

# Caldwell County Health Department Annual Report

2024

PROMOTE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

## Vital Records

2

At Home Births

866

Deaths of Caldwell County  
Residents

## 2024 Patient Visits



Adult Health **1218**



Immunizations **2515**



Family Planning **1611**



Maternal Health **1223**



## New Patient Portal

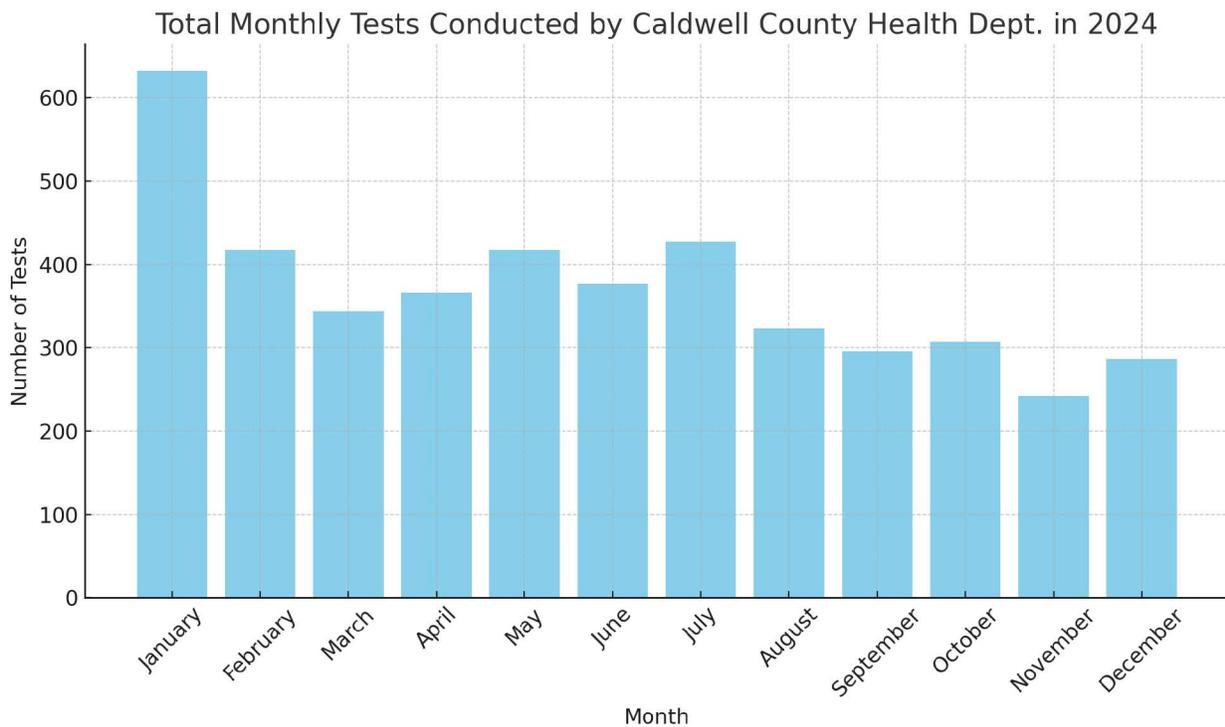
We have **1723** patient portal users. They can get test results, request call backs, and pay on-line. Global Pay, through CURE MD.

## Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)

**122** women were screened for Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer through this program in 2024.

# Lab

In 2024, the Caldwell County Health Department conducted a total of 4,438 tests across various medical categories, detailed in a monthly format. The data highlights that glucose and hemoglobin tests were the most frequent, each accumulating 1,300 tests throughout the year. Notably, testing volumes were higher at the beginning of the year, especially in January, and gradually decreased as the year progressed. Seasonal trends were evident in tests like Influenza A & B, peaking during the winter months, which aligns with typical flu seasons. This comprehensive dataset provides insights into the department's testing frequencies and priorities, reflecting their efforts to respond to both routine and seasonal health needs within the community.



## Environmental Health

 **549** applications for septic systems

 **206** septic systems installed

 **23** complaints investigated

 **97** applications for wells

 **47** wells completed

 **646** applications received

# Dental



Over 1,507 patients (adults and children) were seen in 2024 with 139 new patients. 1062 sealants were placed. 650 fluoride varnishes completed.



Dental staff participated in a variety of community outreach events and screenings in 2024 to promote dental health, including Blue Ridge Community Action, the Child Safety Fair, Creative Beginnings Fall Festival, and dental education in many local schools and daycares.

## Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Overall participation in the WIC program in Caldwell continues to rise and currently remains well above the state recommended caseload.



Caldwell County WIC continues to see an increase in breastfeeding rates across the county due to efforts in raising breastfeeding awareness. With our breastfeeding peer counselor program and in celebrating National Breastfeeding Week during the first week of August every year.



Our WIC program remains active on Facebook with over **700** followers where we update on special programs, events, and office closures

## 2024 Community Outreach

In 2024, CCHD did **10** Flu clinics outside of regular clinic hours. A total of **325** flu shots were given during these clinics which include Exela, Bernhardt, Caldwell County Senior Center, long-term care facilities, and many others.



# Health Promotion



Our Health Promotion team participated in promoting healthy habits, dental health, handwashing, and services offered at CCHD through **50** various community partner events.

CCHD staffs the County Wellness Coordinator that encourages wellness among county employees through the **Positive Pulse** program. In 2024, over **118** county employees participated in the wellness program. Programs for employees include **3** challenges, Walk a Hound Lose a Pound in partnership with Animal Care Enforcement, a Employee Wellness Fair, **4** Lunch and Learns, **5** Employee Blood Pressure Checks, and **4** Blood Drives.



CCHD is the lead agency for Caldwell County Safe Kids. In 2024, Safe Kids participated in **18** events, including car seat checks, fire prevention education, water safety, and bicycle helmet giveaways. Caldwell County Safe Kids was also awarded almost \$2000 in participation grants.

## Women's Health/ CMARC



**244** Ultrasound Visits



**1169** Pregnancy Tests



**861** Maternal Health Clinic Visits



**299** New CMARC Referrals



**75** Current CMARC Clients

