

# SAN JUAN BASIN public health

## Executive Director and Staff Report to the Board of Health for June 2022

### Highlights:

- SJBPH WIC staff have been busy recruiting families to participate in the low/no cost Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes weekly produce opportunities for WIC families funded by Nourish Colorado. WIC is partnering with Manna Soup Kitchen in La Plata County, Silverton School gardens in Silverton and with Tap Roots Cooperative in Archuleta County to provide weekly shares to WIC families.

### Staff Reports

#### Behavioral Health

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

- The Thriving Communities Team **expanded organizational capacity** by having team members from multiple grants/programs participate in the Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference in Keystone, CO. There, team members had the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and learn from other counties leading parallel efforts in their respective communities.

##### **Community Organizing for Prevention (COFP):**

- The Community Organizing for Prevention program (formerly the Communities that Care program) supported the fourth and final Narcan Education event in the contract year, educating 13 total participants in Ignacio and engaging two new interested participants in the Recognizing Opportunities around Resilience (ROAR) coalition (dedicated to preventing substance misuse among youth). The COFP program coordinator hosted three more focus groups for a grand total of 56 high schoolers from Bayfield, 9R, and Ignacio school districts. These discussions focused on substance use, perception of prevention efforts, and how to engage youth as leaders in the upcoming school year, **in order to better improve and remove barriers to access and awareness of programming.**

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

- There was some staff turnover within this programming, but momentum was not lost. The La Plata County Suicide Prevention Collaborative provided the opportunity for interested community members to become COMET (Changing our Mental and Emotional Trajectory) trainers. Seven new trainers are now ready and able to provide this 90-minute, rural community focused mental health training in our county **increasing access to trainings and responding to community need.**

- Our contracted Firearms Advocate was able to visit two additional gun retailers and provide gun safety materials, **increasing opportunities to work with non-traditional public health partners to solve public health issues.**

## Social Determinants of Health

### Health Insurance Literacy:

- In June, staff continued outreach efforts by tabling at local farmer's markets (Durango & Pagosa), presenting at the SJBPH Public Resource Series in Ignacio, and presenting at our own Community Resource meetings. We also met with our partners at the La Plata Department of Human Resources to give any/all updates on our Health Insurance Literacy Program and to further discuss the impact that the end of the Public Health Emergency will have on our community. This is our ongoing work **to improve awareness of our services.** The Program Manager worked hard to complete our FY23/24 application with the funder at Connect for Health Colorado (C4HCO), and successfully approved an additional part-time Assister (Health Coverage Guide) at SJBPH. This additional Assister will be able to help with enrollment, health insurance literacy and outreach efforts. This was our program's effort **to identify and address gaps in program sustainability.**

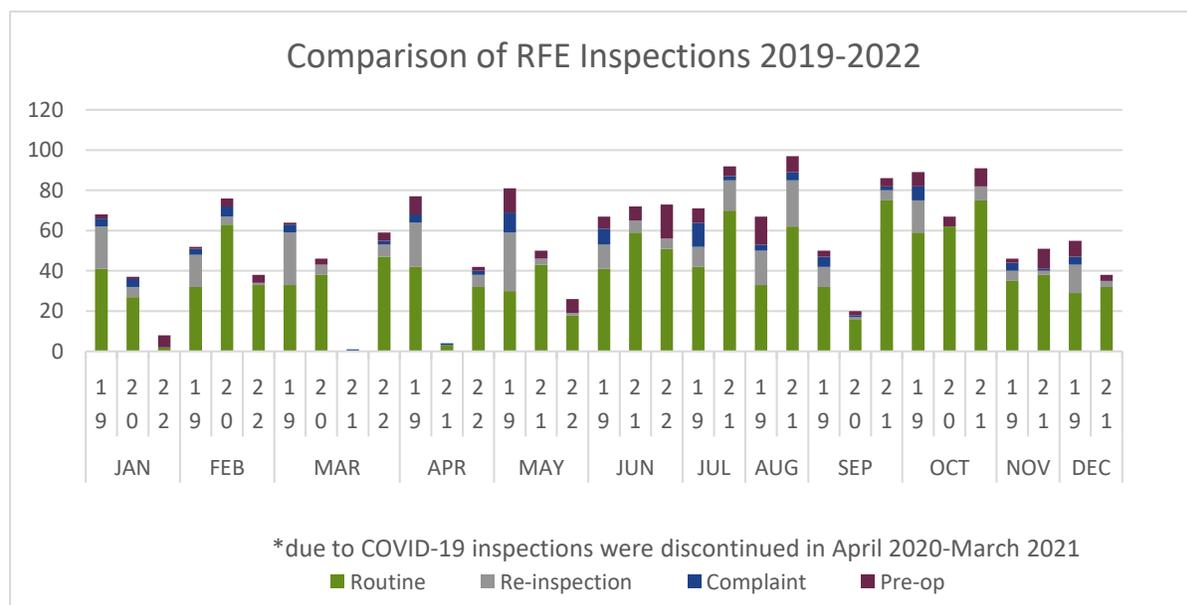
## Environmental Health

### Consumer Protection:

#### Retail Food Program

- Finished standardization with staff. Conducted inspections at Durango and Bayfield Farmers Markets as well as Durango Rodeo. Assisted with CDPHE Food Safety Basics class in Silverton on June 6, 2022. Conducted joint inspections in Silverton with CDPHE. Attended NEHA training on the FDA Voluntary Retail Food Program Standards verification.

See reports below:



**Childcare Inspection Program**

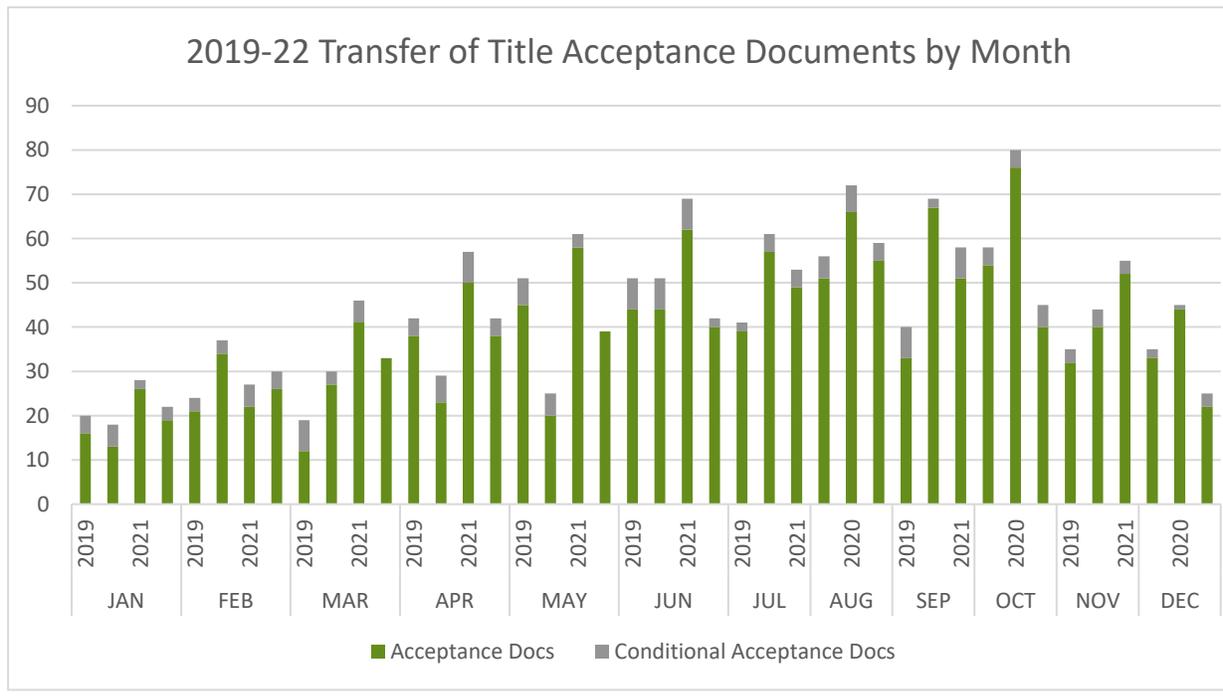
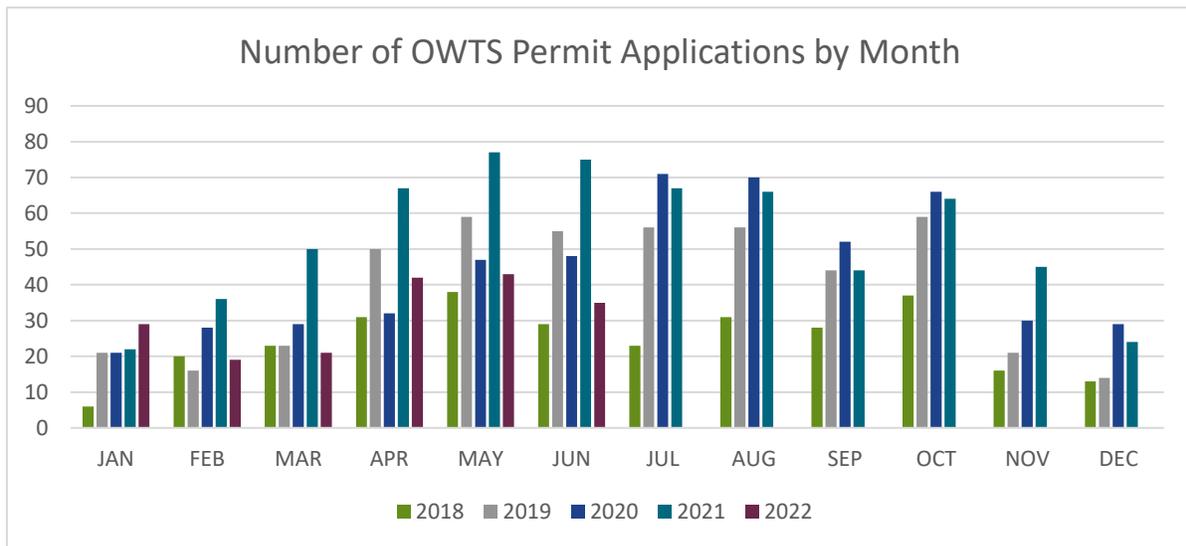
- Staff conducted several preoperational inspections for Durango 9R expanding preschool and afterschool childcare operations and conducted additional routine inspections for summer operators.

**Water and Air Quality:**

*On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)*

- SJBPB held one class for installers with eight attendees. All tests were graded, and licenses sent out.

See charts below.



*Surface and Drinking Water*

- SJBPH has continued outreach to childcare facilities and schools to participate in the Lead in Drinking Water program.

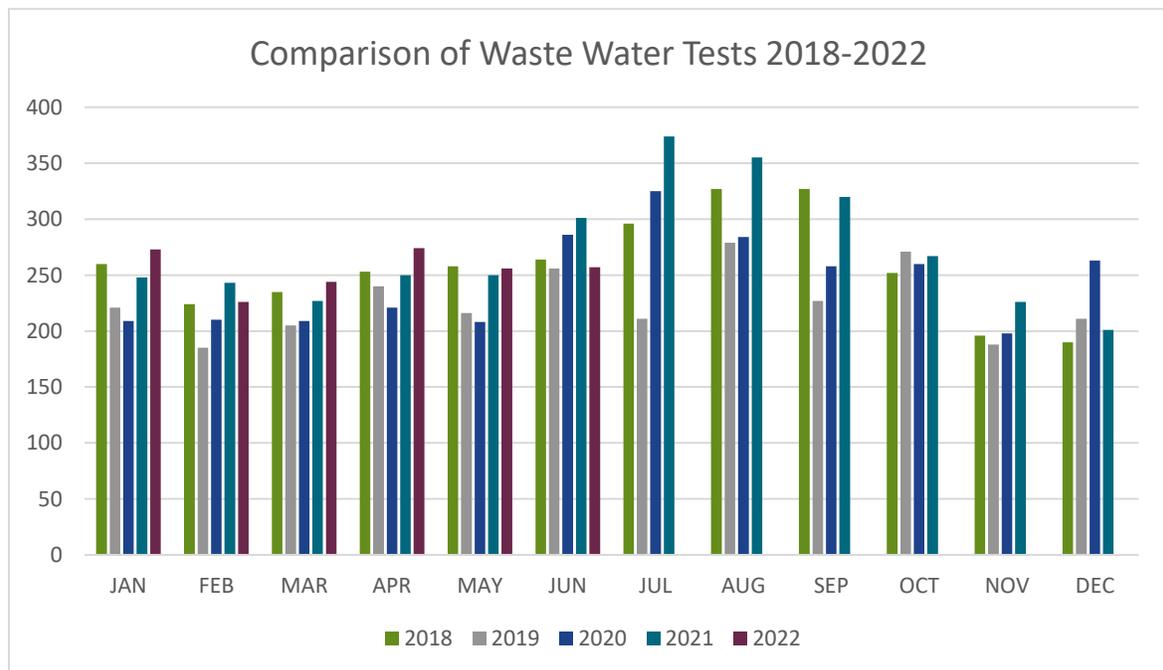
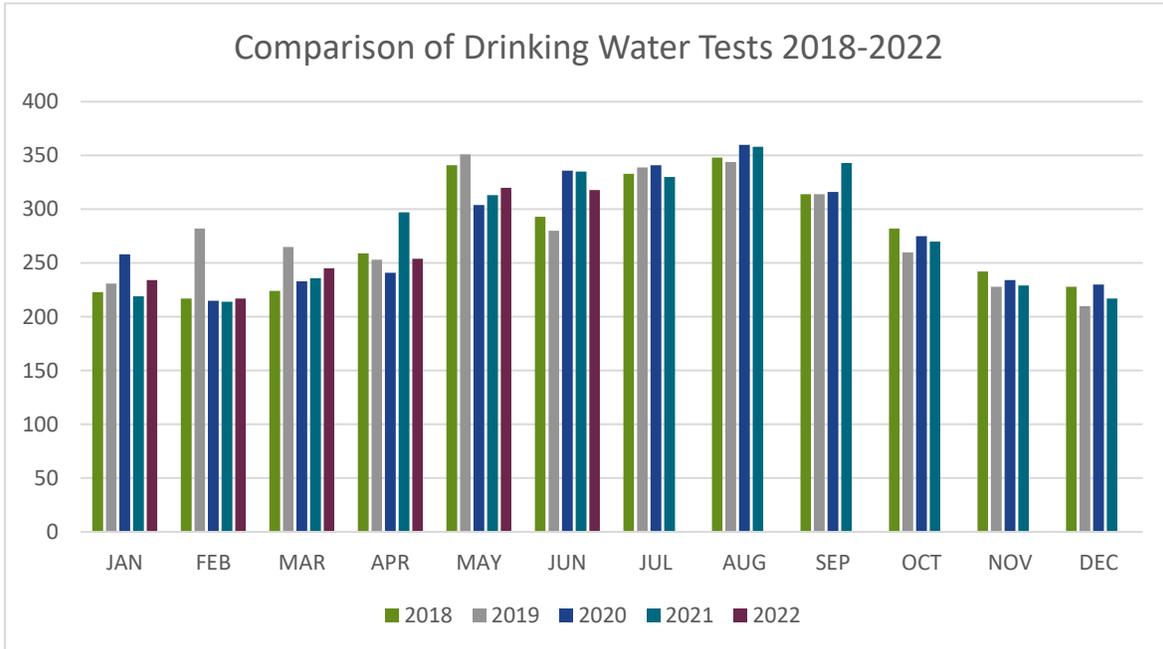
*Radon*

- Radon results continue to come back from the lab and are logged into our system.

*Water Lab*

- The water lab conducted 318 drinking water tests and 257 wastewater tests.

See charts below.



## Health Behaviors

### Clinic:

- The sexual health clinic continued to provide walk-in STI testing under standing orders when providers are not available **to increase access to services.**

### Immunizations:

- The immunization clinic continues to provide routine and travel vaccines **to increase access to vaccine preventable diseases.**
- The SJBPH immunization clinic expanded COVID vaccines to include vaccines for children six months to five years old **to increase access to vaccines to prevent COVID.**

### Nurse Family Partnership (NFP):

- The Navajo Breastfeeding Coalition presented at an NFP meeting, **improving acceptance of resources, services, and/or programs.**
- Staff created a video with an NFP nurse and client to be used for program outreach, **improving awareness of the NFP program.**
- The team completed NFP Team Norms/Team Goals which was facilitated by Mental Health Consultant **demonstrating commitment to organizational excellence.**

### SafeCare:

- SafeCare ran a radio ad 6/13/2022-6/18/2022 related to Father's Day **demonstrating a commitment to implement practices rooted in equity.** The ad had a total of 41 spots of airtime.
- The SafeCare supervisor met with the Child Welfare Case Managers Supervisor at La Plata Human Services to get a better understanding of the Child Welfare Screen Out process and investigate ways to integrate more of a warm handoff to the SafeCare program in hopes of increasing the number of referrals becoming active clients in the SafeCare program. The in-person presentation last month, followed up by a supervisors call this month, **demonstrate commitment to organizational excellence** sharing the common goal of keeping young children safe.
- The SafeCare team continues to prioritize outreach to our communities **demonstrating commitment to improve awareness of services.** We have tabled at various events such as; Pine River Shares food distributions sites, have ongoing participation in the Public Health Series at community libraries, farmers markets in both Durango and Pagosa Springs and are planning to attend Durango's Movies in the Park.

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

- The STEPP coordinator provided public health education through the quarterly tobacco prevention newsletter to keep a wide range of partners up to date on tobacco prevention news, policy, activities, and opportunities within our local community. This newsletter helps **to improve awareness and acceptance of resources** related to Tobacco and Vaping.

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

- SJBPH WIC staff have been recruiting families to participate in the low/no cost CSA weekly produce opportunities for WIC families in La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan Counties, **demonstrating commitment to increase access to healthy foods.**
- SJBPH WIC manager conducted outreach at a Pine River Shares food distribution event, **demonstrating commitment to increase awareness** of WIC services in the Bayfield community.

## Clinical Care Linkage

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

- The clinic outreach coordinator partnered with Construyendo Poder **to increase awareness, sharing information and resources**, for breast and cervical cancer screening in Silverton with 13 attendees.

### Health Care Coordination:

- The Nurse Navigator received eight referrals, from two counties, for Care Coordination to assist with **improving access to resources**.

### Language Services:

- The agency interpreter provided interpretation for retail food inspections and Food Safety Basics trainings in Silverton and Pagosa Springs **to increase access to environmental health services**.
- The agency interpreter is in collaboration with the Good Food Collective to expand language access in the region including translations for the Durango Farmers Market and Manna Soup Kitchen **to increase language access to information and services**.

### Regional Oral Health Specialist (ROHS):

- Staff assisted with two dental referrals in June, **improving access to care and resources**.

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

- The MCH Nurse gave information and referrals to four families **to improve access to care and resources**.

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

- A newer client who has been utilizing the Durango dental and medical provider referrals given by staff for both he and son. He's considering a move to Albuquerque. Staff researched and provided area dental and medical resources in the Albuquerque area for him to continue services, **improving access to resources**, although out of La Plata County.

## Communicable Disease

### Diseases reported June 1-June 30, 2022:

11 Animal bites (7 Archuleta County, 3 La Plata County)  
2 Influenza-Hospitalized (2 La Plata County),  
1 Salmonellosis (La Plata County)  
1 STEC (Shiga Toxin Producing E. coli) (La Plata County)  
2 Strep Pneumo Invasive (2 La Plata County)

### Communicable Disease:

- Communicable disease follow up is being done by CDPHE, except for respiratory disease outbreaks and zoonotics. We had one bat test positive for rabies.

### Tuberculosis (TB):

- One active TB case is currently undergoing direct observation treatment (DOT), and three children are receiving preventative TB treatment due to TB exposure of an active TB case. A potential active TB case was identified at the end of June, expected to be treated in July.

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

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- Staff monitored the Bear Dance Fire providing food safety and evacuation guidance **to address barriers to partner agency/stakeholder acceptance of evidence-based public health concepts.**
- Staff provided an emergency preparedness presentation at the Ignacio Public Library **to address gaps in community/public knowledge.**

## Universal Activities

### Administrative Services:

#### Human Resources:

#### HR Staffing Updates

- The following vacancies were filled since the last report:
  - Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Water Quality Laboratory Supervisor, COVID Outreach Public Health Nurse (internal move), Communicable Disease Manager (internal move)
- The following vacancies have been hired for with future start dates:
  - None
- Recruitment continues for the following staff positions:
  - Facilities Technician, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, Communications Specialist, Dental Hygienist, CDS II Covid -19 Communicable Disease, CDS II Outreach

### 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 the Shared Risk and Protective Factors Conference including the annual state Child Fatality Prevention Grantee meeting, **demonstrating a commitment to organizational excellence.**

### Communications:

- In June, SJBPH communications staff distributed **one** agency e-newsletter (June), **two** semi-monthly COVID updates, wrote and distributed **four** media releases, responded to **12** media inquiries, posted **90** tweets, and **78** 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 distribution, COVID-19 prevention, mental health during COVID-19, COVID-19 testing info, and promoting SJPBH programs and services. SJBPH was featured in **23** articles/radio/tv stories in newspapers, online news outlets, and local radio stations. In June, SJBPH had over **275,316** Facebook impressions (# of eyes on our posts), and **14,334** Twitter impressions. Our

FB engagement (action taken such as commenting or sharing a post) was over **7,318** and Twitter had **426** engagements. These activities help to improve awareness and acceptance of public health resources, services, programs, and value to the community.

- In June, SJBPH communications focused both on COVID-19 information, and steady-state information. As the state fiscal year closed out at the end of June, heavy emphasis was placed on spending down communications budgets for various programs including SafeCare, Health Insurance Literacy and Nurse-Family Partnership. We developed a video for NFP and have used radio and social media to distribute messaging about these and other programs. COVID-19 information focused on changes to the state's testing centers, CDC community level changes, vaccine availability for children, treatment options and at-home testing and mask availability.

**Facilities/Fleet:**

- No updates.