



Public Health Advisory Committee Report

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Community Outreach

Getting out & into the community to re-connect with people this summer/fall!

Oh the places we'll go! Follow ECHD on our Road Show!



Tour Dates & Locations

Sat 7/15 - E'Town Day - Water Street

Sat 7/22 - Schroon Lake Arts Festival

Sat 7/29 - Ticonderoga Street Fest

Wed 8/16 - Sun 8/20 - Essex County Fair

Sun 9/3 - Labor Day Parade - Port Henry

Sat 9/23 - Adirondack Harvest Festival - Westport

Sun 10/1 - Schroon Lake Distance Festival

rabies prevention, tick kits, family health & so much more!



Plus more – Ticonderoga Mill Employee Wellness Fair & Hunter's Health Screening in Ti & Etown.

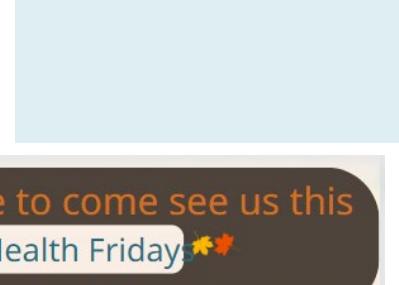


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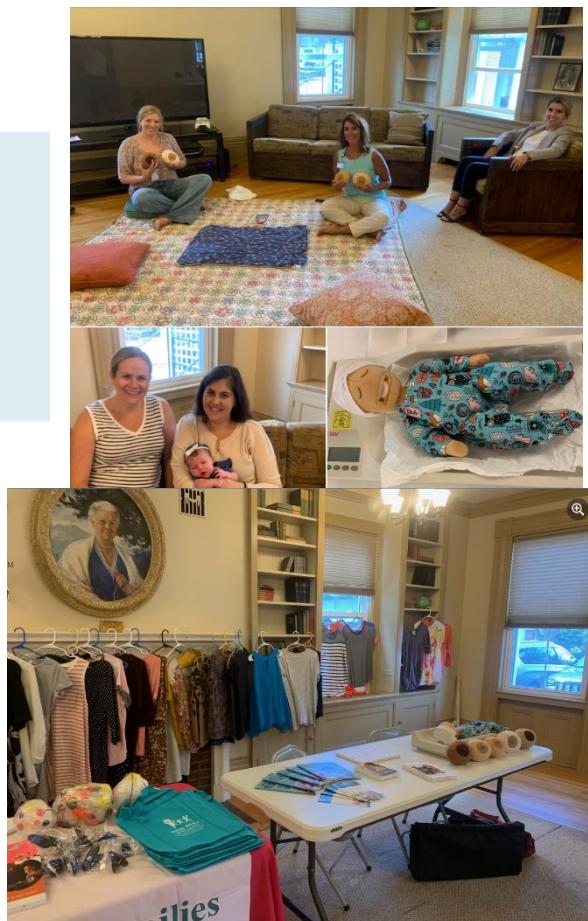
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Family Health

Baby Steps to Bright Futures Program Launch!



- 📍 **Friday 9/1**
10a-2p Walmart - Ticonderoga
- 📍 **Friday 9/8**
10a-12p Etown Social Center
- 📍 **Friday 9/15**
12p - 1p Etown Stewarts
- 📍 **Friday 9/22**
10a - 2p Front Street/Keesville
- 📍 **Friday 9/29**
10a - 2p Lake Placid
- 📍 **Friday 10/6**
10a - 2p Stewarts - Port Henry





Communicable Disease - Rabies

Rabies Cases by Town 2017-2023

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Data is for animal specimens submitted to Wadsworth Laboratory for rabies testing.

Source: NYSDOH Clinical Laboratory Information Management System • Map data: © Esri, TomTom North America, Inc., United States Postal Service • Created with Datawrapper

Confirmed Rabies Cases 2017 - 2023

Data from 01/01/2017 - 08/29/2023

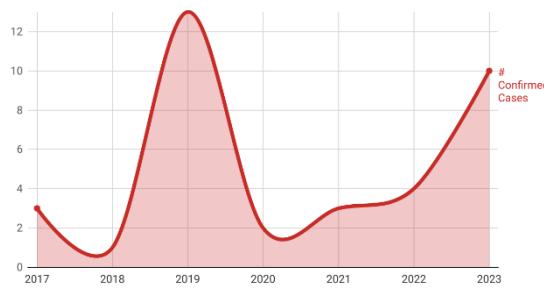


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Town	Species	#
Crown Point	Raccoon	1
	Gray Fox	2
Elizabethtown	Small Brown Bat	1
Schroon Lake	Raccoon	1
Ticonderoga	Gray Fox	4
	Woodchuck	1
Total		10

Positive specimens represent only a fraction of the animals submitted for rabies testing.

To date in 2023, ECHD (and our partner veterinary clinics) and the NYS DEC have submitted over 60 animals to Wadsworth Laboratory for rabies testing, including fox, skunks, bats, raccoons, woodchucks, and other mammals.

We must comply with NYS Public Health Law and other NYS codes, rules, and regulations.

As such, **ECHD is required to conduct activities and services with respect to rabies including:**

- Follow up of potential exposure of persons to rabies;
- Follow up of potential exposure of domestic animals to rabies, including the investigation of incidents involving domestic animals exposed to or potentially exposed to rabies;
- Providing authorization for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (RPEP), when indicated, and following up to ensure reimbursement for treatment for exposures that occur in Essex County;
- Reporting of all RPEP related to exposure in the county and creation of a case investigation for all instances where an animal is confirmed rabid by Wadsworth Lab;
- Rabies surveillance, prevention and control activities, including organizing and conducting pet vaccination clinics at least once every four months; and
- Rabies education and outreach, including public awareness campaigns to prevent animal bites and bat encounters and distribution of materials.



ECHD is not allowed to conduct the following rabies related services or provide reimbursement for the following:

- Expenses for wound care or other medical treatment outside of RPEP;
- *Nuisance animal control, such as stray dog and feral cat abatement and removal of wildlife from domestic property in the absence of a potential rabies exposure;*
- Boarding and other expenses to maintain and house an animal during confinement;
- Pre-exposure rabies vaccinations and subsequent serum sample collection and submission;
- Law enforcement related expenses other than for enforcement of 6-month quarantine and 10-day confinement; and
- Disposal of animal remains not confirmed to have rabies.



Emergency Preparedness & Response / Environmental Health

Bulwagga Bay Beach in the town of Moriah is closed due to possible contamination from untreated wastewater.

The Moriah (T) WWTF NY0022969, NY0022969 is issuing this notification.

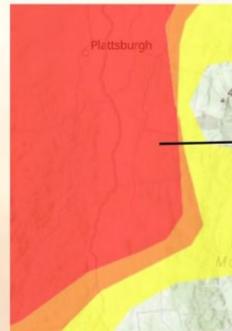
Waterbody affected: Stony Brook

Discharge description: Untreated wastewater

Potentially impacted public areas: Bathing Beach, Fishing Area - Recreation... See more



Air Quality Update, July 17, 2023



Good (0-50)
Moderate (51-100)
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101-150)
Unhealthy (151-200)
Very Unhealthy (201-300)
Hazardous (301-500)



Unhealthy (151-200) People with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teens – take any of these steps to reduce your exposure:

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities.
- Keep outdoor activities short.
- Consider moving physical activities indoors or rescheduling them.

People with asthma: Follow your asthma action plan and keep medicine handy.

People with heart disease: Watch for symptoms such as palpitations, shortness of breath, or unusual tiredness. If you have any of these, contact your health care provider



STAFFING UPDATE

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator open

Registered Nurse open

FISCAL UPDATES



JULY MARKED - since the start of the pandemic - the **FIRST** time we have submitted ALL grant vouchers and associated reports before due dates!!!!!!

There is 1 tiny exception as we have a budget modification in for the ELC grant. Once we get that approved we can voucher - the hold up with HRI/DOH.

So 10/11 submitted; 1/11 waiting on HRI/DOH.

Laura started with us in December and since then has been absolutely DANCING her way through ordering, vouchering, organization and overall Senior Account Clerking!