

ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT

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Health Department Highlights

COLORECTAL CANCER PSAs LAUNCHED IN MARCH

Two colorectal cancer public service announcements (PSAs) were developed in partnership with the Great Range media and marketing company. The PSAs were distributed and aired on local television networks NBC 5 and Fox 44. They are also available for viewing on ECHD's website and Facebook pages. Preliminary metrics from NBC 5 show that there were 140,359 unduplicated views of the PSAs with the ads reaching 16.9% of the market over seven airings.



2024 RABIES CLINICS UNDERWAY

ECHD's 2024 FREE Rabies Clinics have commenced. We had a lighter turnout than last year at the Westport Fairgrounds in March. Residents will get another opportunity to vaccinate their pets at our next clinic, scheduled for April 24 at the Jay Fire Department. Pre-registration is encouraged and can be completed on our website at:

<https://essexcountyny.gov/Health/rabies-clinics/> or by calling our main office at 518-873-3500.



WIC CELEBRATES NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

In March, WIC celebrated National Nutrition Month by highlighting all the farmers in Essex County they work with. Staff also sent out seeds to WIC participants, donated through High Mowing for participants to start their gardens for summer 2024! And their popular WIC N' PICK Program is back for another year!



AUTISM CONFERENCE HELD

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs presented an Autism Conference at the Schroon Lake Library on March 22 and invited local families and providers. The conference was successful as we had two parents attend and four providers. The topics were: **Beyond Inclusion: Creating Communities of Belonging for Students with Disabilities**, **Unstuck and On Target: Improving Executive Function, On-Task and Flexible Behavior in Students from Pre-K Through High School** and **Guiding Growth: Practical Strategies for Managing Challenging Behaviors and Fostering Adaptive Skills in Children with Autism**.

ECHD Program Data – March (unless otherwise noted)

Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Improvement Planning (CHIP)

CHA Progress Updates & Special Reports

The CHA Coordinator met with the hospital partner UVMHN-Elizabethtown Community Hospital staff to kick off planning meetings that will occur through 2024 and into 2025 as a new CHA cycle is on the horizon.

Communicable Disease

Communicable Disease Surveillance/Epidemiology Investigations

Respiratory Illness investigations (Flu, COVID, RSV, TB) - **186**

GI Illness (Water/Foodborne) Illness Investigations - **1**

STI/Hepatitis & HIV Investigations - **7**

Arthropod-borne (Mosquitos and Ticks) Disease Investigations - **18**

Food Safety/Outbreak Investigations – **0**

Immunization Program

Clinics in the community - **0**

Individuals immunized - **7**

Healthcare provider, school nurse, day care provider or other public health detailing activities - **4**

Screening Services

HCV Screenings - **0**

HIV Screenings - **0**

TB Screening - **0**

Rabies Prevention Program

Rabies Vaccine Clinics – **1** (Westport Fairgrounds)

Pets Vaccinated - **67**

Rabies investigations - **14**

Specimens submitted for testing – **3**

Positive Specimens – 1 (skunk submitted by USDA – roadkill – Westport)

People approved for rabies post exposure prophylaxis – **1**

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Real World Events, Drills & Exercises - **0**

Training/Continuing Education - **6**

Community Engagement/Collaborative Planning Meetings - **8**

Volunteer Coordination - **0**

Plan Updates/Revisions - **1**

Chronic Disease

Campaigns/Events - **3**

Coalition/Collaboration Interactions/Meetings - **5**

Public Health Detailing Screenings & Disease Concordant Care - **0**

Direct Community Outreach Initiatives – **0**

Training/Continuing Education - **5**

Community Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

Narcan Kits Distributed - **33**

Groups Trained – **4**

SUDOR Submissions/ODs - **8** non-fatal; **0** fatal

Family Health

Baby Steps to Bright Futures

Babies born & families offered the Program - **15**

Families enrolled in the program - **2**

Families that were sent a packet as unable to reach or declined the program – **10** (awaiting response for 3 more)

Referrals out to programs and services – **0**

Reached through Little Feeders Support Group – **2** in-person; **850** viewed the Facebook Live session

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead Cases open (elevated lead levels in pregnant women or children) – **8** active; **7** pending confirmatory testing

Lead levels screenings performed by our Department - **0**

Car Seat Program

Car seat check clinics – **0** (always available by appointment; working on a Tech Check Tuesday campaign)

Car seats checked - **4**

Car seats issued as new & installed – **4**

Training attended – **1** (2 techs received continuing education)

School Nurse Stetho-Scoop Monthly Meeting

Topic(s) covered: infection control highlights from conference ECHD nurses attended; CDC Project Firstline;

COVID/Flu/RSV updates. Three school nurses attended and meeting minutes were sent to all.

Sexual/Reproductive Health Program

Schools/Camps/Groups – **2** (NCCC & BVCS Mountain View Campus)

Classes - **4**

Students reached - **~46**

Children's Services

Early Intervention

Referral received in to the program - **8**

Children found eligible & enrolled (have a plan) - **34**

Children awaiting evaluation - **3**

Speech Therapy - **20** receiving; **14** waiting

Occupational Therapy - **1** receiving; **5** waiting

Physical Therapy - **3** receiving; **0** waiting

Special Instructional Services - **7** receiving; **7** waiting

Preschool Program

Children in process of evaluation, referrals - **20**

Children enrolled - **108**

Children waiting for services: Counseling – **9**; Occupational Therapy – **23**; Physical Therapy – **2**; Speech Therapy – **12**;

Special Education Itinerant Teacher - **9**

Children Attending Center Based Classrooms in County; Out of County - **8**

Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

Children enrolled - **25**

WIC – Update pending; to be shared in May

High Risk Families -

Nutrition Education sessions/contacts -

Referrals made to other programs/services -

Breastfeeding initiation rate –

\$ Redeemed (spent) through the WIC program -

Home Health Care

Services Delivered:	Mar 2024	Mar 2023 Comp	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021
Referrals Accepted	32	40	107	741	800	835
Patients receiving services	97	94	193	818	868	925
Nursing Care	81	84	129	378	369	472
Physical Therapy	72	76	107	322	314	379
Occupational Therapy	23	17	38	63	84	38
Speech Therapy	2	5	4	9	7	11