

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 HORIZON PUBLIC HEALTH

This visual was shared on social media on March 19, 2021 to promote Horizon Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics.



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Get vaccinated when it's your turn.

#ItsWorthIt



LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to present you with the 2021 Annual Report for Horizon Public Health. Our staff continued their important work to support our mission and the community as we all endured another year of this ongoing pandemic. 2021 started out with a great deal of optimism as we held some of our first COVID-19 vaccination clinics. It was rewarding to interact with people who were grateful to be able to receive their dose of vaccine at our many community clinics that were held across our five counties.

In February of 2021, Horizon Public Health reached an important milestone when we were awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). National accreditation serves to recognize health departments for their ability to meet public health standards and to promote continuous quality improvement that will strengthen our capacity to deliver essential public health services. This achievement is the culmination of years of work by our staff, our governing board and our partners in the community.

Our staff continued their provision of services without interruption throughout 2021. Our use of technology was a critical tool during this time to reach people and help our community. We still would argue "in person" services are best for most things, but the option to be able to connect via video, telephone, text or with information via our website or social media has allowed us to continue meeting the needs of people where they are at, just in a little different way.

The 2021 Annual Report is provided to inform the public of the important work that our staff performs. It can help you to learn more about our organization and see current trends. I am proud of our staff for their continued commitment to our public health mission, their dedication to the people they interact with and high quality service.

2021 presented opportunities and challenges. As we reflect, our most memorable moments reside in connections we have made with individuals and communities working to make a positive difference. I would like to extend my gratitude to our staff, governing board, partner organizations and everyone in our community. In the early days of the pandemic a COVID hospital played the Beatles, "Here Comes the Sun" over the intercom whenever someone was discharged from the hospital. Can you hear it? As we look forward to 2022, I am hopeful we will see and feel more "sun" in our communities and lives as we continue to work to heal and recover from all we have faced during this time.

Wishing you good health and sunny days!

John E Stehr

ANN STEHN, EMPA, PHN administrator



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MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Mission

To work in partnership with individuals and communities in creating an environment that promotes health and improves the well-being of all people in Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, and Traverse counties.

Vision

Through a committed, progressive, and diverse workforce, Horizon Public Health is known as a leader and convener, visible in the community, and respected as an engaged collaborator with a broad focus on the health and well-being of all the communities we serve.

Values

Collaboration:

We cultivate positive relationships both internally and externally. Our partnerships are critical to identifying new opportunities and strategies to meet the needs of our communities.

Diversity:

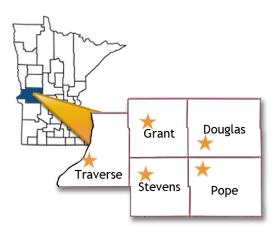
We promise to respect individual differences in all aspects of our mission.

Innovation:

We aspire to the provision of programs, services, and ongoing quality improvement, balancing science and best practices with the wisdom and beliefs of our communities.

Integrity:

We serve the best interests of the public by adhering to the highest standards of professionalism. We earn and preserve trust through our behavior and the quality of our work.



Horizon Public Health offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to enhance the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities in our 5-county service area.

ACCREDITATION



11,189 *documents* were reviewed and submitted to PHAB between 2017-2019. HPH was awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on February 12, 2021, making HPH the tenth local public health department in Minnesota to successfully complete this process, in addition to the Minnesota Department of Health. PHAB is a nonprofit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. HPH will apply for reaccreditation in early 2026. The reaccreditation process is designed to push our health department to evolve, improve, and advance; to effectively improve the health of the population that we serve.

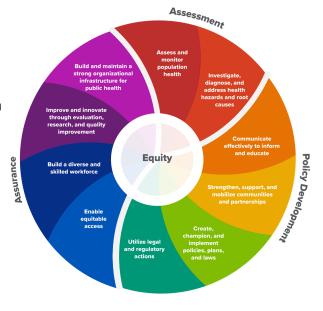
> 6 total meeting hours for Accreditation activities in 2021

staff members were actively involved in Accreditation activities in 2021

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10 Essential Public Health Services

The 10 Essential Public Health Services framework (shown right) was revised in September 2020 and serves to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. Equity is placed in the center of this revised framework as a reminder that public health cannot do this work alone. By having multi-sector partnerships, communities can work together to improve the underlying conditions that make healthy living easier, particularly in underserved communities. The 10 Essential Public Health Services framework ties directly to the national accreditation process and is used as a guide for our work at the local level.



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATION

HPH is dedicated to the ongoing communication and dissemination of public health information to community members. HPH uses multiple methods and formats to keep the public informed about public health issues, health status, health programs, and other important public health information. In the past two years, our health department has dedicated time and energy to the use of social media as a way to communicate with community members.

Horizon Facebook Measures for 2021



In 2021, HPH sent





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Press Releases to media contacts to announce newsworthy updates about COVID-19 and other important health related topics.

*The above image shows an example of a Press Release that was sent on April 20, 2021 titled *COVID-19 Variants now identified in West Central Minnesota.*.





409 Instagram followers *end-of-year measure

Communication by the means of our website is also ongoing. Several updates and documents are uploaded to our site on a weekly or monthly basis, as needed. Several community resources are listed on the Horizon website as well as job opportunities.



Website analytics allow us to monitor the way that users interact with our website. In 2021, 44% of our website visitors were new to our site and 56% were returning visitors. The top pages visited were COVID-19 Current Status and Vaccine Information.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



The West Central MN Healthcare Preparedness Coalition is made up of regional providers including county emergency management, healthcare, longterm care, public health, emergency preparedness, and a regional healthcare coalition coordinator. This group helps plan and coordinate training for healthcare needs, as well as promote communication and information sharing within the region.

Total COVID-19 Cases	HPH 9,004	MN 633,404
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Hospitalizations	279	28,773
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ICU Admissions	62	5,260
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Deaths	68	4,530
	2021 Y	EAR END DATA

As the COVID-19 landscape continued to change, in 2021 Horizon Public Health continued to utilize a incident command structure to respond and adapt to the needs locally. Ongoing planning occurred at HPH and with community partners across the five counties, to respond or adapt to local, state and federal developments. Many coalitions that existed previously as a result of emergency preparedness groundwork were strengthened as a result of this COVID-19 response. These efforts also identified new partnerships to be developed, which is helping us to better understand and meet the needs of our communities

16,384 hours of staff time devoted to the COVID-19 response.

1,680 miles

communities to assist with the COVID-19 response.

2021 COVID-19 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

January 5 - First HPH COVID-19 vaccine clinic in	4
Elbow Lake	January 6 - First HPH COVID-19 vaccine clinic in
January 7 - HPH starts providing vaccinations to assisted living facilities, adult foster cares, and homebound individuals	Glenwood
	January 9 - Alpha (B.1.1.7) variant first detected in Minnesota
January 13 - HPH puts out Press Release: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility	January 22 - First HPH COVID-19 vaccine clinic
January 22 - HPH starts providing vaccination clinics for school staff	in Wheaton
January 25 - Governor Walz sets new 72-hour and one-week goals to ensure doses are given to	January 25 - Gamma (P.1) variant first detected in Minnesota
Minnesotans quickly	February 2 - HPH starts providing vaccination clinics for childcare providers
February 2 - HPH staff no longer assisting MDH with case investigation/contact tracing as MDH has enough staff capacity to cover this	February 3 - HPH puts out Press Release: Vaccine administration has surpassed confirmed COVID-19
February 5 - HPH along with community partners roll out the #ItsWorthIt campaign using social media	cases in HPH service area February 19 - Minnesota announces that the state has
	given more than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses
February 27 - FDA issues emergency use authorization (EUA) for Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine	March 1 - HPH puts out Press Release: COVID-19 vaccine availability on first come first serve basis to anyone age
March 11 - Beta (B.1.351) variant first detected —— in Minnesota	65+, healthcare workers, childcare providers, and school staff through 12th grade
March 24 - HPH starts providing vaccination clinics for agricultural workers	March 18 - HPH starts providing vaccination clinics for food producers
April 1 - HPH puts out Press Release: Significant increase in number of positive COVID-19 confirmed cases in	March 26 - Minnesota opens vaccine eligibility to everyone ages 16+ starting March 30th
portions of our service area	April 4 - HPH starts providing vaccination clinics for correctional facilities
April 6 - HPH provides N95 masks to local dentists	April 20 - HPH puts out Press Release: COVID-19
	variants now identified in West Central Minnesota

2021 COVID-19 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

April 29 - HPH starts providing community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics to promote vaccine access and decrease barriers	May 4 - HPH puts out Press Release: HPH offering walk-in community-based vaccination
May 10 - FDA issues Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for adolescents ages 12-15	clinics July 1 - Minnesota masking requirement ends
July 30 - HPH puts out Press Release: Jump in active cases and Delta (B.1.617.2) variant account for over 85% of new cases August 23 - FDA approves the first COVID-19	August 17 - HPH puts out Press Release: Recent rise in COVID-19 cases and high community transmission within the Horizon communities
vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech) October 13 - Minnesota announces new testing site in Morris at the National Guard Armory	 September 22 - FDA authorizes booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to specific, higher-risk groups October 29 - FDA authorizes EUA for Pfizer-BioNTech
November 3 - COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11 begin in Minnesota	vaccine for children ages 5-11 November 5 - HPH starts providing COVID-19 booster dose vaccinations for long-term care facilities,
November 19 - FDA authrorizes EUAs for booster doses of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for all individuals ages 18+	 adult foster cares, and schools November 29 - CDC recommends that everyone ages 18+ get a booster shot at 6 months after their initial
December 2 - Omicron (B.1.1.529) variant first etected in Minnesota	Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech series or 2 months after their initial Janssen vaccine December 19 - FDA amends EUA for booster doses
December 20 - Omicron (B.1.1.529) is the dominant variant circulating throughout the United States	of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to adolescents ages 16-17

In 2021, there was an average of 419 views per day and a cumulative total of 152,609 views to the HPH COVID-19 dashboard.

HPH is grateful to access and share this real-time data with our communities and community partners to help make informed decisions.

DISEASE PREVENTION & CONTROL

Local public health agencies across Minnesota assist in detecting infectious diseases, strive towards developing and implementing prevention activities to hinder disease transmission, and implement actions that can reduce the potential of exposure during outbreaks.

In 2021, Horizon Public Health continued its work on meeting community needs in response to disease prevention, with COVID-19 impacting the Horizon communities. Several staff roles switched from doing case investigations in 2020 for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 (detecting infectious disease) to actively responding and providing in-office as well as community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics (prevention activities). Horizon leveraged staff from a variety of program areas within the organization to assist and respond to the vaccination needs of the community.

In addition to providing COVID-19 vaccinations, staff were responding to the pandemic in a number of ways including:

- Providing consultations with community members, organizations, and businesses from topics ranging from testing, new isolation/quarantine guidance, masks, treatments available, and vaccinations
- Updating the HPH COVID-19 dashboard and sharing themes identified based on active cases, hospitalizations, ICU admission and deaths
- Providing consultation and support to local schools, childcares, and jails on best practices and resources
- Facilitating and attending meetings with community partners to share relevant updates, information and guidance
- Providing data to our communities to support informed decisions through reputable sources and sharing this information through a variety of media sources including social media, radio and newspaper messaging as appropriate.

365 Immunization Clinics
10,544 COVID-19 Vaccinations

Influenza Vaccinations

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<u>Communicable Disease</u> <u>2021 Updates</u>

Top 10 Diseases by Counts for Horizon Public Health

1. COVID-19

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- 2.Chlamydia
- 3. Campylobacter 8. Giardia
- 4. Influenzahospitalized
 - 9. Salmonella

6. Cryptosporidium

7. Strep Group B

- 5.Gonorrhea
- 10. Escherichia (E.) coli
- Tuberculosis

There were no active cases of tuberculosis and 1 new latent tuberculosis case in 2021.

PREVENTATIVE SERVICES

<u>High Lead Referrals</u>

Children with high lead levels during their first year of life often do not start to show symptoms until they have entered school at which they may start to demonstrate learning difficulties, have noticeable behavioral problems, or have a lower IQ. If the lead level is higher than 5 mcg/dL and the child is 72 months of age or younger, HPH receives a referral to provide additional support to assist the family to consult on the likely source(s) of lead exposure. Since 2017, the number of referrals has trended downward in the Horizon communities.

High Lead Referrals - By County



Immunizations

<u>% Up-to-date on Immunizations</u>		
Children at 24 months		
Douglas	66.3%	53.5%
Grant	76.9%	45.1%
Pope	67.2%	43.5%
Stevens	71.7%	45.1%
Traverse	69.2%	61.8%
MN	63.4%	43.4%

The chart on the left details the percentage of children who are up-to-date on their immunization schedule, based on the recommendations. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, childhood and adolescent vaccination rates have decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HPH provided 🤈

children* with recommended vaccines. *Uninsured/underinsured



HPH partners with Head Start to complete required screenings/assessments.

children had health and development screenings for Head Start in 2021.

Head Start nutrition consultations are provided by a Registered Dietitian. This service includes site visits, menu review, and family & staff education.

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site visits were done with Head Start in 2021.

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

HPH partners with the Minnesota Department of Health to work with parents of babies born with birth defects through the Birth Defects Information System (BDIS) an Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI).

> families were assessed and connected with resources through EHDI and BDIS.

HPH partners with Primewest Health to complete assessments and referrals for Primewest members who are considered high

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risk.

prenatal women were assessed and offered referrals to services.

HPH offers a quarterly breastfeeding class to mothers and birth partners during their third trimester.

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mother and birth partner couples attended the breastfeeding classes in 2021.

Follow Along Program (FAP):

FAP is a fun and simple way to ask questions about how your child is hearing, moving, seeing, playing, talking, learning, growing, and acting. It is also an easy way to find out about other services you may want for your child. ASQ-3: Assesses communication, gross and fine motor skills, problem solving, and personal-social skills. ASQ-SE: Assesses social and emotional skills.

109 New clients signed up for FAP in 2021

ASQ-3 questionnaires received 305 ASQ-SE questionnaires received

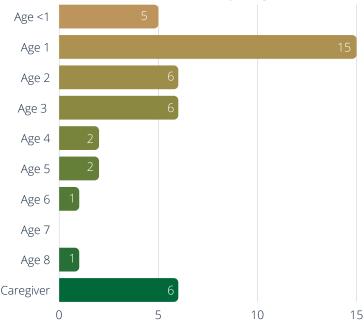
14 Help Me Grow referrals made by FAP nurses



<u>Car Seat Education</u>

car seats were distributed to children ages 8 years and younger with education provided to their parents and caregivers.

Car Seat Education - By Age



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CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS AND OUTREACH

Children living in low-income families or neighborhoods have worse health outcomes on average than other children on a number of key indicators, including low birth weight, overweight and obesity, mental health problems, and lack of readiness to learn.

Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) are complete head-to-toe health and development checkups. They are at no cost to any person under 21 years old who is insured by Medicaid. Regular C&TC health exams help infants, children, and adolescents be the healthiest they can be. The goal of this program is to ensure that children under the age of 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid receive age-appropriate screening, preventative services, and treatment services that are medically necessary.



Child and Teen Checkup Outreach (C&TC OR) staff work with families to establish or maintain a primary care provider for regular C&TCs.

C&TC OR made a total of

12,243 contacts via phone calls, letters, or in-person with Medicaid eligible families in our counties to promote well child checkups and assist them, if needed, to get in for those checkups. C&TC OR partnered with parents of

7,474 children (birth-21 years old) to remind them to get their child in for well child checkups with their primary care provider.

HPH has nurses trained to complete C&TCs for certain circumstances where the child is not able to visit a primary care provider.

children

had a C&TC completed at HPH in 2021.

lead/Hgb

tests were given during C&TC visits in 2021.

EVIDENCE-BASED HOME VISITING

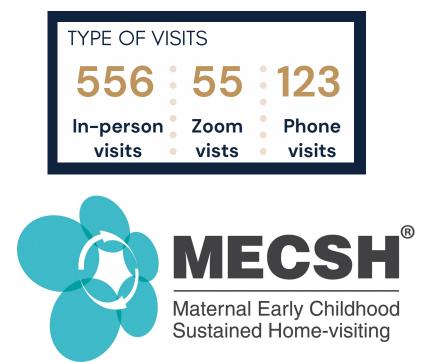
Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (MECSH):

MECSH provides individualized, home-based services focusing on parent education, maternal health and well-being, family relationships, and goal setting. Home visiting begins either prenatally/postpartum and continues until the child turns age 2.

HPH partners with Countryside Public Health to provide MECSH to 10 counties.

Goals:

- Improve transition to parenting by supporting mothers through pregnancy
- Improve maternal health and well-being by helping mothers to care for themselves
- Improve mental health and development by helping parents to interact with their children in developmentally supportive ways
- Develop and promote parents' aspirations for themselves and their children
- Improve family and social relationships and networks by helping parents to foster relationships within a family and with other families and services





Screenings & Referrals		
CAREGIVE	RS	
170	Depression/anxiety screenings	
137	Mental health referrals	
84	Intimate partner violence screenings	
CHILDREN		
92	ASQ-3 developmental screenings	
72	ASQ-SE (Social Emotional) screenings	
20	Help Me Grow referrals	

TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOME VISITING

The traditional family home visiting program at HPH offers prenatal, postpartum, and ongoing home visiting for children up to age 3. Registered nurses provide support and education to families specific to each individual family's interests and needs in areas of:

- Child development / milestones
- Parenting
- Health / well-being
- Nutrition
- Safety / Injury Prevention
- Family needs and community resources
- Supporting parent's aspirations
- Breastfeeding education and support







Screenings & Referrals

CAREGIVERS		
55	Depression/anxiety screenings	
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16	Mental health referrals	
39	Intimate partner violence screenings	
CHILDREN		
43	ASQ-3 developmental screenings	
22	ASQ-SE (Social Emotional) screenings	
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10	Help Me Grow referrals	

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) provides:

- Individualized nutrition education and counseling
- Vouchers to purchase nutritious foods from local grocery stores
- Referrals to health care and other services

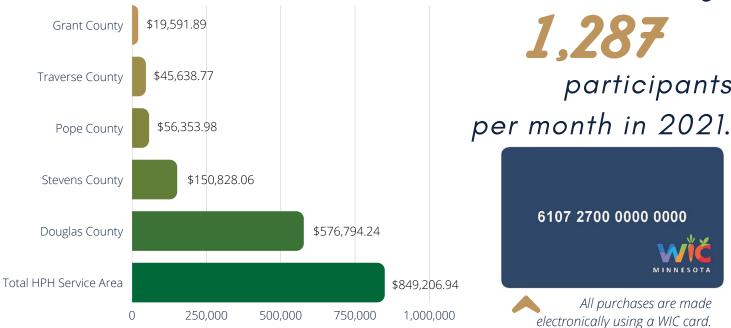
WIC serves:

- Pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women
- Infants up to one year of age
- Children up to age 5

Goals:

- To improve access to nutritious food options for at risk populations
- To improve outcomes regarding growth and anemia in populations serviced
- To promote support of breastfeeding and extending duration of breastfeeding among populations served

WIC Benefits Redeemed in HPH Service Area



Healthy WIC Food Packages include:

- 1. Milk, cheese, and yogurt
- 2. Fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables
- 3. Whole grains
- 4. Cereal
- 5.Eggs
- 6. Peanut butter and beans/lentils
- 7.100% juice
- 8. Infant formula and baby foods
- 9. Salmon/tuna options for breastfeeding women

The WIC team served on average

participants

All purchases are made



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

The health education team features four full-time health educators with one support staff. The team works together to assess community health needs, design and implement programs to address those needs, and evaluate the effectiveness of those programs. The team directs four grant programs that address healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco and e-cigarette prevention, and traffic safety. The team also assists with other health education efforts including the organization's COVID-19 response.

community partner organizations engaged in projects across the Horizon service area

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grant funding expended on community projects to improve the health of communities

Highlights:

\$293,817

Conducted a community interview process and administered the Positive Community Norms Survey to students in 6th-12th grade at the Alexandria Area High School to determine what conditions are leading young people in our community to use substances.

Attended Rural Safety Day in Grant County and Community Night Out in Douglas County to educate community members on the importance of traffic safety and making healthy decisions around alcohol, e-cigarettes and other drugs.

Partnered with Alexandria Public Schools to develop and implement lessons to 4th grade students that integrated the risks of e-cigarette use and the fundamentals of social- emotional learning, with the goal of enhancing a student's ability to make responsible choices.

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Partnered with West Central Area Elementary Schools, Morris Public School and St. Mary's School in Morris to conduct a Safe Routes to School program evaluation. The evaluation resulted in the creation of a new Safe Routes to School Plan for each school building that outlines opportunities to get more students walking and biking to and from school.



Facilitated the process for HPH to become a Breastfeeding Friendly Health Department. The designation acknowledges our commitment to support and promote healthy families and breastfeeding mothers. HPH received this Breastfeeding Friendly Award in October 2021.

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION-PICTURES



Stevens County Food Shelf completed a major renovation project, which was supported by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.



A bicycle rodeo during Rural Safety Day at the Grant County Fair. This event was hosted by the Grant County TZD Coalition.



The Healthy Voices Healthy Choices Coalition partnered with students from the Alexandria Area High School to promote and talk with other students about the importance of not using substances.



Browns Valley Health Center residents now have the opportunity to plant, tend to, and harvest their crops that are growing in the onsite raised garden beds. This project was supported by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.



Promoted the importance of wearing a seat belt during Community Night Out in Alexandria. Douglas County TZD Safe Roads Coalition hosted a seat belt convincer.



In collaboration with Alexandria Public Schools, the Healthy Voices Healthy Choices coalition implemented lessons to 4th grade students in the district on responsible decision making and e-cigarettes.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health team consists of two full-time registered sanitarians and one support staff. The team works to identify health and safety risks and enforce environmental regulations. They also work closely with food, pool and lodging establishments in Douglas and Pope County to license, inspect, and make corrective actions to improve safety. This team is responsible for a host of other duties including conducting foodborne illness outbreak investigations and providing community education on radon, mold, drinking water safety, and other environmental health topics.

Highlights:

Increased partnership efforts in Pope County and the City of Osakis to provide thorough consultation and inspections of private vacation home rentals.

Developed a new safe drinking water initiative in response to naturally occurring high levels of arsenic found in the soil in Grant, Stevens, and Traverse Counties. This new safe drinking water initiative resulted in a community-wide education campaign, free arsenic testing kits distributed to private well owners, and seven new reverse osmosis systems provided to citizens, free of charge, to remove harmful levels of arsenic from their drinking water.



Worked collaboratively with the Minnesota Department of Health to investigate a COVID-19 outbreak tied to a local summer camp.



Short-term and long-term radon kits are available to purchase at all five Horizon Public Health offices.

427

food, pool, and lodging inspections completed

150+

radon test kits distributed across the HPH service area

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85+

free arsenic test kits distributed in Grant, Stevens and Traverse Counties

HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



Connecting Clients to Services*

- Day supports
- Individual housing supports
- Skilled nurse visits
- Home heath aides

Adult companion

- Homemaker
- Home-delivered meals
- *services provided under Minnesota disability and elderly waivers
- Personal emergency response system

Home and Community Based Services are an important piece of healthcare that provides people with choices related to their health and is centered around personal preferences. As certified MnChoice assessors, case managers, and care coordinators, we can help keep people in their homes, find an assisted living/residential provider, or even move into a skilled nursing facility if they meet eligibility requirements. Since the population we serve is utilizing Minnesota Medicaid, they are provided with a nurse or social worker who can complete an assessment and determine the appropriate services and programs available to them.

This assessment can be completed in a location chosen by the person, which can include but is not limited to a home, hospital, or rehabilitation facility. It will identify and provide information and resources for services that can be provided in the home or help individuals find alternative living arrangements.

473	473 initial, county of residence, and pre- admission <i>screenings</i> completed in 2021.
95	Each certified assessor completed 95 screenings, averaging 1.82 per week.
529	The under 65 case management team managed an average of 529 <i>clients</i> on a monthly basis.
894	The over 65 case management team managed an average of 894 <i>clients</i> on a monthly basis.

As in the previous year, we have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, and while our visits and outreach may have been in person, if able, or was through the use of a virtual device, we were still able to provide the same level of care and compassion as we always have. Our case management/care coordination staff have dedicated their time to providing the highest level of care and personal choice to individuals served because they understand how being independent and staying at home is an important part of being

healthy.

HOSPICE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Mission Statement:

Hospice of Douglas County provides compassionate care for the terminally ill individual, and comfort and concern for the family in collaboration with a qualified and professional staff.

Serving Douglas & Surrounding Counties for **38** years!

Palliative Care

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illness. Our program supports these individuals and their families to manage symptoms of chronic disease as they continue treatment. We are the only Palliative Care Program in Douglas County. We have seen a significant increase in referrals to this program over the last year:

2020 Referrals: 19 2021 Referrals: 35

Norma Roman Longfellow Foundation

We have been fortunate to be supported by funds from the Norma Roman Longfellow Foundation to support our efforts in Palliative Care and other areas that are not funded by Medicare. We were awarded \$33,500 in 2021 to support not only Palliative Care, but also our We Honor Veterans program, education for staff, marketing and advertising, and team building.



A picture from the Butterfly Release event that we host every August.



*Number of patient days billed in 2021

"I am amazed and in awe of your love

and caring — it is just perfect!" -Quote by a Hospice Family Member

2021 Hospice Honors

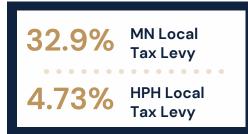
Awarded by HEALTHCAREfirst for continuously providing the highest level of satisfaction through care as measured from the patient's point of view.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

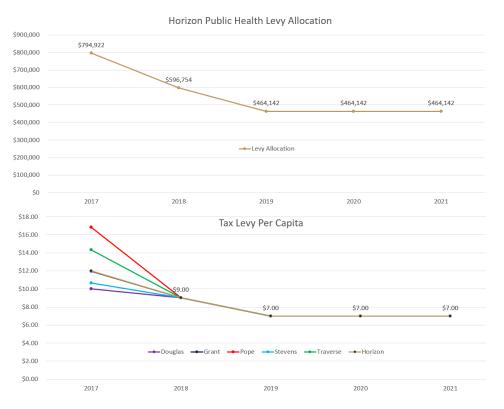
MN Local Public Health System Funding		
Funding Source	2020 Dollars	2020 % of total funding
Local Tax Levy	\$146,534,553	32.9%
Other Federal Funds	\$133,004,039	29.8%
Other State Funds	\$48,659,214	10.9%
Medicaid	\$27,741,227	6.2%
Other fees	\$25,758,764	5.8%
Local Public Health Grant	\$22,315,314	5.0%
Other local funds	\$14,110,470	3.2%
Medicare	\$8,670,569	2.0%
Federan TANF	\$7,046,635	1.6%
Federal Title V	\$5,842,745	1.3%
Private Insurance	\$2,924,238	0.7%
Client Fees	\$2,705,066	0.6%
Total	\$445,312,834	100.0%

Horizon Public Health Funding		
Funding Source	2020 Dollars	2020% of total funding
Medicare	\$3,022,821	30.81%
Medicaid	\$1,949,497	19.87%
Other Federal Funds	\$1,646,698	16.78%
Other State Funds	\$1,614,782	16.46%
Local Tax Levy	\$464,142	4.73%
Other fees	\$332,568	3.39%
Local Public Health Grant	\$331,311	3.37%
Other local funds	\$179,481	1.82%
Federal TANF	\$99,332	1.01%
Federal Title V	\$85,619	0.87%
Private Insurance	\$74,842	0.76%
Client Fees	\$13,073	0.13%
Total	\$9,814,166	100.00%

*2020 MN Local Public Health System Funding is the most current data for comparison. *Data includes COVID and Non-COVID funding for 2020.

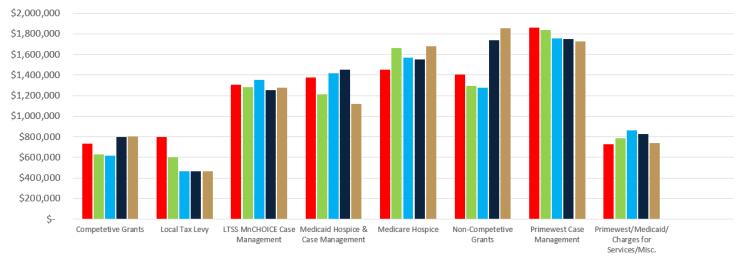


Horizon Public Health's reliance on local tax levy support has continued to decrease and then stabilize in the past five years. Total annual tax levy allocation from the five member counties has remained at \$464,142 for the past three years (2019–2021). HPH's member counties have contributed \$7.00 per county resident for Public Health services since 2019. MN Local Public Health funding data is collected annually. In 2020, local tax levy dollars were the number one funding source for Local Public Health systems across MN making up 32.9% of total annual funding. Horizon Public Health has multiple funding mechanisms that allows the local tax levy support to be much lower than the state at 4.73% of total funding.



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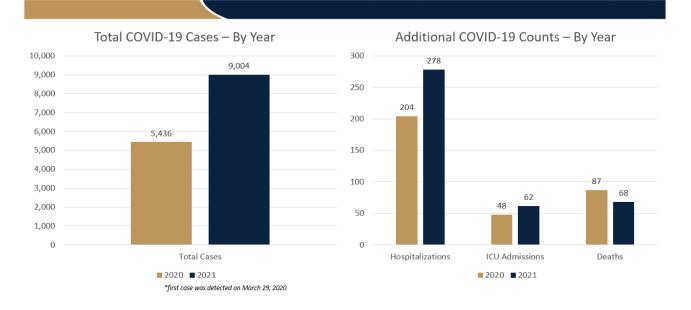


2017-2021 Horizon Public Health Revenue Sources

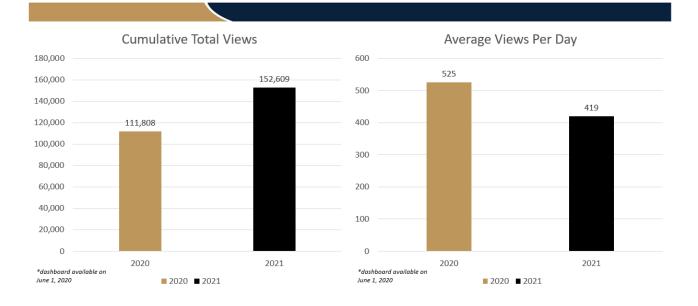
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Horizon Public Health 2021 revenue sources indicate several unique funding mechanisms to support the work that is being done. Non-competitive grant funding continues to be HPH's largest source of funding. The next four funding sources are derived from the work that is done in the Long Term Care Case Management and Hospice programs. Horizon Public Health has been successful in applying for and receiving competitive grant funding in the past two years. Charges for services, Medicaid/PMAP (Primewest) and miscellaneous revenue combine to be the second to last revenue source with local tax levy support providing the least amount of funding for Public Health services in 2021.

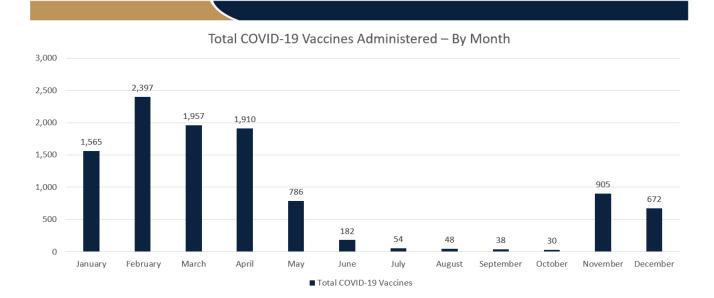
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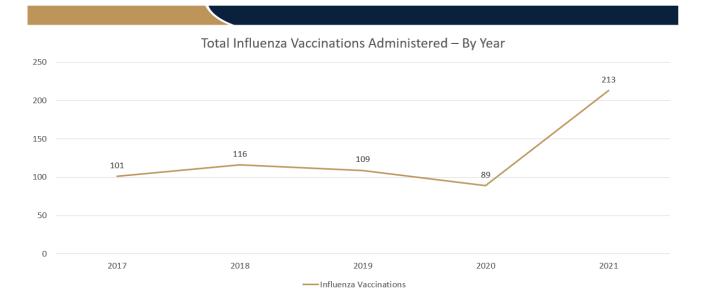
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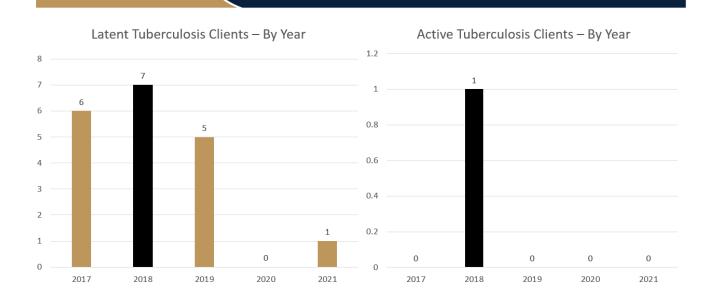
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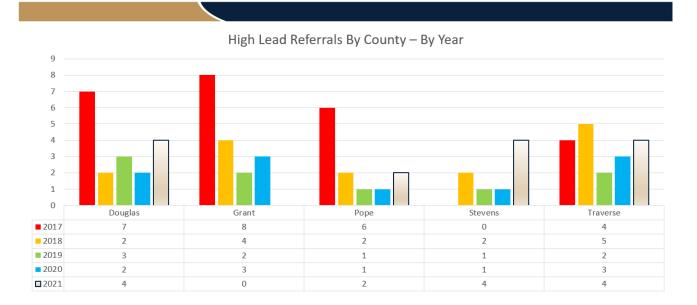
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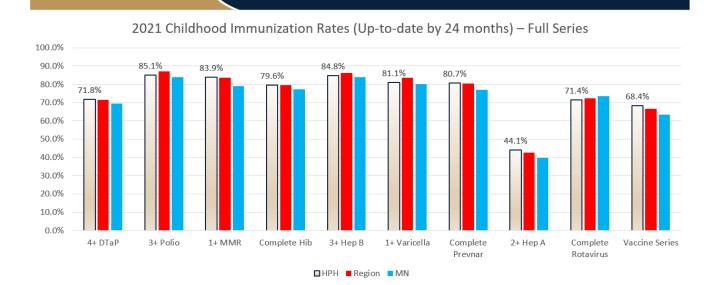
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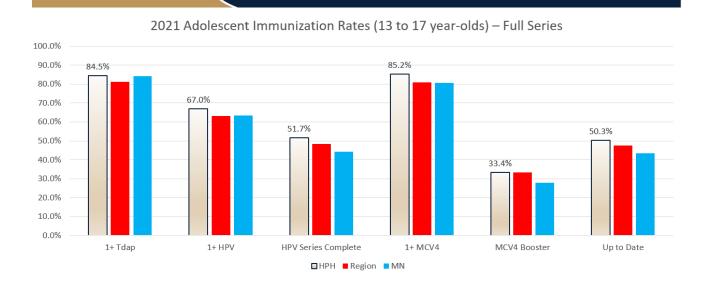
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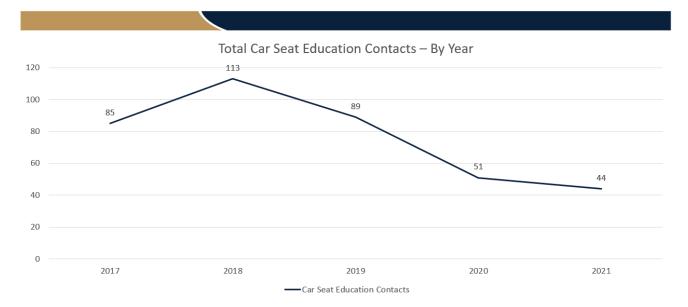


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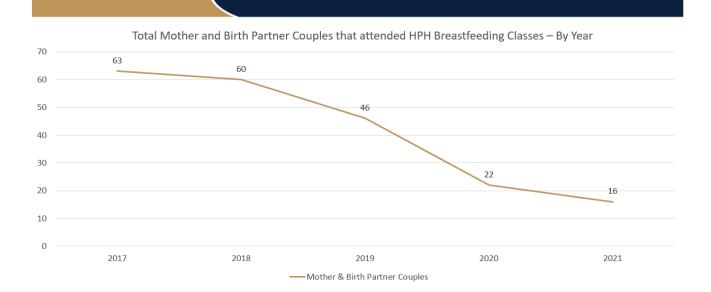


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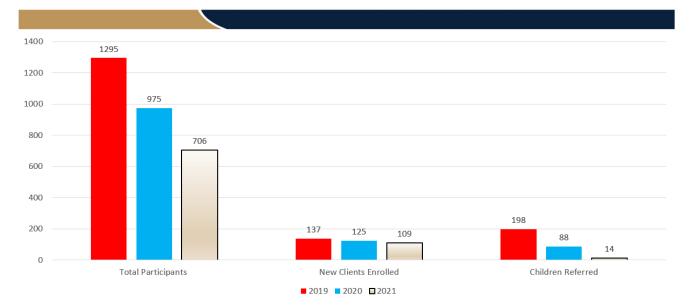
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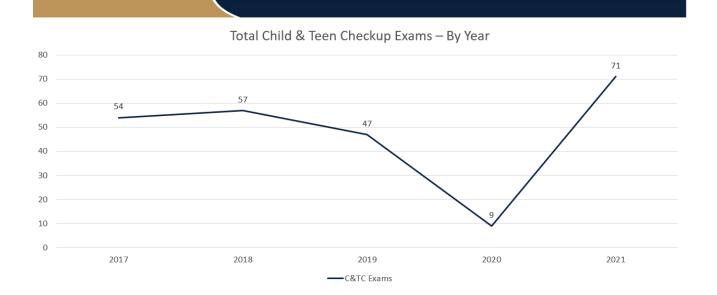
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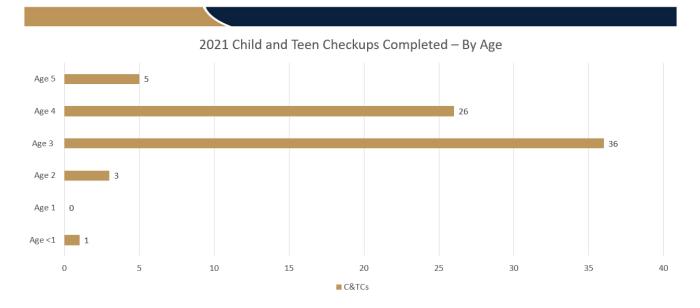
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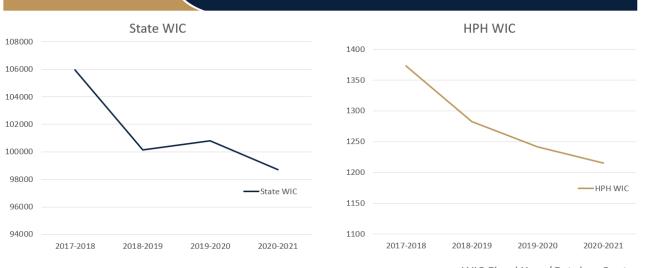
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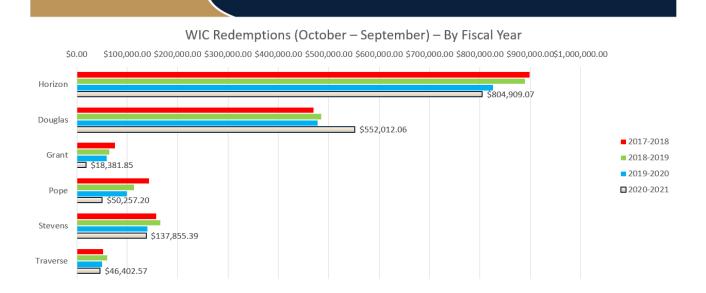


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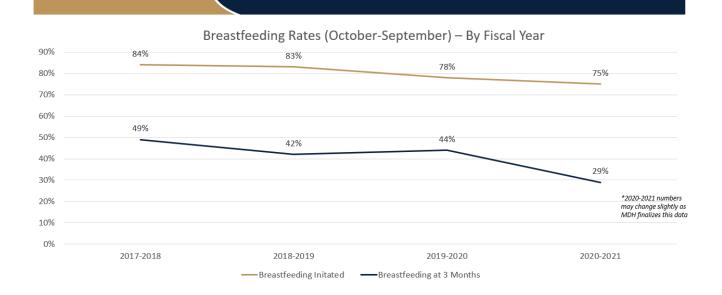


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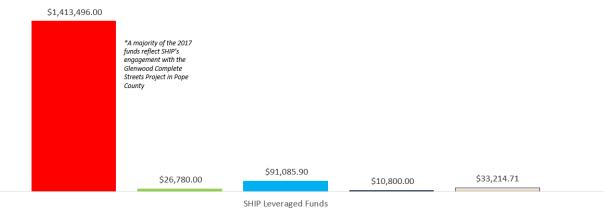


HPH WIC Breastfeeding Rates



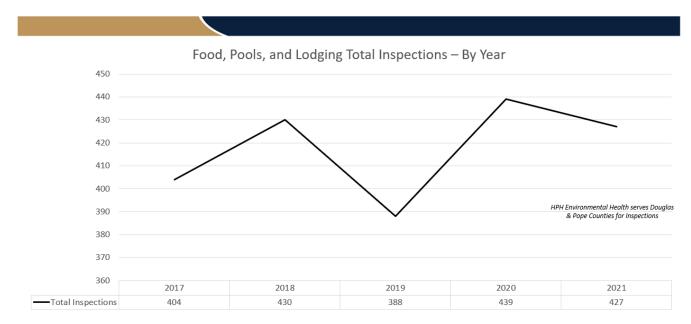
HPH SHIP Data

Additional Community Funding to Support Health Improvement Projects – By Year

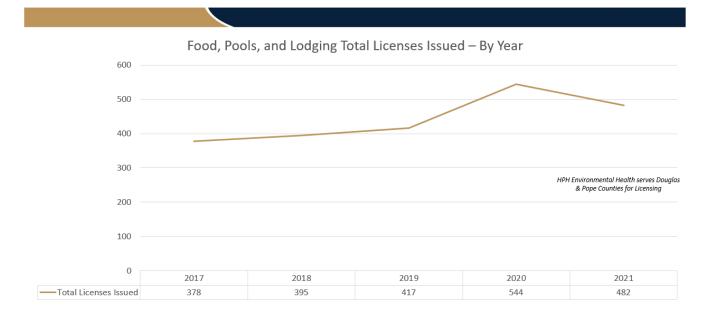


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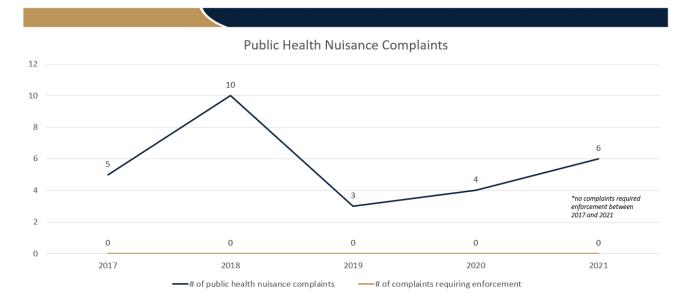
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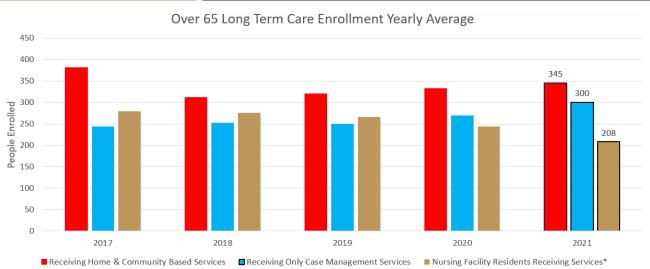
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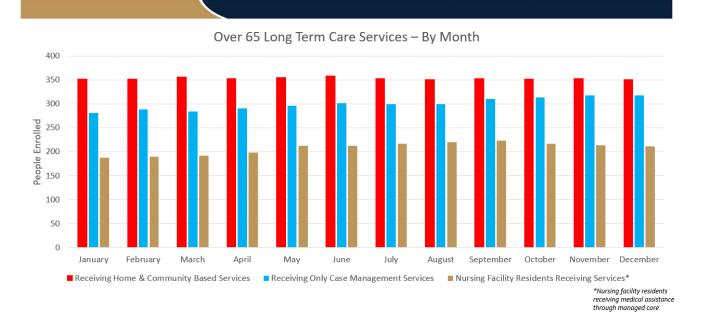


Home & Community Based Services



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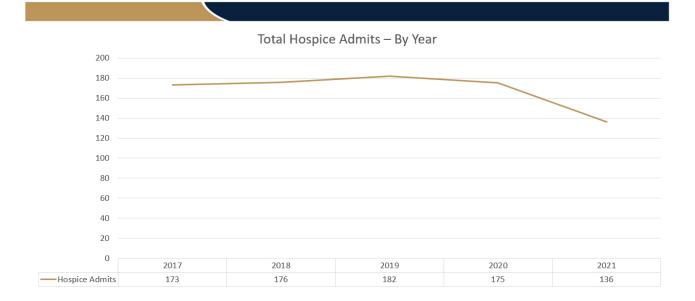
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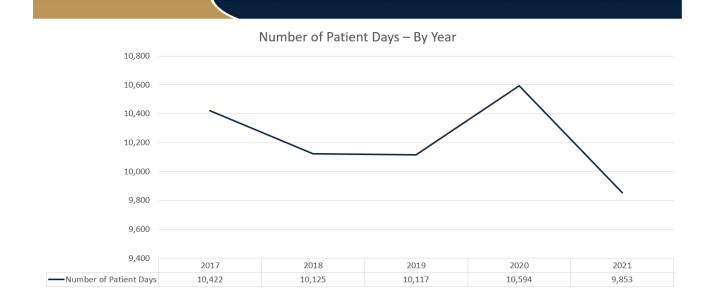
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Hospice of Douglas County

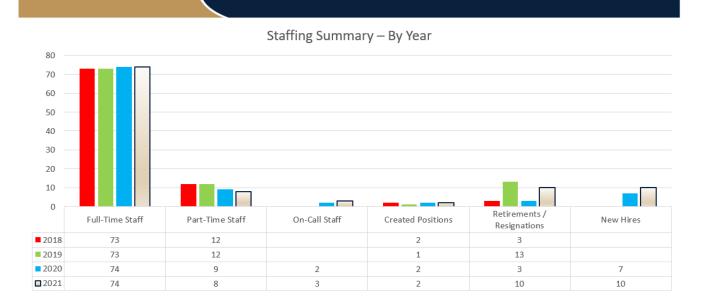


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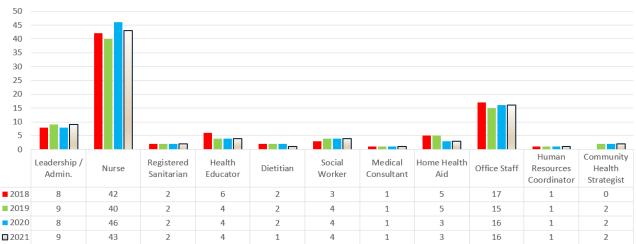
ADDITIONAL DATA APPENDIX

Staffing



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Education / Certifications - By Year



Always striving to promote and protect the health of all citizens, Horizon Public Health offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to enhance the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities in our 5-county service area.



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