

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

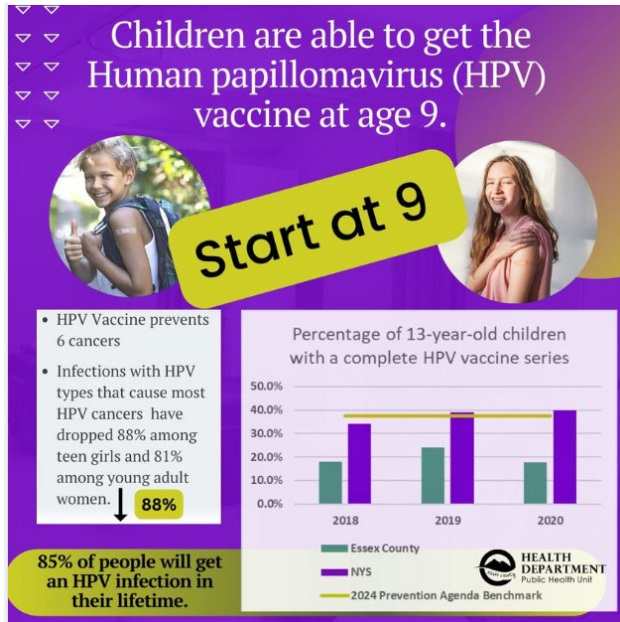
- #GetFitEssexCounty campaign = monthly call to action



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



Communicable Disease



Immunization Program

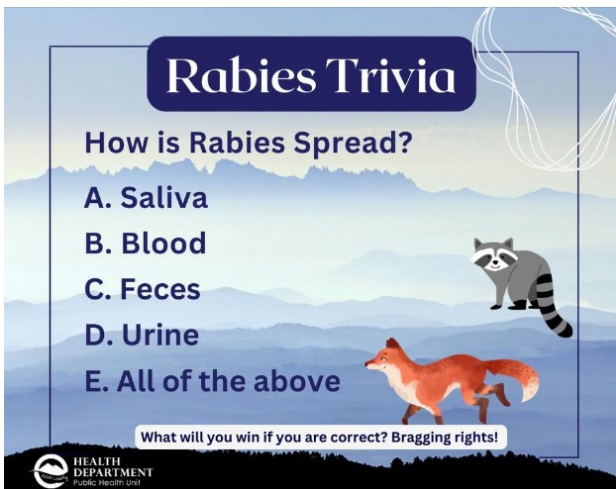
- Promotion of HPV vaccine starting at age 9.
- Emphasizing childhood immunizations & staying current.
- Public Service Announcements for COVID and all vaccines.

These will be released soon! Sneak Previews:

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

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

Rabies



RABIES Clinics

2023 Essex County

FREE

You're going first...

March 29th - Westport

April 26th - Moriah

May 10th - Chesterfield

June 14th - Ticonderoga

August 9th - Lake Placid

Oct 4th - Schroon Lake

registration is open now!

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



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Unit

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

OTHER GRANTS

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

COVID FUNDING

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

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