



Public Health

2021 ANNUAL
REPORT

2021 Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) fully engaged in battling the COVID-19 pandemic

As the year started,

TCPH reassigned much of the Public Health staff to assist with COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. TCPH leadership, acting to reach unvaccinated parts of the county, established and oversaw many "pop-up" temporary clinics in multiple locations for both COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

That included mass testing sites during the Omicron wave that hit late in the year.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness set up a COVID-19 call center to handle questions, set appointments and share testing results. Preparedness also provided vital logistical support, oversight and management for the COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, and had Medical Reserve Corps volunteers assisting the efforts.

Despite the continuing pressures of COVID-19, Public Health staff adapted to their pandemic-related tasks of contact tracing, providing COVID-19 vaccinations, administering COVID-19 tests and reporting those test results. But even with additional staff brought aboard to help, some regular Public Health functions were still needed that required client contact.

"Telehealth" visits became a common means for several TCPH programs to effectively and safely reach clients who were unable to get to any clinic. Public Health's operational clinics reconfigured their public areas to provide safe distancing if clients had to stand in line. The WIC program set up a curbside service at the TCPH Main Street building, providing their clients 'drive-up' convenience.

With the emergence of the COVID-19 Delta variant in the fall, TCPH developed a mobile operations team that would make vaccines more widely accessible by providing COVID-19 immunizations to areas where vaccination services were not previously available.

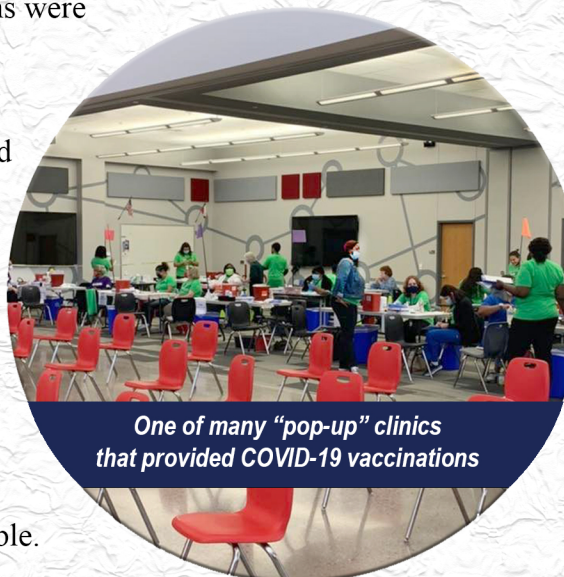
The pandemic forced department programs that relied on in-person class meetings to operate virtually for the first time. In one example, the Live Tobacco Free tobacco cessation program added computer-based capabilities that enabled participants to attend class meetings virtually from their home computers to receive tobacco education.

Toward year's end, Omicron - a new COVID-19 variant, made its way around the world, arriving in Tarrant County in December. By that time, Tarrant County Public Health could boast numerous successes in battling the pandemic. A significant portion of the public had been vaccinated for COVID-19, and there were plenty of testing sites in the county.

Reinforced with additional staff and resources, aided by strong partnerships in the local community, and with support from state and federal agencies, Public Health continued to move forward in the fight against COVID-19, urging all the public who were eligible to get fully vaccinated, while continually providing COVID-19 testing, vaccines and booster shots to Tarrant County residents.



COVID-19 vaccine line at the Resource Connection



One of many "pop-up" clinics that provided COVID-19 vaccinations



Man gets COVID-19 vaccine at drive-up clinic



Man gets COVID-19 test at drive-up site

The Year's Highlights

**5-year,
\$2 million**

grant received for
CYD, NFP
programs

49

mothers
and babies
graduated from
Nurse-Family
Partnership
program

Mobile
Operations:
825

"pop up" clinics set up
26,972
COVID-19 vaccines
dispensed

31

Teen Videofest
participants

1,496

refugees
tested
for TB

60+

local pharmacies
joined TCPH to
provide free flu
shots for
uninsured

3,077

TB patients
served

**2-year,
\$27+ million**

grant received
to address
COVID-19
disparities

**\$4.8
million**

awarded
to community
partners

Preventive
Medicine Clinic
"telehealth" visits:

1,261

high-risk clients

285

nurse visits

2,338

lab visits

Environmental
Health:

307

on-site sewage
facility inspections

1,005

public pool
inspections

6,487

food facility
inspections

5,789

mosquito traps
processed

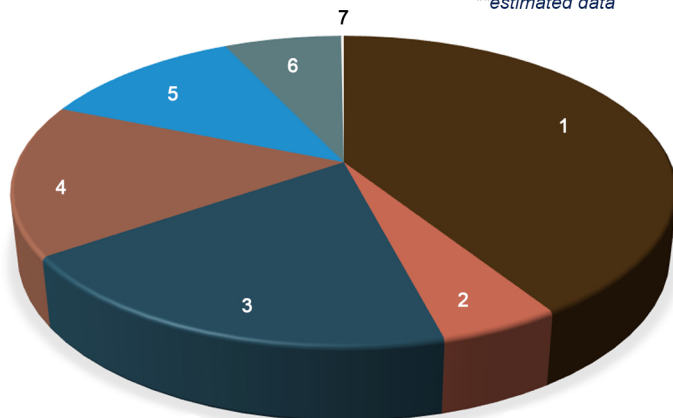
DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD MEASURES

	2019	2020	2021
Pregnancy tests & referrals	310	130	42
Flu shots provided	4,321	10,536	5,974
Immunizations provided	33,034	29,858	360,568
WIC - visits	460,529	460,414	453,744
Health education - health events, presentations	625	56	384
Health education - referrals	16,750	4,300	25,831
Communicable disease reports investigated	2,898	181,151*	259,245
New HIV cases	333	492	388
STD clinic visits	11,132	4,411	6,038
STD disease intervention, field investigations	1,336	1,210	1,694
Clinical lab tests performed	75,088	38,706	69,828
HIV/STD cases investigated, partners notified	534**	484**	677**
Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) HIV care caseload	871	800	808
PMC clinic visits	4,491	5,308	4,464
Travel Health Services immunization provided	1,700	740	1,318
TB clinic visits	5,484	4,342	5,276
TB contacts screened as part of disease intervention investigation	2,022	369	193
TB cases in Tarrant County	75	71	61
Percent of foreign-born TB cases	72	72	89
Suspected TB cases treated preventively	48	28	29
HIV co-infections (cases only)	3	3	7
Drug-resistant TB cases	2	5	6
Directly Observed Therapy doses administered (TB)	12,895	10,729	8,728
Directly Observed Preventive Therapy doses administered	1,322	1,802	1,419
Total clients on TB therapy	98	94	90
Total clients with latent TB infection	324	116	582
Food establishment inspections	6,345	6,781	6,487
Swimming pool inspections	902	849	1,005
Onsite sewage facilities permitted	350	320	307
Mosquito pools tested for WNV	6,347	5,803	5,789
Milk and dairy lab tests performed	17,501	15,637	16,419
Water lab tests performed	18,345	17,171	16,579
Medical Reserve Corps volunteer hours	1,357	3,098	8,378
Nurse-Family Partnership graduates	28	36	49

*estimate based on provisional data
**estimated data

FUNDING SOURCES 2021

1. 1115 Waiver Funds	\$45,712,440
2. State Grants	\$5,565,523
3. Local Government Funds	\$21,726,953
4. 340B Funds	\$17,652,133
5. Federal Grants	\$13,200,982
6. Local Fees	\$7,603,434
7. Local Private Funds	\$187,074
TOTAL:	\$111,648,540



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