



# BETHEL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Serving communities from Mekoryuk to Lime Village and from Eek to Kotlik



The Bethel Public Health Center is staffed with Public Health Nurses of all levels (PHN I-IV) and their administrative support, and provides high-quality services to Bethel and 48 remote villages. These villages are off the road system covering an area over 50,000 square miles. Services are provided in clinics, homes, community agencies, and schools.



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## In FY 15, the Bethel Public Health Center provided:

- 10,165 individual visits
- 2,904 immunizations
- 5,878 visits to children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 462 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- Provided 382 individual visits to address tuberculosis, 6,510 TB skin tests, and case managed 37 individuals with active TB

## Broad-based work:

- Participated in 192 community events to promote health and prevent disease, impacting at least 5,889 community participants
- Responded to 562 referrals from community providers
- We respond to daily requests for assistance from community agencies on infectious diseases and access to health care questions

We work in partnership with the community to improve health for all.

Specific examples include:

- ◆ YK Delta Immunization Coalition
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ◆ School-based clinic development with Lower Kuskokwim School District
- ◆ Partnership with KYUK Wellness Wednesday Radio Show
- ◆ Annual Bethel Community Health Fair

## We respond to community needs:

- Present health and prevention education through school and community events
- Support local health providers (health aides, behavioral health aides, and primary care) in ensuring access to health care and information
- Hold clinics in community settings to improve access to immunizations, including schools, tribal halls, community centers

AS THE LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR TB OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE, WE COORDINATED 4 TB SWEEPS AND 45 SCHOOL TB SCREENINGS IN FY15.

For more about public health nursing's return on investment, please visit our website: [publichealthnursing.alaska.gov](http://publichealthnursing.alaska.gov)

