

Public Health FY2022 Overview

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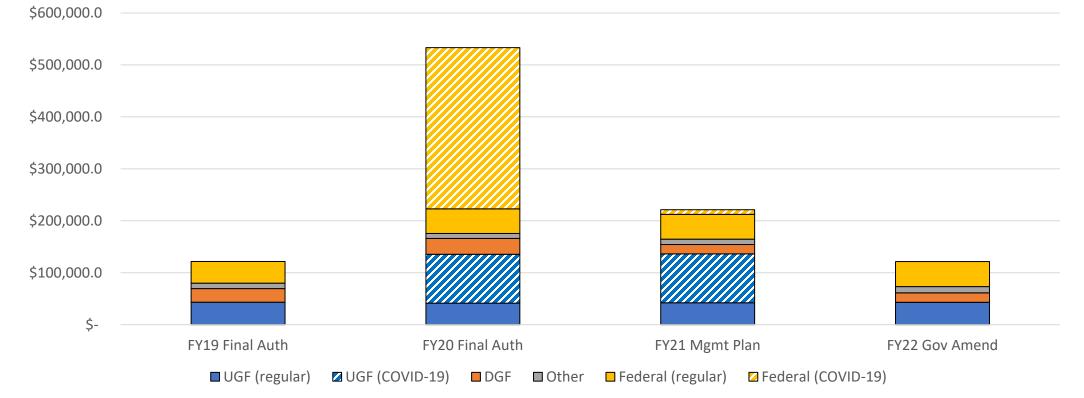
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- Women's, Children's, and Family Health



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Division of Public Health Operating Budget Comparison FY2019-FY2022 (in thousands)



	FY1	9 Final Auth	FY2	0 Final Auth	FY2	1 Mgmt Plan	F١	Y22 Gov Amend	Dif	ference FY19 and FY22	% Difference FY19 and FY22	Diffe	erence FY21 and FY22
UGF (regular)	\$	43,304.3	\$	41,404.3	\$	42,196.4	\$	43,168.9	\$	(135.4)	-0.3%	\$	972.5
UGF (COVID-19)			\$	94,091.1	\$	94,056.7						\$	(94,056.7)
DGF	\$	26,259.8	\$	30,492.9	\$	18,023.6	\$	18,171.4	\$	(8,088.4)	-30.8%	\$	147.8
Other	\$	10,378.6	\$	9,526.3	\$	10,323.7	\$	11,969.7	\$	1,591.1	15.3%	\$	1,646.0
Federal (regular)	\$	41,678.5	\$	47,565.8	\$	47,762.0	\$	48,272.9	\$	6,594.4	15.8%	\$	510.9
Federal (COVID-19)			\$	310,121.3	\$	9,000.0						\$	(9,000.0)
Total	\$	121,621.2	\$	533,201.7	\$	221,362.4	\$	121,582.9	\$	(38.3)	0.0%	\$	(99,779.5)



Division of Public Health Operating Budget Changes FY2021-FY2022 (in thousands)

- Carryforward language of authority for COVID-19 response for FY2022
- Increment for nurse salary study affecting multiple components: \$1,603.4 total -- \$1,014.3 UGF, \$11.3 DGF, \$576.4 federal, \$1.4 other
- Fiscal note for SB93 medical provider incentives, SHARP-3, in Emergency Programs: \$593.6 SDPR
- Increment for AIDS drug assistance program in Epidemiology: \$895.0 SDPR
- Transfer Chief Medical Officer/Director (06-1868) to Commissioner's Office: (\$395.3) total (\$166.0) GF Match, (\$229.3) federal



Bureau of Vital Statistics

• Registered

- 9,530 Alaska resident births
- 4,684 resident deaths
- 4,376 marriages
- 2,492 legal separations
- Completed 3,252 paternities and 665 adoptions
- Issued 73,264 certificates to 47,818 individual customers
 - Of the total certificates issued, 3,109 (4.2%) were issued to families of veterans free of charge
- Launched COVID-19 data dashboards for cases, testing, hospitalizations, epidemiological curve, and vaccine monitoring
- Provide analytical reports based off data collected





Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- COVID-19 shows Alaskans with underlying health conditions are at higher risk. Two out of three Alaskan adults have an underlying chronic health concern that increases their chances of serious illness or death should they contract COVID-19
- Evergreen Economics, Long-Term Forecast of Medicaid Enrollment and Spending in Alaska (MESA Report). Reducing preventable chronic disease reduces Medicaid costs.
- Established Plan Safer Events consultation services to support organizers of events, gatherings, and sporting events during COVID-19
- Launched new data dashboard to provide easy access to important information about the health risks of Alaska youth



Emergency Programs

- Supported successful repatriation flight of US citizens from Wuhan, China in January 2020
- Launched hospital capacity dashboard to reduce patient transfer times
- 223 nurses signed up with AK Respond
- Assisted in addressing 2,690 COVID-19 resource requests to Unified Command
- EMS support at vaccination clinics



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Personal Protective	Quantity Shipped	Testing Supplies	Quantity Shipped*	Medical Supplies	Quantity Shipped	
Equipment	4 074 700	Swabs	465,206	Ventilators and	67	
N-95 Masks, Surgical Masks,	1,074,793	Tubes	30,700	Circuit Kits		
Cloth Masks		Transport	414,630	Oxygen	18	
Gowns	144,056	Media		Concentrators		
Face Shields	55,536	Transport/	133,620			
Bleach Wipe	3,926	Swab Kits				
and Hand		Cue Tests	307,700			
Sanitizer Containers		ID Now	4,438,248			
Gloves, Boxes	25,402	BinaxNow	12,133,600			
Shoe Covers	32,374	Cepheid	960,600			
Coveralls, Tyvek	5,886	Curative	20,010			
Suits		Specimen	125,231			
PAPR's	1,094	Collection	,			



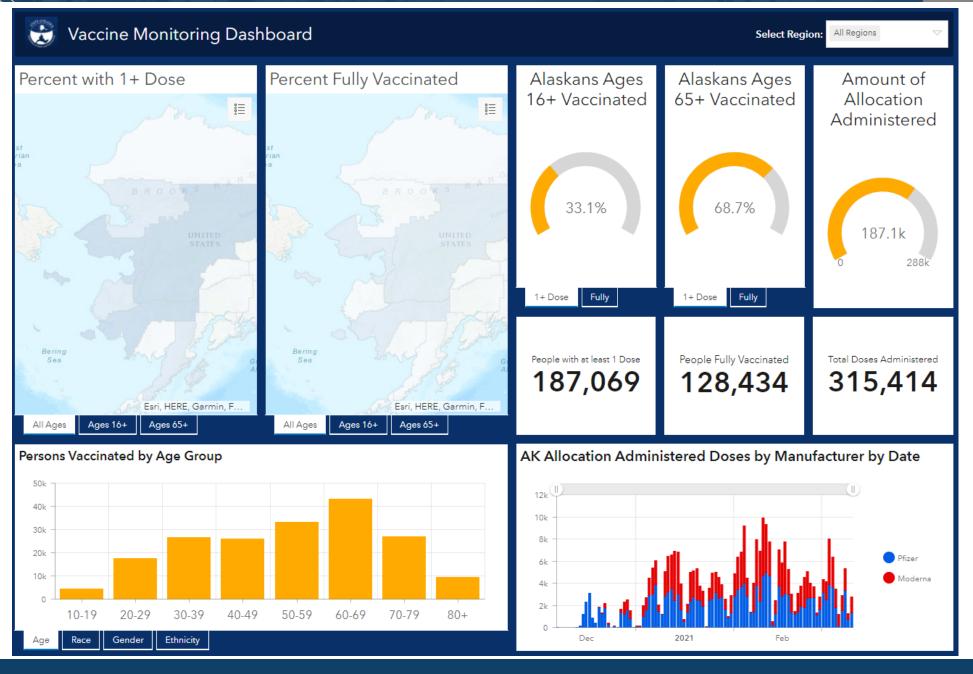
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Epidemiology

- Ongoing infectious disease outbreak response
 - COVID-19
 - Tuberculosis
 - Syphilis
- Provide expertise and guidance to
 - Health care providers and facilities, communities, schools, childcare providers, critical infrastructure partners, camps, faith-based groups, large events and sports organizers, and other partners on COVID-19 mitigation strategies
- Provide Epi Bulletins, health e-alerts, clinical updates, provider grand rounds
- Coordinating the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine



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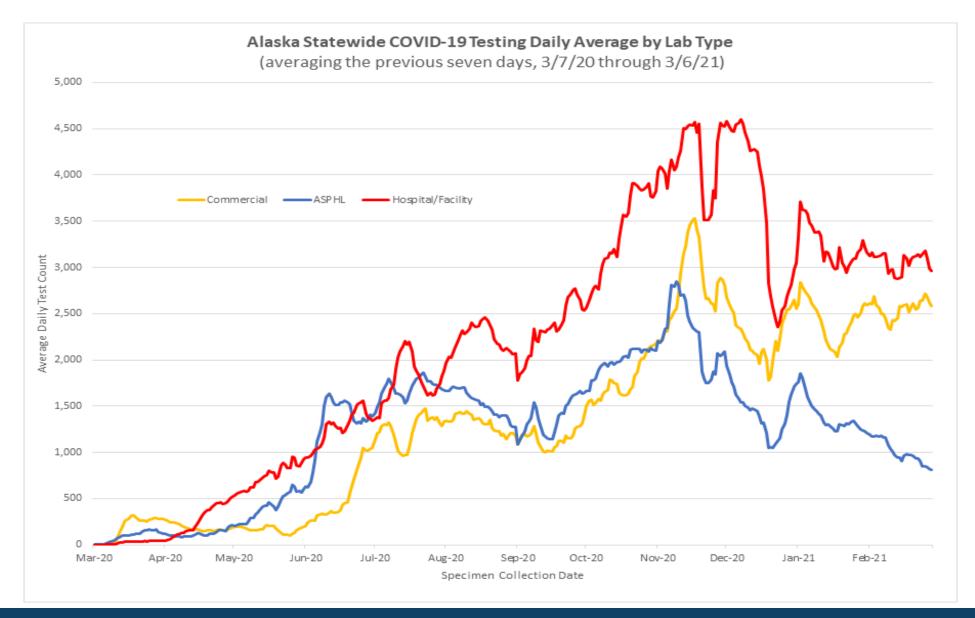


Public Health Laboratories

- Alaska was the only state without a commercial lab to support COVID-19 testing until October 2020
- Expanded testing capacity at the State Public Health Laboratories from 300 to over 2,900 samples/day during the COVID-19 response
- Established a sequencing program that has sequenced approximately 5% of all positive cases. Within the last month 85-90% of all positive specimens received by ASPHL have been sequenced.
 - Partnership with the UAF and UAA to support sequencing
 - Weekly genomic surveillance report
- Alaska has the highest rate of sequencing positive COVID-19 specimens



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Public Health Nursing

- Expanded case investigation and contact tracing
 - Partnered with UAA to develop Alaska specific training system
 - Partnered with Anchorage Health Department, North Slope Borough, Maniilaq Association, ANTHC Epi Center, CDC Arctic Investigations Program, YKHC, UAA, school districts, Alaska Primary Care Association, and others to build workforce
- Supporting communities on COVID-19 vaccine clinics
- Public Health Nursing staff the call center
- Federal funding supports non-perm staff surge expansion



Questions?

