

INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT

Converted 4-wheeler trailer used for COVID-19 testing and treatment

Kodiak Community Health Center
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The Challenge

Faced with limited staffing and clinic space in a rural community, Kodiak Community Health Center reimaged the function of a trailer.

The Solution

The COVID-19 testing and treatment trailer had a previous life hauling 4-wheelers and other “toys” for the Alaskan winter. In 2021, the repurposed trailer provided patients with an option for drive-up testing, to pick-up home test kits, get monoclonal antibody treatments, or for evaluation after testing positive for COVID-19.

The Impact

- In 2021, the health center tested 1,600 patients with 3,500 tests all at the mobile unit.
- That means the health center tested about 12% of the rural community's population.
- In 2021, Kodiak treated 25 patients (approximately 35% of patients) with monoclonal antibodies.
- Service area includes the largest Coast Guard base and their dependents.

2021 Health Center Data

- 4,549 total patients
- 35.8% racial and ethnic minority patients
- 8.5% of patients best served in a language other than English
- 5% of patients are uninsured
- 13.5% of patients have Medicaid/CHIP insurance
- Special populations served: people experiencing homelessness

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We were able to care for many more patients with our mobile unit than we would have without it.

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