

2021 Community Health Snapshot

Serving communities around our Antioch and Walnut Creek medical facilities.

Coming together to improve community health

In 2021, Kaiser Permanente continued to respond urgently to the staggering health and economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on the communities we serve.

Together with our partners, we addressed the most critical health needs in our community: COVID-19 prevention and vaccination; food, housing, and economic security; and mental health and wellness. Our efforts prioritized underserved communities and communities of color, who continue to bear an unequal burden from the pandemic.

Protecting hard-hit communities

COVID-19 vaccines became widely available in 2021, but some communities hard hit by the pandemic faced barriers to getting vaccinated. Kaiser Permanente collaborated with public health departments, community health centers, and other trusted community and faith partners to address vaccine concerns and make it easy for people to get vaccinated.

One example is our effort to increase COVID-19 vaccinations among field workers in East Contra Costa County, through a \$75,000 grant to Hijas Del Campo. The nonprofit, founded by daughters of field workers, partnered with Contra Costa Health Services to provide vaccines at pop-up clinics held in farm fields. The organization helped provide 930 vaccinations to agricultural workers and their families.





Helping local economies to thrive

A good job with a steady paycheck is foundational to good physical and mental health. Together with our community partners, Kaiser Permanente is expanding economic opportunity in communities that have endured decades of underinvestment.

One highlight is our 2-year \$100,000 grant to Rubicon Programs in the East Bay that supports job training and wraparound services to help unemployed and underemployed individuals overcome barriers to employment, apply for, and secure quality jobs. The program is expected to serve 550 individuals over the next 2 years.

Improving access to mental health care

Against the backdrop of a national shortage of mental health care professionals, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated mental health needs in our communities. In response, Kaiser Permanente is using its resources, reach, and partnerships to improve access to community mental health services and expand the mental health workforce pipeline.

Our funding helped Antioch Unified School District to develop a long-term mental health initiative and establish a framework to build trauma-informed systems and practices across 24 school sites and the district. In Concord, we supported Monument Impact to lead workshops for Latinx community members to teach skills and practices to reduce and manage stress and anxiety.



By the numbers

\$73M

2021 Diablo
Total Community Investment



\$3M

In grants, donations,
and direct support

32K

Youth and adults reached
through Educational Theatre



8K

People received
Medical Financial Assistance

\$64M

Subsidized health
care and coverage



82

Medical residents trained
in our Graduate Medical
Education programs





Community health priorities

As part of our commitment to improve health and health equity in our community, every 3 years we conduct a rigorous and collaborative community health needs assessment. For 2021, Kaiser Permanente identified the following significant health priorities in our Diablo communities.

Access to Care and Coverage

High quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate health services in coordinated delivery systems.

Economic Security

All community members are economically secure in order to thrive.

Mental Health and Wellness

Social and emotional health and well-being and access to high-quality behavioral health care services when needed.