

Public Health Advisory Committee Report

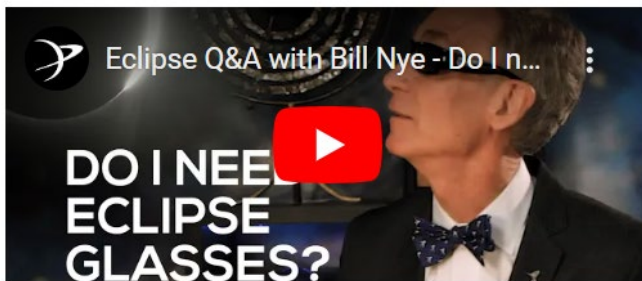
March 2024

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Instagram Launch








Emergency Preparedness - Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024



What does the eclipse mean for people living in Essex County?

You can expect large crowds and an influx of tourists. You should anticipate congestion and traffic delays, and some businesses may be closed or have changed hours.

 <h4>Plan Ahead</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fill your gas tank before Monday, April 8th. ✓ Avoid any non-essential travel and try to schedule appointments for another day. ✓ Have a communication plan in case there is a disruption in cell service. 	 <h4>Safely Watch</h4> <p>You can see the sun and an eclipse with special eclipse or solar viewing glasses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚠ NEVER look directly at the Sun without appropriate eyewear. ⚠ Regular sunglasses are NOT safe to view an eclipse. <p>Suppliers of Safe Solar Viewers & Filters</p>	 <h4>Where to Watch</h4> <p>You can view the eclipse anywhere you will have clear visibility.</p> <p>The easiest way to see the eclipse is from your home. There is no need to travel through all the expected traffic.</p> <p>Map of Viewing Areas</p>
 <h4>Weather</h4> <p>The weather in April can be warm and sunny or be cold, snowy, muddy, or have inches of rain.</p> <p>Know Before You Go: Check public land regulations and conditions, especially of trails.</p>		 <h4>When & How Long</h4> <p>The total eclipse visits the Adirondacks beginning at 2:11 pm and exits the northeastern part of the state at 3:29 pm.</p> <p>A total eclipse can last up to 4 minutes, depending on your location.</p> <p>Timeline of eclipse by town</p>

Community Health Assessment & Planning - Media Campaigns 2024

Vaping Prevention – May-June

Tick-borne Disease Prevention – April May

Colorectal Cancer Screening Promotion - March



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Communicable Disease

Respiratory Illness Updates

The COVID-19 Threat has Changed

DRIVERS

Effective vaccines and treatments

Each cut the risk of severe disease in half

Broad immunity

>98% of US population now has some protective immunity from vaccination, prior infection, or both, BUT this subscription needs to be renewed with updated vaccines

Other effective tools

Masks, hygiene, steps for cleaner air, tests

RESULTS

Fewer hospitalizations

Weekly hospital admissions down >75% from Jan 2022 peak; now in range of flu; 95% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 not up to date on vaccine

Fewer deaths

COVID-19 went from the 3rd leading cause of death in 2021 to 10th in 2023

Fewer cases of other complications

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) and Long COVID are now also less common

*CDC launches new Respiratory Illness Guidance

Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot

Core prevention strategies

Immunizations

Hygiene

Steps for Cleaner Air

Treatment

Stay Home and Prevent Spread*

Additional prevention strategies

Masks

Distancing

Tests

Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- ✓ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- ✓ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

*Stay home and away from others until, for 24 hours BOTH:



Your symptoms are getting better

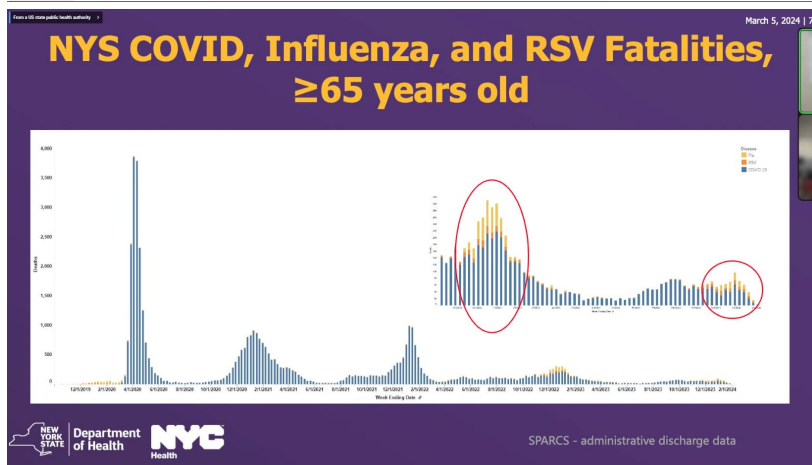


You are fever-free (without meds)



Then take added precaution for the next 5 days

CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance



Enteric Illness Disease Investigations & Outbreak Planning

*Attended Regional Planning Meeting to review expectations, roles & responsibilities for Foodborne Illness Complaints/Reports.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Unit

Rabies Clinics 2024

RABIES Clinics

2024 Essex County

Who needs their rabies shot?

<p><u>Wednesdays</u> 6p-8p</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p> March 27th - Westport</p> <p> April 24th - Jay</p> <p> May 29th - Moriah</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p> June 26th - Chesterfield</p> <p> July 31st - Ticonderoga</p> <p> August 28th - Ray Brook</p> <p> Oct 30th - Schroon Lake</p> </div> </div>	<p> June 26th - Chesterfield</p> <p> July 31st - Ticonderoga</p> <p> August 28th - Ray Brook</p> <p> Oct 30th - Schroon Lake</p>
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Sexual & Reproductive Health

*HIV/HCV Screening now available.

*Meeting with Planned Parenthood North Country to discuss services/gaps in Essex County

Family Health

School Nurse Support

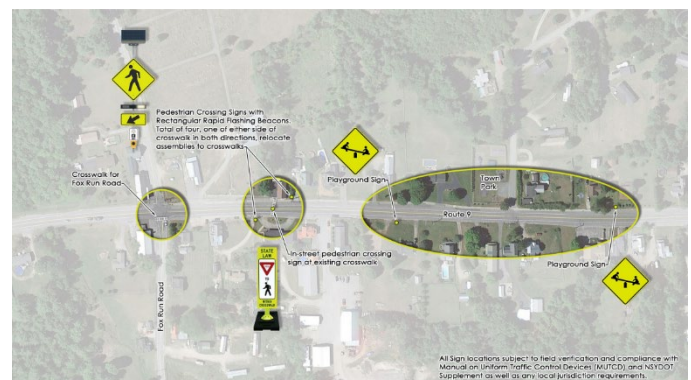
MONTHLY
STETHO-SCOOP

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*Invited to speak at the NYSACHO Immunization Conference

Chronic Disease Prevention

*Year 12 Incentive Program – Active Communities Action Planning





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STAFFING UPDATE

Contract Nurse > Staff Nurse

Registered Nurse open

All other positions filled with an excellent & diverse team!

FISCAL UPDATES

Grants management

Statewide Financial System supposed to go into operations January 16, 2024; partial launch. System for the following grants:

- Lead
- WIC
- Children & Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
- Early Intervention

Bureau of Communicable Disease Control issues and manages through the Health Commerce System for just:

- Rabies

Bureau of Immunization Grants are managed under programs with email-only communication; including:

- Immunization Action Plan
- CVD Vax Grant

Office of Health Emergency Preparedness manages grants through Health Research Institute (HRI); including:

- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Fellows
- ELC COVID
- Public Health Infrastructure
- MRC Strong

NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee operates their own e-Grants platform for the following:

- Car Seat

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) award to Essex County supports:

- Baby Steps to Bright Futures Program; and
- Essex County Heroin and Other (ECHO) Coalition.

New York State Association of County & City Health Officials (NYSACHO) funds:

- Climate activities (tick-borne disease prevention; sunscreen program)

Private funds through Adirondack Foundation and Safe Kids Adirondack support:

- Baby Steps to Bright Futures Program.