

# 2023: Year In Review

*January 2024*



# YHD Strategic Goals



**Deliver mandated  
services**



**Develop a network of  
community partners  
invested in improving  
public health**



**Increase the  
effectiveness and  
efficiency of district  
services**

# 2023 Highlights

## **I. Strengthen Mandated Services**

- Outbreak response; 1 flu, 6 Norovirus, ongoing Syphilis and Shigella.
- Piloted rapid syphilis testing with WA DOH
- Managed 2 tuberculosis patients
- Dispensed 6,507 birth certificates, 6,600 death certificates
- Provided 10,279 food handler cards

# 2023 Highlights

## **II. Increase Community Partnerships**

- Distributed personal protective equipment
  - 800,000 N95 masks, 160,000 nitrile gloves, 48 hospital beds, etc.
- Assisted municipalities with contaminated water system response
  - Terrace Heights and Zillah
- Partnership with Yakima County Public Services
  - \$850,000 in legislative funding to provide free nitrate testing to lower valley households



# 2023 Highlights

## **III. Increase Efficiencies and Effectiveness**

- Successfully completed two audits with no findings
- Implemented new structure to manage growing workforce (2 managers, 2 additional coordinators)
- Increased staff to support growth in all departments
  - 1 EHS
  - 2 CHS
  - 1 PHT
- Implemented Contract Management Software (Crow Canyon)
- Updated equipment in Food Worker Computer Lab for onsite testing

# Strengthening Our Reach



# Selah



**Community listening sessions related to PFAS**



**Distributed water filter pitchers and point-of-use water filters**



## Inspection services:

- Food - 44
- School - 10
- Temporary Food - 68
- Water Recreation - 2
- Nuisance Inspections - 5
- Solid Waste Inspections - 52



# Tieton



**N95 mask distribution**



**New collaboration effort  
Highland Food Bank**



**Community  
engagement childhood  
immunization event**



# Sunnyside



**West Nile Virus  
Surveillance Program**



**Awarded EPA  
Grant**



**Sunnyside School District  
Naloxone Training**



# Toppenish



## Inspection services:

- Food - 44
- School - 24
- Temporary Food - 16
- Water Recreation - 3
- Nuisance Inspections - 7



**Naloxone vending  
machine placement**



**Awarded City of  
Toppenish BRIC Grant**



# Goals for 2024



**YHD office updates  
and remodel**



**Updated comprehensive  
solid waste permits**



**Youth substance  
use prevention  
initatives**



**Increase presence in  
Lower Valley**

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**Questions?**