



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

## PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

January 2022

Program	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022
<b>Medi-Cal/PHC Enrollees</b>	61,266	61,892	62,684	N/A	62,884
<b>WIC Participants</b>	3,349	3,355	3,413	3,390	3,446
<b>CMSP Cases</b>	3	3	3	3	3

### Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS): The EMS team continues working with county leadership to create an RFP for 911 ambulance services starting in 2024. We have also been working with city partners on proposed projects to bring Emergency Medical Dispatching to all our county communities. Our program coordinators continued work with partner agencies on a system-wide High-Performance CPR project, coordinating inter-agency training and fine-tuning CQI data collection. Our CQI coordinator conducted a quarterly CQI meeting with our EMS partners. Finally, we applied to the State EMS Authority to move forward with a medication-assisted therapy protocol for EMS providers to treat patients with substance use disorder with Buprenorphine. The application was approved, and we will work on bringing this service to our community in 2023!
- In December, EMS staff issued the following new or renewal certifications to Yolo County Providers:

Emergency Medical Responder	4
Emergency Medical Technician	19
Paramedic Accreditation	7
Ambulance Certification	-

- Our RDMHC and MHOAC programs continue to coordinate the allocation of federally provided COVID-19 therapeutics to our healthcare partners in Yolo County and the Mutual Aid region. We have also been monitoring and supporting healthcare facilities during the recent surge of respiratory illnesses. These mutual aid coordination programs also obtained more allocated COVID-19 test kits from CDPH to support our healthcare facilities. We also obtained an allocation of COVID-19/Flu tests for distribution to our skilled nursing facilities to support them during surges of respiratory illness.

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- Our RDMHC program held a quarterly meeting with State agency partners and MHOACs from across the mutual aid region and held a regional EMS planning meeting with regional MHOACs.
- Emergency Preparedness (EP): We held our Healthcare Preparedness Coalition meeting with community partners and continue to encourage them to make use of our new resource-requesting platform.

## Mental Health Services Act

- **MHSA Upcoming Trainings (January 2023)**

The following virtual trainings are available for registration:

- **Suicide Prevention QPR:** The QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. No prework required.
  - Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-11:00 am)
- **MHFA:** Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. **Requirement:** 2-hour individual prework and attend one full training day.
  - Wednesday January 18 (8:30 am-4:00 pm)
  - Thursday January 26 (8:30 am-4:00 pm)

Trainings are free, virtual, and open to provider staff, community partners, and volunteers. To register for either of these trainings, please email: [MHSA-MHTrainings@yolocounty.org](mailto:MHSA-MHTrainings@yolocounty.org)

## Health Education

- **Tobacco Prevention**

- Since January 2022, the Tobacco Prevention Team has been collaborating with the Winters High School Friday Night Live Chapter to train high school students to help with data collection activities and present the results to the Winters Joint Unified School Board where they secured a resolution of support for the policy. In early December and just days before SB 793 was adopted, the city of Winters amended its tobacco retail licensing policy to include language that banned the sale of all tobacco flavored products. Following the actions of Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland, Winters voted into law the same language first adopted by the BOS in 2016. In addition, all administrative and enforcement activities will be conducted by three Yolo County agencies in a collaborative effort. These agencies include Community Services (Environmental Health), the District Attorney's Office, and the Tobacco Prevention Team.
- The Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted the first packaging size and price control policy of its kind in the County. In November, the Yolo County BOS amended its tobacco retail license policy to include restrictions on packaging size

of tobacco products and limitations on discounts, promotions, and sales. With this new language, retailers can no longer sell products such as cigarillos or little cigars in packages less than five per package. Additionally, base-line market prices for specific products were established and selling these products below the market value is no longer permitted.

- **Friday Night Live / Club Live Program**

- Yolo County Friday Night Live (FNL) staff were busy with FNL Kids program at Sci-Tech academy in Knights Landing from September – December 2022. FNL staff taught a 10 week “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum during the school day to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. During the 10 weeks, students learned about setting reachable goals, making responsible decisions, identifying, and managing emotions, effective communication styles and refusal strategies, effects of alcohol use, effects of nicotine, THC and marijuana use, and safe use of prescription and over the counter drugs. On December 6, 2022, FNL partnered with the California Highway Patrol to bring Officer Rodney Fitzhugh as a guest speaker on bicycle and traffic safety. Officer Fitzhugh fitted each 6<sup>th</sup> grader with a bike helmet which they were able to keep!

- **Child Passenger Safety**

- In December, the Child Passenger Safety Program joined the Holiday Toy Distribution Drive in collaboration with YCCA Family Resource Center. This event brought holiday joy to more than 900 children in need in our community. Children received gifts for the holidays, parents and caregivers received health and winter resources, and the whole family was given the opportunity for free Flu and COVID-19 vaccines. During this check-up event, car seat staff conducted 12 car seat checks and provided replacement seats and current car seat information for those in need.



## Health Equity and Healthy Communities

- The Oral Health Program is partnering with The Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) and Oral Health Solutions to begin providing dental referrals to local FQHCs through a new grant-funded program that is being led by SDDS. This will ensure that all dental screenings at schools and in the community will result in electronic referral tracking and follow-up to ensure that children and families receive the follow-up dental care when needs are identified at screening. For more information, please contact the Oral Health Program Coordinator, David Linebarger, at [David.linebarger@yolocounty.org](mailto:David.linebarger@yolocounty.org)
- The Public Health Branch has completed the 2023-25 Community Health Assessment (CHA). This report contains over 100 data point that were utilized to determine the 11 top Significant Health Needs (SHNs). The report also includes data on disparities in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) among various groups. The CHA is the foundation for developing the 3-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to address some of the SHNs. The CHIP process is underway with a multi-sector work group that meetings monthly to develop the plan. For more information, please contact Rebecca Tryon at [Rebecca.tryon@yolocounty.org](mailto:Rebecca.tryon@yolocounty.org).

## Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- WIC fruit and vegetable expansion extended
  - When President Biden signed the 2023 omnibus package the legislation included the extension of the WIC fruit and vegetable enhancement through September 30, 2023. This expansion of cash value for fruits and vegetables has been in place since June 2021 and since then we've averaged 76% redemption. The average cash value benefit issued per family in December 2022 was almost \$40, compared to \$12 in November 2020. However, about 10% of WIC participants issued the cash value benefit for fruits and vegetables redeemed none. We will be focusing our attention in the next few months on the 10% that redeem none to determine any barriers there may be and how we can help with the utilization of this benefit.
- 2023 California Breastfeeding Summit.
  - Presented by the California Breastfeeding Coalition, the California Breastfeeding Summit is the premier statewide convening of lactation advocates from every corner of the Golden State!
  - The overall goal of the summit is to be a catalyst for action, empowering you to address the structural and institutional racism and inequities of lactation care and support that prevent families from meeting their infant feeding goals. The summit will take place entirely online from January 24 to 26. For more information visit <https://summit.californiabreastfeeding.org/>

**Fully Breastfeeding Rates 2022**

	Three Months		Six Months		11 Months	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
Yolo County WIC	28.13%	40.38%	40.35%	44.26%	18.87%	34%
California WIC	24.26%	23.59%	21.51%	21.94%	17.66%	17.88%
Yolo County WIC Peer Counselor	66.7	30.0	50.0	30.0	-	
Healthy People 2030 Target	-		42.4%		-	

Source: WIC CDPH Local Agency Report, PHFE Peer Counselor Database

**Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)**

- MCAH Program Public Health Nurse recruitment:**  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/yolococa/jobs/3834974/associate-public-health-nurse-public-health-nurse-senior-public-health-nurse?keywords=public%20health&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Please contact [Raquel.aguilar@yolocounty.org](mailto:Raquel.aguilar@yolocounty.org) if questions.

- Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP):**

  - There are five active Yolo County CPSP providers offering culturally competent services to pregnant women, from conception to postpartum. Currently there are two pending CPSP providers in the application process.
  - Covid Treatment and Winter Virus Prevention toolkit from CDPH shared with CPSP providers:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/Winter-Virus-Prevention.aspx>

CDPH MCAH Office of Communications: [California Health and Human Services Leaders Issue Statement on Updated Vaccine Eligibility for Children 6 Months and Older](#)

- Fetal & Infant Mortality Review (FIMR):** No cases reported in December 2022

  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/FIMR/Pages/default.aspx>
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS):** No cases reported in December 2022

  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/SIDS/Pages/default.aspx>
- Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) and Adolescent Parenting Program (APP):**

  - NHV and APP continues to provide case management services to women, infant, children, and adolescent population.

- Referral and program eligibility questions, please contact: [gaby.castaneda@yolocounty.org](mailto:gaby.castaneda@yolocounty.org)

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Opened On	City of Residence	Referral Source	Program	Preg or part
12/1/2022	Dunnigan	Woodland Healthcare	NHV	Parenting
12/8/2022	Davis	Help Me Grow	NHV	Parenting
12/8/2022	Woodland	CWS	NHV	Parenting
12/8/2022	Woodland	Woodland Healthcare	NHV	Parenting
12/13/2022	Woodland	Hansen Family Health Center	NHV	Parenting
12/22/2022	Woodland	Woodland Healthcare	NHV	Parenting
<b>Total: 6</b>				
<b>2022 Total: 64</b>				

**Infectious Disease Control and COVID Response and Vaccine Distribution**

- With winter viruses widely circulating in the community, including influenza, COVID, and RSV, Public Health updated masking recommendations for Yolo County to recommend wearing high-quality masks indoors in all public settings.
- The Optum Serve mobile bus continued to provide free COVID and influenza testing, and COVID Test to Treat services in Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland.
- The Communicable Disease team received 238 non-COVID disease reports in December. Of these staff followed up on:
  - 5 Enteric disease reports
  - 25 syphilis reports and investigated those indicative of potential new infections
  - 37 incidents of Hepatitis (A, B, or C )
  - 4 new TB-5 Suspect cases, two of which have been closed as not a case. The TB PHN is currently providing daily case management for 4 TB-3 active cases
  - Assessed and monitored three returned travelers from Uganda for Ebola
- To date, nearly 47,000 COVID tests have been distributed to community members via Yolo County’s vending machines. In December, 9,873 test kits were dispensed via the vending machines – a 24% increase from November.
- California schools and child care centers are required to submit immunization rates to the California Department of Public Health each year by January 31. As of December 27, 56% of Yolo Schools and 59.46% of child care sites had submitted their reports. To increase reporting rates, Immunization team staff are calling schools and child care centers to remind them of the deadline, answer questions, and offer training and assistance so that schools are equipped to report on time.
- The Vaccine team hosted COVID vaccine clinics in Woodland and West Sacramento the first three weeks of December, and clinics were paused the second two weeks due to holidays. The team also administered vaccines at Cache Creek Casino, Knights Landing Library, Yolo County Children’s Alliance, and two assisted living facilities (The Californian and Courtyard). A total of 96 vaccine doses were administered. The team coordinated redistributions of vaccine to healthcare partners, including Elica, Communicare, Riverbend Medical Associates, and Live Well Medical Center.

## DEI/Cultural Competence

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Program: November – December 2022

- Presented to NAMI Yolo First Wednesday Gathering on the work of the Cultural Competence Committee and HHSA DEI efforts in 2022. They gave me 40 minutes, and I used them all!
- On November 8<sup>th</sup>, several members of Team Equity! attended the RedBud Resource Group training entitled “Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements.” We wanted to ensure that our use of land acknowledgments is informed, intentional, and appropriate. We shared training highlights with our Director, Nolan Sullivan, and committed our agency to pursue relationships and partnerships with our Native community in more meaningful ways.
- On November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, DEI Coordinator attended the Evolve Experience, a Red Door Project, presented by UC Davis Community Book Project, and the UCD DEI Department. The Evolve Experience centers around dramatized true stories at the intersection of race, policing, and the wider justice system. The audience was made up of law enforcement, judges, probation, district attorneys, and other criminal justice affiliates. HHSA DEI Coordinator joined UCD DEI leadership to facilitate small group discussions processing and reflecting on the experience after each presentation.
- Our last Cultural Considerations training of the year, entitled “What’s Going on and How to Help: Addressing Black Racial Stress and Trauma,” was presented on November 16<sup>th</sup>, by Dr. Kristee Haggins. 41 attendees
- On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Nolan and Tessa rolled out a video introducing the work ahead for our agency: Comprehensive DEIB training for our agency. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the trainings begin with monthly sessions for Executive Leadership, managers, and supervisors. Training for all staff begins in March.
- Our last activity of 2022 was an exercise in courageous conversations about race, identity, et al., and our experience with our families. It was small but mighty in the indication that we need this kind of outlet where we can speak our truth out loud—which is transformational-- and that having our truth witnessed is powerful for all who experience the sharing. We are planning to hold more sessions like this in the future.

In November and December, the compilation and completion of the Cultural Competence Plan was initiated. We met unexpected challenges, in that due to multiple leadership changes, and staffing shortages, we encountered many new personnel that were unfamiliar with the process of CCP reporting requirements. We also discovered that several of our contracted providers are embracing and planning to join in efforts to advance health and racial equity plans. We submitted our CCP to DHCS as required and are answering DHCS EQRO audit requests made this week. In 2023 we will initiate a 3-year Cultural Competence Plan to align with the MHSA 3-year plan.

In 2022, in keeping with a collective impact mindset, and an all-inclusive agency commitment to DEIB and cultural competence, we began collaboration with:

- ✓ our Public Health Branch efforts to complete a Community Health Improvement Plan,
- ✓ the Public Health Accreditation process,
- ✓ continued work with the CWS Racial Equity work group,
- ✓ increased access to our Adult and Aging Forensic team criminal justice diversion efforts,

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- ✓ worked with our District Attorney’s office to reduce disproportionate involvement in the criminal justice system,
- ✓ and continued to work with our Child Abuse Prevention Council and Child Welfare Services to reduce the disproportional engagement of Black, Indigenous and People of Color in our system.

### Administration

- FY22/23 Mid-Year Budget and FY23/24 Requested Budgets are concurrently underway
- Community Health Branch is Renamed to Public Health Branch. A press release and additional information to be sent out early January.

### PHAB Reaccreditation

- Reaccreditation Workgroup members continue to work diligently to ensure Reaccreditation progress is being made. The Accreditation Coordinator will provide a quick progress report on the workgroup’s efforts during the January 26, 2023 Reaccreditation Workgroup meeting.
- PHAB launched its new e-PHAB system this month and granted access to the Reaccreditation Application for Version 2022 Standards and Measures. The Reaccreditation Application has questions pertaining to five broad categories (Overview of Health Department Services, Leadership, Relationships to Other Health Departments, Facilities, and Summary) and responses to the questions will be due by the end of the year.

### Upcoming HHSA Meetings & Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
February 9	9:00 AM	<a href="#">Health Council</a>
February 15	8:30 AM	<a href="#">MCAH Advisory Board</a>