



# 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)

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## NJ State Health Department & CDC

Communicates Public Health Alerts, Advisories and Information to



## Local Health Department

Communicates those messages to



## Community Partners & Stakeholders

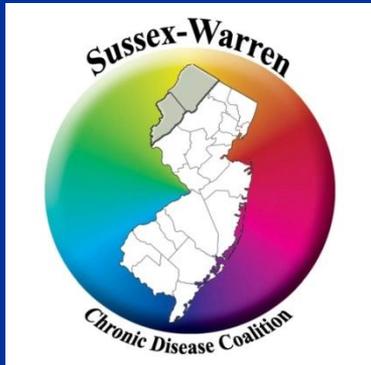
# Emergency Preparedness Program Activities

- 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



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Thank you for your time.

Questions?