

# Memorandum



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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**RE: PRIMARY & PREVENTIVE SERVICES BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT – February 2023**

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## I. Immunization Program

### A. Immunization Program Activities

1. A total of 181 Covid-19 vaccines were administered; 143 Covid-19 Monovalent vaccines and 38 Covid-19 Bivalent vaccines
2. Reminder postcards/texts are currently on hold due to contract updating.
3. Reminder phone calls were placed on hold due to staffing and employee transitions.
4. The Immunization Program has transitioned to eClinicalWorks (Decatur, ELV (Bonanza, Henderson and Mesquite).
5. Primary Vaccine Coordinator duties continue to be distributed among current Immunizations staff.

### B. Immunization Outreach Activities

1. A total of 8 outreach clinics were conducted in partnership with community organizations – REACH, Clark County School District, Courtyard, Help of Southern NV, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and Harm Reduction. A total of 564 vaccines were administered to 196 clients. Funding for the clinics came from the State Flu grant.
2. Administrative Assistants and Nursing staff continue rotations at Decatur Immunization clinic to maintain skills and learn eCW.
3. There were 3 clinics at Shannon West Homeless Youth Center. A total of 54 clients were assessed and tested for tuberculosis. Funding is from State of NV Substance Abuse and Prevention Tuberculosis (SAPTb) grant.
4. Two clinics were conducted at the Clark County School District Support Center. A total of 444 vaccines were administered to 138 clients. This walk-in clinic serves the needs of newcomer students. Immunization records are reviewed, and missing vaccinations required for school are administered. All immunizations are transcribed, administered, and uploaded in State WebIZ.

## II. COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

### A. Community COVID-19 Vaccine Static Clinics

1. There were an estimated 324 COVID-19, and 56 influenza vaccines administered at four static sites held at two CSN campuses, Galleria Mall, and Boulevard Mall.
2. COVID-19 Vaccination program continue to utilize contract companies and community partners to assist with vaccination sites.

B. Community COVID-19 Pop-Up Sites

1. There were 125 COVID-19 vaccines and 57 influenza vaccines administered through 15 pop-up, community partner, and strike team activities. These included health equity areas, long-term care facilities, congregate housing, underserved, and homebound clinics.
2. Community partnerships administering COVID-19 vaccinations included Touro University.
3. Long term care facilities continue to receive vaccination services in collaboration with state partners.
4. Homebound vaccination services continue to be provided by SNHD staff for all jurisdictions throughout Clark County for people with qualified mobility or disability issues.

C. MPOX Vaccinations

1. There were 16 vaccines administered at the Boulevard Mall site that offers weekend access in a health equity area.
2. In a collaborative effort with Office of Disease and Surveillance, a total of 13 MPOX vaccine clinics were conducted at strategic late-night outreach clinics. A total of 22 MPOX vaccinations were administered at these clinics.

D. Additional Projects

1. In collaboration with SNHD Office of Informatics and Epidemiology, staff continues assist with the data collection, analysis, and interpretation of a vaccine reminder magnet project geared towards COVID-19 vaccine uptake.
2. The Get IT. Give IT. Healthcare Provider Initiative was launched to onboard healthcare providers, hospitals, and long-term care facilities to administer COVID-19 vaccine on-site.

**III. Community Health Nursing**

A. Maternal Child Health

1. There were no new childhood lead cases for the month of February.
2. There were three new referrals for the Newborn Screening Program that required follow-up by the field nurse.

B. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

The Southern Nevada Health District-Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has 164 active clients. Forty-nine are participating through the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. Forty-four clients are being served by the NFP expansion team. Grants from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health make these programs possible.

The nurse home visitors continue to serve eligible families providing education, support, and referrals to needed resources during in-person visits while continuing to screen for COVID-19 infection. The two nurses from the expansion team are regularly conducting outreach activities at various Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) offices. They are also enrolling eligible clients to build caseloads to meet grant benchmarks and NFP program goals. Two more new nurses were hired in February and are presently completing the Nurse Family Partnership required education and orientation.

C. Embracing Healthy Baby

The Southern Nevada Health District's Embracing Healthy Baby Program Community Health Workers (CHWs) are managing cases with minimal guidance from the program Community Health Nurse. Telephone and home visits continue with enrolled families. The program is providing services primarily through home visits. Education and referrals to needed services continue to be provided to families.

Program outreach in the month of February was performed at First Choice Pregnancy. The caseloads are at full capacity.

**IV. Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)**

- A. The clinic provided 1,401 unique services to 1,012 unduplicated patients for the month of February. There were 122 unduplicated patients seen at the All Saints Episcopal Church (ASEC) Outreach Clinic. Express Testing serviced 155 patients. SHC continues to provide injectable treatment for HIV prevention (PrEP).
- B. The Sexual Health Clinic (SHC) is participating in a Learning Collaborative under the Ending the HIV Epidemic efforts: STD Specialty Clinic Learning Community through the University of Washington's Prevention Training Center with the goal of scaling up HIV preventive services in STD specialty clinics. The SHC is participating in a research project in collaboration with the University of San Diego, California (UCSD) looking at STI's as a tool for HIV prevention. The SHC continues to collaborate with UMC on referrals for evaluation and treatment of neurosyphilis. The SHC is participating in a Gilead FOCUS grant to expand express testing services for asymptomatic patients and provide linkage to care for patients needing STI, Hepatitis C or HIV treatment services.
- C. SHC providers and clinical staff participated in a neurosyphilis case review program provided through Pacific Aids Educational Training Center (PAETC). Five SHC nurses attended the "Lifesaver, First Aid Training" held at SNHD. SHC Front desk AA's have completed training for cashier process and began providing cashier services in SHC.
- D. The Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP) is a program to address the high rate of congenital syphilis in the community. The SHC nurse case manager has enrolled 11 new program participants this month. This is value-added service to patients accessing the SHC and clinicians have seen the difference in outcomes among patients who are partnered with the nurse. There are 24 active participants in the month of January. The CSNCM closed 6 cases in February.
- E. The SHC staff continues to see patients for Monkeypox specimen collections, treatment, and referral for vaccine.
- F. SHC is in the recruitment process to fill two vacant CHN I position and two medical assistants, and one Congenital Syphilis Nurse Case Manager position. New hires started orientation for the Community Health Worker (CHW) for the CSCM program. This grant is to expand SHC Express Testing for asymptomatic patients and linkage to care.

**V. Tuberculosis Clinic**

- A. 4 new active adult TB cases were reported by the TB Clinic in the month of February 2023. There were no new pediatric TB cases.

## **VI. Employee Health Nurse**

- A. There were forty-six (46) SNHD Employees who tested for COVID-19 in February 2023. This includes five (5) PCR tests, Three (3) Rapid Antigen tests, and forty-three (43) from outside entities. Twelve (12) employees tested positive for COVID.
- B. Employee New Hire and Annual Tuberculosis (TB) testing continued for the month of February. Annual catch-up TB testing is ongoing. Fifty-three (53) Tuberculosis tests were completed.
- C. Employee New Hire and Annual FIT Testing Medical Evaluations continued for the month of February. Twenty-Four (24) medical clearances were conducted.
- D. There was one employee Blood Borne Pathogens exposure cases for the month of February.
- E. There are no new employee TB exposure cases for the month of February.
- F. Vaccine Clinics need numbers
  - February 1-28, 2023
    - Employees 18
      - 3 Bi-valent COVID-19
      - 3 Influenza
      - 0 Monkeypox Vaccine
      - 16 Other vaccines
      - Total vaccines given 22
    - Community Vaccinations
      - 0 COVID-19 Vaccines
      - 0 Influenza Vaccines
      - 0 Other vaccine
- G. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed and updated.

## **VII. Academic Affairs**

- A. There was a total of 15 Interns and 432 applied public health practice hours for the month of February.

## **VIII. Preventive Care Administration**

- A. Clinical Services Division continues to retain Nevada State Board of Nursing approval to provide Continuing Education credits for SNHD Nursing staff. There were 8 CEU's offered in February.

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Attachments: February 2023 Statistical Report

**PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE  
MONTHLY REPORT  
February 2023**

**Client Encounters by Locations**

Location	DECATUR PHC	ELV PHC	Hend PHC	Mesquite PHC	Laughlin	Mobile Clinic	Homeless Outreach	Targeted Populations	TOTAL
Immunization	1,054	421	171	21	0	0	34	162	1,863
Immunization Records Issued	81	31	0	0					112
Newborn Metabolic Screening	0	0	0	0					0
Sexual Health Clinic	1,401								1,401
TB Treatment & Control	1,077								1,077
SAPTA Services								28	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,613</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>4,481</b>

**Client Encounters by Program**

Program	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Immunizations	2,261	4,714	↑	28,351	30,227	↑
Immunization Records Issued	461	112	↓	6,648	4,282	↓
COVID-19 Vaccine Given*	3,775	449	↓	25,815	9051	↓
Newborn Met. Screening	0	0	→	4	0	↓
Sexual Health Clinic	1,541	1,401	↓	10,088	9,482	↓
TB Treatment & Control	913	1,077	↑	6,893	9,378	↑
SAPTA Services	34	28	↓	155	375	↑
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8985</b>	<b>7,781</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>77954</b>	<b>62795</b>	<b>↓</b>

\*Funded by COVID Grant Funds-Data Collection started January 2022



## Immunization Program

Immunizations	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Flu Vaccine Given	662	586	↓	7,732	6,963	↓
Gratis	133	48	↓	1,654	1,913	↑
COVID Vaccine*	455	181	↓	4,422	1,729	↓

\*Given by Immunization Clinics

Vaccines for Children (VFC)*	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Number of VFC Compliance Visits	6	0	↓	53	42	↓
Number of IQIP Visits*	10	22	↑	21	60	↑
Number of Follow Up Contacts	41	16	↓	330	220	↓
Number of Annual Provider Training	4	3	↓	47	30	↓
Number of State Requested Visits	100	63	↓	832	691	↓

Perinatal Hepatitis B	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Expectant Women	17	24	↑	15	20	↑
# of Infants	79	88	↑	77	80	↑
Total # of Infants Delivered	3	3	→	26	26	→
New Cases	5	1	↓	30	35	↑
Closed Cases	7	0	↓	34	28	↓

Childcare Program	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Childcare Audits	13	8	↓	46	51	↑
Baseline Immunization Rate	71%	75%	↑	75%	71%	↓
# of Final Audits	11	8	↓	51	50	↓
Final Immunization Rate	94	88%	↓	93%	93%	→
# of Records Reviewed	911	489	↓	3790	3506	↓

## Covid-19 Vaccine Campaign

COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22*	FY 22-23	
# of COVID-19 Vaccines administered	3775	449	↓	25,815	9,051	↓
# of Monkeypox Vaccine administered**	0	16	↑	0	524	↑
# of Influenza Vaccine administered**	0	56	↑	0	977	↑
# of Healthcare Provider Compliance Visits	2	5	↑	45	23	↓
# of Newly Enrolled Healthcare Provider Education Sessions	8	0	↓	40	47	↑
# of Potential Healthcare Provider Recruitment Sessions*	4	3	↓	50	33	↓
# of Healthcare Provider Contacts	117	40	↓	954	420	↓

\*Data collection started January 2022

\*\* Vaccine administration started October 2022

**Community Health Program**

Nursing Field Services	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
MCH Team Home Visit Encounters	9	8	↓	84	55	↓

NFP (Team 1)	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	9	9	→	139	72	↓
Enrolled	9	5	↓	73	47	↓
Active	127	120	↓			

NFP (Expansion Team)	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	N/A	8	↓	N/A	75	↓
Enrolled	N/A	11	↓	N/A	43	↓
Active	N/A	44	↓			

MCH	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Referrals Received**	1	6	↑	21	31	↑
# from CPS*	1	3	↑	11	20	↑
# of Lead Referrals	0	0	→	3	3	→
# of Total Admissions	1	1	→	9	17	↑

EHB	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	8	6	↓	131	55	↓
Enrolled	9	7	↓	58	41	↓
Active	60	62	↑			

Thrive by 0 - 3	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	46	53	↓	635	522	↓
One-Time Home Visits	N/A	0	↓	N/A	27	↓
Enrolled	2	2	→	13	21	↑
Active	13	16	↑			

### Tuberculosis Program

Tuberculosis	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Number of Case Management Activities*	274	218	↑	1,908	1,726	↓
Number of Monthly Pulmonary Specialist Clinic Clients Seen	23	32	↑	178	277	↑
Number of Monthly Electronic Disease Notifications Clinic Clients (Class B)	15	21	↑	91	170	↑
Outreach Activities during the Month - Presentations, Physician Visits, Correctional Visits, etc.	4	5	↑	4	41	↑
Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Field, clinic and televideo encounters	601	859	↑	4,713	7,246	↑

\*New EMR system- Counting only successful activities

Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Agency (SAPTA)	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Site Visits	4	3	↓	19	29	↑
# of Clients Screened	34	28	↓	183	375	↑
# of TB Tests	32	27	↓	155	321	↑
# of Assessments only	2	1	↓	28	54	↑

### Sexual Health Clinic Program

STD Services	Feb 2022	Feb 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
STD treatment/screening/exam	1,541	1,401	↓	10,088	9,482	↓
Total # of patients served	934	1,012	↓	6,627	7,190	↑

### Interns and Clinical Rotations

Interns /Rotations	Feb 2023	YTD FY22-23
Total Number of Interns <sup>1</sup>	15	25
Internship Hours <sup>2</sup>	432	654

<sup>1</sup>Total number of students, residents, and fellows

<sup>2</sup> Approximate hours students, residents, and fellows worked in applied public health practice