



# 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.

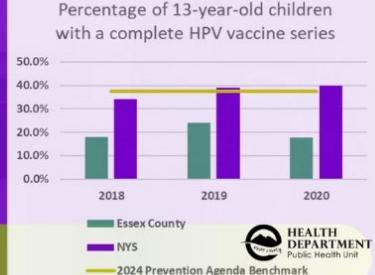


**Start at 9**

- 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	~18%	~35%	~38%
2019	~25%	~35%	~38%
2020	~18%	~35%	~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

**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

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



## Emergency Preparedness & Response

- 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

## 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.

### 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
- NYSACCHO – 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

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

