

#### RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN HEALTH DISTRICT

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**





FISCAL YEAR 2023

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<sup>\*</sup>Unless otherwise noted, all data provided is from Fiscal Year (FY) 2023: July 1, 2022- June 30,2023



#### Who We Are

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District (RRHD) is one of 35 health districts within The Virginia Department of Health (VDH). We encompass 5 localities- Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock- and serve over 179, 000 people.

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to attain optimal health for the people of our community through disease prevention, environmental safeguards and health promotion.

#### **Our Locations**

Culpeper County 640 Laurel Street Culpeper, VA 22701 540-829-7350 Environmental Health: 540-829-7466

Orange County 450 N. Madison Rd. Orange, VA 22960 540-672-1291 Environmental Health: 540-672-1291 Fauquier County 330 Hospital Drive Warrenton, VA 20186 540-347-6400 Environmental Health: 540-347-6363



Madison County 1480 N. Main Street, Suite A Madison, VA 22727 540-948-5481 Environmental Health: 540-948-5481

Rappahannock County 338-A Gay Street P. O. Box 5 Washington, VA 22747 540-675-3516 Environmental Health: 540-675-3516

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I am proud to share the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District's (RRHD) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). The report highlights the hard work of our dedicated staff working in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

In May of this year, the federally declared public health emergency related to COVID-19 ended. Fortunately, we have been able to retain a number of staff funded through COVID-19 grants. This has allowed RRHD to expand services to provide additional epidemiological support,

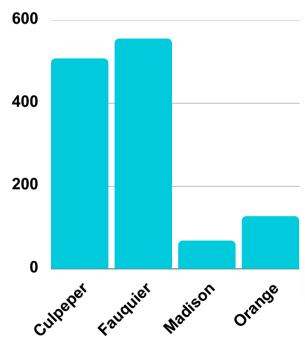
vaccination clinics, community engagement and outreach, and communications. Our challenge moving forward will be to identify funding to continue to support these services that provide so much to our community. In collaboration with community partners, RRHD completed a community health assessment in 2023. Identified health concerns include chronic disease, mental health, and substance use. The next step will be to work with our partners to prioritize work to address these important issues.

Please take a moment to read through this report to better understand the services RRHD provided in FY23. Consider how we can continue to partner in FY24 to build a community where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy.

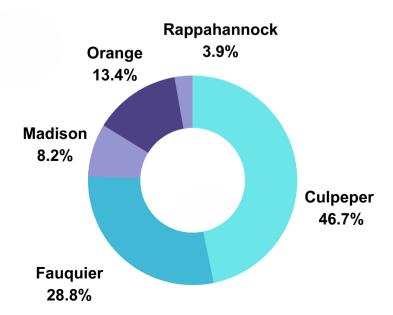
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Interim Health Director,
Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District

Clinical Services are available to all RRHD residents, including teens, regardless of insurance status. Services include but are not limited to family planning, immunizations, evaluations for tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections. Staff offer screenings for residents eligible and approved for Medicaid who are requesting at-home care or care in licensed facility.

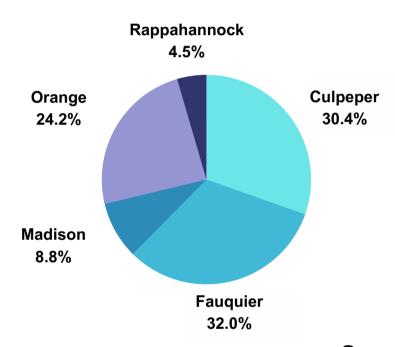
# Family Planning Visits (1,259 Total)

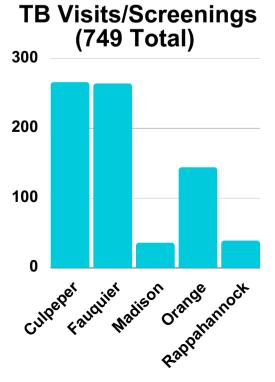


# Immunizations (5,048 Total)

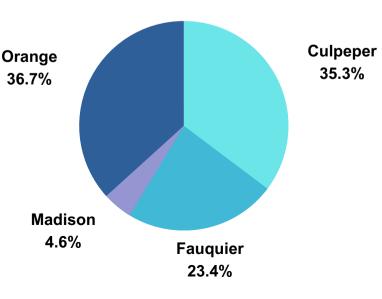


# Long-term Services & Support (Pre-nursing home) Screenings (487 Total)



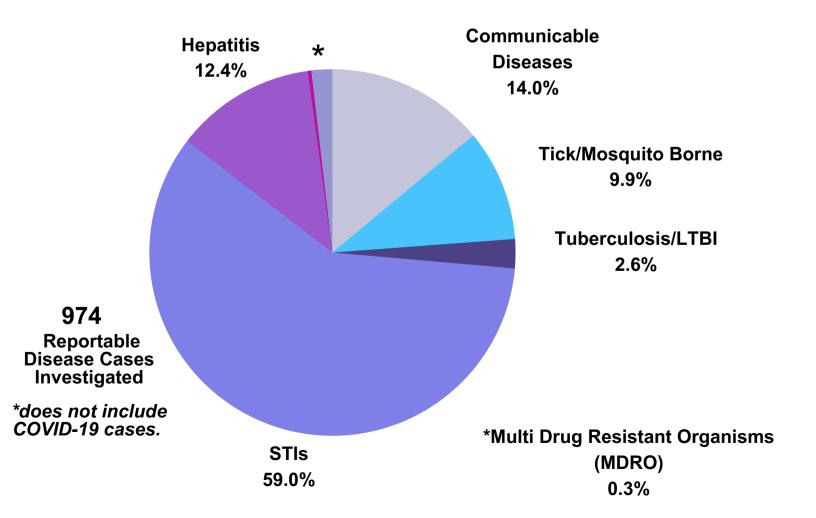






The Epidemiology Team works to prevent and control the spread of illness by investigating reportable diseases, suspected foodborne illnesses, and outbreaks. Staff interview patients to help determine possible sources or exposures, and provide education to reduce further transmission.

RRHD investigated 36 outbreaks in FY23: Thirty-one (31) respiratory outbreaks were caused by SARS-CoV-2 (87%), Influenza (9.7%), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) (3.2%), and 1 outbreak for which the agent could not be identified.



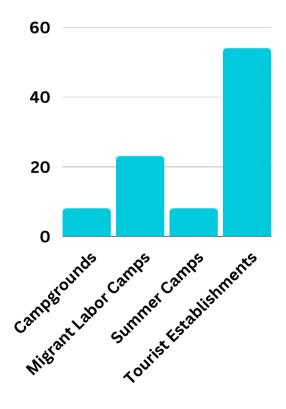
The RRHD Environmental Health Division includes a wide range of programs that include food safety, consumer services, land divisions, onsite sewage and water, and rabies prevention. Our team of 13 staff consists of 8 Environmental Health Specialists, 2 Environmental Health Technical Specialists, 2 Environmental Health Supervisors, and 1 Environmental Health Manager.

While much of our daily work includes regulatory permitting, inspections, and compliance monitoring, we also strive to provide educational outreach to our community and to be a trusted source of information.

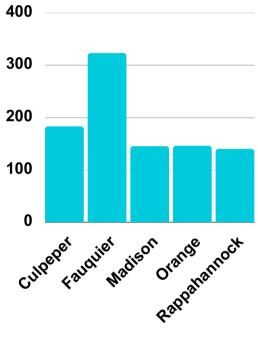
# Food Establishment Permits (531 Total) Rappahannock 4.1% Orange 19.4% Madison 8.7% Fauguier

37.1%

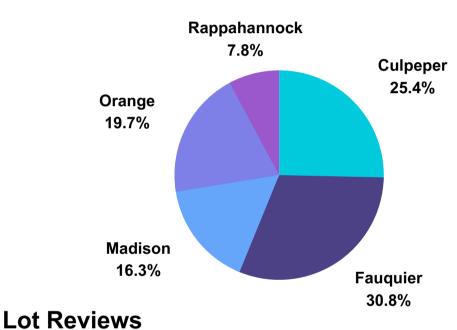
#### Other Establishment Permits (93 Total)

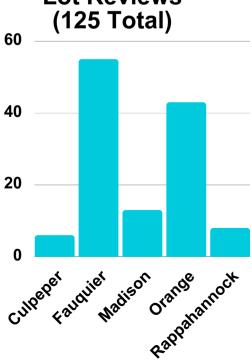


## Onsite Sewage Applications (937 Total)

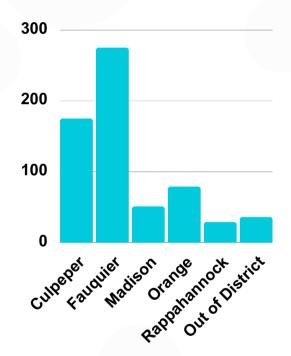


## Private Well Applications (639 Total)

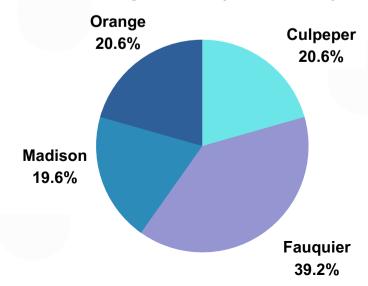




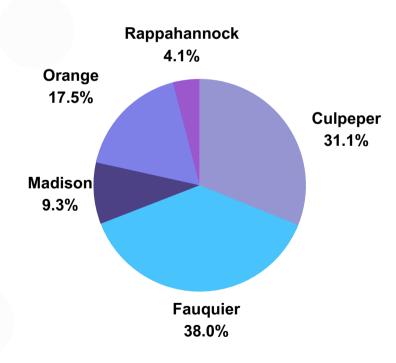
## Rabies Investigations (645 Total)



# **Environmental Complaint Investigations (102 Total)**



# Food Establishment Inspections (492 Total)



The Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC) Program provides high quality nutrition care and food to participants, as well as breastfeeding support. Services are provided to pregnant, post-partum or breastfeeding women, and infants and children from birth through 5 years of age. Additionally, we provide car seat safety and safe sleep education to our clients with car seat and cribette distribution (must apply and meet income restrictions).



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Monthly Caseload: 2,404

Car Seat
Distribution
Total: 75

Safe Sleep Crib
Distribution
Total: 6

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & HARM REDUCTION

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#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

RRHD funds 5 Community Health Workers (CHWs), both at local health departments and within the community. CHWs help our residents receive the services they need. They meet people where they live, learn, work, play and pray. CHWs assist residents with many things that affect their physical and mental wellbeing.

124 Community Events Attended

616
Trigger Locks
Distributed

#### Naloxone Distributed: 1,042

Culpeper: 377 Fauquier: 379

Madison: 69

Orange: **157** 

Rappahannock: 60

Harm Reduction programs aim to reduce negative impacts associated with drug use through public health intervention. RRHD provides Naloxone (Narcan) free of charge to prevent fatal opioid overdoses.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps (RRMRC) was established in 2003 and is one of 22 units across Virginia. The RRMRC is a force of dedicated volunteers who are prepared to support our community in the event of a public health emergency. Their contribution was and still remains instrumental in our local response to COVID-19 and Opioid Public Health Emergency. In non-emergent times RRMRC volunteers complete training, promote preparedness, attend community events, and support public health initiatives in our community.

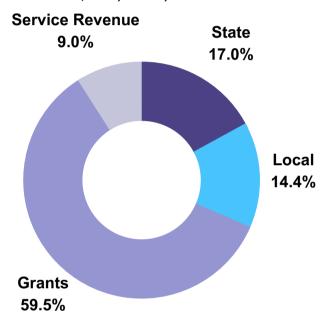
95
Deployed Volunteers
490
Active Members

- Support Volunteers
- Medical Volunteers
- Volunteer Vaccinators

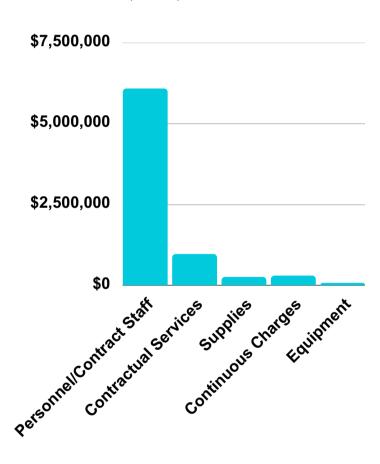
58 Trainings Attended \$16,379 Workforce Savings

191 Deployments 45 Events

## **Funding Sources** \$12,894,819



# **Expenditures** \$7,667,148



#### Service Revenue \$1,166,652

