



Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services

Who We Are
What We Do



What's so important about Public Health?

Herbert J. Yardley

Administrator/ Health Officer



Our mission is to protect, promote, maintain and improve the health and quality of life for Sussex County residents and visitors through a responsive, well-managed, organized community effort



Department of Environmental and Public Health Services

- Administrative Services
- Office of Environmental Health
 - *County Environmental Health Act (CEHA)*
 - *Hazardous Materials (HAZ-MAT) program*
- Emergency Preparedness Program
- Office of Public Health Nursing
- NJCEED
- Special Child Health Services
- Office of Mosquito Control
- Office of Weights and Measures

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

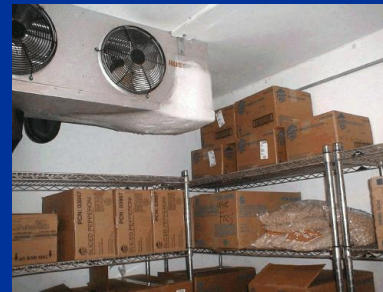
- Also known as a Health Inspector or Sanitarian
- What do they do?
 - Inspections to ensure health and safety
 - Enforcement of public health related laws

Office of Environmental Health

Review Plans, Issue Permits & Perform Inspections



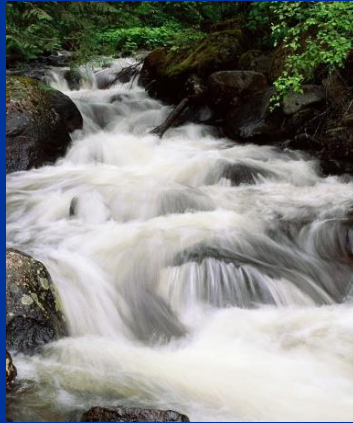
Food Protection & Inspections



Nuisance Complaints & Violations



Environmental Services & Programs



- Monitors lakes, streams and drinking water for pollutants
- Rabies & Zoonosis Control
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
 - Environmental surveillance
- Body Art
 - Tattoos & body piercing
- Campgrounds
- Youth Camps

Environmental Services & Programs

County Environmental Health Act (CEHA)

N.J.S.A. 26:3A-21

- Ground Water
Pollution Control
- Private Well Testing Act
- Noise Control Program
- Air Pollution Control Program
- Hazardous Substance Control
- Solid Waste Control Program
- Community Right to Know



HAZ-MAT: Our Team

- Emergency Response to contain and control hazardous materials in the community 24/7
- Recognized by NJDEP as a Model Program
- Air monitoring instruments
- Decontamination units



Emergency Preparedness Team



- The team is committed to enhancing the County's preparedness and response to public health emergencies.
- Perform various preparedness activities in accordance with federal and state requirements, including communications, planning, and surveillance.

Local Information Network & Communications System (LINCS)

A network of 21 agencies located throughout New Jersey (20 counties and 1 city)

NJ State Health Department & CDC

Communicates Public Health Alerts, Advisories and Information to



Local Health Department

Communicates those messages to



Community Partners & Stakeholders

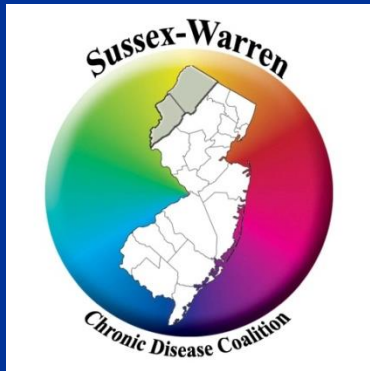
Emergency Preparedness Program Activities

- Pandemic Flu Response (such as H1N1)
- Medical Reserve Corps volunteers
- Medical Needs Shelter Planning
- Provide various preparedness education and training to community and staff
- Respiratory Protection Program (fit-testing for first responders)

Sussex/Warren

Chronic Disease Coalition

(formerly Sussex County Cancer Coalition)



The Sussex Warren County Regional Chronic Disease Coalition is committed to maintaining a diverse partnership of community members and agencies. This Coalition will be dedicated to the implementation of evidence/practice based policy, environmental, and system change intervention for chronic disease prevention and control with a focus on cancer.

Chronic Disease Coalition Goals for 2013-2014

1. Increase Smoke Free Parks and Recreation Areas
2. Increase Colorectal Screenings in Primary Care Practices
3. Decrease Late-Stage Breast Cancer Diagnosis
4. Provide Education and Awareness to Decrease Melanoma Statistics
5. Implement Complete Streets

Clean Communities



- Litter Cleanup and Removal
- Enforcement of Litter Related Laws and Ordinances
- Litter/Graffiti Abatement Public Education and Information
- Sponsorship of “Adopt a County Road”
- Community Education and Programs

Office of Public Health Nursing:



- Hepatitis B Vaccination Clinic
- Flu , Pneumococcal, and Tetanus Vaccination
- Health Check Clinic
- Well Baby Clinic
- School Immunization Audits
- Communicable Disease Control
- “Take it to the Streets” Community Education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Male & Female Cancer Screening
- Skin Cancer Screening
- SMA Blood Screening
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Public Health Nursing Activities

- Clinics available to all residents.
 - A. Flu, Pneumonia, and Tetanus vaccine clinics in the Fall of each year open to all residents.
 - Rotate sites for the flu clinics and would be able to have a clinic in Byram next year if they could handle a large group of people (250-350 people).
 - B. Health Check clinics for adults and school aged children to receive vaccines for low cost or free (depending on income).
 - Can also receive blood pressure checks free of charge.

Public Health Nursing Activities

- Clinics available to residents with low income or no insurance.
 - A. NJCEED clinics for cancer screening
 - B. Well-Baby clinics for exams and immunizations for children birth through 5 years old
 - C. Skin Cancer screening clinics
 - D. Chem 18 blood screening clinics

Public Health Nursing Activities

Public Health Nurses began using SKYPE
“virtual” methods for conducting Directly
Observed Therapy (DOT)

- DOT – observation of medication compliance for persons diagnosed with confirmed or suspected active tuberculosis until their treatment is completed

Special Child Health Services

Case Management

For any family in Sussex County who has a child under the age of 22 with special health needs.

- Conduct assessment of the family's and child's needs



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Special Child Health Services Activities

Case managers assist with obtaining:

- Hearing aids and orthotics
- Payment of catastrophic bills
- Support groups
- Information on new programs and seminars for parents
- Home nursing care
- Family support programs such as respite
- Advocacy
- Referrals to programs such as WIC (Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Nutrition), heating assistance, DDD (Division of Developmental Disabilities), and the Board of Social Services
- Insurance issues
- Transition to adulthood services
- Emotional support for parents/guardians

Mosquito Control Services

- Surveillance
- Education
- Source Reduction
- Biological Control



Mosquito Control Services Activities

- Uses an Integrated Pest Management approach to controlling mosquitoes.
- Source reduction, or the elimination of larval habitat
- Fish Program - specific breeds of fish are stocked in breeding sites to provide 24 hour larval control.
- Biorational larvicides
- Truck-mounted sprayer
- Airspray Program

Weights and Measures:

**Working to protect both
the consumer and the business**



At least once a year, inspectors check every weighing and measuring device used in commercial transactions that measure length, time or amount.

It all fits together!



When It Comes to Your Health: We're Local

- Continuous communication with the communities we serve
- Customer *Oriented* Response & Service
- Evaluation & Feedback



Thank you for your time.

Questions?