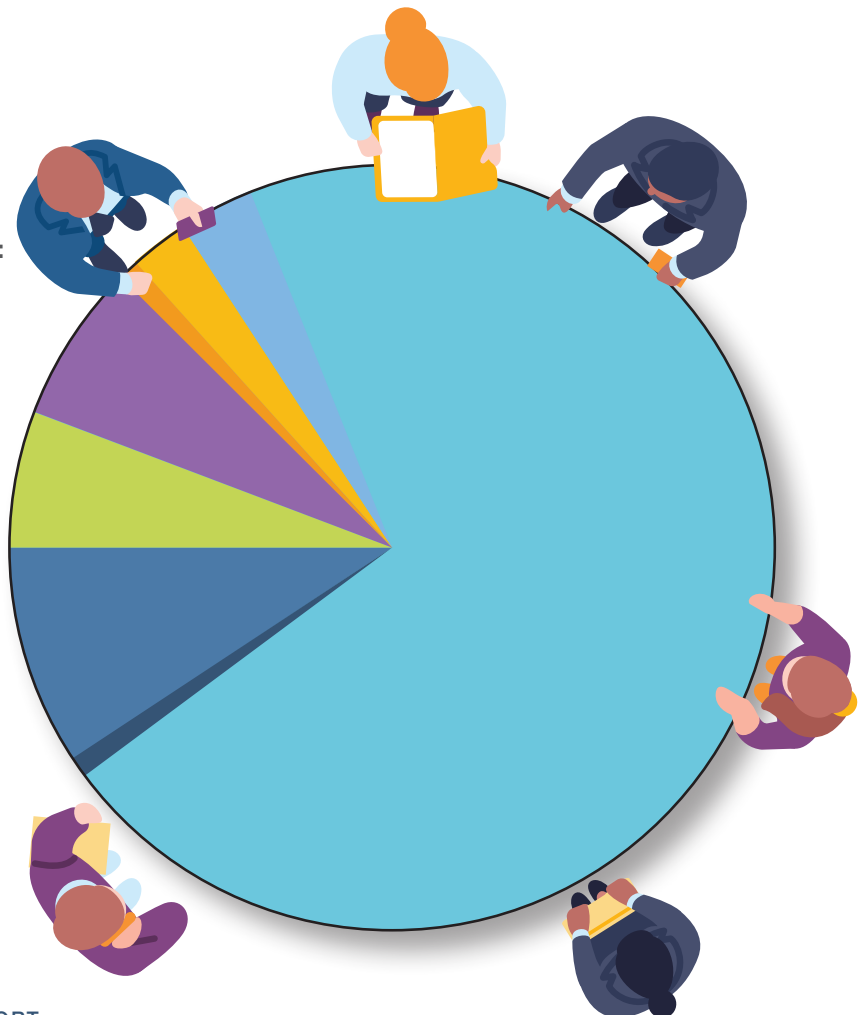
		DESCRIPTION
● Grants (detail below): . . . . .	\$1,463,267.11	73% Revenue generated by grants
● Immunization/Clinic . . . . .	\$137,085.06	7% Fees paid by clients and third-party insurance billing
● Environmental Health . . . . .	\$118,011.25	6% Fees collected for licenses, inspections, plan reviews, radon test kits, ServSafe® classes, and CPO classes
● Water Lab . . . . .	\$60,750.00	3% Fees collected for potable and pool/spa water analysis
● Communicable Disease . . . . .	\$48,025.00	2% Services paid by State of Wyoming and client fees
● Maternal & Child Health . . . . .	\$1,863.41	>1% Breast pump revenue
● Adult Health . . . . .	\$1,200.00	>1% Service-based fees paid by the State for long-term care assessments
● Misc. Revenues . . . . .	\$185,808.73	9% Miscellaneous revenues received include \$101,611.00 from Old Bill's fundraising

## GRANTS

Teton County Health Department received the following grants/contracts revenue this Fiscal Year:

COVID-19 CDC Vaccine Grant . . . . .	\$292,094.68
Community Health Worker Grant . . . . .	\$262,374.95
Communicable Disease Grant . . . . .	\$234,339.00
COVID-19 CDC I/T/T Grant . . . . .	\$196,717.96
Prevention Grant . . . . .	\$168,354.50
Maternal & Child Health Grant . . . . .	\$107,133.75
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Grant . . . . .	\$101,306.60
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant . . . . .	\$100,301.67
County Health Officer Emergency Preparedness Contract . . . . .	\$6,400.00

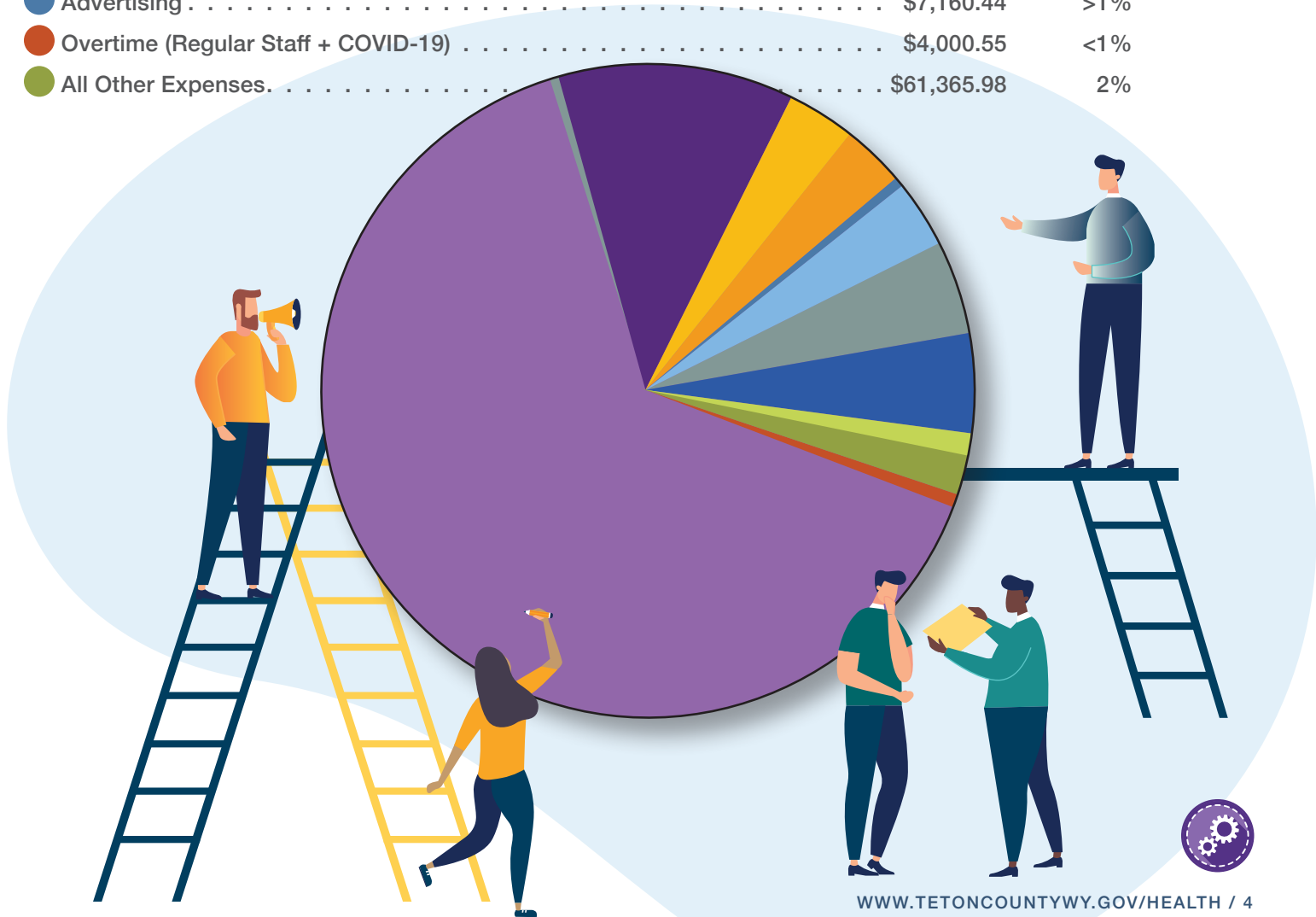
Several grant payments for FY23 were received in FY24 and are not included in the revenue figures listed above.



The overall expenses for FY 2023 were \$3,121,595.87. This represented a decrease of \$170,349.16 from last Fiscal Year. The majority of this decrease is reflected in the decrease of expenses related to COVID-19 (Extra Hire Salaries/Benefits, Overtime, and Supplies) while other expense categories increased slightly from the prior year. All COVID-19 expenses were reimbursed through federal grant funding or other donations.

## EXPENSES

Salary/Benefit	\$2,044,814.36	66%
Extra Hire	\$360,906.61	12%
Nursing Services Expenses	\$151,947.14	5%
Grant Expenses	\$145,219.96	5%
State Nursing Salary	\$103,874.49	3%
Reproductive Health	\$101,525.17	3%
COVID-19 Expenses	\$97,109.14	3%
EH Expenses	\$34,846.03	1%
Professional Services	\$8,826.00	>1%
Advertising	\$7,160.44	>1%
Overtime (Regular Staff + COVID-19)	\$4,000.55	<1%
All Other Expenses	\$61,365.98	2%



# IN THE COMMUNITY

Health Department Staff work to educate children and adults in the community through classes, special events, and outreach clinics. Check out some of the places we've been!

## EDUCATION 32 classes were taught a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum reaching 370 students

**898** 4 – 12 grade students taught evidence-based drug prevention curriculum which consists of mitigating the risk factors and enhancing protective factors related to tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, opioids, and other drug use

**2** Certified Pool Operator Classes – 32 participants earned a certification

**2** Food Protection Manager Classes – 49 students participated, 33 of whom passed training

**63** adult community members received Mental Health First Aid training

**77** community members received safeTALK - Suicide Alertness for Everyone training

**68** alcohol servers certified in TiPS – Training for Intervention Procedures

**5** Bloodborne pathogen classes at Curran Seeley's youth and adult classes educated 53 community members



# Community

## OUTREACH CLINICS

**103** participants received STI testing and were provided with additional safe sex materials and information at five events

**56** participants at three in-clinic testing events

**34** participants at two events at Grand Teton National Park

**2** lead screening events tested 74 children for lead and hemoglobin levels

**101** flu vaccines provided at a Kid & Family Flu Clinic

**259** flu shots were provided at two Senior Flu Clinics at the Senior Center of Jackson Hole

**13** participants received rapid testing for Hepatitis C during the Senior Health and Wellness Day

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**2** Infant Gear and Clothing Swap events with over 550 attendees

**2** Drug Take Back Days—94 pounds of expired and unused Rx collected and disposed of safely

Outreach at **18** Community Events

**1** Survivors of Suicide Loss Day of Remembrance Celebration of Life Event provided community members with shared experience to connect in a safe and supportive environment



# IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Unity for Suicide Prevention (CUSP) & Dr. Kent Corso  
Suicidologist Dr. Kent Corso visited Jackson Hole for three opportunities related to suicide prevention

## PROSPER TRAINING

Dr. Corso trained 178 human services professionals in his approach called PROSPER - Proactive Reduction of Suicide in Populations via Evidence-based Research. Now they can:

**Adopt language** for suicidality that is respectful and non-judgmental

**Assist patients** with suicidal symptoms in a collaborative, empowering way, anchored in the client's values and priorities



**Assess suicide risk** in 10 minutes or less

**Discuss with patients'** ambivalence and reasons for living


**Collaboratively** devise a crisis response plan that may reduce suicide attempts by 76%. Provide brief interventions to de-activate the suicidal mode

## PROSPER Policy Summit

Dr. Corso guided a discussion of the current state of affairs of Teton County behavioral health systems with key organizational local decision makers. Governor Gordon's Director of Health and Human Policy also participated in the summit.

The focus was to establish ways to align the continuum of care and update practice policies to reflect and support the newest evidence-based standard of care in suicide prevention.

Join Our **COMMUNITY IN UNITY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION (CUSP):**  
A Groundbreaking Talk  
with **Dr. Kent Corso**



Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> | 5:30-8:00pm  
The Center Lobby & Theater



## Community Unity for Suicide Prevention (CUSP)

This community event at the Center for the Arts was attended by more than 260 people. Dr. Corso shared the latest research and innovative strategies in suicide prevention, lethal means counseling, and firearm safety. The event helped empower all community members—not simply those at risk. Using specific tools to manage distress attendees learned how to not only keep themselves safe, but to thrive by focusing on their values and priorities (reasons for living). Guests included local suicide attempt survivor, Will Wagner, and a local survivor of a loved one's suicide attempt, Melissa Fox.





# Community

## CREDIBLEMIND

CredibleMind is a free, bilingual, web-based platform for Teton County residents. It provides access to mental health tools and is available anonymously 24/7. CredibleMind launched in May 2023 thanks to funding from the Health Disparities Grant provided by the Wyoming Department of Health.

### The site's tools include

- podcasts
- apps
- articles
- videos

### Topics include

- depression
- anxiety
- burnout
- meditation
- self-care

There are also anonymous evidence-based clinical self-assessments available. Local mental health services and crisis resources are linked through the site for users that want to seek specific treatment.

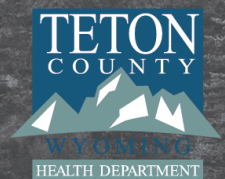
**The top topics**—burnout, anxiety and young adults, depression and addiction and recovery.

**The top resources**—Service directory for Teton County's Network of Care and ManTherapy.com.

Visit [teton.crediblemind.com](https://teton.crediblemind.com) or scan the QR code to learn more.



Free Mental Health Assessments and Resources



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# IN THE COMMUNITY

**Community Health Outreach** The Community Health Outreach Program (CHOW) utilizes a team of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to collaborate with partners and health and human service organizations in Teton County to improve access to care and health equity for all.



“I’m a **Community Health Outreach Worker**.

*I’m a frontline public health worker who helps bridge the gap between community members and the health and social service systems. I help underserved community members increase their healthcare system knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities like community education, navigating healthcare related financial applications, and building connections.”*



The Community Health Outreach Program is funded through a Health Disparities Grant provided by the Wyoming Department of Health starting in March 2022.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH WORKERS (CHOW)

### The Latina Empowerment Circle: A 9-week Series



Launched in partnership with Voices JH, Community Safety Network, Teton Behavior Therapy, and the Teton County Health Department. This program was developed in direct response to community feedback collected by Voices JH that indicated widespread and strong desire for opportunities for Latina women to learn about healthy relationships, self-care, mental health, parenting topics, and more.

**8** women completed the entire series and graduated with more knowledge about the resources in our community, a strong support network, and more confidence in talking about difficult, sensitive subjects

## REFERRALS/APPLICATIONS

**217** clients assisted with applications to St. John's Health Foundation's Women's Health Care Fund, WY Cancer Program, Merck, Medicaid, and others

**42** referrals to local providers for follow-up care

**272** financial assistance applications

## Conecta con CHOW

Every week at the Teton County Library a Community Health Worker (CHW) was available for community members to drop in with questions and needs regarding medical financial applications and community resource navigation. The initiative was created in response to growing requests for assistance from CHWs on medical financial applications, Medicaid re-enrollment season, and general time for community members to ask questions.



# RESPONSE

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

**1,933** calls to the COVID-19 Hotline

**1,702** cases were investigated before investigations ended on December 8, 2023

**16** part-time employees

**3** contract employees

### Teton County COVID-19 Dashboard

Due to the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration on May 11, 2023, not all of the same statistics were available. The dashboard was retired.



## VACCINES

**5,028** COVID-19 vaccines were administered from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

**1,224** to children ages 6 months – 18 years

**3,804** to adults age 19 and up

**132** COVID-19 vaccine doses given at 8 community events

**278** doses administered at the 60+ COVID-19 vaccine clinic to meet demand for updated boosters

### COVID-19 Testing in Jackson

Rapid ID Now & Lab PCR testing available  
No out-of-pocket cost with valid US insurance  
No-cost testing for uninsured patients  
Self-pay option available

**Testing Center (Target Plaza)**  
Abbott ID Now testing • Same day results  
PCR testing also available  
520 S Hwy 89, Jackson, WY 83001  
Mon-Fri 7:30am- 3pm, Sat 9am - 1pm



Book now at [curative.com](https://www.curative.com)





# response

## OTHER RESPONSES

**135** Vaccines given

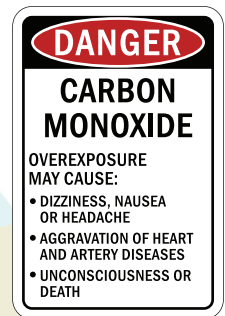
Using the same registration format as the COVID-19 response, TCHD was able to quickly gear up and respond for MPX. THCD also used community partners, social media, and other communication methods to ensure the community knew how to register for the MPX vaccine.

**20** Cyclosporiasis cases

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the microscopic parasite *Cyclospora cayentanensis*. People can become infected with *Cyclospora* by consuming food or water contaminated with the parasite.

**1** Carbon Monoxide Poisoning response

Staff provided English and Spanish materials on carbon monoxide poisoning for an incident to ensure that other community members who were exposed knew what symptoms to watch out for.



## RABIES

**48** possible rabies exposures

**25** bats tested

**1** raccoon tested

**2** dogs quarantined



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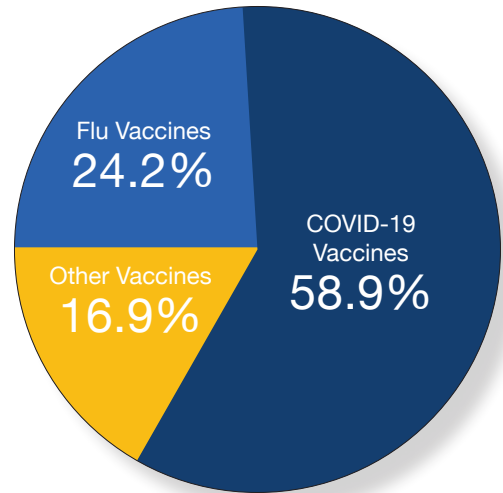
The Health Department staff works to ensure all Teton County community members are able to access services and care. Here are some highlights of the Health Department's accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2023.

## IMMUNIZATIONS PROGRAM

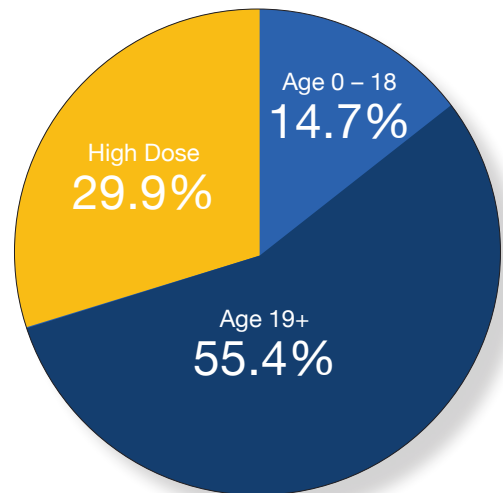
FREE VACCINES FOR UN- AND UNDERINSURED INDIVIDUALS	
Total Vaccines	707
Children Age 0 - 18	522
Adults Age 19 +	185

The Health Department provides free vaccines to un- and underinsured children and vulnerable adults. School required vaccines for all children ages 18 and younger are available through the federal Vaccines For Children and the state's Wyoming Vaccinates Important People programs.

IMMUNIZATIONS	
Total Vaccines	8,536
COVID-19 Vaccines	5,028
Flu Vaccines	2,068
Other Vaccines	1,305



FLU VACCINES	
Total Vaccines	2,068
Age 0 - 18	304
Age 19 +	1,146
High-Dose Age 65+	618



## MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM (MCH)

**Each family receives a minimum of 25 home visits by a specially trained MCH nurse**



Wyoming Department of Health's Hand in Hand is a voluntary, evidence-based, home-visiting program which supports growing families starting in pregnancy and continuing until the child's second birthday. During the home visits, topics including wellbeing, breastfeeding, starting solid foods, caring for infants, infant development, and communication with children are covered. Age-appropriate gifts are given at each visit to celebrate milestones.

**69** appointments for other services such as child safety education and lactation for non-Wyoming Department of Health Hand in Hand clients

**165** County Birth Referrals for infants born at St. John's Health or Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center who are also Teton County, Wyoming residents

**50** Children's Special Health appointments: A care coordination program that helps families of children with special health care needs schedule doctors appointments, Medicaid appointments, assistance with travel appointments, and more



**15** clients were loaned a hospital-grade breast pump

**41** prenatal lab visits were completed saving about \$450 per test



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## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM

1,067 total appointments

### LONG-ACTING REMOVABLE CONTRACEPTIVES (LARCS) PLACED

48 IUDs

49 implants

### PREGNANCY

302 pregnancy tests completed by Reproductive Health, Counseling and Testing, and MCH nurses

### NEW SERVICES

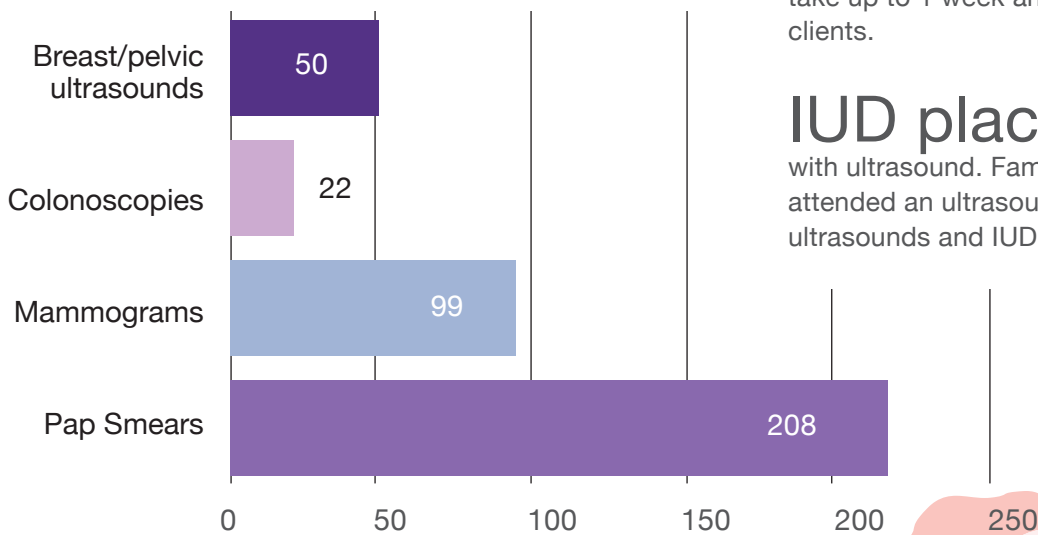
#### In-house rapid testing

for 2 common vaginal infections. Prior, results would take up to 1 week and cost would be a barrier for clients.

#### IUD placement checks

with ultrasound. Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) attended an ultrasound training focused on pelvic ultrasounds and IUD placement checks.

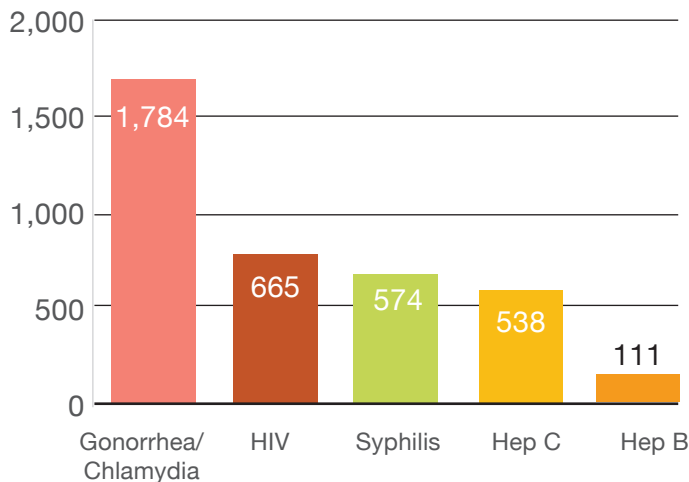
### 379 CANCER PREVENTION SCREENINGS & REFERRALS





## SEXUAL HEALTH PROGRAM

3,672 STI TESTS



1,110 Appointments during which STI tests occurred

Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) tests conducted through Reproductive Health, Sexual Health, and MCH Programs.

88 treatments provided for reportable infections (gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, latent TB)

18 HIV Case Management Clients

16 PrEP Case Management Clients

**NEW!** In an effort to make STI testing more accessible, quarterly Saturday testing events happen on-site. So far 56 people have attended three walk-in clinics.

17,963 Free Condoms distributed to 5 locations

**FREE STD TESTING EVENT**

Saturday, June 25th

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Teton County Health Department  
460 East Pearl Ave

Walk in any time between 11AM and 3PM. Music, and pride swag will be provided. Testing available for HIV, Chlamydia/Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Hep C.

**Everyone is welcome!**

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH

### Mental Health

**A total of 19 referrals were made to the counseling fund and 13 people accessed care**

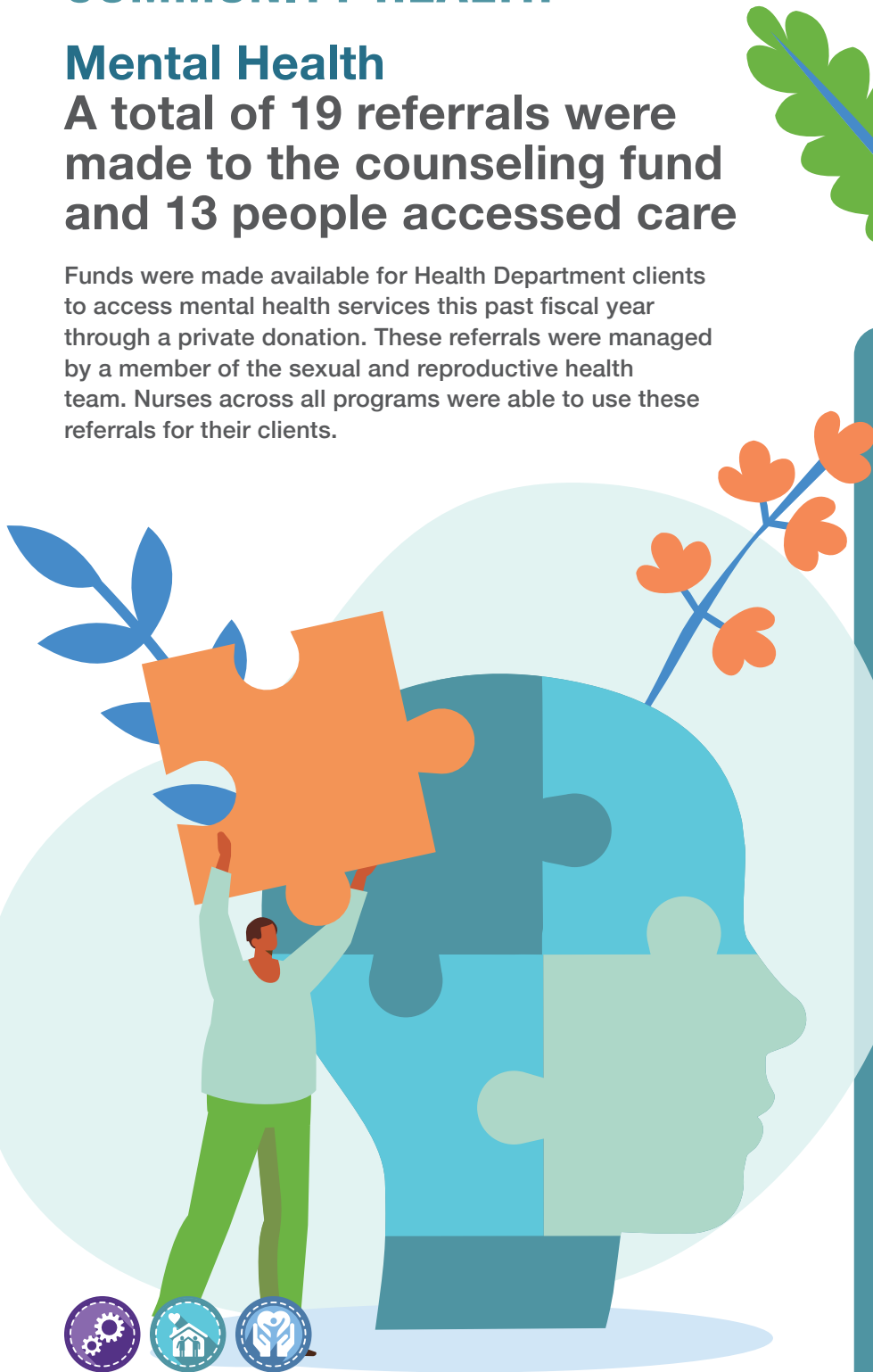
Funds were made available for Health Department clients to access mental health services this past fiscal year through a private donation. These referrals were managed by a member of the sexual and reproductive health team. Nurses across all programs were able to use these referrals for their clients.



### HiP Training

Human Impact Partners was brought in to assist with advancing health equity in our Department and our community. Over the course of several months, our team engaged in both workshops and technical advising sessions centered around root cause analysis and community power building and partnerships.

This work allowed our team to gain insight into the complexities of changing local policy, integrating cultural competency into our outreach efforts, and how community partners are vital to change.

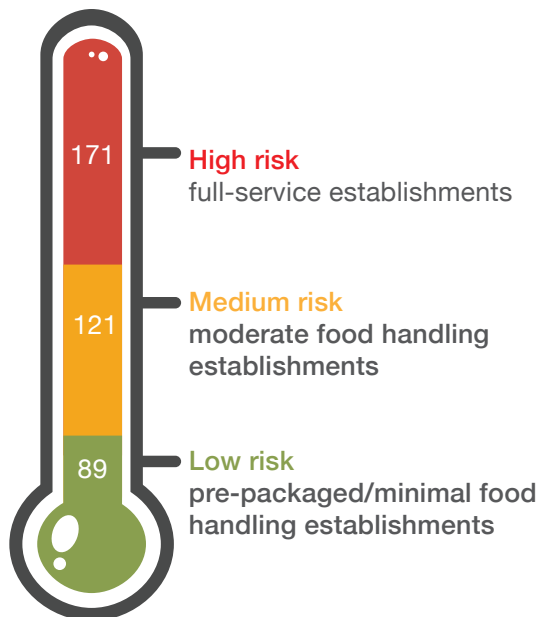


## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### FOOD SERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM

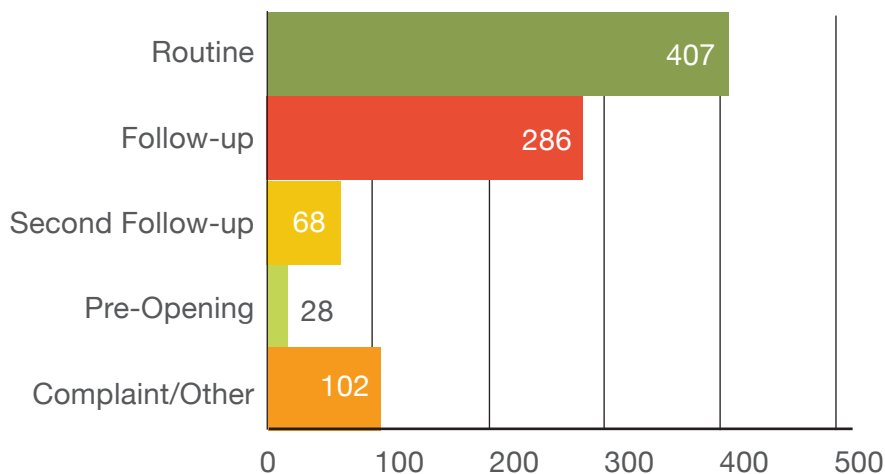
Teton County has 407 Food Licenses.

Inspections are conducted based on risk ratings:



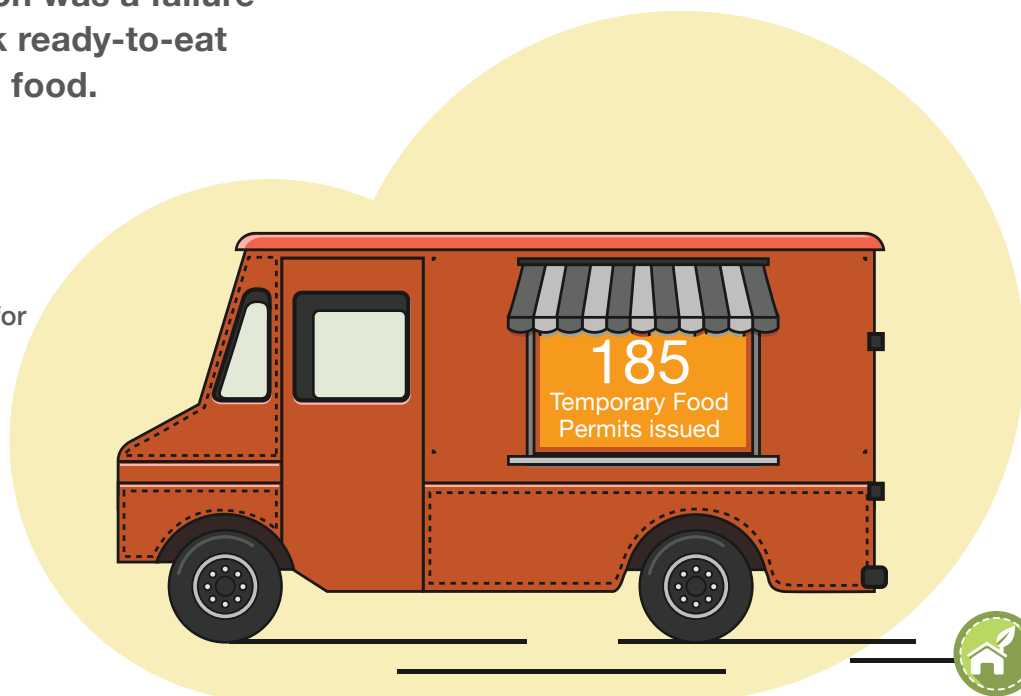
The most common critical food violation was a failure to datemark ready-to-eat refrigerated food.

### 891 TOTAL FOOD INSPECTIONS



## Inspections

Scan the QR code to view the most recent inspection reports for establishments in Teton County.



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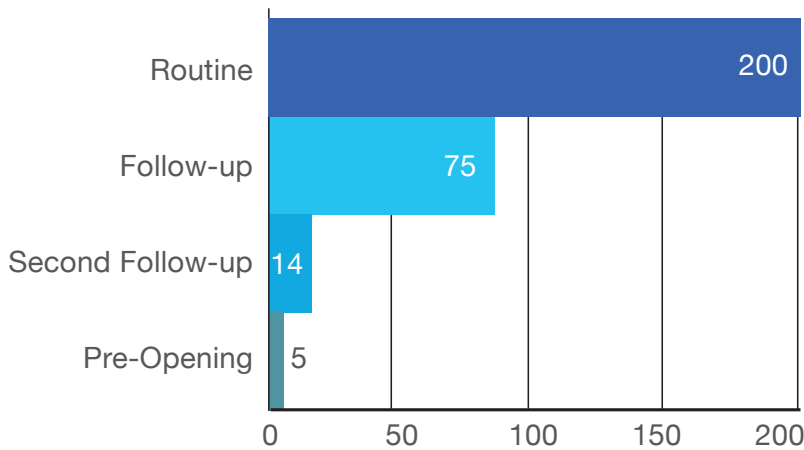
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## Environmental Health reviews facility construction plans to ensure code compliance

**12** Food Plan  
Reviews completed

**7** Pool/Spa Plan  
Reviews completed

## 294 POOLS & SPAS INSPECTIONS



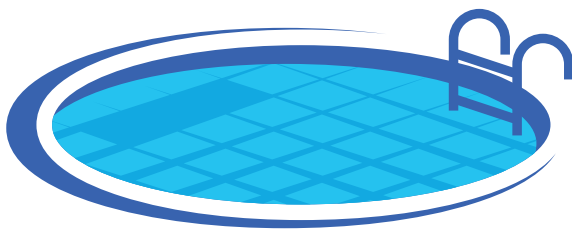
The most common pool and spa critical violations were record keeping and minimum testing frequencies not met.

## WATER TESTING: DRINKING WATER

**2,374** samples

**105** tested positive  
for Total Coliform

**6** tested positive  
for *E.coli*



## WATER TESTING: POOL & SPA

**1,147** pool/spa water  
samples

**44** exceeded the bacteria  
threshold limit



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## RADON KITS

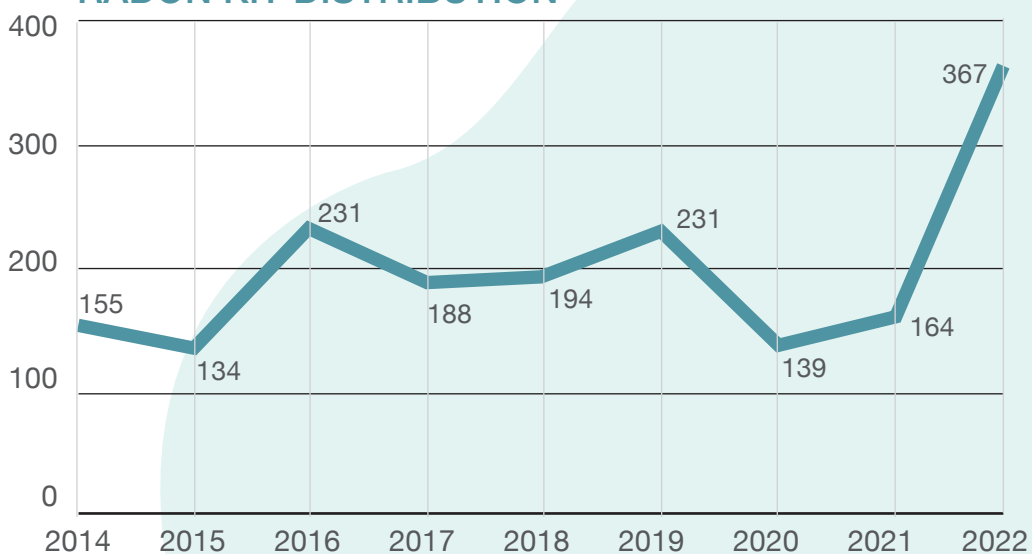
**367** test kits were distributed

**256** results were recorded back

**28%** were above the EPA recommended level of 4 pCL



### RADON KIT DISTRIBUTION



## BODY ART INSPECTIONS

**6** body art establishments

**7** practitioners in Teton County



# STRATEGIC PLAN & KEY PRIORITY AREAS

Every five to seven years, Teton County Health Department creates a Strategic Plan to direct high-level action and growth. For the 2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan, TCHD has identified three Key Priority Areas.

## Key Priority Area 1

### Build & Maintain a Strong Organizational Infrastructure for Public Health

- 1: Maximize efficiencies and consistencies of internal operating systems
- 2: Ensure equitable distribution of services and programming as driven by operational capacity
- 3: Evaluate & anticipate long-term human resource and Department-wide needs

## Key Priority Area 2

### Communicate Effectively to Inform & Educate

- 1: Employ best practices that are equitable regarding language accessibility
- 2: Create systems & channels to receive feedback from the community
- 3: Encourage alternative connections to promote health education and communications

## Key Priority Area 3

### Build a Diverse & Skilled Workforce

- 1: Provide & prioritize education and training that encompasses public health competencies
- 2: Build a culturally competent workforce that reflects the community and practices cultural humility
- 3: Support opportunities to cultivate leadership skills and professional growth at all levels

Scan the QR code to read TCHD's Strategic Plan.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 The following list includes regular employees and their titles as of June 30, 2023.

KEY  
Started employment ▶  
Promoted ‡  
Retired ◊  
Ended employment •

## ADMINISTRATION

Jodie Pond, MPH, MCHES®  
Director of Health

Carol Chappelle  
Accounting Specialist ◊

Zeenie Scholz  
Administrative Coordinator ‡

## COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH

Stuart Agnew  
Community Health Outreach Coordinator

Ana Flores  
Community Health Outreach Worker ▶

Odalys Avila  
Community Health Outreach Worker ‡

Victor Hernandez  
Community Health Outreach Worker ▶

## COMMUNITY PREVENTION

Beverly Shore, MS, CPS  
Community Prevention Coordinator

Frances Wachs, MSW  
Public Health Specialist ▶

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

Andi Gordon  
Isolate and Trace Program Coordinator •

AnaMaria Hernandez  
COVID-19 Administrative Assistant ▶

Elissa Gramling  
COVID-19 Logistics Coordinator

Kajsa Krieger  
Public Health Specialist •

McKinnley Cox  
Public Health Specialist

Mike Maurer  
Public Health Specialist ‡

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sara Budge, REHS  
Environmental Health Supervisor

Anna Gidday, MS  
Environmental Health Specialist ▶

Brody Wallace, REHS  
Environmental Health Specialist

Cassie Williams, REHS  
Environmental Health Specialist

Emily Libert  
Environmental Health Specialist ▶

Kat Bratz  
Environmental Health Administrative  
Assistant, Senior

Tim Mask  
Environmental Health Specialist ▶ •

## PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Rachael Wheeler, MPH  
Public Health Response Coordinator

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Janet Garland, BSN, RN  
Public Health Nurse Manager ◊

Jhala French, RN  
Public Health Nurse Manager ‡

Chelsey Peters, BSN, RN  
Sexual Health Nurse Coordinator ‡

Jenny Barbera, BSN, RN  
Reproductive Health  
Nurse Coordinator ‡

Sandra Marshall-Goodson, BSN, RN  
Nurse Supervisor ◊

Sarah Glawe, BSN, RN, RD  
Maternal & Child Health  
Nurse Coordinator ‡

Maurene Gustafson, RN  
Public Health Nurse

Marilu Hernandez  
Medical Administrative Assistant

Marta Iwaseczko, RN  
Public Health Nurse

Hannah Kennedy, RN  
Public Health Nurse

Rose Linville  
Sexual Health Outreach Specialist

Kely Mares  
Patient Registration Clerk

Shelley Rubrecht  
Medical Interpreter

Yolanda Vazquez Lira  
Interpreter ▶

Ginnifer Woodland, MSN, RN  
Public Health Nurse ‡

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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