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Wasatch County Health Department leaders and staff continue to perform at a high level, consistent with the department's vision and mission. A part of this work includes the improvement of health equity — the concept that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthy. As a Board of Health, we support this view of health equity and actively promote collaboration between community partners to remove obstacles to health. We are happy to serve on the board and work with our wonderful health department team.



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VISION

Optimal community health through collaboration in a highly integrated community health system

MISSION

Enhance community health status and promote the well-being of individuals, families, and the community



WASATCH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2021
Annual Report

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HEALTH OFFICER MESSAGE



Jonelle Fitzgerald
Health Officer

On behalf of the Wasatch County Health Department, it is my pleasure to present our 2021 Annual Report. Over the past year, WCHD staff have continued to step forward as a major focus of public health remained the threat of COVID-19. I have seen first-hand the early mornings, late nights, and weekends that staff have dedicated to protecting community health and safety. Despite challenges this past year to public health with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to a devoted and professional staff and thankful for community

leaders and partners. I am deeply proud of how Wasatch County responded, pulling together to generate tremendous resilience.

We look forward to emerging out of the pandemic with better and more efficient ways, with stronger relationships, and a stronger department. The following report is an overview of health department programs, services, and statistics. Our work is driven by our mission to enhance community health status and promote the well-being of individuals, families, and the community. It is this mission that has helped us to shape our vision of optimal community health through collaboration in a highly integrated community health system. In 2021, we worked towards this mission with a lens of equity for the health of all people regardless of age, race, gender, ability, religion, socioeconomic status, or any of the other factor.

I am thankful to the Wasatch County Board of Health who guide strategic planning for the health department. Board members are appointed by the Wasatch County Council and serve voluntarily. They are dedicated individuals with background and experience that is of great value and support to the department.

As our goal is to be of optimal service to the residents of Wasatch County, we welcome community comments and feedback. Please feel free to reach out with questions, input, or public health needs.

Sincerely,

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

HEALTH SNAPSHOT: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

AT A GLANCE

ADMINISTRATION

- **Dental Clinic**
- **Public Health Policy, Budget, and Finances**
- **Public Relations**
- **Vital Records:** Birth & Death Certificates, Marriage Certificates

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- **Emergency Services:** Preparedness Planning and Coordination; Hazardous Materials Incident Response; and Volunteer Management (Medical Reserve Corps)
- **Permitting & Inspections:** Body Art Facilities; Food Handlers; Food Service Establishments; Liquid Waste Haulers; Mass Gathering Events; Mobile Home & RV Parks; Public Lodging Facilities; Public Swimming Pools; Public Water Systems; Schools; Septic Systems; Solid Waste Facilities; Tanning Facilities; and Used Oil Facilities
- **Public Health Complaints**

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- **Disease Surveillance and Data Analysis**
- **Case Investigations and Infection Prevention**

HEALTH PROMOTION

- **Cancer Awareness & Prevention:** Sun Safety; Radon Testing
- **Healthy Eating & Active Living:** Diabetes Management; Gold Medal Schools; Mile by Mile Marathon
- **Injury Prevention:** Wasatch Safe Kids Coalition; Child Passenger Safety; Bike Helmet Promotion; Suicide Prevention; Senior Fall Prevention; Zero Fatalities
- **Tobacco Prevention & Control:** Utah Indoor Clean Air Act; Youth Tobacco Access Regulation; Tobacco Prevention; Tobacco Cessation

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

- **Blood Tests and Urinalysis**
- **Children's Services:** Well Child Exams; Early Intervention Program; Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- **Immunizations:** Vaccines for Children Provider; Adult Vaccines; International Travel Clinic
- **STD & TB Testing and Treatment**
- **Women's Clinic:** Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening; Family Planning & Birth Control: Lifestyle Coaching for Women 40 to 64 Years Old

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

- **Checks/eWIC Cards for Healthy Foods**
- **Community and Healthcare Referrals**
- **Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Breastfeeding Support**

HEALTH DEPT. OPENS COVID TEST SITE TO MEET DEMAND



Recognizing the limited availability of COVID testing in Wasatch County, the health department opened a test site in August 2021 on the north end of the community services complex. This site offers both rapid antigen and PCR testing free of charge to the general public. Appointments are required; however, there are no restrictions on who can get tested. It is anticipated this site will operate until Spring 2022.

HEALTH EQUITY TEAM TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES

Having identified gaps in services and accessibility among some members of the community, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, the health department established a health equity team to address disparities. Health equity means everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthy. The team's action plan includes the following objectives:

- Identify vulnerable populations
- Identify gaps in resources and develop solutions
- Gather available resources and services

- Bring awareness to available resources
- Promote policies that improve health outcomes

To help achieve these objectives, the health equity team coordinates with partner organizations, including: the Wasatch Community Foundation, the Christian Center of Park City Food Pantry, Community Action Food Bank, and Wasatch County School District. Members of the team also serve on the Wasatch Latino Coalition, Senior and Caregiver Coalition, and the Caring Community Coalition.

A project of note from 2021 was the team's participation in the 5th annual Wasatch County Clothing and Toy Exchange. Many people in need were able to get clothes and toys in time for the holiday season. Donated items not claimed by the end of the event were given to participating youth groups for their own fundraising efforts and a refugee program in Salt Lake City.

FOG AGREEMENT WITH HEBER CITY

In a cooperative effort to reduce the amount of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) entering wastewater and drainage systems, the health department and Heber City signed a joint service contract/MOU during the fall of 2021.

As part of this agreement, environmental health inspectors will review compliance with the city's FOG ordinance during their routine inspections of food service establishments within Heber City. Any noted violations of the ordinance are referred to the city's public works department for follow-up.

WIC REACHES THOSE IN-NEED WITH MOBILE CLINIC



During 2021, the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program began offering mobile clinics in outlying areas of Wasatch County to meet the needs of those who are least able to travel to the health department for WIC services, utilizing a van purchased and outfitted in 2020.

Based on an evaluation of the initial clinics, a regular schedule was established – WIC staff now provides a mobile clinic at the Todd Hollow housing complex once per month. Feedback from clients shows an appreciation for later hours and easy access from their home. In addition to WIC services, the mobile clinic has been used to concurrently provide immunizations.

HEALTH DEPT. HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CLINIC

The health department hosted the 3rd annual Children's Health Clinic in August 2021, with the theme "Super Healthy Kids." This event, put together in partnership with: Wasatch Community Foundation, Intermountain Healthcare, People's Health Clinic, Wasatch County School District, and Wasatch Behavioral

Health, offers free services to children who are not covered by health insurance.

The event provided well-child exams, dental care, immunizations, and hearing and vision screening. A social emotional screening was also included this year. Spanish-speaking volunteers served various roles as translators, guides, and facilitators to help children access services and sign up for Medicaid if they qualified.

The health department appreciates all of those who volunteered their services, including providers from Intermountain Healthcare, People's Health Clinic, The Hope Alliance, and local dentists: Dr. May and Dr. Ogilvie.

COVID-19 MASS VACCINATION CLINICS

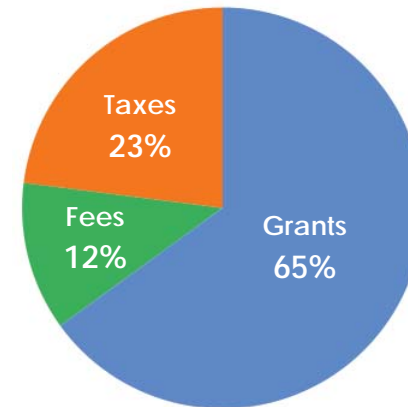
Following successful efforts to provide first doses of COVID vaccine to CDC-identified priority groups in December 2020, the health department and county emergency management set up drive-thru mass vaccination clinics for the general public beginning January 2021.

The drive-thru model was chosen due to its effectiveness in vaccinating large numbers of people quickly while minimizing potential exposure of staff and clients to pathogens. To help operate the clinics, the department activated volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), hired temporary staff members, and partnered with the Utah National Guard and Wasatch County School District.

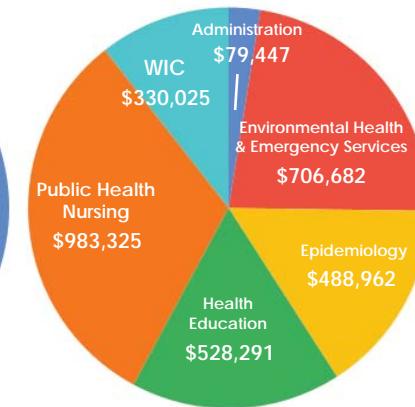
The high-volume clinics were open through May 2021, and again briefly in the fall of 2021, administering more than 20,000 doses of vaccine.

2021 BUDGET

REVENUE



EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$3,116,732

WASATCH COUNTY COVID-19 DATA*

7,331
(4,104 in 2021)
CONFIRMED CASES

157
(80 in 2021)
HOSPITALIZATIONS

32
(12 in 2021)
DEATHS

3,645
(All in 2021)
TESTS PERFORMED AND/OR
COLLECTED BY WCHD

22,682
(22,585 in 2021)
VACCINE DOSES
ADMINISTERED BY WCHD

*As of 12/31/2021