



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION  
PINAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AGENDA  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:30 AM - CALL TO ORDER

PINAL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM  
135 N. PINAL STREET  
FLORENCE, AZ 85132

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**BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

(Consideration/Approval/Disapproval of the following:)

**(1) CONSENT ITEMS:**

All items indicated by an asterisk (\*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board Member, County Manager, or member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

- \* A. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the Public Health Annual Report for FY 2021 - 2022. Per the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 36 the Public Health Director shall submit an Annual Report describing the activities of the department during the fiscal year. Annual Report for FY 2021 - 2022 (pdf 23 pages) is attached. (Tascha Spears)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA ITEM

February 1, 2023 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING A  
FLORENCE, ARIZONA

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**REQUESTED BY:**

**Funds #:**

**Dept. #:**

**Dept. Name:** Public Health

**Director:** Tascha Spears

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**MOTION:**

Approve as presented

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Time		
1/20/2023 3:06 PM	County Attorney	Yes
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1/24/2023 9:23 AM	Clerk of the Board	Yes

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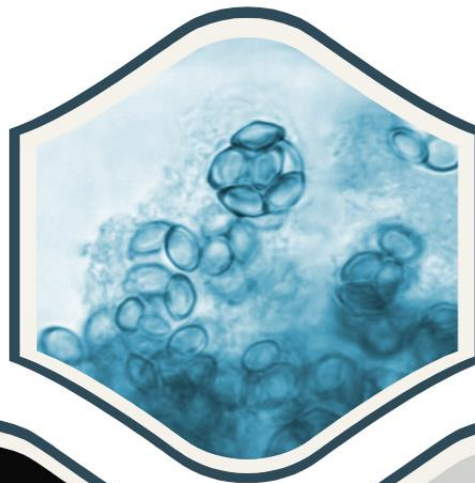
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**Pinal County Public  
Health Services District**

**2021-2022**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



**WORKING TO PROMOTE, PROTECT, AND IMPROVE HEALTH AND  
WELL-BEING FOR ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY**

## Message from the Director

Each year the annual report allows us to reflect on the previous year – of challenges met, and accomplishments made with our community. Public health staff persevered through the most challenging time in our history and I could not be prouder of all that was accomplished.



The year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 became “more than a COVID response” as we moved into pandemic recovery. The work of reducing and preventing disease is different from promoting wellness. In 2022, we were fortunate to begin resuming many of our routine public health programs and services with an emphasis on promoting health and well-being.

We welcomed new public health team members and celebrated the perseverance of experienced staff. The work we do happens all year, in many different places. Through our collaborative efforts, we strengthened community relationships and developed new partnerships. We recognize more than ever that we need each other to be healthier together.

On behalf of the Pinal County Public Health team, it is my pleasure to share the 2021 to 2022 annual public health report. We hope our work reflects our gratitude for the opportunity to serve our Pinal community and offers optimism for good health.

Sincerely,

*Tascha Spears Ph.D., RN*

Tascha Spears, Ph.D., RN

# DEPARTMENTS

## Nutrition and Vital Records

Division Manager: **Merissa Mendoza, MPA, RDN, IBCLC**

### ***Vital Records***

- 9,102 Birth certificates printed and provided compared with 6,468 the previous year
- 15,409 Death certificates printed and provided compared with 12,540 the previous year

### ***Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Breast Feeding Peer Counseling (BFPC)***

- **84,632 women, infants, and children served**
- Answered thousands of calls from WIC participants with questions and concerns about the formula recall that started in mid-February.
- Assisted clients with exchanging formula benefits to an available comparable formula.
  - March – 1,013
  - April – 895
  - May – 860
  - June – 778
- Return to offering in-person services for WIC – enrollments, height and weight checks, nutrition education, hemoglobin checks, and breastfeeding support
- Remodel of WIC offices in Apache Junction
- WIC Breastfeeding program and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program hosted a virtual event for clients to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7).

Community partners, included First Things First, Pinal County Maternal and Child Health, and The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension





### ***Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)***

- July 2021-December 2021 - 1,518 participants received a CSFP box in Oracle, Superior, and Kearny
- Over \$2,400 of extra food received to distribute to participate



- January 2022 – CSFP program transitioned to other community partners for continued distribution of senior food boxes

# CLINICS

**Division Manager: Carey Lennon ND, WHNP-BC**

## **PRIMARY SERVICES AND LOCATIONS**

### **Immunizations**

- Vaccine for Children (VFC) & Vaccine for Adults (VFA) programs provide free immunizations, to include COVID-19, for uninsured & underinsured.

### **Tuberculosis Testing**

- Tuberculin skin testing (TST) to screen for tuberculosis infection

### **Health Services**

- Breast & cervical cancer screening
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- STI/HIV testing, treatment and referrals
- Birth control methods & counseling
- Reproductive health counseling education for men and women
- Breast & pelvic exams

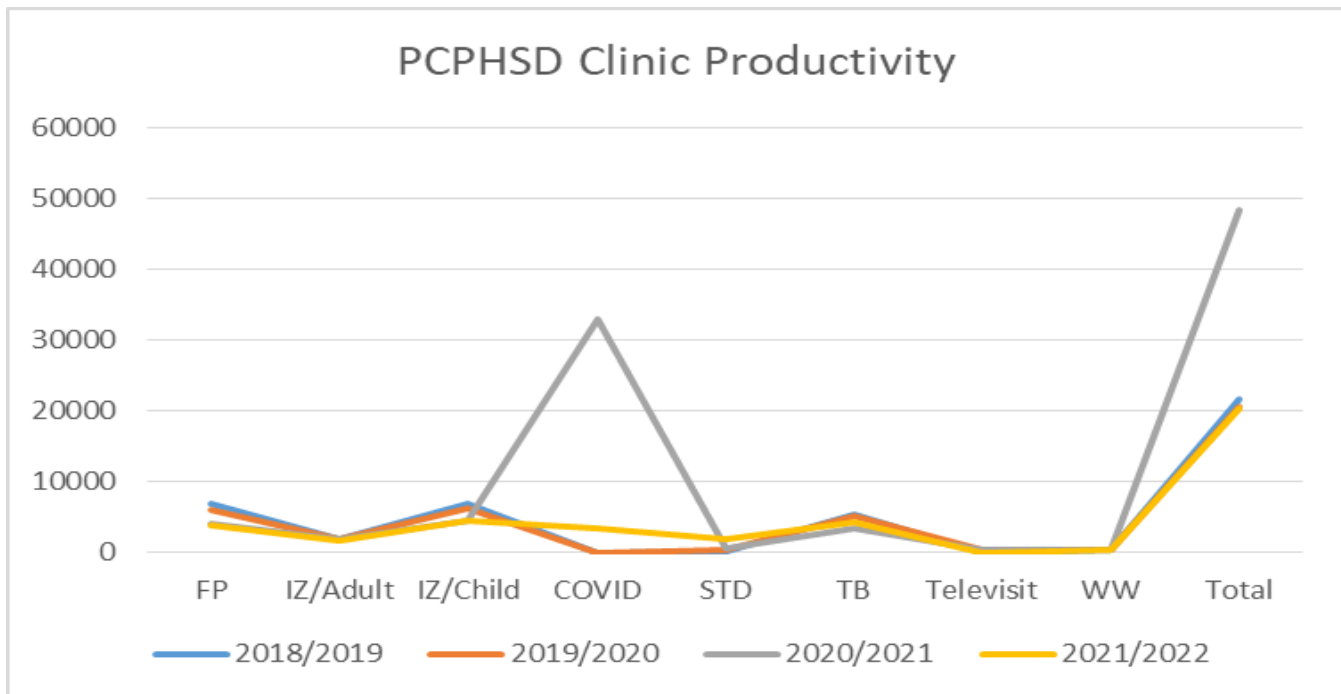
### **Clinic Locations**

- Apache Junction
- Casa Grande
- Coolidge
- Eloy
- Maricopa
- Oracle
- Mammoth
- San Tan Valley
- Superior

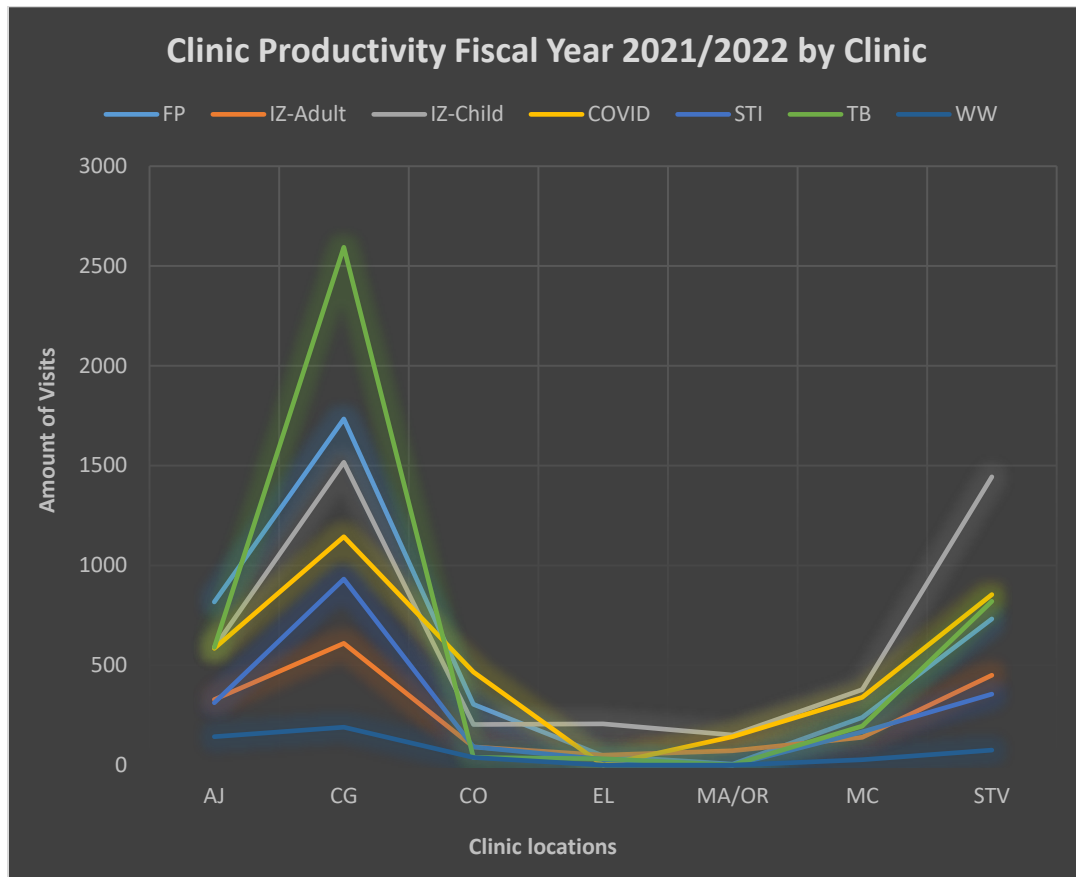


Clinic Productivity									
Fiscal Years	FP	IZ/ Adult	IZ/ Child	COVID	STI	TB	Tele visit	WW	Total
2018-2019	6904	1884	6888	0	176	5409	0	454	21715
201-/2020	6058	1974	6274	0	350	5115	405	474	20650
2020-2021	4139	1938	4456	32979	652	3360	398	368	48290
2021-2022	3880	1742	4488	3532	1888	4270	0	472	19800

PCPHSD Clinic Productivity Fiscal Year 2021/2022 by Clinic								
Visit Type	AJ	CG	CO	EL	MA/ OR	MC	STV	Total
FP	818	1734	304	47	5	239	733	3880
IZ-Adult	329	610	92	50	72	139	450	1742
IZ-Child	589	1517	203	206	151	378	1444	4488
COVID	585	1144	467	0	142	339	855	3532
STI	313	932	92	29	0	166	356	1888
TB	589	2594	38	32	1	195	821	4270
WW	142	190	38	0	0	27	75	472
Total	3365	8721	1234	364	371	1483	4734	20272







AJ = Apache Junction; CG = Casa Grande; CO = Coolidge; EL = Eloy; MA/OR = Mammoth/Oracle; MC = Maricopa; STV = San Tan Valley

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Daniel T. Cloud outstanding Practice Toddler Immunization Award - STV 2022



- Our ACDONA members were recognized by the Arizona Public Health Association during the annual award events on 11/9/2021 for public health leadership during the COVID pandemic.
- ADHS clinic licensing Inspection and Renewals; San Tan Valley, Casa Grande, Maricopa, Apache Junction
- Complete Apache Junction Clinic Remodel
- Maricopa Clinic Renovation

# CENTRAL APPOINTMENT DESK AND ON THE GO TRANSPORTATION

**Division Manager: Mary Clements**

## **PRIMARY SERVICES**

The Central Appointment Desk (CAD) was established in March of 2008 to centralize phone calls and create a single toll free number that the public can call for general public health information. The Central Appointment Desk, assists both Nutrition and Wellness and Clinical Services by screening and determining client eligibility for Public Health Services and schedules appointments for nine Public Health Clinics.

- **Calls handled: 62,943**
- Increased the team by adding 2 Customer Service Specialists for a total of 8 positions.
- Successfully transitioned the Central Appointment Desk Team to work from home as needed without interruption of service delivery.
- Redesigned of Central Appointment Desk work space to align with a call center setting.

Pinal County “On The Go” Express Transportation program, is designed to ensure mobility through the provision of transportation to the elderly and persons with disabilities in rural Eastern Pinal County. Services provided by On the Go Express Transportation include transportation to medical appointments, dental appointments, vision appointments, physical therapy, grocery shopping and prescription pick up.

### **On The Go Express Transportation Comparison of FY 2020-2021& FY 2021-2022**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>July 2020-June 2021</b>	<b>July 2021-June 2022</b>
<b>Trips</b>	3666	4132
<b>Miles</b>	70,559	88,348
<b>Increase in Trips Service Delivery FY 20-21</b>		12%

An increase of 12% in service trips was achieved during the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, while keeping in place COVID safety protocols for the fragile population we serve

## Highlights

- With a small staff of 4, over 88k miles were traveled accident free, providing 4132 trips to the elderly and persons with disabilities in rural Eastern Pinal County

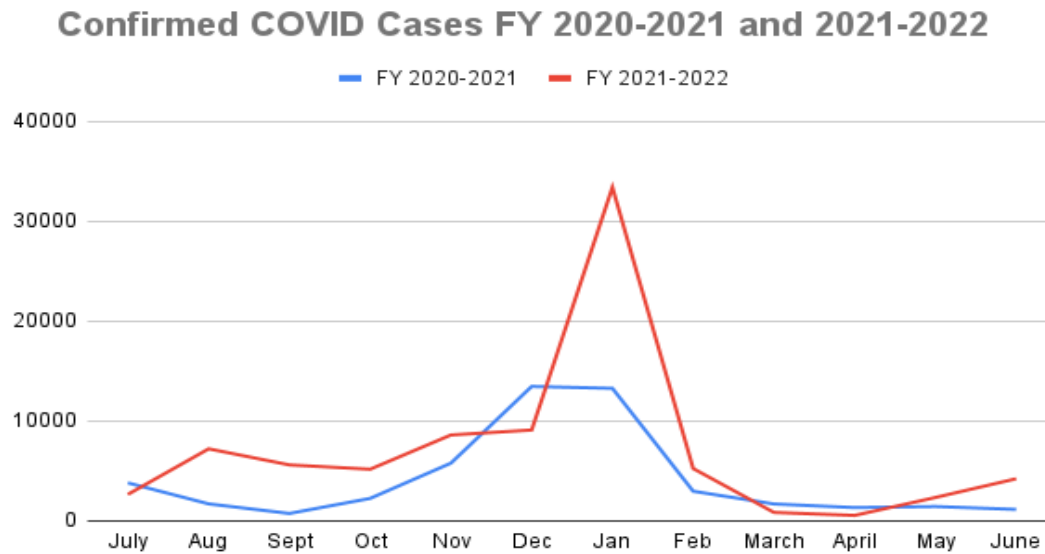


- Achieved Arizona Department of Transportation vehicle compliance: 100% PASS in Arizona Department of Transportation vehicle inspections.
- Began the redesign of new transportation space in the San Manuel building.



# INFECTIOUS DISEASES EPIDEMIOLOGY SURVEILLANCE

Division Manager: Vacant; Current Supervision by Deputy Director Redden



*Line graph indicating confirmed Covid-19 cases by month for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the 2021-2022 fiscal year.*

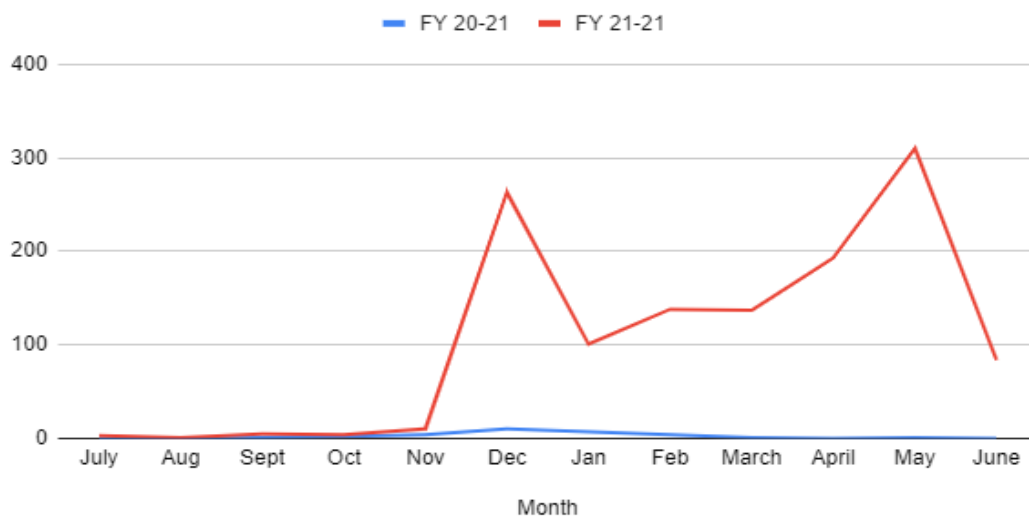


## Influenza and RSV

Confirmed Influenza Cases FY 2021-2022: **1,249**

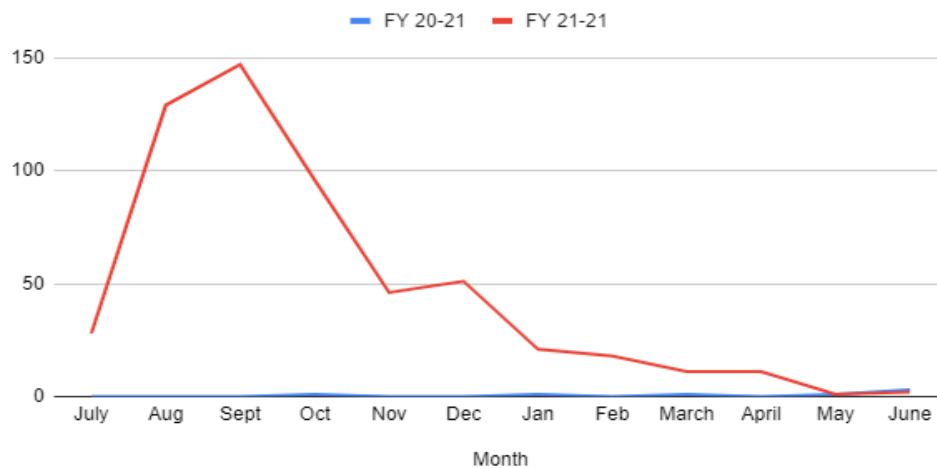
Confirmed RSV Cases FY 2021-2022: **561**

Influenza Cases in FY 20-21 and FY 21-21



*Line graph indicating confirmed RSV cases by month for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the 2021-2022 fiscal year*

RSV Cases in FY 20-21 and FY 21-21



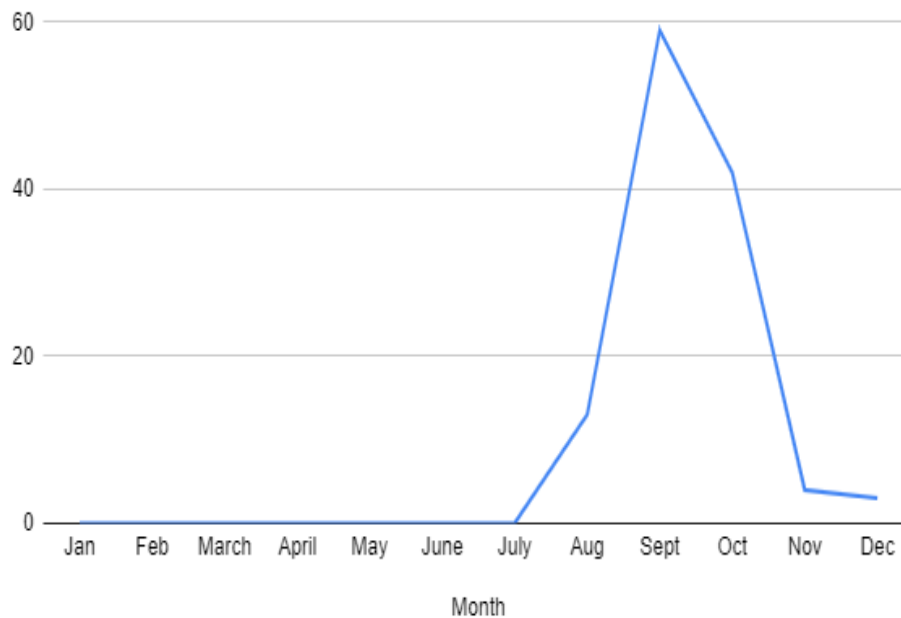
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## West Nile Virus (WNV) Outbreak

In 2021, Pinal County experienced its largest West Nile Virus outbreak in recent history.

(Due to the enormity of the outbreak, compared to previous years, substantive Comparative analyses cannot be performed)

2021 West Nile Virus Outbreak



*Line graph indicating confirmed WNV cases by month for the 2021 calendar year*

West Nile Virus	
Calendar Year	Confirmed Cases
2022	1
2021	121
2020	1

*Table indicating confirmed WNV cases 2020-2022 calendar years.*



## Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV

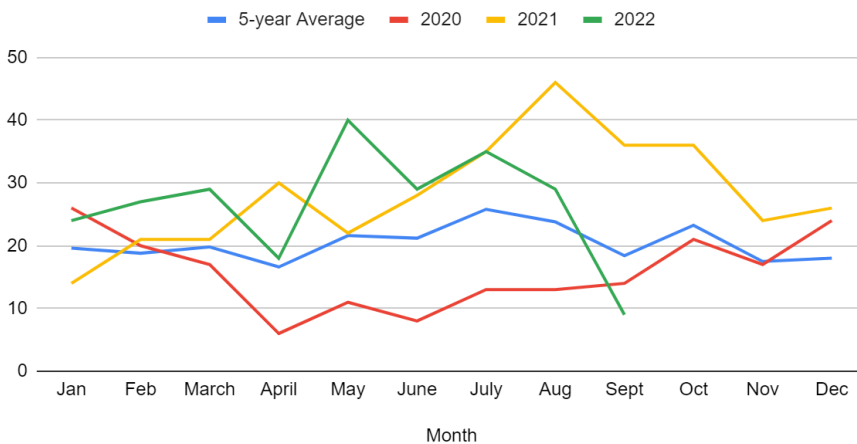
Category	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Chlamydia	1615	1798
Gonorrhea	628	751
Syphilis	238	369
HIV	17	60
<b>Total Confirmed Sexually Transmitted Infections</b>	<b>2498</b>	<b>2978</b>

Table indicating confirmed Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and HIV cases for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years.

In 2022 syphilis cases were 31% higher than the 5-year average.

In 2021 syphilis cases were 39% higher than the 5-year average.

2020-2022 Confirmed Syphilis Cases Compared to the 5-Year Average



Line graph indicating confirmed syphilis cases by month for the 2020-2022 calendar years (January-December) compared to the 5-year average.

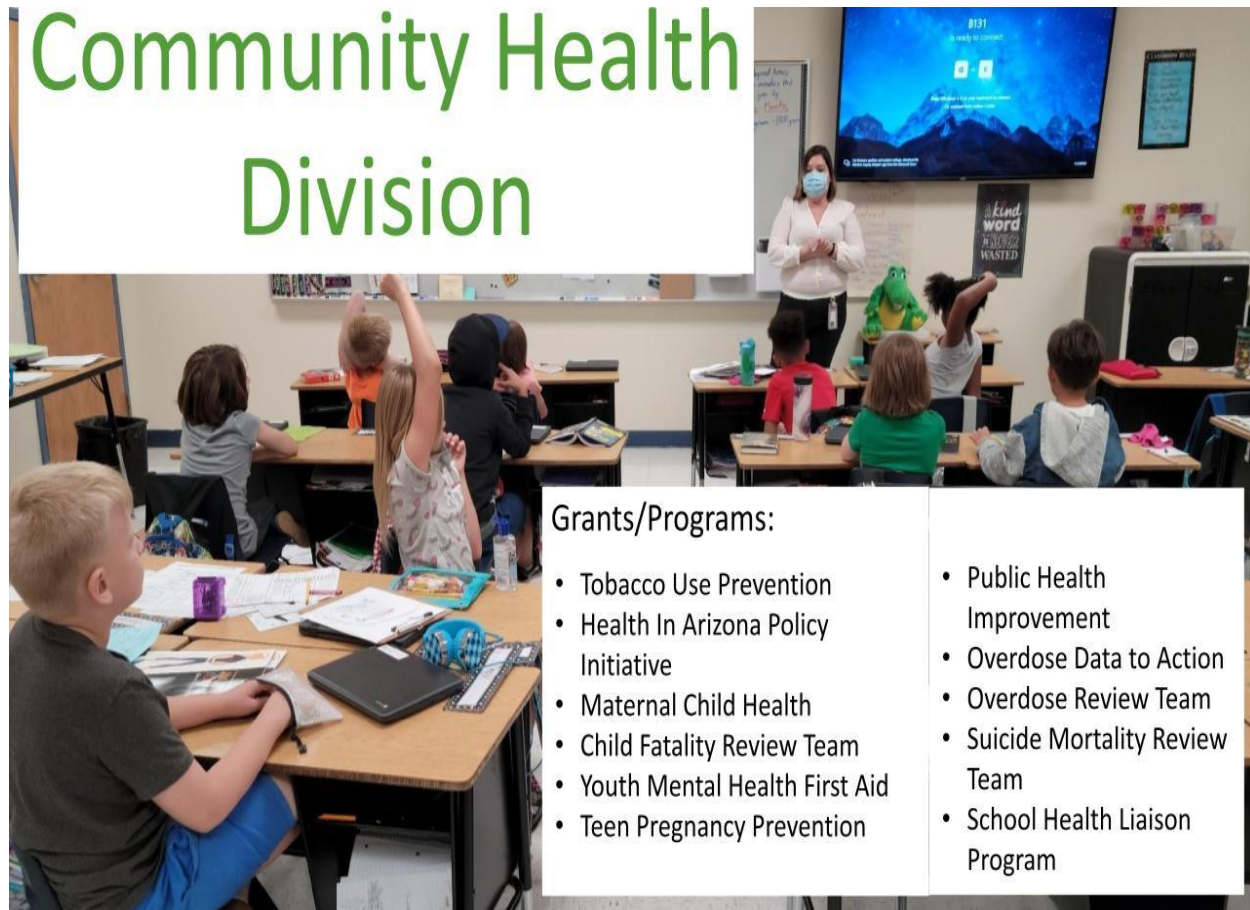
## Tuberculosis (TB)

Fiscal Year	Reported Cases	Confirmed Cases	Corrections	Community
2020-2021	85	12	10	2
2021-2022	108	21	17	4

Table indicating confirmed tuberculosis cases for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years.

Division Manager: Jan Vidimos

# Community Health Division



Grants/Programs:

- Tobacco Use Prevention
- Health In Arizona Policy Initiative
- Maternal Child Health
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Public Health Improvement
- Overdose Data to Action
- Overdose Review Team
- Suicide Mortality Review Team
- School Health Liaison Program

## Highlights:

- Conducted multi-session workshop series: chronic disease self-management (4); dementia caregiver support; general caregiver support
- Hosted Students taking a New Direction (STAND) youth group at Coolidge High School to conduct seatbelt education; text and drive prevention campaign; anti-bullying campaign and vaping prevention education
- Collaborated with U of A Cooperative Extension and Nutrition and Physical Activity workgroup to launch the Pinal Healthy & Active App which features farmers' markets, trails and parks
- Served 7,387 students with in-school prevention education on topics such as hygiene, substance misuse prevention and bullying prevention



## *STAND Students Donate Smoke Detectors to CFD while modeling seatbelt campaign gear.*

### **Fatality Reviews:**

To gain a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding untimely deaths in Pinal County

In partnership with the Pinal County Medical Examiner's Office and multidisciplinary team community partners, reviews of case files are conducted to determine prevention strategies to reduce further deaths within Pinal County

- *Child Fatality Review Team* – conducted 59 case reviews and determined the leading causes of death are natural causes (i.e. prematurity; medical conditions), accidents and homicide. Of those that were not from natural causes, 38% of the deaths were preventable (i.e. safe sleep education)
- *Overdose Fatality Review Team* – conducted 77 case reviews; Average overdose fatality involved a single, white, non-Hispanic male between 25-24 years of age; high school graduate who died of an accidental fentanyl overdose in their own home

## PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

**Division Manager:** Deputy Director Kore Redden, MPH, MA, EMCT-P

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division prepares for the response to various public health emergencies - natural, accidental, or intentional.

### Grants/Funding Sources:

CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement \$357,162

CDC Cities Readiness Initiative \$151,975

CDC Workforce Development Crisis Emergency Cooperative Agreement \$853,937

The newly awarded Workforce Development Cooperative Agreement allowed for additions to our public health workforce. This includes a joint full-time employee from the Information Technology Department to work within the health district. We will also fund a full-time Data Analyst assigned to all of our public health divisions; and an additional full-time employee to support our warehouse operations.

Our Emergency Preparedness funding sent two Civil Attorneys from the Pinal County Attorney's Office to the Annual Network for Public Health Law in April 2022 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Our Division Manager is assisting our Public Health partners, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, with Super Bowl planning and exercises. (see below picture)



Both the Health Director, Dr. Spears and Emergency Preparedness and Response Division Manager, Kore Redden, were selected to participate in several COVID-19 "After Action Workshops" sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Two of our COVID-19 vaccine and medical countermeasures



provider partners, Sun Life Family Health Center and Albertsons/Safeway Pharmacies attended some of these workshops with our Emergency Preparedness and Response Division.

Our Administrative Specialist, Senior, works tirelessly to ensure all of our new staff receive Public Health orientation and FEMA National Incident Management/Incident Command System Courses in preparation for responses to public health emergencies.

Our Communications Assistant, continuously provides public messaging via our website and social media platforms. She connects resources and information to the public on a daily basis.

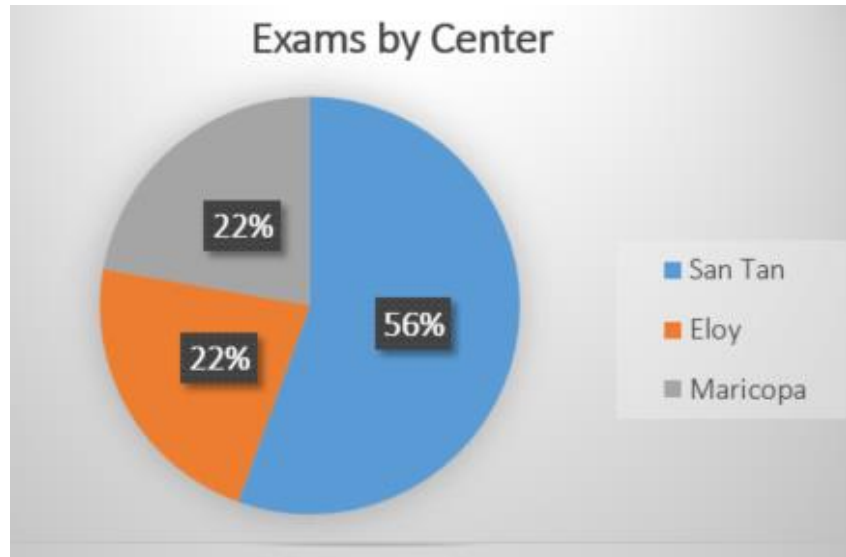
This year, we assisted our partners, the Pinal County Office of Emergency Management in updating the public health related portions of their 2022 Emergency Operations Plan. Their office also assisted Public Health by providing in-house FEMA National Incident Management/Incident Command System Courses for our response staff. Other valuable external partners were extended this invitation, including Tuba City Unified School District, Tempe Police Department, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

## **MEDICAL FORENSICS**

**Division Manager: Kari Rounds, RN, CCHP-RN**

The Medical Forensic Services program's goal is to promote the health, safety and well-being of patients with concerns of interpersonal violence. The nurses who work in Medical Forensic Services are specially trained in the assessment, treatment and aftercare of children, adolescents and adults who report violence such as child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

The forensic nurses work closely with community partners such as victim advocates, law enforcement, adult and child protective services, as well as county attorneys. This multidisciplinary team approach is essential in providing holistic care to those who are victims of violence or violent crimes in the community. Medical forensic examinations are completed at three Family Advocacy Center locations in Pinal County – Eloy, Maricopa and San Tan Valley.



Our Forensic Nurses respond to requests 24 hours a day for medical-forensic exams that include:

- Medical health history as well as an assault history for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment
- Thorough head-to-toe physical exam
- Collection, packaging and storage of potential evidence maintaining chain of custody



- Administration of prophylactic medications as needed
- Education regarding real and potential health risks as well as aftercare needs



- Referrals for follow-up care
- Comprehensive written report with photo documentation of injuries

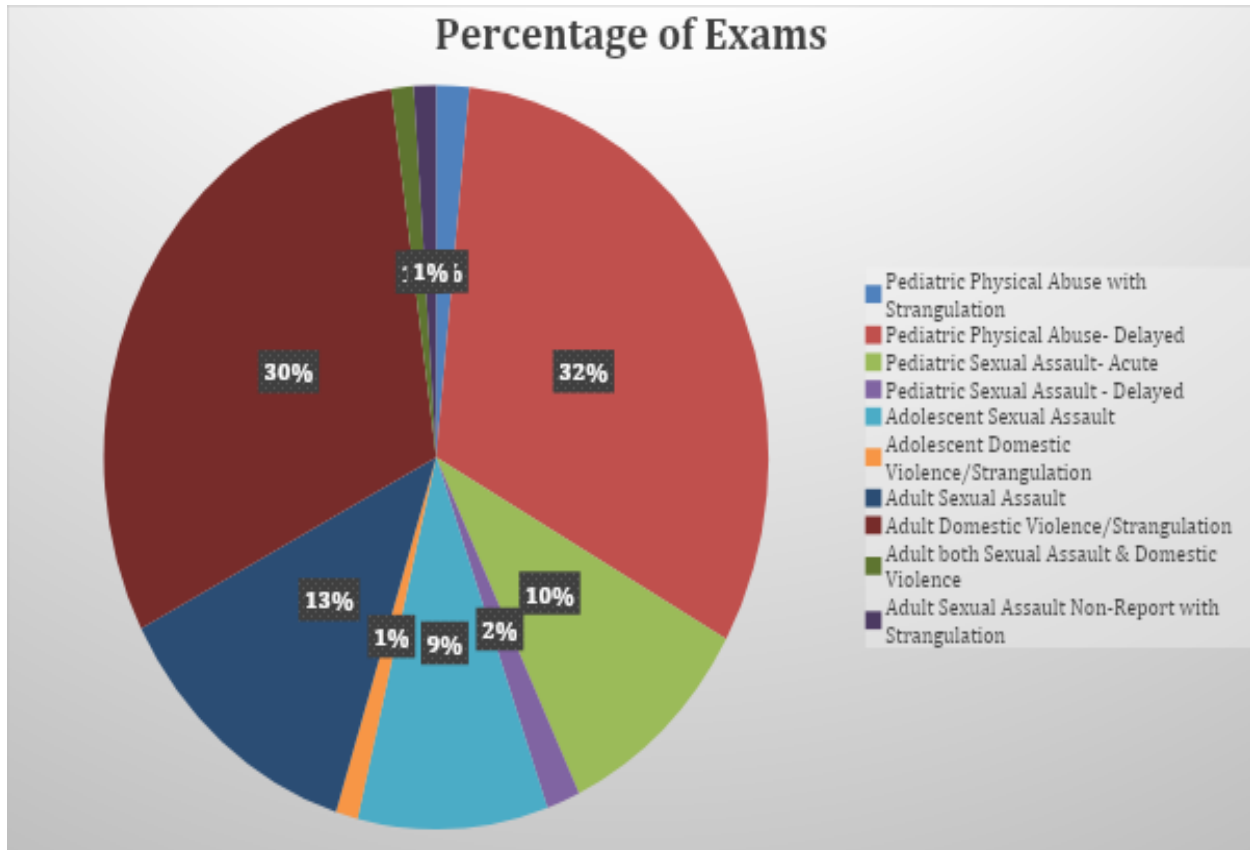


**Exams encompass:** child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, domestic violence, non-fatal strangulation, elder abuse, and other forms of interpersonal violence.

**The Medical Forensics Program also:**

- Provides sexual maturation ratings to estimate age ranges of individuals in sexually explicit images or videos
- Participates in multi-disciplinary team case reviews
- Provides fact and expert witness testimony in court
- Offers community education and serves on committees that address primary, secondary or tertiary prevention of violence





**The Medical Forensics Program** actively participates in continuing education and learning as well as representing Pinal County Medical Forensics in meetings and programs including: Participating and presenting in the Pinal County Overdose Fatality Review, Pinal County Child Fatality Review and Midwestern Regional Peer Review.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Division Manager: Deputy Director Chris Reimus, MS, RS, CPM, DAAS

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENTS

The number of permitted establishments increased from 2118 last year to 2186 in this fiscal year.

**The environmental health team conducted 2,999 inspections on permitted establishments this fiscal year, including:**

- 2210 Food establishment inspections
- 447 Aquatic Venue inspections
- 223 RV Park inspections
- 25 Lodging Establishments (Motels/Hotels)
- 4 Campgrounds
- 2 Children's Camps



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS

### 990 Complaints investigated

- 245 on Permitted establishments  
143 Food establishments
- 660 Other public Health Nuisances  
375 Mosquito Problem  
95 Solid waste (i.e. Garbage)  
67 Standing water  
80 Green/Abandoned pool  
29 Liquid waste (i.e. sewage)  
8 Vermin  
6 Feral Bee Hive
- 74 Illegal Dump Sites
- 11 Smoke Free Arizona

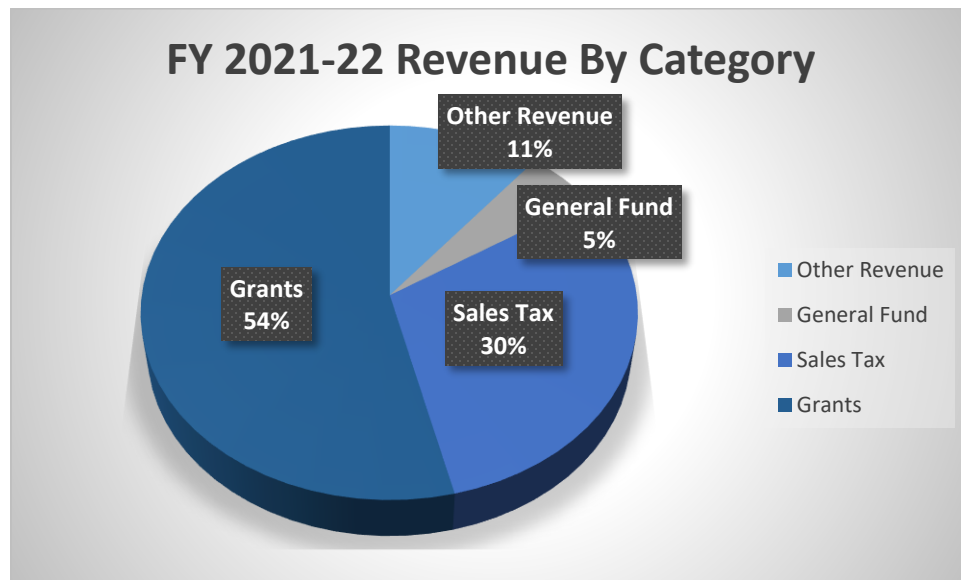
### Highlights:

- Adopted a new Pinal County environmental Health Code which became effective January 1, 2022
- Simplified our permit structure to be easier for applicants to navigate
- Began planning for a new Pinal County Vector Control Lab



# CENTRAL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTING

Divison Manager: Genevieve Ennis



Expense Category	Budget	Actual
Personnel	\$ 8,473,488	\$ 6,238,639
ERE	\$ 2,914,068	\$ 2,422,242
Professional & Outside Services	\$ 7,865,890	\$ 2,643,954
Travel	\$ 144,397	\$ 70,452
Other Operating	\$ 4,591,160	\$ 1,395,785
Capital	\$ 435,750	\$ 183,667
Leases & Rentals	\$ 160,351	\$ 160,447
Indirect	\$ 872,190	\$ 495,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,457,294</b>	<b>\$ 13,611,154</b>

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AGENDA ITEM

February 1, 2023 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING A  
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**Dept. Name:** Clerk of the Board

**Director:** Natasha Kennedy

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 notice is hereby given that the Pinal County Board of Supervisors and Pinal County Board of Directors will hold a Regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Board Hearing Room, 1891 Historic Courthouse, Administrative Complex, located at 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona 85132.

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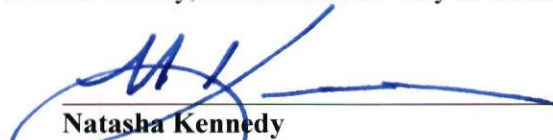
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I hereby further certify that I caused to be posted this Friday, January 27, 2023, around 11:00 AM the Regular Agenda, Flood Control District Agenda, Library District Agenda, Public Health Services District Agenda, and Executive Session as follows:

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**WITNESS** my official signature and corporate seal of Pinal County, Arizona this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



  
**Natasha Kennedy**  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors of Pinal County, Arizona

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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