



# Public Health Advisory Committee Report

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## Program Updates

Board of Supervisors Reports – December, January, February – Reports contain additional details

## Work-plan Development

Developing consistent work-plan for each Program that is consistent with NYSDOH Guidance and SAA Questions.

## Program Highlights



### Community Health Assessment & Planning

- CHA/CHIP presentations conducted to several stakeholder groups
- Planning meetings to revisit interventions & further define staff to lead or communicate about interventions for our 3 priority areas:
  - Chronic Disease
  - Well-Being and Substance Use & Mental Health Disorders
  - Women, Infants & Children
- <https://essexcountyny.gov/Health/community-health-assessment/>

### Chronic Disease Prevention

- #GetFitEssexCounty campaign = monthly call to action



- Climate grant awarded to expand tick-borne disease outreach, education & awareness & Sunscreen distribution program





## Communicable Disease

▼▼ Children are able to get the  
▼▼ Human papillomavirus (HPV)  
▼▼ vaccine at age 9.

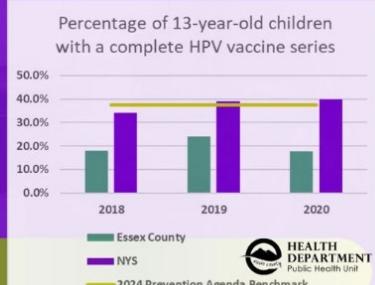


**Start at 9**

- HPV Vaccine prevents 6 cancers
- Infections with HPV types that cause most HPV cancers have dropped 88% among teen girls and 81% among young adult women. **88%**

85% of people will get an HPV infection in their lifetime.

Percentage of 13-year-old children with a complete HPV vaccine series



Year	Essex County	NYS	2024 Prevention Agenda Benchmark
2018	~20%	~35%	~38%
2019	~25%	~38%	~38%
2020	~18%	~38%	~38%

Essex County NYS 2024 Prevention Agenda Benchmark

## Immunization Program

- Promotion of HPV vaccine starting at age 9.
- Emphasizing childhood immunizations & staying current.
- Public Service Announcements for COVID and all vaccines.

These will be released soon! Sneak Previews:

<https://vimeo.com/801652635/8b94d76b9d>

<https://vimeo.com/804414496/3bcd9bc344>

## Rabies

**Rabies Trivia**

How is Rabies Spread?

- A. Saliva
- B. Blood
- C. Feces
- D. Urine
- E. All of the above



What will you win if you are correct? Bragging rights!

Essex County Health Department Public Health Unit

**RABIES Clinics**

2023 Essex County



**FREE**

March 29th - Westport      August 9th - Lake Placid

April 26th - Moriah      Oct 4th - Schroon Lake

May 10th - Chesterfield      June 14th - Ticonderoga

registration is open now!

Essex County Health Department Public Health Unit

- Expansion of education and outreach increase planned for this year.
- Policy Update is almost complete with goal of completion before the rabies season is in full swing.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Public Health Unit

- Clinics scheduled for 2023 with 6 locations & 1 doubling as a Public Health Preparedness Exercise.

### Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Working with Office of Emergency Services & Board on Shelter Planning
- 2 exercises planned in March
  - 3 of 3 drill: Notification, Activation & Facility Set-up. Scenario of vaccine fridge failure & move to alternate location.
  - Drive Through POD: setting up the 2-car wide drive-through POD tent at the Essex County Fairgrounds

### Family Health

#### Newborn Universal Home Visiting Program: Baby Steps to Bright Futures

- Final stages of Case Management System procurement
- Final stages of documentation/form development
- Birth Hospital meetings scheduled for April
- Agreement with UVHN on birth notifications
- Referral and Resources compiled
- Met with Health Dept WIC & Children's Services and DSS to discuss cross-over & collaboration

### Communications

- Undertaking website Accessibility improvement project.
- What is website accessibility?
  - Find & fix broken links
  - Correct spelling & grammar errors
  - Improve users experience & functionality of our website
- Why is it important?
  - 2022: 82,000 visits / during the pandemic about 200,000 visits/year
  - For perspective, Essex County's main page had ~233,000 visits; Real Property 185,000

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

### • Bridges Out of Poverty Training

- All program staff of the Public Health Unit have or are in the processing of taking a multi-day intensive training.
- Training provides a broad overview of concepts through the lens of economic class.
- Participants are exposed to poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language.
- Individuals gain insights to the thinking and behaviors of people they serve.

### • Creating an LGBTQ-Affirming Practice

- 3 lead staff: Director of Public Health, Director of Health Planning & Promotion & Program Coordinator participated in training to understand benefits of ensuring a LGBTQ+ affirming department.
- Now working on identifying specific things the Department will do to enhance our practices to be most affirming.

### • Certified Lactation Consultants

- 2 Staff in Public Health Unit certified
- 2 staff (Public Health Unit + WIC) working on the course & needs to test to certify Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Student-1 day/week



## FISCAL UPDATES

**State Aid (Article 6)** \$577,000 + 36% for dollars over base

### NEW GRANT FUNDING

#### CDC PH Infrastructure and Workforce Funding

**Amount:** \$618,740 over 5 years or \$123,748/year

**Purpose:** address long-standing weakness due to chronic underinvestment in NY's public health system and strengthen preparedness to address new challenges and future public health emergencies.

#### Public Health Infrastructure

is made up of the people, services, and systems needed to promote and protect health in every U.S. community



#### REGULAR/STANDARD GRANTS FROM NYSDOH

- PH Emergency Prep & Response
- Immunization Action Plan
- Rabies
- Lead Poisoning Prevention

#### COVID FUNDING

- Epi & Lab Capacity (ELC) COVID-19
- Epi & Lab Capacity (ELC) School Testing
- NACCHO Operational Readiness Award
- CVD Vax
- Public Health Fellows

#### OTHER GRANTS

- NYS Highway Safety Grant
- Child Passenger Safety Initiative
- NYSACHO – Climate Smart Community

## STAFFING UPDATE

STAFF TRANSITIONS: nothing new

VACANCIES – Core Public Health Unit

- Public Health Nurse

VACANCIES – Grant Funded

- Health Educator
- Community Health Nurse

## Time & Effort System Adoption



- Jack Tracker – started in January 2023
- Will be used for improved grant reporting/vouchering of time & effort
- Improves tracking of time for staff across different program within the Health Department