

# SAN JUAN BASIN public health

## Executive Director and Staff Report to the Board of Health

for November 2021

### Staff Reports

#### Behavioral Health

##### **Thriving Communities Program Team (TCP):**

- Members of the Thriving Communities Team expanded **organizational capacity and identified and provided opportunities for employees to excel/innovate** by participating in the Positive Community Norms Monthly Learning Call with the Montana Institute and Rise Above Colorado and by doing so demonstrated **a commitment to organizational excellence**.

##### **Communities that Care (CTC):**

- The Communities That Care coordinator demonstrated **a commitment to organizational excellence** by participating in a series of Positive Youth Development “Train the Trainer” type trainings, allowing her to provide these trainings to interested parties moving forward. Being able to offer this training in the community **improves access** to a resource supporting our community members need to achieve individual and population health goals.

##### **Suicide Prevention (SP)/Gun Shop Project:**

- A very successful community event for International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day was held in Durango Public Library with over 30 community members in attendance. Several meaningful interpersonal relationships were built or strengthened and introductions to meaningful services for survivors were made available (and newly introduced) to the participants, **improving access to resources, services, and/or programs**. This event was very well received and energizing to the La Plata County Suicide Prevention Collaborative, who drive the work of these programs.

#### Social Determinants of Health

##### **Health Insurance Literacy:**

- November 1st marked the first day of Connect for Health's 2022 Open Enrollment. The beginning of the month included HIL presentations to multiple partners and participating in SJBPH's Public Health Resource Series in Archuleta County. We conducted two webinars regarding the 2022 Open Enrollment Period, which were available to all community members in Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan Counties. One of the webinars was also available in simultaneous Spanish translation with help from Danny Quinlan. Our primary focus this month was to get the word out about Open Enrollment and assist with successful enrollments.

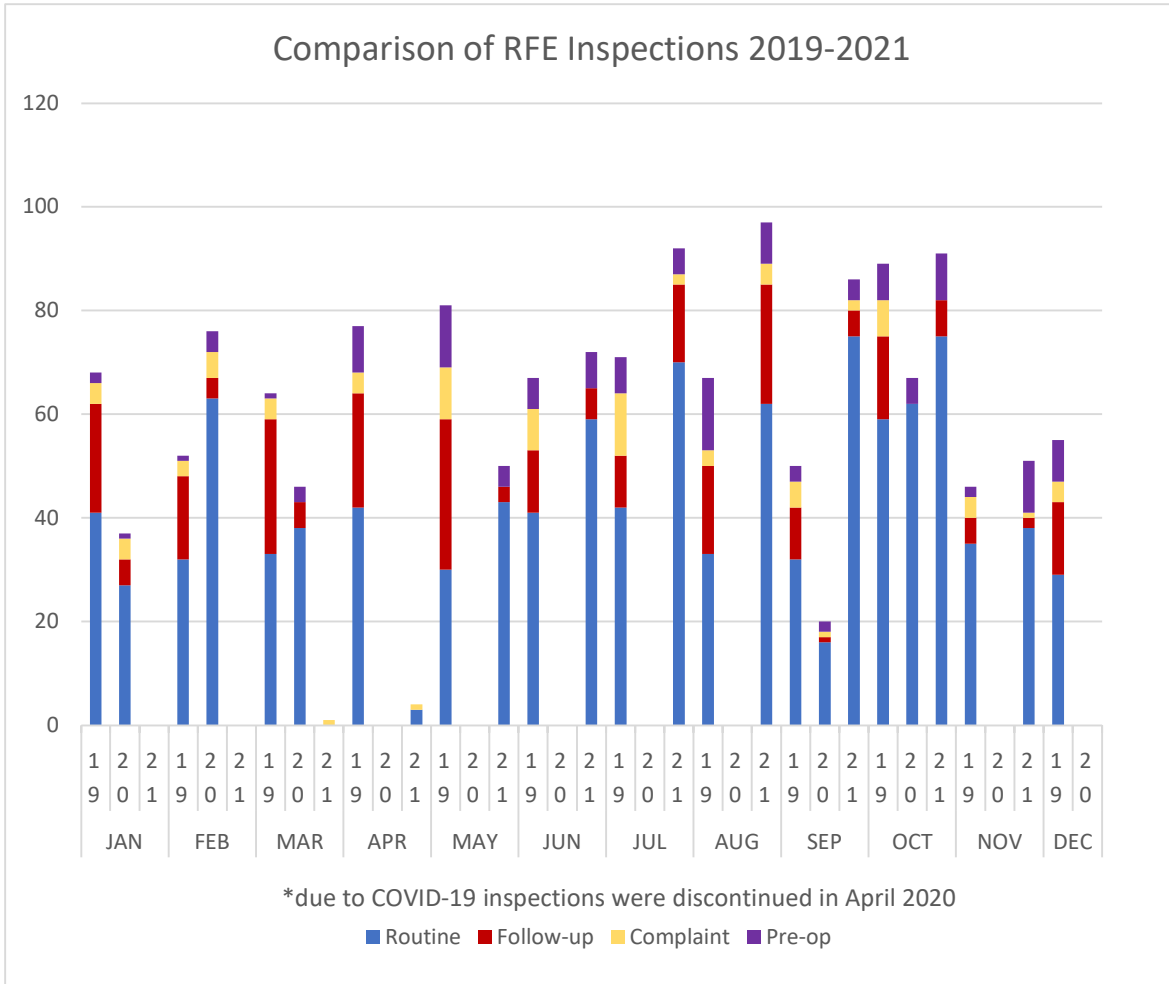
## Environmental Health

### Consumer Protection:

#### Retail Food Program

- Retail Food inspectors visited CSU Extension ServSafe Food Protection Manager classes for Q/A sessions.

See reports below:



#### Childcare Inspection Program

- Conducted joint inspections with Taylor Whitworth.

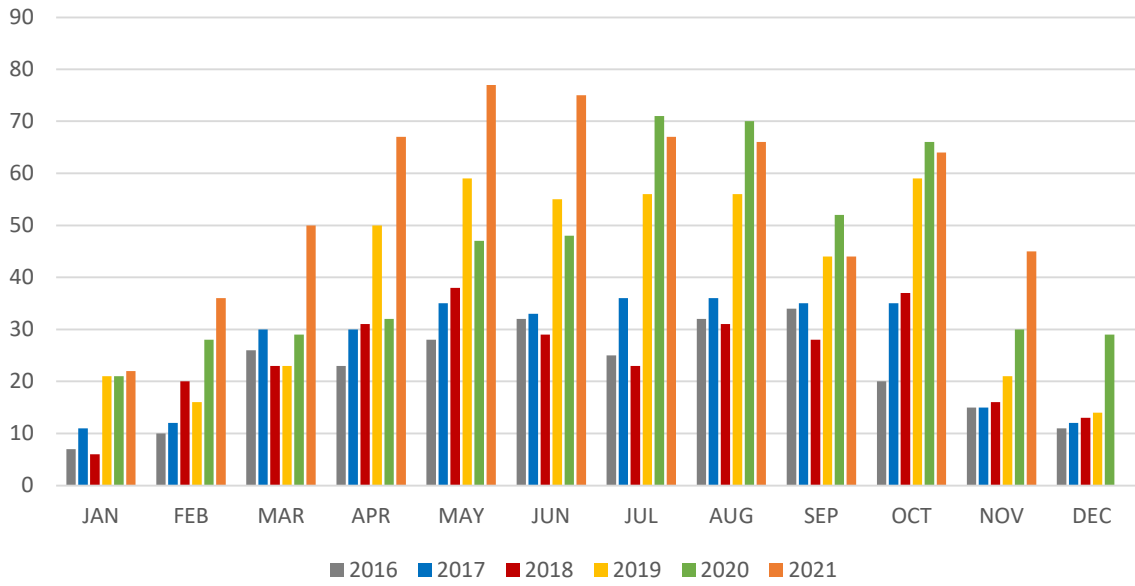
### Water and Air Quality:

#### On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

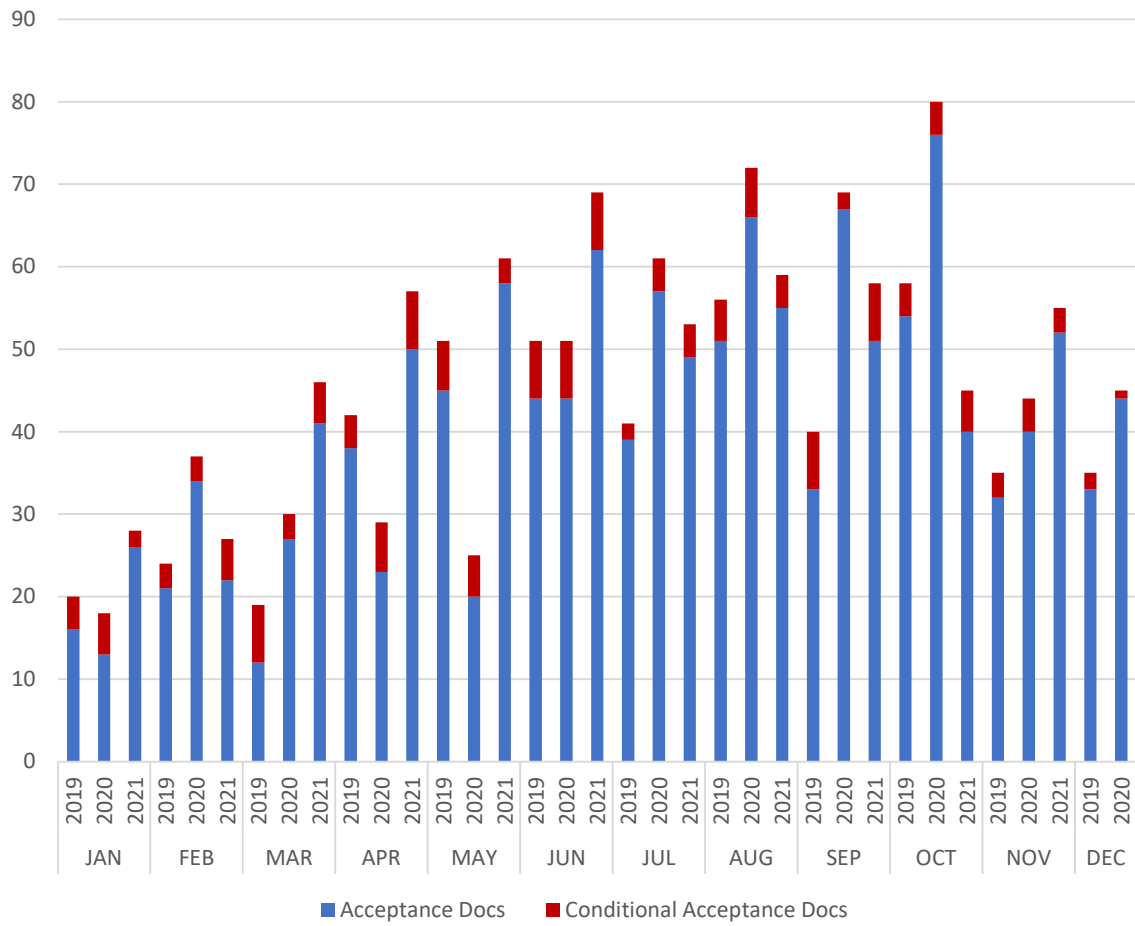
- No updates.

See charts below.

### Number of OWTS Permit Applications by Month



### 2019-21 Transfer of Title Acceptance Documents by Month



*Surface and Drinking Water*

- Staff completed the field portion of the Animas River- San Juan County water testing project.

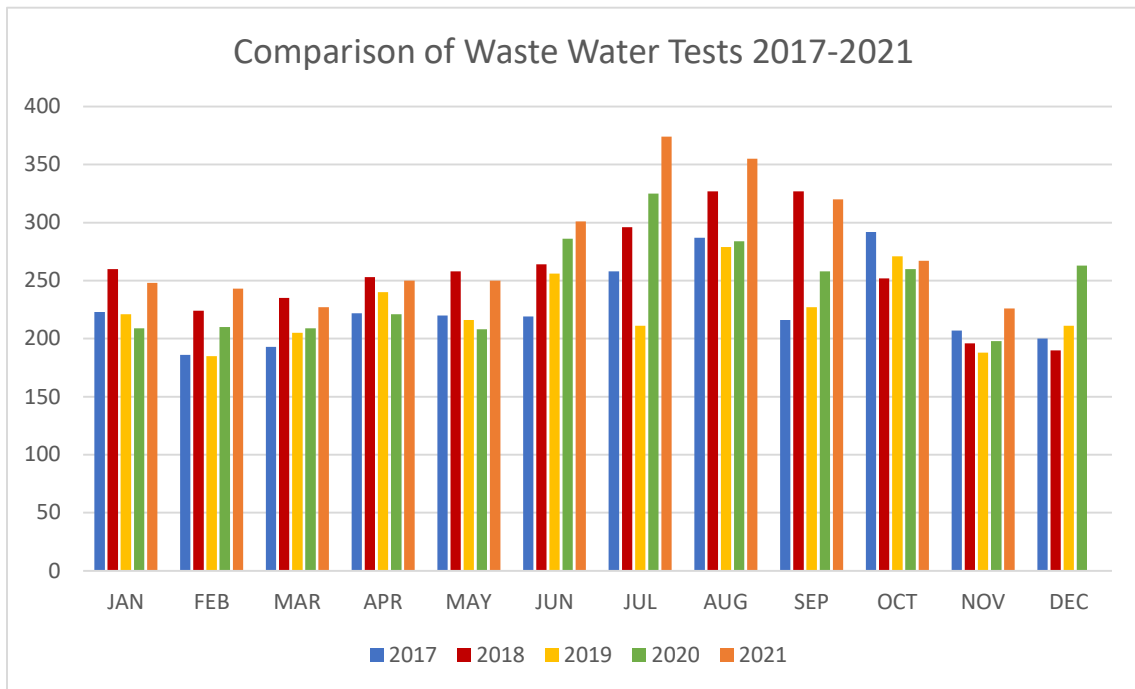
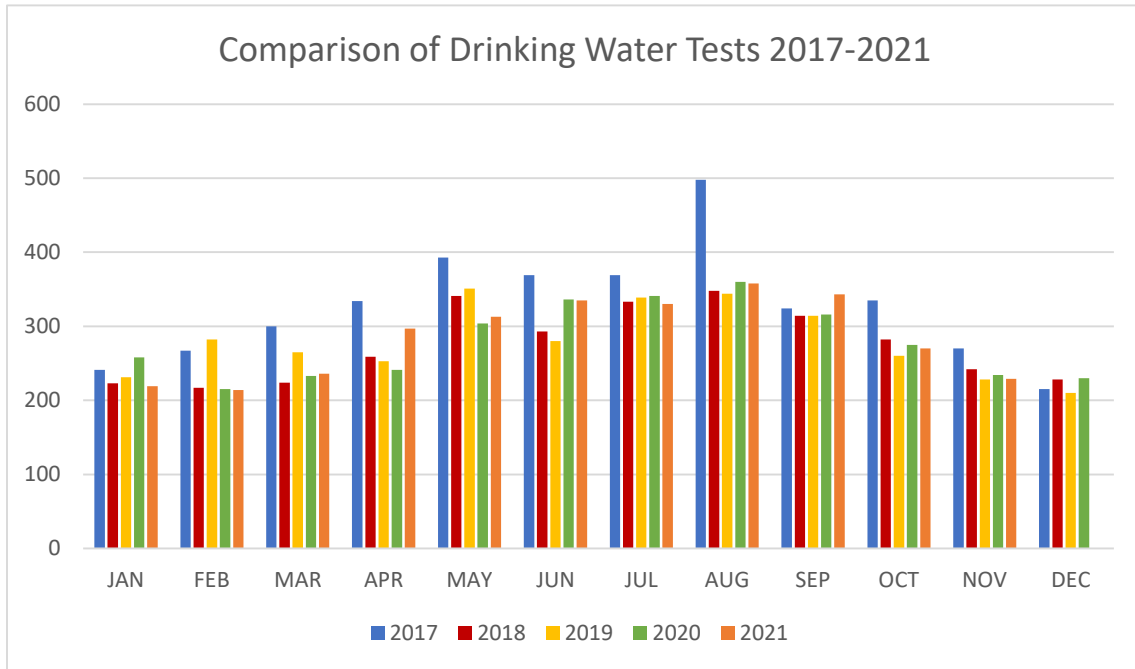
*Radon*

- No updates.

*Water Lab*

- The water lab performed 229 drinking water tests and 226 wastewater tests.

See charts below.



## Health Behaviors

### Clinic:

- The clinic manager and medical assistant completed the Bridging the Gap Medical Interpretation Training to **build workforce capacity and improve access to care** for limited English proficiency (LEP) patients.

### Immunizations:

- There were various flu vaccine outreach clinics at Manna Soup Kitchen and Compañeros to **increase access** to preventative flu vaccination services.

### Nurse Family Partnership (NFP):

- NFP/SafeCare/Parents as Teachers Community Advisory Board meeting for La Plata/Archuleta counties was held 11/18/21 per ZOOM **improving awareness** of NFP program.
- NFP radio ads played on three radio stations including La Plata and Archuleta counties **improving awareness** of NFP program.
- Nurse home visitors attended Telehealth Guidance and Recommendations: Through the COVID-19 Pandemic training **demonstrating commitment to organizational excellence**.

### SafeCare:

- A majority, 58%, of the 26 visits this month were face-to-face home visits. Transitioning back to the homes has been successful, and the flexibility to continue offering virtual visits has been beneficial and allowing us **to continue to provide services consistently**.

### Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP):

- The STEPP Coordinator met with school representatives from every district to build a better understanding of the existing tobacco related curriculums in schools. Outreach includes Archuleta, but successful meetings were only across La Plata County at this time. These meetings were critical in **building culturally responsive health equity concepts into new and existing programs** related to tobacco prevention in schools.

### Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

- San Juan Basin Public Health WIC identified a barrier for our Spanish speaking WIC families and has implemented and publicized a new direct phone line connecting to our Spanish speaking WIC Educator, **demonstrating commitment to implement practices rooted in equity**.
- San Juan Basin Public Health WIC identified a gap in breastfeeding education options for our Spanish speaking WIC mothers and has collaborated with the Pueblo WIC agency to offer online breastfeeding classes in Spanish, **demonstrating commitment to implement practices rooted in equity**.

## Clinical Care Linkage

### Cancer Prevention and Early Detection (CPED – Women’s Wellness Connection):

- The clinic outreach coordinator created a Breast Cancer Awareness banner as well as Breast Cancer Awareness Radio ads **to increase awareness of and access to services**.
- The clinic outreach coordinated hosted a meeting with local organizations working with immigrant populations to coordinate efforts **and increase access to community services**.

**Health Care Coordination:**

- The Care Coordinator provided care coordination and/or referrals to 18 people in three counties, **fostering resiliency and improving access to care.**

**Language Services:**

- The agency interpreter has continued to interpret for SJBPH programs including HCP, NFP, Clinic and translate documents **to increase access to services.**

**Regional Oral Health Specialist (ROHS):**

- Staff provided preventive dental services to 32 children in Silverton, and provided care coordination/referrals to four clients, **improving awareness of resources and access to care.**

**Specialty Clinics/Maternal Child Health (MCH):**

- The MCH Nurse Navigator has 13 care coordination clients and provided information & referral to five families of Children with Special Health Care Needs, **improving access to care.**

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):**

- Parents Plus Coordinator/Nurse provided health education and healthcare referrals to clients in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program at Dept. of Human Services, thereby **fostering resiliency and improving access to care.**

**Communicable Disease**

**Diseases reported November 1-November 30, 2021:**

- 5 Animal Bites (3 Archuleta County, 2 La Plata County)
- 1 Cryptosporidiosis (La Plata County)
- 1 Giardiasis (La Plata County)
- 1 Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (La Plata County)
- 1 Influenza- Hospitalized (La Plata County)
- 1 Salmonellosis (La Plata County)
- 1 STEC (Shiga Toxin Producing E. coli) (La Plata County)
- 1 Step Pneumo Invasive (La Plata County)
- 1 Varicella (Archuleta County)

**Communicable Disease:**

- Communicable disease follow up is being done by CDPHE, except for respiratory disease outbreaks and zoonotics. Staff identified a RSV Outbreak in a child care setting in November and closed two RSV outbreaks and 1 Croup.

**Tuberculosis (TB):**

- Transferred one LTBI patient to another state and received an email informing us they have finished treatment. We transferred another patient out of state, too, but treatment has not started yet.

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

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- Staff provided Safety Officer subject matter expertise at the La Plata County forest management educational site to **identify and address gaps in partner agency/stakeholder knowledge.**

## Universal Activities

### Administrative Services:

#### Human Resources:

#### HR Staffing Updates

December

- The following vacancies were filled since the last report:
  - PT Nurse Practitioner, Communicable Disease Specialist I, Environmental Health Senior Program Manager
- The following vacancies have been hired for with future start dates:
  - Facilities Technician
- Recruitment continues for the following staff positions:
  - Communicable Disease Specialist I, Communicable Disease Specialist II, , Administrative Support Assistant II, Communicable Disease Coordinator, Executive Assistant, Communications Director, Administrative Assistant - Dental, Assessment & Planning Specialist, Senior Program Manager x 2, Public Health Nurse, Communicable Disease Specialist I - Administration

### Assessment and Planning:

- Staff supported data requests from internal and external partners who were then able to **provide evidence-based public health recommendations.**
- Staff participated in several webinars focused on topics including data-driven organizations, data, ethics and leadership, allowing for **opportunities to excel and innovate.**
- Staff participated in the state Child Fatality Prevention System's state review team meeting and the fourth quarterly meeting, **increasing organizational capacity.**

### Communications:

- In November, SJBPH communications focused both on COVID-19 information, and non-COVID public health and agency information. Topics included localized (state and local) reporting, information on COVID-19 state and local data, COVID-19 testing, COVID precautions, COVID vaccine and booster distribution, monoclonal antibody treatment access, and collaboration with community **partners to improve awareness and acceptance of public health resources, services, programs, and value to the community.** Agency communications were shared on client-focused programs such as the Vaccine Q & A event, Regional Oral Health program, Immunizations, Health Insurance Literacy, Emergency Preparedness, Nurse-Family Partnership, SafeCare, Sexual Health Clinic, WIC, and COVID-19. Communications were through a variety of channels including print, radio, tv, social media, and email.
- In November, SJBPH communications staff distributed **one** agency e-newsletter (November), **two** semi-monthly COVID updates, wrote and distributed **six** media releases, responded to **11**

media inquiries, posted **82** tweets, and **82** Facebook posts to both SJBPH's main FB page, and to its COVID-19 page. Posts were focused on the coronavirus outbreak, local COVID-19 data, vaccine and booster distribution, COVID-19 prevention, mental health during COVID-19, COVID-19 testing info, monoclonal antibody treatment access, contact tracing, and promoting SJPBH programs and services. SJBPH was featured in **62** articles/radio/tv stories in newspapers, online news outlets, and local radio stations. In November, SJBPH had over **485,175** Facebook impressions (# of eyes on our posts), and **25,168** Twitter impressions. Our FB engagement (action taken such as commenting or sharing a post) was over **14,091**, and Twitter had **842** engagements. These activities help to improve awareness and acceptance of public health resources, services, programs, and value to the community.

**Facilities/Fleet:**

- No update.