

# Grand Traverse County Health Department

## Annual Report

# 2022

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# OUR MISSION

To protect and advance the health of our community and environment through partnerships, innovations, and excellent public health practice.

# OUR VISION

A healthy community and safe environment for all.

# OUR VALUES

- Serve with Integrity
- Be Innovative
- Be Accountable
- Engage the Team
- Provide Quality Service
- Be Transparent

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Clous
- Besty Coffia
- Rob Hentschel
- Bryce Hundley
- Brad Jewett
- Daryl Nelson
- Penny Morris

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICER

In 2022, the Health Department began deactivating COVID-19 response efforts and shifted our focus back to more comprehensive essential public health services as pandemic infection rates dropped. This report reflects our efforts and commitment to a healthy community and safe environment for all.

Highlights Of 2022 Include:

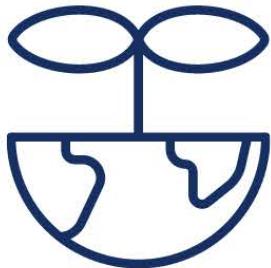
- Protected area beaches and water through our regional beach monitoring program and implemented an expanded informational dashboard for the community to access.
- Partnered with our largest schools to expand health education and provide public health funds for school-related COVID-19 reporting and response needs.
- Responded to the Monkeypox Virus threat and served as a regional hub for vaccine distribution.
- Expanded mental health services at the Health Department Child and Adolescent Health Centers.
- Partnered with TCAPS to place school mental health providers in West and Central high schools; Facilitated and participated in student roundtable discussions at TC West Senior High School, TC Central High School, and TBA-ISD Career Tech Center centered around mental health.
- Partnered with Munson, area obstetricians, and Healthy Futures to support moms in achieving 68% of the 6-month breastfeeding duration rate.
- Partnered with Benzie Leelanau District Health Department and Community Connections to expand the Community Health Worker role in Grand Traverse County.
- Partnered with Community Connections in response to the nationwide infant formula shortage affecting the global supply chain and impacting many local families and WIC clients.
- Continued our historic response to the worldwide Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by providing COVID-19-specific clinics, testing, personal protective equipment, and updates to the public on communicable disease case numbers and vaccination efforts.
- Partnered with MiThrive to update the Community Health Needs Assessment for Northern Michigan.
- Hired an epidemiologist to respond to the growing data needs of the Health Department including a wastewater COVID surveillance project with the City of Traverse City.
- Implemented a workforce development plan with almost 60% of public health staff since 2020.
- Administered the medical examiner office for Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties including scene investigations, convening child death review regional team, and coordination of postmortem exams and cremation permits.
- Proposed an Animal Control Millage that was passed by the voters.
- Started working with the Grand Traverse Region Access and Crisis Services Center Community Advisory Group on behalf of public health and the Northwest CHIR.
- The Health Department offers the National Cherry Festival Baby Comfort Station for the 27th year.

We value the many community partnerships that result in collective impact, which are essential to the success of public health programs and allow the Health Department to diversify to other areas that are beneficial to the health of Grand Traverse County residents. On behalf of the Grand Traverse Health Department team, I am proud to present the 2022 annual report.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hirschenberger, MPH, CPHA, Health Officer

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



The Environmental Health Division protects public health through programs established by the Public Health Code and local Sanitary Ordinances.

579 - Restaurant Inspections

76 - Temporary Food Inspections

418 - Septic Permits Issued

334 - Well Permits Issued

161 - Beach Monitoring Samples

5,964 - Soil Erosion Site Checks

"Our teams have done an excellent job adapting to the changes in the public health landscape in Grand Traverse County," said Deputy Health Officer Mike Lahey, MPH. "Our dedicated staff in Environmental Health have helped the community through significant growth all while working to protect our water and soil, sanitation practices, and local restaurant goers."

# ANIMAL CONTROL

In 2022 an Animal Control millage was passed by the voters of Grand Traverse County to fund the animal control programs, facilities, personnel, and necessary expenses. This six-year millage runs from 2022-2027 and raised approximately \$236,190 in its first year.



Dogs Reunited with  
Owners 112

Dogs Impounded 425

Citations Issued 56



Community Complaints  
Responded To 870

# COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health protects the public's health through diverse prevention programs for all ages, including disease surveillance, maternal infant home visiting, immunizations, WIC nutrition services, reproductive health, hearing and vision screenings, and adolescent specific primary care and mental health.

Maternal Infant Health  
Program conducted 1,279  
visits.



Healthy Futures had a monthly average of **430** clients, which is an increase from 2021. Public Health Nurses provided **256** home visits to families following the birth of a baby.

7,682

Women, Infants, and Children program had 7,682 appointments, which is 73 more than last year.



295  
Clients and  
Families  
Supported

Children's Special  
Health Care Services

# COMMUNITY HEALTH (continued)

## Reproductive Health

- 922 - Family Planning Client Visits
- 431 - Sexually Transmitted Infections Screenings
- 223 - HIV Screenings

## Communicable Disease and Prevention

- 187 - Tuberculosis Skin Tests
- 458 - Communicable Diseases Reported
- 225 - Animal Bites Investigated

## Immunizations

- 2,489 - Vaccinations Administered at GTCHD
- 57 - Vaccinations Administered at Youth Health & Wellness Center
- 151 - Vaccinations Administered at K-Town Youth Center
- 4,038 - COVID-19 Vaccinations Administered
- 696 - Flu Shots Administered

## Vision and Hearing

- 4,013 - Vision Screenings
- 2,495 - Hearing Screenings



"We are proud of the work and services we provided to Grand Traverse County in 2022," said Deputy Health Officer Jodi Kelly, MSN, BSN, RN. "We are fortunate to recruit and retain employees with a passion for the public's health and disease prevention and with expertise to deliver clinical excellence."

# More Reportable Communicable Diseases

	2020	2021	2022
<b>COVID-19</b>			
Novel Coronavirus COVID-19	3,225	9,320	9,086
<b>Foodborne</b>			
Campylobacter	5	12	20
Cryptosporidiosis	7	6	9
Giardiasis	6	8	2
Listeriosis	1	0	1
Salmonellosis	6	7	11
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)	2	7	7
Shigellosis	0	2	2
Yersinia enteritis	1	2	8
<b>HIV</b>	2	2	2
<b>Other</b>			
Group A Streptococcal Disease, Invasive	2	2	5
Histoplasmosis	3	3	4
Legionellosis	0	1	3
<b>STD</b>			
Chlamydia	244	235	276
Gonorrhea	41	50	27
Syphilis: Primary, Secondary, Latent, Tertiary/Late	6	4	7
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	0	0	0
<b>Vaccine-Preventable Diseases</b>			
Chickenpox (Varicella)	3	1	6
H. Influenzae Disease - Invasive	1	0	4
<b>Vector-borne</b>			
Lyme Disease	4	9	14
<b>Viral Hepatitis</b>			
Hepatitis B, Acute	3	1	1
Hepatitis B, Chronic	2	2	2
Hepatitis C, Acute	8	7	8
Hepatitis C, Chronic	31	31	20
<b>Other Reportable Diseases</b>			
Mpox	0	0	1

# ADOLESCENT HEALTH

## Youth Health & Wellness Center

481 - Clinical Visits

272 - Counseling Sessions

## K-Town Youth Health Center

283 - Clinical Visits

233 - Counseling Sessions

## Kingsley Middle School

87 - Counseling Sessions

## Traverse City Central High School

91 - Counseling Sessions

## Traverse City West High School

282 - Counseling Sessions

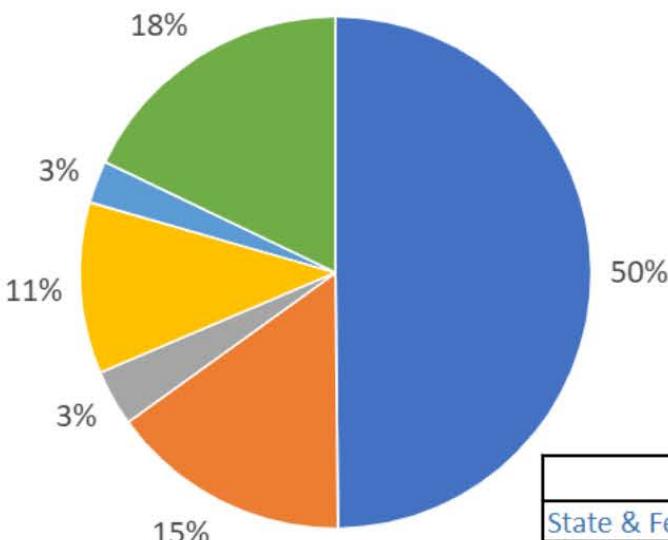
"Mental health visits are making an impact in the community where access to other mental health services aren't easily available," said Dee Zuidersma, Adolescent Health Supervisor, MPH.



# FINANCIAL DATA

## REVENUES

- State & Federal Grants
- Medicaid & Cost Settlement
- Private Medical Insurance
- Licenses, Permits, Fees
- Local Grants
- County Appropriations

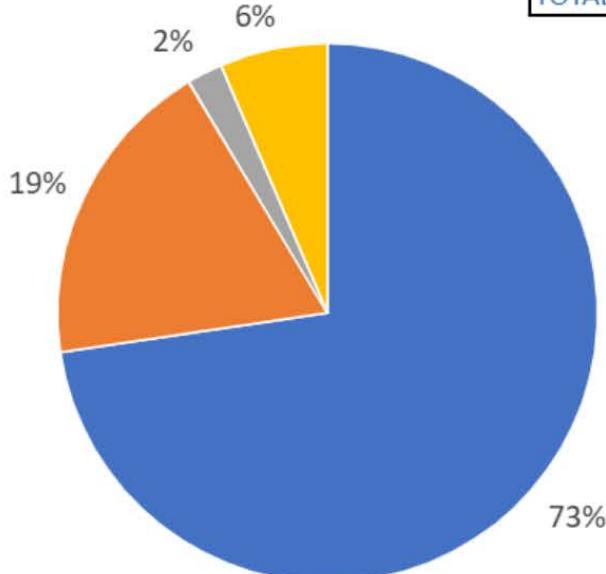


## REVENUES

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State & Federal Grants	\$3,991,162
Medicaid & Cost Settlement	\$1,218,657
Private Medical Insurance	\$ 283,625
Licenses, Permits, Fees	\$ 866,316
Local Grants	\$ 215,677
County Appropriations	\$1,431,572
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,007,010</b>

## EXPENDITURES

- Community Health
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Medical Examiner



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Community Health	\$5,539,922
Environmental Health	\$1,427,572
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 163,685
Medical Examiner	\$ 492,377
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,623,556</b>

# LOCATIONS

## **Grand Traverse County Health Department**

2600 LaFranier Rd., Ste. A  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231.995.6111

## **Environmental Health**

2650 LaFranier Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231.995.6051

## **K-Town Youth Health Center**

112 S Brownson Ave  
PO Box 117  
Kingsley, MI 49686  
231.263.5895

## **Youth Health & Wellness Center**

North Ed Career Tech Center  
880 Parsons Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231.922.6416

## **Animal Control**

2650 LaFranier Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231.995.6080

