

ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JUNE 2025

DIRECTOR - LINDA BEERS, MPH



Director's Updates

Public Service Announcement



The Department is launching its latest Public Service Announcement with its Medical Director, Dr. Michael Celotti, encouraging parents to talk with their providers about the best way for their children to stay healthy today & into the future. Parents have questions about vaccines. That's normal! Ask your questions. Talk with Pediatrician or Primary Care Provider about immunizations and make your decisions together.

Newsletter Launch!



As another way to connect with people in our community, the Department is launching a monthly newsletter called **Living Well in Essex County**

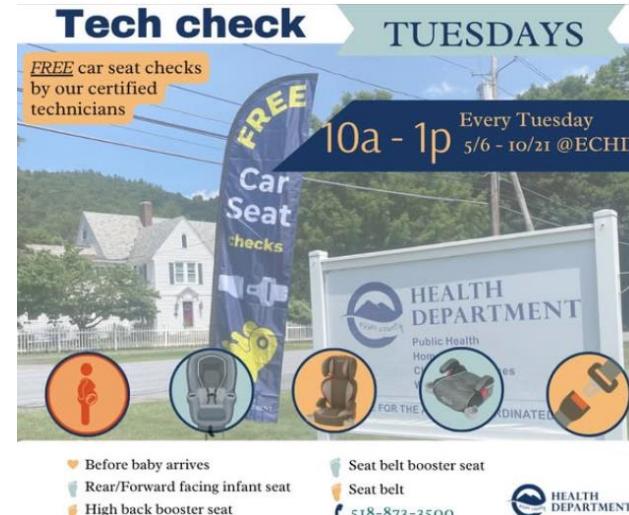
Anyone can sign up to receive the newsletter in their email if that's how they prefer to get information from the Health Department.

The audience includes community members, Board of Supervisors, Public Health Advisory Committee, Professional Advisory Committee, schools, community based organizations, and friends of the Department that we work with through many networks and coalitions; anyone!

Department Highlights

Three Pop up car seat events scheduled for June!

- The Club House Daycare - June 2nd, 3-5pm
- Little Feeders Circle of Support Lactation Support Group - Jaycee Park Keeseville - June 4th, 10-11am
- Moriah Early Head Start group – June 6th, 3-4pm



Summer Camp Outreach

With the permitting Environmental District Office, Public Health is reaching out to all summer camps as we work together to ensure health & safety for youth regarding communicable diseases and rabies during the summers in Essex County. There are 13 overnight camps; 13 days camps planned in 2025.

ECHD Program Data – MAY (unless otherwise noted)

Community Health Assessment and Improvement Planning

CHA/ARHN/Data Meetings – 2

CHA/CHIP Partner Meetings - 1

CHA/CHIP Progress Updates & Special Reports –

In May, AHI provided access to their Data Den, a shared database containing data visualizations for various health indicators that can be used to create our county-level Community Health Assessment. As part of this data package, AHI also issued the most recent Stakeholder Summary Report, along with demographic profiles for Essex County and the data methodology component for the assessment.

Communicable Disease

Communicable Disease Surveillance/Epidemiology Investigations

Respiratory Illness investigations (Flu, COVID, RSV, TB) - 18

GI Illness (Water/Foodborne) Illness Investigations - 0

STI/Hepatitis & HIV Investigations - 2

Arthropod-borne (Mosquitos and Ticks) Disease Investigations - 46

Food Safety/Outbreak Investigations - 0

Other investigations – 0

Community Outreach: Tick kits and bat magnets distributed at Rabies Clinic; 60 Tick Kits provided to ACAP; various tick and rabies educational materials were distributed to Ticonderoga Elementary and Boquet Elementary (Lake View Campus) for Kindergarten Round Up days.

TB Program

ECHD was notified of two (2) Class B TB arrivals. Refugees, immigrants and other arrivals are evaluated for TB disease during their overseas medical exams prior to departure and given a TB status. Then, upon arrival in the US, LHDs are asked to follow-up with another medical evaluation within 90 days.

Immunization Program

Clinics in the community – 2; Ticonderoga and Bouquet Valley Central School Screenings. Vaccinations were offered at schools, parents chose not to have students vaccinated at school.

Individuals immunized - 2

Healthcare provider, school nurse, day care provider or other public health detailing activities:

- 2 IQIP (Immunization Quality Improvement Program Program) visits at Wilmington Health Center and Ticonderoga Health Center
- 1 Stetho-scoop virtual meeting with 4 school nurse attendees;
- 3 outreach days at elementary schools during pre-K and Kindergarten screening. Tick, immunization, dental, coloring activities provided to new and/or pre-kindergarten/kindergarten students and their parents.
- School nurse outreach for National Nurses' week - cards sent to each nurse.
- Outreach to Amish community: 12 bags with coloring sheets, crayons, and MMR information passed to Amish farm stands and non-Amish individuals in community who are “phone hubs” to pass out to Amish folks.

Using funds from the Public Health Infrastructure Grant, the Department was able to update its inventory with a new vaccine refrigerator and freezer that arrived at the end of May. The units that were in the clinic room at the Department will become the required back-up units that are maintained at the Public Safety Building.

Screening Services

HCV Screenings - 0

HIV Screenings - 0

TB Screening - 3

STI Screening Services –referrals and/or services rendered – 0

Rabies Prevention Program

Rabies Vaccine Clinics – 1 (Moriah)

Pets Vaccinated – 175 (largest clinic turnout since pre-pandemic)

Rabies investigations - 10

Specimens submitted for testing – 3 (1 positive – Elizabethtown/Westport; 2 negative)

People approved for rabies post exposure prophylaxis – 0

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Real World Events, Drills & Exercises – MRSE (Medical Response and Surge Exercise) After Action Review

Training/Continuing Education – 7

Community Engagement/Collaborative Planning Meetings – 5

Volunteer Coordination – Updated MRC Unit Profile and activities

Plan Updates/Revisions – updates to the Public Health Asset Distribution Plan (PHAD) have been completed and will be reviewed/approved by PHAC/PAC in June. Revisions are underway on the Emergency Operations Plan.

Chronic Disease



Coalition/Collaboration Interactions/Meetings & Highlights

Nutrition (Well Fed) - 1

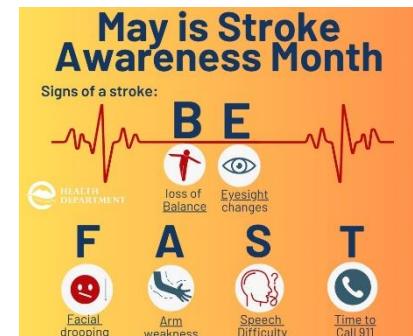
Tobacco - TURN – 2

Chronic Disease and Older New Yorkers - 1

Public Health Detailing Screenings & Disease Concordant Care Promotion – 6

Campaigns/Events – 3

- Get Fit Essex County Challenge – 15 pushups a day & explore a new trail on the weekends #getfitessexcounty
- Older Americans Month – Collaborated with the Office for the Aging to distribute 100 cooling towels and heat related illness information to all the senior meal sites in Essex County.
- Stroke Awareness Month – Provided jar openers with BEFAST stroke awareness messaging for a healthy cooking class at the ECH Crown Point Health Center.
- Coordinated interviews and engineering firm selection for the NYSDOT sponsored traffic studies in the towns of Lewis and Willsboro.



Community Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (COOP)

Narcan Kits Distributed - 0

Groups Trained - 0

SUDOR Submissions/ODs – 0 Non-Fatal; 0 Fatal

Total ODs Year-to-date – 15 (13 Non-Fatal; 2 Fatal)

Environmental Health

Air, Water and Food Health & Safety

Air Safety/Quality Alerts - 0

Public Water Notices

Boil Water Orders - 0

Blue-Green Algae Notices - 0

Climate and Health

Initiatives – Sun safety messaging began for the summer months.

Activities – Attended a webinar and two recommended trainings for the NYSDOH Year 13 Performance Incentive.



Sun Safety Trivia!

How often should you reapply sunscreen when you're outside?

A. At least every hour
B. At least every 2 hours
C. At least every 4 hours
D. Don't need to reapply
E. Only need to reapply after sweating or swimming

GOLDEN RULE
SPF IS COOL

Win or lose, you still get news you can use! ☺

NYSDOH

Family Health

Baby Steps to Bright Futures

Babies born & families offered the Program – **16** (4 pending)

Families enrolled in the program - **4**

Families that sent a packet as unable to reach or declined the program - **8**

Referrals out to programs and services – **7** (some referrals were made for families that didn't accept Baby Steps but agreed to a referral to a community agency, like WIC, when called).



Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead Cases open (elevated lead levels in pregnant women or children) & ensure appropriate follow-up care:

Active Children - **10**

Pending confirmatory testing - **10**

Released with confirmatory testing stating capillary testing was falsely elevated - **2**

Car Seat Program

Car seat check clinics - **5**

Car seats checked - **6**

Car seats issued as new & installed – **5**

School Nurse Stetho-Scoop Monthly Meeting

Stetho-scoop Topic(s): Essex County immunization rates

Sexual/Reproductive Health Program

Schools/Camps/Groups - **2**

Classes/Students – **7** classes; approximately **93** students

CAP Pack Distribution – **10** (ECHD Lobby)

Children's Services

Early Intervention

Referral received in to the program - **4**

Children found eligible & enrolled (have a plan) - **30**

Children awaiting evaluation - **2**

Speech Therapy - **10** receiving; **16** waiting

Occupational Therapy - **4** receiving; **0** waiting

Physical Therapy - **4** receiving; **2** waiting

Special Instructional Services - **10** receiving; **3** waiting

Preschool Program

Children in process of evaluation, referrals - **19**

Children enrolled - **92**

Children waiting for services

Counseling - **5**

Occupational Therapy - **8**

Physical Therapy - **3**

Speech Therapy - **14**

Special Education/Itinerant Teacher - **17**

Children Attending Center Based Classrooms

In County - **8**

Out of County - **10**

Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHN)

Children enrolled – **38**

CYSHN and Early Intervention staff attended the Autism Walk in May to meet families in the area that may require potential services. The walk was very well attended, despite the rain.

WIC

Target Enrollment – **600**

Enrolled - **507**

Women enrolled - **100**

Infants (0-1) enrolled - **110**

Children (1-5) enrolled - **297**

High Risk Families - **36**

Nutrition Education sessions – **221**

In person - **50**

Remote - **171**

Referrals made to other programs/services - **149**

Breastfeeding Initiation Rate – **86%**

Emily French was recertified as a Car Seat Technician in May. She will continue to check and install car seats, as needed.

Say hi to our WIC Baby of the Week, Cohen, who is peacefully snoozing. If you want to see more of our WIC babies, check us out on Facebook and Instagram!



Home Health Care

New Patients Admitted into ECHD Home Care – **36**

Patients Safely Discharged from Program – **52**

Home Visits Made – **998**

Miles Driven by Staff – **4,301**

Diagnoses of Admitted Patients – RSV, Myasthenia gravis, Hip or Joint Replacement, Wounds, Strokes, Pneumonia, Diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Kidney stones, Cardiac disease, Heart failure, Polymyalgia rheumatica, ALS; and COPD, Alzheimer's disease, Varicose veins with leg ulcers, Fractures

The agency had a NY State Department of Health Survey on April 21-24, 2025 resulting in 3 deficiencies:

One Standard Level – Encoding and transmitting OASIS (related to transition to a new EMR).

Two Element Level - Powdered medication needs to indicate how much water to add; Physician needs to be notified of a patient fall even if there is no injury.

The corrective action plan was completed and accepted by NY State Dept. of Health on 5/6/2025.



Essex County Committee Form **Miscellaneous Resolution Request**

Department:

Committee:

Date:

Submitted By:

Nature of and Reason for Request:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING
the QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT including the
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR,
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH PLANNING & PROMOTION, and
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PATIENT SERVICES PLUS THE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY
ALL OF WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC)/
PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ON JUNE 3, 2025.

ATTACH TEXT OF ANY SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE FINAL RESOLUTION
Additional language can be submitted as an email attachment, or physically attached to this request.

Budget Impact:

A. Will Resolution impact current budget and/or future budgets? Yes No

Explain:

B. Is appropriation from contingent account required? Yes No

If "Yes" amount: Transferred to What Account #:

C. If a Budget transfer is required, please complete the following:

From Account #: which has a current balance of:

To Account #: which has a current balance of:

Transfer amount:

D. Were funds originally budgeted for this item or purpose? Yes No

If "Yes" amount: Account #:

E. Funds or Costs to be paid from: Account #:

Current Account Balance: Balance after Expenditure:

F. Is there any State and/or Federal reimbursement? Yes No

If "Yes" amount: Program:

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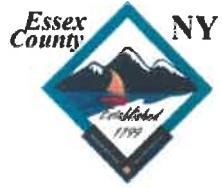
Name:

Signature:

Linda L Beets 6/4/25

Title:

Date:



Essex County Committee Form Miscellaneous Resolution Request

Department-WIC

Committee: Human Service

Date: 5/16/25

Submitted By: Linda Beers

Signature: Linda Beers

Nature Of Request: To accept Rotary mini-grant funds in the amount of \$2500.

Reason for Request: To accept funds to continue WIC-N-Pick in 2025.

Revenue (increase) Rotary Funds a4082-427050 \$2500

Appropriation (increase) Rotary Funds a4082-547001 \$2500

Budget Impact:

A. Will Resolution impact current budget and/or future budgets: Yes x No

B. Is appropriation from contingent account required? Yes x No

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Current Account Balance: _____ Balance after Expenditure: _____

F. Is there any State and/or Federal reimbursement? Yes x No

If "Yes" amount: _____ Program: _____

(To be completed by the County Manager when required)

County Manager Action:

County Manager Approval: Yes No Signature: _____

Budget Amendment Request

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(To be completed by the Clerk of the Board)

Board Action:

Action Required: Yes No

Record of Committee Action:

Human Services

Approved Rejected

Human Services

Approved Rejected

Public Safety

Approved Rejected

Economic Devel.

Approved Rejected

Dept. of Public Works

Approved Rejected

Personnel

Approved Rejected

Finance, Tax Reduction

Approved Rejected

Other

Approved Rejected

Ways & Means Approval: Yes No

Record of Board Action:

Date of Board Action: _____ Resolution #: _____

Vote Type: Majority Two Thirds Three Quarters:

Roll Call Vote: Yes No

Vote Results: For: _____ Against: _____ Absent: _____ Abstain: _____