



# Public Health Advisory Committee Report

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## Policy Review

Name

- Administration of Vaccines Standing Orders 2024
- AED + Attach\_2024
- Clinical Services Scheduling & Billing + Attach\_2024
- COOPP P&P 2024
- COVID-19 Specimen Collection and Testing\_2024
- Dress Code 2024
- Medical Management of Vaccine Reaction+\_Attachments\_2024
- Perinatal Hep B Policy and Procedure 2024
- Policy & SO HepA IG+\_Attachments\_2024
- TB Skin Testing Policy +Attach\_2024
- Vaccine Storage and Handling Policy+\_Attachments\_2024

## Annual Report Revitalization

Last Annual Report completed in the year 2019 for the year 2018.

New report under final review as a Pandemic Response Report for 2020-2022 and includes the 2019 (pre-pandemic) Department activities.

## Community Health Assessment & Planning

- NYSDOH Prevention Agenda may shift to Healthy People 2030
- Ongoing meetings through coalitions, Networks, Meetings to keep on track with all goals & objectives of the last CHIP.
- CHA/CHIP due December 2024 & goal is to include updates on CHIP from previous cycle.

## Communicable Disease Prevention

### Immunization Program Audit

- Only 1 issue was found during the NYSDOH/CDC program audit.
  - It was requested that on all open/operating days, the vaccine fridge and freezer be physically documented as current (2x/day) and min/max (1x/day). Correction noted & submitted back to DOH for review/approval.
- Due to loss of 2 trained staff, new staff identified & trained. Additional job aids were created so new staff performing this function can most easily reference & maintain this capacity.

## Enteric Illness Disease Investigations & Outbreak Planning

- Last quarter 3 staff attended a regional meeting re: Foodborne Illness Complaints/Reports.
- This quarter 2 staff attended an in-person 1-day training on disease outbreak response.
  - Summer months create incredible influx of potential outbreaks.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

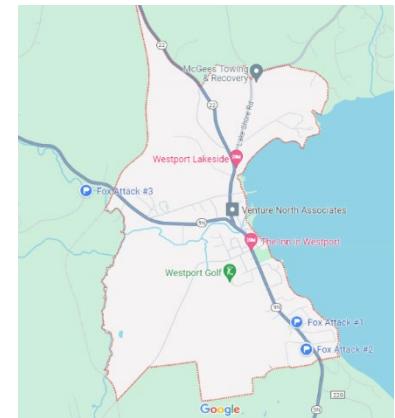
## Public Health Unit

### Sexual & Reproductive Health

- Initiating a contract with the Planned Parenthood of Greater NY to allow Essex County residents to seek access thru Planned Parenthood closest to them.
- HIV Testing revitalized
- HCV Testing revitalized

### Rabies 2024

- Significant concern and effort into situation in Westport with swine livestock that had exposure to confirmed positive skunk.
- To date 24 animals submitted for testing; 5 positive.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rabies + raccoon MORIAH; 3122 Broad St., Port Henry
  - 1st rabies + raccoon. ELIZABETHTOWN; New Russia.
  - 1st rabies + woodchuck. MORIAH. College St; Port Henry.
  - 2nd rabies + skunk. WESTPORT. 5841 NYS Route 9N.
  - 1st rabies + skunk. WESTPORT. Stevenson Rd (corner of Mtn Spring Rd)
- Although not a confirmed Rabies Case, we wanted to provide an update regarding three separate events that occurred over the Memorial Day weekend - all in the town of WESTPORT. See attached map for approximate incident locations - labeled Fox Attack #1, #2, #3.
- **Saturday - 05/25/2024**
  - Incident #1: A fox attacked a resident while they were out gardening and then ran off. Main St, WESTPORT
- **Sunday - 05/26/2024**
  - Incident #2: A fox attacked a young child while they were on their porch. Fox displayed unusually aggressive behavior. Despite significant attempts to locate the fox, residents at this location were unsuccessful in finding the animal. Main St, WESTPORT
  - Incident #3: A fox attacked a person while they were outside in their yard - again, fox ran off. (Note: ECHD was not notified of this incident until 05/28/2024). Ledge Hill Rd, WESTPORT



- 7 Clinics schedule for 2024 increasing access to new locations.
  - March – Westport - 67
  - April – Jay - 76
  - May – Moriah 146
    - Moriah was 146; largest since Moriah 2021; 157.
    - July, August, October scheduled.
- Rabies Profile 2024 created to share with multiple audiences
- Will present at upcoming NYS Ag & Markets training with Animal/Dog Control Officers to improve shared understanding & roles/responsibilities.





## Summer Camp Outreach

- Do you know how many summer camps operate in Essex County?
  - Camp outreach letters with helpful links to guidance and forms sent to 23 Camp Operators.
  - Website page created for increased accessibility of all guidance & forms.



# Summer Camp 2024

Camps – Essex County, Health Department (essexcountyny.gov)

## Chronic Disease Prevention

## Well Fed Collaboration

- Essex County Well Fed Collaborative is undergoing a strategic planning process to guide work onward.
  - ECHD worked with CCE to have a Public health Corps Fellow placed at CCE.
  - Molly Lawrence, Outreach Coordinator, conducted an interview with the Adirondack Explorer Magazine.



## Active Communities by Design

- This is the NYSDOH Year 12 Performance Incentive Program
  - Working with Essex County DPW, Planning, Town of Willsboro, Town of Lewis and NYS DOT to conduct the CDC's Active Communities Tool (ACT) assessing community readiness to support Active Living by Design
  - Next step is to request funds (through NYS DOT) to conduct General Route 9 Corridor Study and Willsboro Active Transportation Linkage Study
  - Then Essex County will be better able to apply for Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) funds from the NYS DOT.

TURN (Tobacco Use Reduction Network) of Essex County

- Gathering of all grant-funded partners and District Office to champion tobacco prevention & control.



## Family Health

### Baby Steps to Bright Futures –

- 2 staff presented to **Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy Inc.** Goal was to talk about a UNIVERSAL home visiting model and discuss how this model feeds into other evidenced based programs such as Early Head Start and Healthy Families NY.
- 2 staff trained as CLCs resigned
- 1 new CLC certified
- 1 staff will start CLC training
- Program participation & all aspects of program through reporting with Plan Street software has been a focus.
- Little Feeders Circle of Support – has been
- Bright Futures Coalition ensures collaboration of CBOs engaged in early childhood/young families connection.

### Little Feeders Circle of Support

### School Health & School Nurse Support

- Staff are attending kindergarten round-up events to reach young families & talk about all Health Department programs/services.
- 2 nurses presented at the annual NYSACHO Immunization Conference regarding the very successful *Stethoscope Program*.
- School-Required Immunizations for the 2024-2025 Year announced & sent to School Nurses and School Superintendents
- NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization re-branded to the **Division of Vaccination Excellence (DOVE)** and will be working on new program goals & objectives to roll out with this year's IAP grant.



### Car Seats

- Grant for Oct 24 – Sept 25 submitted.
- 1 new staff person identified to take on car seat technician training.

### Bike Helmets

- Working through the Safe Kids coalition to distribute bike helmets to children

### Lead Program

- Capacity to test for lead at ECHD revitalized.
- 1 new staff person identified to cross train to deepen this capacity.

### Tech check TUESDAYS



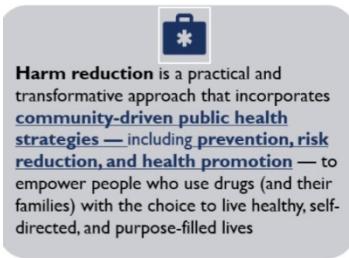


# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Unit

## Community Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

- Lindsay Java, Communications Specialist, is presenting with Terri Morse of Mental Health at the NYSACHO Harm Reduction Summit (6/4/24-6/5/24).



**PEAK COLLABORATION:  
REACHING RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH HARM REDUCTION**

Presented by:

 Terri Morse, LMHC, CASAC-Master – Director of Essex County Community Services

 Lindsay A. Java, Communications Specialist – Essex County Health Department



What is the Public Health Role in Preventing Substance Use Disorder and Harm Reduction?

**\*leading a multi-sector community collaborative**

\*\*ECHO

**\*improving data collection**

\*\*BioBot Data  
\*\*EMS Placards  
\*\*Crime Analysis data collection & analysis by Cassidy  
\*\*Overdose fatality review team?

**\*shifting community attitudes & beliefs/public health marketing & communications** and

\*\*spike alerts  
\*\*Billboard stigma reduction campaign  
\*\*Day of Recovery

**\*increasing access to care**

\*\*COOP - distribution of Narcan, training, website access, etc.  
\*\*public transportation clings-211  
\*\* vending machine efforts

**\*promoting early detection & disease-concordant care**

\*\*SUD Resource Guide 1-pager direction to care  
\*\*Baby Steps to Bright Futures - MH & SDOH screening & referral/resource provision

## Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Kori McCauliffe, Outreach Coordinator, hired and has already undertaken significant training.
- MRC STTRONG Grant awarded to improve MRC Capacity to mobilize volunteers successfully.

## Environmental Health Support

- Boil Water Order public notifications
- Blue-Green Algae public notifications



## STAFFING UPDATE

**Nurses.** Current 0 employees. 0 contracted. Goal = 2 nurses in the public health prevention  
Supervising Public Health Nurse=MSN or PHN qualified with years experience  
Public health Nurse = BSN, RN  
Community Health Nurse = BS/BA, RN  
Registered Nurse = RN



Senior Account Clerk resigned. Position upgraded to Principal Account Clerk, posted, offered, accepted.

## FISCAL UPDATES Key Regular/Ongoing Temporary/Single Cycle Recently ENDED/Ending Soon

### Grants management

Statewide Financial System launched and staff recently received access to the system. Grants managed within that system are:

- Immunization Action Plan
- 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 is re-named the Division of Vaccine Excellence (DOVE).

- Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Grant is now managed through the SFS.
- CVD Vax Grant – ends 7/31/2024

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

- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Fellows – ends 6/30/2024
- ELC COVID-ends 7/31/2024
- Public Health Infrastructure – ends 2027
- MRC Strong – 5/31/2025

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

- Car Seat – new proposal submitted for the 10/2024-09/2025 year

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:

- No active funding

Private funds through Adirondack Foundation and Safe Kids Adirondack support:

- Baby Steps to Bright Futures Program.