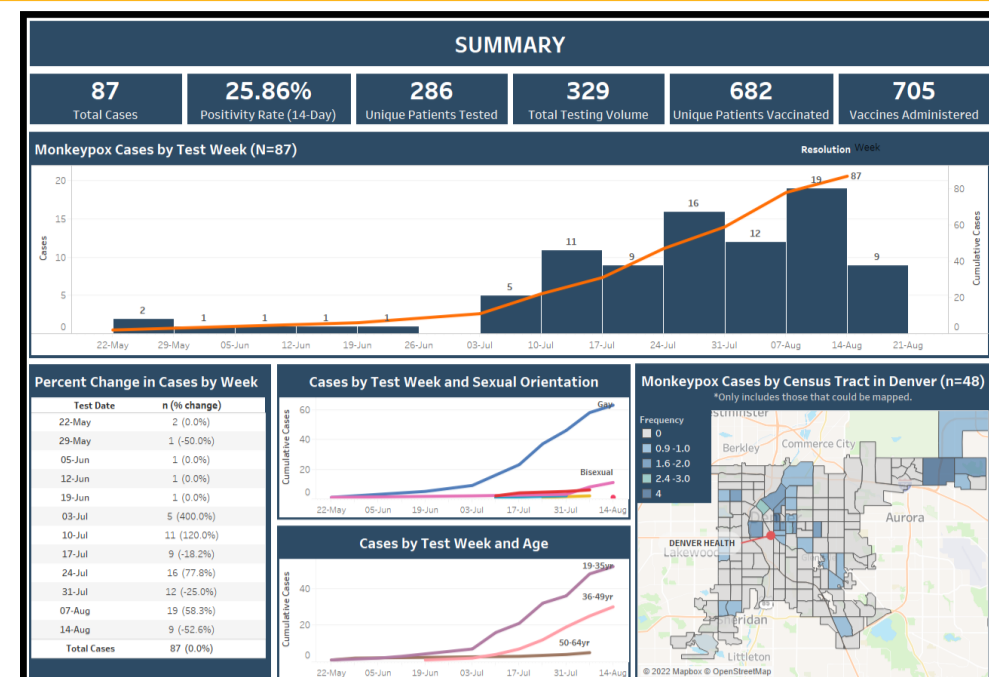


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## 87 Monkeypox Cases Diagnosed at Denver Health



Denver Health has diagnosed 87 cases of monkeypox. The charts show we've tested 286 patients and administered 705 vaccines against the viral infection. "It's spreading faster than we expected," said Dr. Sarah Rowan, infectious disease physician at Denver Health. In an interview with a local news outlet, Dr. Rowan discussed who's at risk and what you can do to protect yourself.

[Watch interview](#)

## Nurse Residency Program Earns Highest Accreditation



Denver Health's Nurse Residency Program received accreditation with distinction from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Practice Transition Accreditation Program® (PTAP). Nursing Department leaders learned the exciting news in a conference call Monday afternoon.

The ANCC PTAP sets the global standard for nurse residency programs that transition graduate nurses into professional practice. Our program is the only nurse residency program in the Denver metro area to achieve the accreditation.

[Learn more](#)



## Governor Polis: RMPDS Partnership to Lower Prescription Drug Cost



Rocky Mountain Poison & Drug Safety (RMPDS) will play a critical role in a new state program that aims to lower the cost of prescription medication by importing it from Canada. Governor Jared Polis announced RMPDS as one of three program partners in a press release sent out late last week. RMPDS will be responsible for reporting all adverse events and responding to consumer inquiries, Gov. Polis said.

[Read press release](#)

# STAY INFORMED

## School-based Health Centers Open for School Year

The 2022-23 school year has officially begun and along with it, so has Denver Health Pediatrics at Denver Public Schools, School-based Health. We provide physical and mental health services at no cost for all Denver Public School (DPS) students in 19 school-based health centers on campuses across the city.



[Learn more](#)

Did you know we also provide dental care at four school locations? Our Health Education team offers one-on-one, patient-centered sexual and reproductive health care for students as well. Kids can sign themselves up for confidential care. Our Outreach & Enrollment team is available to answer questions on who's eligible for health care programs and how to enroll in them.

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

## Follow-up to Your Feedback: An Update on Hiring Initiatives



[See progress](#)

Over the past couple of years, you've told us you want to see improvements in staffing levels and how Denver Health fills open positions – especially those in critical roles. Ahead of the organization's 2022 Employee Engagement Survey, which opens September 28, a series of stories is highlighting Denver Health's progress and achievements since the previous survey in 2020. Denver Health leaders want you to know that your voice matters and the feedback you provide leads to real changes. This week's story looks at how Denver Health is addressing staffing and hiring initiatives.

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

## Dental Residency Program Recruiting with Diversity in Mind

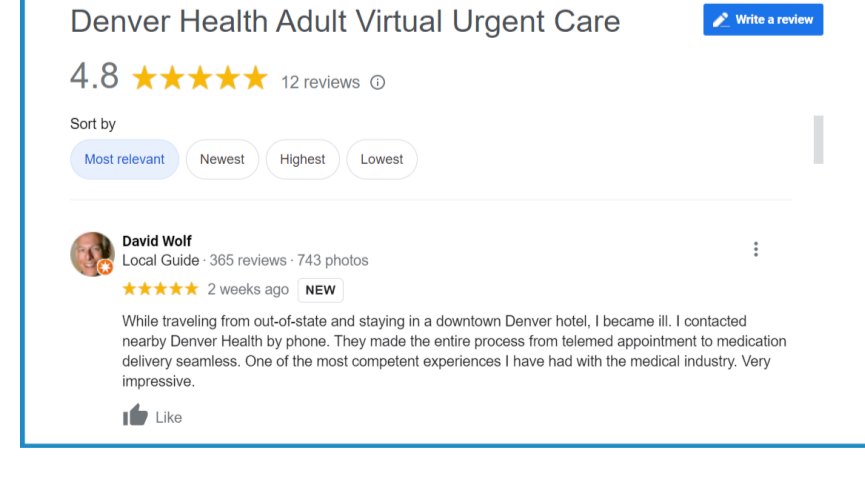


Denver Health's Dental General Practice Residency program created a recruitment model that's led to more diverse candidates. Program leaders say the effort benefits patients, providers and dentistry overall. You can read about it in this month's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Council update.

[Read DEI Council update](#)

# OUR RATINGS & REVIEWS

## Virtual Urgent Care Experience Among 'Most Competent' Ever



David Wolf got sick this month while visiting Denver from out of state. A call to our Virtual Urgent Care turned into 'one of the most competent' health care experiences of his life. He was so impressed that he wrote a five-star review on Google. Positive reviews like Wolf's inspire others to get their care with Denver Health too.

[See more reviews](#)

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Aug. 27: Denver Health Foundation NightShine Gala      Sept. 9: Brain Injury Panel for Spanish Speakers  
 Aug. 31: Overdose Awareness Day

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