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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**Subject:** Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report – July 2025

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## **I. OFFICE OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION (OCDPHP)**

### **A. Chronic Disease Prevention Program (CDPP)**

The CDPP has been working with Together We Can, to support the **expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) program** in Southern Nevada. DUFB is a nutrition incentive program for people with SNAP benefits. CDPP partnered with the Obodo Collective to support the development of the **Obodo Green Grocer**, a small produce market which opened in February. In June, we were able to launch the DUFB program at the Obodo Green Grocer. Promotional materials were provided and a campaign to promote the program to the surrounding neighborhood is in development.

CDPP partnered with AAA Healthcare to offer a free **Diabetes Prevention Program** class to the community. The class was held at Nevada Partners and a graduation ceremony was held in June. Twenty people began the class and seven (7) completed the year-long course. 40% of the participants lost at least 5-7% of their weight, which is a goal of the class as it significantly reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Our staff offered **one (1) Diabetes Self-Management, Education & Support (DSMES) class** in June. The class was provided in English and was an in-person class held at SNHD. Sixteen people participated in this particular class.

The 2025 Move Your Way Summer Initiative participated in three (3) events in June. The initiative promotes physical activity over the hot summer months by providing **free access to local pools and supporting aquatic activities for youth**. A sister initiative in the Hispanic community provides **educational materials and resources at community events**. In total, nearly 100 people

participated in June events at the Rad Tad Pool Party, SCAN Central, and Pasaporte de la Nutricion. The initiative will run through early September.

**B. Tobacco Control Program (TCP) Update**

Culturally and linguistically competent educational and social branding materials aimed to prevent tobacco use initiation and promote quitting among priority populations were distributed to over 4,000 attendees at several community events in June including: Coffee and Conversations, Jazz in the Park concert, Juneteenth Celebration, and Black Music Appreciation Month Celebration.

This month, information was shared through a social media package tailored for the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. Additionally, key youth identified in local high schools throughout Southern Nevada continued to share vaping prevention messaging on their social media accounts.

Staff met with Vice President of Resident Services and Senior Vice President of Property Management at Nevada HAND (Nevada HAND is a nonprofit organization that develops, builds, and manages affordable housing communities with supportive services for low-income individuals and families in Southern Nevada) to discuss smoke-free housing efforts. As a result, a partnership was re-established to promote smoke-free living across their communities. **The partnership aims to empower residents with information and resources, reduce tobacco and vape use, support property managers in implementing smoke-free housing strategies, and improve overall community health outcomes.** Engagement opportunities will continue throughout the year as part of this ongoing collaboration.

In June, **twelve (12) local businesses** (mainly restaurants) **expanded their tobacco-free policy** to include no smoking near entrances and exits.

**II. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM (OEMSTS)**

The OEMSTS plays a vital role in maintaining a responsive, well-trained, and integrated EMS and trauma system that serves the diverse needs of Southern Nevada's population.

**A. OEMSTS – July 2024 / 2025 Data**

July EMS Statistics	July 2024	July 2025	
Total certificates issued	96	131	↑
New licenses issued	86	125	↑
Renewal licenses issued (recert only)	1	0	↓
Driver Only	48	60	↑
Active Certifications: EMT	926	1000	↑
Active Certifications: Advanced EMT	1950	1938	↓
Active Certifications: Paramedic	2109	2220	↑
Active Certifications: RN	64	89	↑

### **III. OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (OPHP)**

#### **A. Planning and Preparedness**

##### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

##### **(Emergency Planning & Preparedness)**

1. Continued review and revision of:
  - a) Emergency Operation Plans (EOP)
  - b) Threat Response Guides
  - c) SNHD Basic EOP and Direction and Control Annexes
  - d) BioWatch Plan
  - e) CHEMPACK, Nuclear/Radiation, Administrative Preparedness, Mass Care Support, Highly Infectious Disease Plans
2. Ongoing internal and external training and exercises to test plans.
3. FIT testing for 44 SNHD employees for PPE in July.
4. Participation in NACCHO's Virtual Learning Collaborative for MCH Populations in Emergency Preparedness and Response, including attendance at NACCHO 360 TTX.
5. Participation in working groups from the State of Nevada DPBH Public Health Preparedness Strategic Plan (Resources & Supply Chain, Health Equity, etc.).

##### **(Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP))**

1. Continued updates to the Nevada Continuity Tool.
2. Formation of a working group to complete the COOP process.
3. Compilation of departmental COOPs into an agency-wide COOP, submitted to the program supervisor.
4. Ongoing meetings with COOP planning team to discuss future expectations.

##### **(Community & Partner Engagement)**

1. Ongoing collaboration with Clark County and Las Vegas Resiliency Center on the Impacted Persons Database.
2. Continued participation in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings.
3. Continued engagement with the Closed POD Working Group, including material review.
4. Renewal and restart of Closed POD MOU program.

##### ***New/Upcoming Activities***

##### **(Legislative & Strategic Initiatives)**

1. Successful passage of AB50 through the Nevada Legislative session.
2. OPHP attendance planned for the governor's signing in August 2025.

##### **(Recovery Planning)**

1. Development of a Recovery Annex based on lessons learned from real-world events and exercises.

##### **(Community Outreach & Education)**

1. Presentation on Extreme Heat Preparedness to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.
2. Attendance at the Extreme Heat Transportation Access to Parks (TAP) Discussion hosted by RTC.

**(Evaluation & Reporting)**

1. Compilation of After-Action Report from Biological TTX held on 06/23/25.

**B. Training, Exercises, and Public Health Workforce Development**

***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Support for City of Las Vegas ICS 300/400 training schedule.
2. Participation in SNHD Website Committee.
3. Continued engagement with NACCHO 360 TTX.
4. Ongoing CPR training for SNHD staff/MRC volunteers.
5. Continued coordination with Strong Start Academy for EOP development.
6. Presentation at Resort Emergency Management Working Group.

***New/Upcoming Activities***

1. Attendance at AWR-140 Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course.
2. Scheduled Response to Bombing Incidents training (Sept 29).
3. Scheduled AWR-140 course (Nov 4).
4. Development and meeting for Excessive Heat Seminar AAR.
5. Enrollment in COOP Course (Sept).
6. New Hire Orientation scheduled for Sept 17.

**C. Southern Nevada Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (SNHPC)**

***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Coordination for Hospital Area Command Full Scale Exercises (Oct).
2. Planning for SNHPC August workshop.
3. Attendance at UMC Emergency Preparedness Meetings.
4. Participation in NDPBH POETE Quarterly Meeting.
5. Continued updates to First Receiver Decontamination Training Program.
6. Management of TEEH PER-320 course (Sept 30).

***New/Upcoming Activities***

1. Participation in NDMS/FCC FSE Initial Planning Meeting.
2. Attendance at HERT Train the Trainer at CDP.
3. Planning for Pediatric Disaster Response and CBRNE courses (2026).
4. Cybersecurity education presentation confirmed for Oct SNHPC meeting.
5. Participation in Fuel Interruption TTX with Rebel Oil.

**D. Fusion Center Public Health Analyst**

***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Dissemination of public health info between SNHD and SNCTC.
2. Weekly verbal briefings and CTAG meetings.
3. Public health input for SEAR events.
4. Collaboration with surrounding fusion centers and monthly bulletins.
5. Monitoring and advising on potential medical events.

***New/Upcoming Activities***

1. Attendance at DHS training for Analysts.
2. Development of new communication connections between SNHD, SNCTC, and partners.

### E. Grants and Administration

#### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Completion of progress reports and year-end closeout.
2. Ongoing planning for FY2026 with State of Nevada DPBH.
3. Continued budget and scope modifications for cooperative agreements.
4. Representation on SNHD working group committees.
5. Updates to State on POETE working group.

#### ***New/Upcoming Activities***

### **F. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Southern Nevada**

#### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Attendance at national program meetings and SNHPC.
2. Ongoing recruitment, training planning, and volunteer management.
3. Health info and screenings at community events.
4. Support at Immunization Clinics during Back-to-School rush.

#### ***New/Upcoming Activities***

1. Emergency deployment of nurse volunteers to Red Cross Shelter due to power outage.

#### **MRC Volunteer Hours FY2026 Q1**

(Economic impact rates updated April 2025):

Activity	July	August	September
Training			
Community Event	9.5		
SNHD Clinic	25		
Emergency Deployment	20.75		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>55.25</b>		
<b>Economic impact</b>	<b>\$2,344.10</b>		

The savings value is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated per/hour value of \$34.79/hour of service

## **IV. VITAL RECORDS**

- A. July is currently showing a **20% increase in birth certificate** sales in comparison to July 2024. **Death certificate** sales currently showing a **1% decrease** in comparison to July 2024. SNHD received revenues of \$40,313 for birth registrations, \$24,089 for death registrations; and an additional \$9,106 in miscellaneous fees.

Vital Statistics Services	July 2024	July 2025	
Births Registered	1,853	2,086	↑
Deaths Registered	1,896	1,807	↓
Fetal Deaths Registered	17	15	↓

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Vital Statistics Program Birth/Deaths Certificates – Fiscal Year Data**

<b>Vital Statistics Services</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>July 2025</b>				
Birth Certificates Sold (walk-in)	13	2	↓			
Birth Certificates Mail	130	146	↑			
Birth Certificates Online Orders	3,694	4,477	↑			
Birth Certificates Billed	140	160	↑			
<b>Birth Certificates Number of Total Sales</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>↑</b>			
Death Certificates Sold (walk-in)	7	12	↑			
Death Certificates Mail	188	151	↓			
Death Certificates Online Orders	8,189	8,103	↓			
Death Certificates Billed	55	58	↑			
<b>Death Certificates Number of Total Sales</b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>8,324</b>	<b>↓</b>			

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Vital Statistics Program Birth/Deaths Cert. Sales by Source – Fiscal Year Data**

<b>Vital Statistics Sales by Source</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>July 2025</b>				
Birth Certificates Sold Valley View (walk-in)	.3%					
Birth Certificates Mail	3.3%	3.1%	↓			
Birth Certificates Online Orders	92.9%	93.6%	↑			
Birth Certificates Billed	3.5%	3.3%	↓			
Death Certificates Sold Valley View (walk-in)	.1%	.1%				
Death Certificates Mail	2.2%	1.8%	↓			
Death Certificates Online Orders	97%	97.3%	↑			
Death Certificates Billed	.7%	.7%				

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Vital Statistics Program Birth/Deaths Certificates Sales – Fiscal Year Data**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>July 2025</b>				
<b>Birth Certificates (\$25)</b>	\$99,425	\$119,625	↑			
<b>Death Certificates (\$25)</b>	\$210,975	\$208,100	↓			
<b>Births Registrations (\$13)</b>	\$33,358	\$40,313	↑			
<b>Deaths Registrations (\$13)</b>	\$24,713	\$24,089	↓			
<b>Convenience Fee (\$2)</b>	\$7,770	\$9,106	↑			
<b>Miscellaneous Admin</b>	\$768	\$672	↓			
<b>Total Vital Records Revenue</b>	<b>\$377,009</b>	<b>\$401,905</b>	<b>↑</b>			

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Passport Program – Fiscal Year Data**

**B. PASSPORT SERVICES** – Passport Services is appointment only.

<b>Applications</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>July 2025</b>				
Passport Applications	694	922	↑			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>July 2025</b>				
Passport Execution/Acceptance fee (\$35)	\$24,290	\$32,270	↑			

**V. HEALTH EQUITY**

**Health Equity Program – July Highlights**

The Health Equity Program continues to strengthen community partnerships and collaborations aimed at increasing the capacity of local communities to address health disparities.

**Key Activities in July:**

**1. Community Outreach at Health & Wellness Fairs**

The Health Equity team participated in seven (7) Health & Wellness Fairs hosted by Nevada HAND. During these events, the team provided attendees with information about services and resources available through the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD).

**2. Youth Advisory Board Council Launch**

On July 30, the Health Equity team hosted an orientation meeting for the newly established pilot Youth Advisory Board Council. The council comprises ten (10) high school students from across the city, who will contribute their perspectives on public health issues while gaining knowledge and leadership skills in the field.

**3. Participation in Youth Development Outreach**

On July 31, the team engaged in the City of Las Vegas Youth Development & Social Initiatives' "Batteries Included" and "Batteries Included NextGen" community outreach event, furthering youth engagement in public health.

**4. Community Convening on Dementia Risk Reduction**

In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, the Health Equity Program hosted its first Community Convening Meeting on July 31. The meeting focused on reducing dementia risk and promoting healthy brain habits. It was attended by twenty-five (25) participants representing eight (8) community organizations.

**VI. SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (SNPHL)**

**A. Clinical Testing: Key Updates**

**1. SNHD Nursing Division Support**

SNPHL provides laboratory services to the SNHD Nursing Division, including:

- a) Molecular and microbiological culture testing
- b) Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) diagnostics

**2. STD Surveillance and Testing**

SNPHL collaborates with the SNHD STD Department in the following activities:

- a) Participation in the CDC's Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) and the enhanced GISP (eGISP)
- b) Performing NAAT and culture testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates, which are submitted to reference laboratories for antimicrobial susceptibility testing
- c) Participation in eGISP Part B to expand culture-independent testing for antimicrobial resistance genes in gonococcal isolates
- d) A detailed breakdown of monthly sample volumes provided in the accompanying table:

Test Name	Monthly Count	Avg Year to Date
GC Cultures	21	35
NAAT NG/CT	1,766	1,561
Syphilis	722	803
RPR/RPR Titers	125/34	129/44
Hepatitis Total	3,225	3,165
HIV/differentiated	634/18	713/20
HIV RNA	136	120

**3. COVID-19 Testing Operations**

- a) SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing is performed exclusively on the KingFisher Flex platform
- b) SNPHL maintains a testing capacity of 2,000 tests per day, with a turnaround time (TAT) of less than 48 hours. In June, the average daily testing volume was 12 samples, with an average TAT of 45 hours from collection to report release
- c) IT enhancements include streamlined patient accession and direct report verification from SNPHL's Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) into the SNHD patient portal
- d) High-throughput automation has been incorporated, including the Eppendorf 5073 specimen fluid handling station



- e) Due to unresolved scripting issues with the Tecan instrument, SNPHL has requested SNHD Contracts and Purchasing to explore the feasibility of returning the instrument to the manufacturer
- f) A detailed summary of COVID-19 testing volumes and performance metrics provided in the accompanying table:

Month	# PCR & NAAT/#POS	Month	# PCR & NAAT/#POS
January	471/74	July	280/58
February	656/55	August	-----
March	630/22	September	-----
April	195/22	October	-----
May	141/9	November	-----
June	190/43	December	-----

#### 4. Reportable Disease Testing

- a) SNPHL continues routine testing of reportable disease specimens submitted by community stakeholders
- b) Results are reported weekly to the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance (OEDS) to support investigations
- c) Coordination with CDC PulseNet is initiated when required
- d) A monthly summary of reportable disease testing provided in the accompanying table:

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Campylobacter	Campy ID	9	4	3	2	2	5	6						31
	Campy Screen	12	8	4	3	6	10	8						51
Neisseria species	Gonorrhoeae Culture	33	32	47	48	30	33	21						244
	Gram Stain/WBC	0	5	0	0	0	5	0						10
	Neisseria ID	2	0	0	0	0	0	0						2
	Haemophilus ID	0	0	0	0	1	0	0						1

Unknown ID	Bacterial ID	0	0	0	0	2	0	0						16
	WGS (PulseNet)	14	12	20	8	26	25	33						144
Salmonella	Salmonella Screen	3	6	14	13	11	10	18						75
	Salmonella Serotype	3	7	13	13	9	8	17						70
Shigella	Shigella Screen	2	5	3	6	4	0	4						24
	Shigella Serotype	2	4	3	0	1	1	3						14
STEC	STEC Screen	0	3	3	1	5	4	3						19
	STEC Serotype	0	0	1	0	1	1	2						5
Unknown	Stool Culture	1	5	1	4	5	5	1						22
Vibrio	Vibrio ID	0	0	0	1	0	3	0						4
	Vibrio Screen	1	0	0	3	0	5	1						10
Yersinia	Yersinia Culture/ID	1	0	0	2	2	1	0						6

**B. Epidemiological Testing and Consultation: Key Updates:**

**1. Outbreak Investigation Committee Participation**

SNPHL actively participates in the SNHD Outbreak Investigation Committee and the Foodborne Illness Taskforce. No gastrointestinal (GI) outbreak samples were received for investigation in July.

**2. Influenza Surveillance Reporting**

SNPHL continues to report influenza testing results to the CDC's National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS). In June, no respiratory panel tests were performed using the BioFire platform.

**C. Emergency response and reportable disease isolate testing report: Key Activities and Capabilities:**

**1. Reportable Disease Isolate Testing and Confirmation**

SNPHL conducts testing and confirmation of reportable disease isolates submitted by local laboratories. These isolates are serotyped and/or confirmed via Whole Genome

Sequencing (WGS), stored on-site, and reported through national surveillance systems including:

- a) Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS)
- b) National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS)
- c) Influenza Surveillance
- d) PulseNet Bacterial Outbreak Surveillance

2. **Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Validation**

SNPHL is clinically validated to use WGS for the identification of select *Campylobacter* species, pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, and *Salmonella* species. The lab is also validated for determining *Salmonella* serotypes, STEC (Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli*) serotypes, and Shiga toxin genes.

3. **PulseNet Surveillance**

In July 2025, SNPHL performed 33 WGS tests as part of the PulseNet Foodborne Outbreak Surveillance program.

4. **Bacterial Isolate Screening**

Using the Bruker MALDI-TOF instrument, SNPHL identified 145 bacterial organisms in July, streamlining the screening process for bacterial isolates.

5. **SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing**

SNPHL is validated for sequencing SARS-CoV-2 and variants of concern, including lineage and clade identification.

- a) Current capacity: up to 96 SARS-CoV-2-positive RNA extracts per week
- b) July 2025: 29 SARS-CoV-2-positive RNA extracts sequenced
- c) Capacity expansion is anticipated with additional staffing, instrumentation, and method development.

6. **Legionella Surveillance**

SNPHL collaborates with Environmental Health and Veritas Labs for Legionella surveillance. Monthly isolate counts for 2025 are as follows:

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Legionella	3	22	0	26	62	45	33					

7. **Vector-Borne Disease Testing**

SNPHL provides viral testing for Zika, West Nile Virus (WNV), Western Equine Encephalitis, and Saint Louis Encephalitis.

- a) July 2025: 321 mosquito pool samples tested
- b) One (1) WNV-positive mosquito pool identified
- c) Results were communicated to Environmental Health and subsequently released to the public.

8. **Gonococcal Isolation Surveillance Program (GISP/eGISP)**

In July, SNPHL collected 23 clinical isolates:

- a) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*: 6 isolates
  - b) *Neisseria meningitidis*: 4 isolates
- These will be sent to regional labs or the CDC for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST). Remnant NAATs or *N. gonorrhoeae* samples will be submitted to the CDC for molecular-based AST under eGISP Part B.

9. **C. auris PCR Screening**

SNPHL performed 1,250 Real-Time PCR screenings for *Candida auris* in July 2025.

D. **All-Hazards Preparedness: Key Activities:**

1. **COVID-19 Emergency Response Testing Support**

SNPHL supports testing efforts for the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) COVID-19 Emergency Incident Response, including outreach to local communities, CCDC jail-detention centers, institutions of higher education, and long-term care facilities. Rapid Antigen Point-of-Care (POC) testing platforms used include CDC-EUA approved systems: Abbott IDNow, Qiagen Sofia, and BD Veritor. Outbreak confirmation is supported through RT-PCR testing conducted by SNPHL.

2. **Biosafety Training for Non-Traditional Testing Sites**

SNPHL provides COVID-19 biosafety training and guidelines to non-traditional testing sites to ensure safe and effective testing practices.

3. **Coordination with First Responder Training**

SNPHL collaborates on training and exercises with first responder agencies including the Civil Support Team, HazMat units, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

4. **Laboratory Packaging and Shipping Guidance**

SNPHL offers guidance to local laboratorians on CDC protocols for packaging and shipping infectious substances, including chain of custody procedures.

5. **Onsite Training for Long-Term Care Facilities**

SNPHL provided onsite training for long-term care facilities on the use of COVID-19 online ordering applications.

6. **Monkeypox Biosafety Guidance**

Biosafety guidance was supplied to sentinel sites in response to Monkeypox surveillance and containment efforts.

7. **Vaccination Support for Laboratory Staff**

SNPHL facilitated Monkeypox and bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccinations for laboratory personnel.

8. **Ongoing Biosafety Training for SNPHL Staff**

The laboratory continues to provide perpetual biosafety training and updated guidance to SNPHL personnel.

9. **Facility Equipment Upgrade**

SNPHL received a double-door autoclave. Installation is pending completion of drywall extension and power connection by a local contractor.

E. **July 2025 SNPHL Activity Highlights: Key Updates:**

1. **COVID-19 Testing Supplies and Reagent Forecast**

SNPHL has maintained a consistent supply of Viral Transport Medium (VTM) for COVID-19 collection kits, even following the cessation of ELC COVID funding. However, reagents for PCR and Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) are projected to be depleted by August 2025.

2. **Proficiency Testing Performance**

SNPHL achieved 100% proficiency across a wide range of tests, including:

- a) CAP SP-A Norovirus
- b) COV2-B SARS-CoV-2
- c) *Mycoplasma genitalium*
- d) HCV and HIV-B viral loads
- e) Clinical Chemistry
- f) *Bordetella* (BioFire)
- g) Shiga toxin and Enteric Pathogens
- h) Gram stain
- i) GC culture
- j) *Trichomonas vaginalis*
- k) BioFire respiratory virus panel

3. **Facility Infrastructure and Equipment Calibration**

Phoenix Controls completed system integration adjustments for new sensors and dampers installed by SunBelt and ATC, including recalibration of the biosafety cabinet (BSC) and chemical hood on the second floor.

4. **BSL-3 Autoclave Installation**

The installation of a new double-door autoclave in the BSL-3 laboratory has been finalized. The second inspection was successfully completed and passed state requirements on Friday, July 25.

5. **Genomic Surveillance – SARS-CoV-2**

WGS and genomic data analysis indicate that the Omicron variant XFG lineage was the dominant strain among samples received in July. SNPHL will continue sequencing close-contact samples to support ongoing investigations by the Office of Disease Surveillance (ODS).

6. **Influenza Surveillance**

Early data from the new influenza season show that A/H3, A/H1, and B/Victoria are the predominant subtypes.

7. **Avian Influenza Surveillance**

SNPHL participates in the CDC's Avian Influenza Surveillance Project by distributing testing guidance and specimen collection procedures to local hospitals via the Health Alert Network (HAN). ICU patients testing positive for Influenza A are required to submit specimens for subtyping to rule out avian influenza. No suspect avian flu samples were received in July.

**8. Facility Expansion Planning**

Phase I of the new facility design may focus on constructing BSL-3 and microbiology laboratories on the second floor, with a semi-shell layout planned for the first floor.

**9. Expanded Clinical Testing Services**

New test offerings in clinical chemistry, hematology, and urinalysis will officially launch on Tuesday, August 5, serving the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) division.

**F. COMMUNITY HEALTH – SNPHL – Calendar Year Data**

July SNPHL Services	2024	2025	
Clinical Testing Services <sup>1</sup>	5,636	6,832	↑
Epidemiology Services <sup>2</sup>	592	300	↓
State Branch Public Health Laboratory Services <sup>3</sup>	0	0	↓
All-Hazards Preparedness Services <sup>4</sup>	6	5	↓
Environmental Health Services <sup>5</sup>	602	354	↓

<sup>1</sup> Includes N. Gonorrhoeae culture, GISP isolates, Syphilis, HIV, CT/GC molecular, Gram stain testing, and COVID Ab immunologic tests.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Stool culture, EIA, Norovirus PCR, Respiratory Pathogen PCR, Epidemiological investigations, or consultations.

<sup>3</sup> Includes COVID PCR, WGS, and LRN testing, proficiency samples, reporting to CDC, courier services, infectious substance shipments, teleconferences, training, presentations and inspections, samples submitted to CDC or other laboratories' submissions.

<sup>4</sup> Includes Preparedness training, teleconferences, and Inspections.

<sup>5</sup> Includes vector testing.