

# 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%	40%
2019	~25%	~38%	40%
2020	~18%	~40%	40%

HEALTH DEPARTMENT Public Health Unit

### 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!

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**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.
- 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

## 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

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

