



Meeting Agenda

DR. CHRISTINA MOYLAN, BOARD PRESIDENT

JENNIE SUTCLIFFE, WHOLE HEALTH COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM KLEPACK, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR

August 25, 2026

Call to Order

12 Noon

I. Privilege of the Floor

Open to anyone, 3-minute limit

II. [Approval Of Minutes](#)

July 28, 2026

III. [New Business](#)

EH enforcement (7)

IV. [Monthly Reports](#)

Division and program reports for July 2026

V. Adjournment

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[BOH YouTube Playlist](#).*

Summary of New Business

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

1. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-12 - Ithaca Tobacco & Vape
2. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-18 - Exscape
3. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-28 - Ninja Chicken
4. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-29 - PDR's Catering
5. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-30 - Lotus
6. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-32 - Asteri
7. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-33 - Asteri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 28, 2026

Tompkins County Board of Health

12:00 Noon

Rice Conference Room

Present Board Members: Dr. Melissa Dhundale; Dr. Andreia de Lima; Edward Koppel, MD; Frank Cantone; Samara Touchton, Dr. Christina Moylan,

Staff: Jennie Sutcliffe, Dr. William Klepack, Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Rachel Buckwalter, Skip Parr, Jessica Clark Mandeville, Samantha Hillson, Zoe Lincoln, Holly Mosher, and Whole Health staff.

Guests: Ron Ghering, guest of Dr. Klepack.

Call to Order: Dr. Moylan opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) at approximately 12:04 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor: No comments were received.

Approval of Previous BOH Minutes: The June 23, 2026 BOH minutes were approved as amended to remove Frank Cantone from the attendance record. The minutes were approved unanimously with the friendly amendment (first by Ed, second by Samara).

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

One Environmental Health enforcement item was removed from the agenda and will return at a later date.

DREAM GRAB AND GO ATUPA ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Mr. Parr presented the Dream Grab and Go ATUPA enforcement action, which involved the availability of prohibited flavored vape products and a sale to a minor. The Board unanimously approved the resolution as written (first by Samara, second by Dr. deLima), including the staff-recommended maximum penalty of \$23,750.

- Mr. Parr noted that the matter proceeded to a hearing. The hearing officer recommended a reduced penalty of \$13,750, while the resolution before the Board reflected the staff-recommended penalty amount based on Board policy.
- Mr. Parr added that this has happened previously where the hearing officers recommended penalty is less than called for by Board of Health policy, and in that case the Board voted to uphold the penalty recommended by the Environmental Health Division.
- Ms. Mosher explained that the hearing officer is an impartial attorney (lawyer) who reviews evidence and testimony, accepts exhibits, issues findings of fact, and makes recommendations.

The recommendation is only advisory in nature, and the Board may approve the resolution as written or amend the proposed penalty.

- Staff testify at these hearings. Businesses may also appear to represent themselves in the hearing.
- Members discussed the basis for penalty calculations, including the amount of inventory observed during inspection and the potential public health impact if prohibited products remain available in the community.
- Staff clarified that prohibited flavored vape products are counted during inspection but are not confiscated by the department, meaning the products may remain in the retailer's possession after the inspection and hearing process. The hearing does not stop the organizations from actually selling flavored vapes.
- Members discussed the importance of consistency with prior Board action on ATUPA penalties. The Board noted that any broader change to the penalty approach such as capping penalties, should be discussed as a policy matter rather than decided within an individual enforcement case.

DUNKIN' DONUTS ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Board reviewed the Dunkin' Donuts enforcement action. Mr. Parr had no additional comments, and no questions or discussion were raised. The Board unanimously approved the resolution as written (first by Samara, second by Frank).

THAI BASIL ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Board reviewed the Thai Basil enforcement action. No additional comments, questions, or discussion were raised. The Board unanimously approved the resolution as written (first by Dr. deLima, second by Ed).

MONTHLY REPORTS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Klepack introduced Ron Ghering, a guest attending the meeting, and invited questions on his written report.

- Dr. Klepack shared that the Hangar Theatre production Eureka was running through August 2 and includes themes related to infectious disease and community response. He noted that a post-performance panel discussion would include public health and scientific perspectives and recommended community members and staff attend. He will be part of the upcoming panel.
- Members briefly discussed elevated measles activity in Canada. Dr. Klepack noted that the increase appeared to follow international introduction of cases and spread among susceptible, unvaccinated individuals.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Ms. Sutcliffe provided updates on the public health alignment process, budget planning, the epidemiologist position, all-staff engagement, and a recently submitted overdose prevention grant application.

- **Public health alignment:** Public health services are now organized into three divisions: Division of Family and Child Health, led by Ms. Clark Mandeville; Division of Community Health, led by Ms. Buckwalter; and Environmental Health, led by Mr. Parr.
- **Centralized services:** The Office of Communications and Engagement, led by Ms. Hillson, will support department-wide communications, engagement, and community health planning. Billing and administrative support functions have also been aligned within Operational Support Services, and the existing quality assurance and improvement team is expanding its scope to include quality improvement and data analytics across mental health and public health services.
- **Environmental Health administrative support:** Ms. Sutcliffe clarified that the Environmental Health administrative support team remains distinct because of its specialized work preparing resolutions, organizing enforcement materials, and supporting Board-related enforcement processes.
- **Epidemiologist position:** Ms. Sutcliffe reported that the Legislature is reviewing new positions, including the previously budgeted epidemiologist position. She noted that hiring was delayed to align with the reorganization and for fiscal prudence, and she planned to meet with legislators to explain the need for the position and reference prior Board support.
- **All-staff engagement:** The department held a summer all-staff gathering at the Dryden Community Center. Sessions included the County's Chief Equity and Diversity Officer, development of a shared staff code of conduct, workforce data, and bias in interviewing, among other staff training and development.
- **Budget planning:** The department is beginning the annual budget cycle and will meet with County Administration before a fall presentation to the Legislature. Ms. Sutcliffe noted the need for fiscal prudence while maintaining service quality and community needs, and stated that the department is not currently anticipating position cuts, though countywide position reductions are being discussed.
- **Overdose prevention grant:** The department submitted a SAMHSA grant proposal for approximately \$850,000 per year for three years to support a coordinated overdose prevention initiative. The proposal includes funding for an overdose prevention project director and coordinator, an overdose prevention collaborative, an overdose surveillance system in partnership with Cornell, a prevention and recovery peer network, and a targeted youth substance use education campaign in partnership with Cortland County.
- **Care Team and crisis response:** Members discussed the department's Care Team model, which includes approximately 4.5 clinicians working with the Ithaca Police Department and Sheriff's Office to respond to calls involving people in crisis. Funding would support expanded peer follow-up after overdoses across the county.

- **Overdose data:** Members discussed the need to combine data from multiple sources, including dispatch and EMS transport agencies, to create a clearer countywide picture of overdoses and guide intervention planning.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Hillson introduced Zoe Numarko, who recently joined the Healthy Infants Partnership (HIP) Tompkins program as a Community Health Worker.

- Ms. Hillson reported that the department received an immunization action plan mini-grant, in collaboration with Cortland County, to support awareness and education related to routine childhood immunizations. The campaign will focus on toddlers ages 24-36 months, where data indicate lower vaccination rates, pending legislative approval of the grant funding.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Buckwalter provided staffing, communicable disease, and lead exposure updates.

- **Staffing:** Ms. Buckwalter reported that a new nurse will begin August 3 to support communicable disease and rabies program work. The new staff member brings prior hospital experience and will be transitioning into a community health setting.
- **Health educator recruitment:** The department is recruiting for a health educator position focused on youth tobacco prevention using JUUL settlement funding. Applications are being accepted through August 16, and members were encouraged to share the opportunity with their networks.
- **Cyclospora:** Ms. Buckwalter reported two Cyclospora cases under investigation. Staff are working to confirm case definitions, interview individuals, and communicate with providers. The department issued provider and public communications reminding clinicians that Cyclospora testing may need to be ordered specifically and may not be included on all routine gastrointestinal panels.
- **Alpha-gal syndrome:** Members briefly discussed whether alpha-gal syndrome is reportable. Staff noted that state and national discussions are ongoing because the condition is associated with tick exposure but is an allergic reaction rather than a traditional infectious disease.
- **Travel-related rabies exposures:** Staff discussed rabies exposure concerns that can arise from wildlife interactions during international travel, including situations where the department may need to consult with New York State because an animal cannot be located or tested.
- **Lead exposure:** Staff reported that most local lead exposure cases continue to be associated with old paint and older housing, with some cases linked to international exposures. Children are tested at ages one and two, with follow-up venous testing and Environmental Health referral when levels are elevated.

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILD HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Clark Mandeville reported that the department's speech language specialist increased her caseload from 8 to 18, allowing 10 additional children to receive intervention services.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Mr. Parr provided updates on recent Environmental Health activities and enforcement issues.

- **GrassRoots Festival:** Mr. Parr reported that the Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival went well despite weather concerns, including high winds. He noted that organizers were well prepared.
- **State Septic Replacement Fund:** Environmental Health was awarded \$240,000 for Round 5 of the State Septic Replacement Fund, continuing grant support for eligible private property owners near Cayuga Lake or a tributary.
- **Tobacco/vape license revocation:** Mr. Parr reported that State DOH is not currently supporting revocation of a tobacco/vape license for a matter previously referred by the Board. Staff understand the concern to be procedural and plan to meet with State DOH to clarify the enforcement mechanism and report back to the Board.
- **Asteri Ithaca LLC:** Mr. Parr reported that Asteri Ithaca LLC met one of three recent compliance deadlines by installing security cameras in stairwells and trash rooms on each floor. The property did not meet deadlines related to trash chute repairs or submission of an updated solid waste management plan. Environmental Health also observed additional trash issues, though less severe than prior conditions, and expects to bring a draft resolution to the Board next month.
- **Public Health Fellow:** Mr. Parr recognized Allyson Castellani, a Public Health Fellow who has worked with the water program for two years and will be leaving the department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Melissa Dhundale and seconded by Edward Koppel, MD, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Actions

Enforcement Actions

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

1. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-12 - Ithaca Tobacco & Vape - Violations of New York State Public Health Law, Article 13F, Section 1399-CC & 1399-MM (ATUPA) (5 mins.)
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3. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-28 - Ninja Chicken - Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)
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6. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-32 - Asteri - Violations of New York Public Health Law, Section 1303 & Article V of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code (Nuisances & Sanitation) (5 mins.)
7. Draft Resolution # ENF-2026-33 - Asteri - Violation of Board of Health Orders - Violations of New York Public Health Law & Articles IV & V of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code (Nuisances & Sanitation) (5 mins.)

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

WILLIAM KLEPACK, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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(This report was created 08/11/26)

Measles

Upstate: A confirmed case in 22 year old upstate male who was unvaccinated and was exposed at a public event. Fifteen of 39 contacts have been vaccinated so far and several pregnant individuals given immune globulin.

In our immediate region, cases of measles like illness are being investigated. So far, no confirmed cases. Special vaccination clinics have been held to vaccinate worried unvaccinated individuals.

Worrisome also is that detection of the virus has occurred in upstate NY in a wastewater sample. It has been confirmed as a wild type measles virus (not a vaccine strain). No confirmed cases of measles have been identified in the region of the wastewater.

The message here is that vaccination is important because the disease must be presumed to be where you are. For practitioners the message is to always include measles as a possibility when appropriate.

Further on Wastewater surveillance, remember that it only captures pathogens in public sewer systems and does not capture businesses or households on septic systems or special situations like children in diapers whose excrement goes to the landfill.

MMR Research

This month [a new paper looked at MMR and subsequent autism](#) diagnoses in 2.5 million children in the US. TL;DR: **Conclusion - No association.**

Wrap-up

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FURTHER PROMOTES VACCINE FALSEHOODS

Secretary of HHS, Kennedy, and CDC Director Dr. Erica Schwartz have gone further to cast dispersions on all vaccines in the latest CDC webpage on autism and vaccines. Note the use of the plural here. Here is a sample: "...this webpage has been updated because the statement 'Vaccines do not cause autism' is not an evidence-based claim. "

CDC - Autism and Vaccines

To be clear, my opinion and that of public health in general is that this webpage promotes falsehoods damaging to the health of the American people. It will lower further the number of people willing to be vaccinated. In my opinion if this sort of thing were done by a non-politician it would be malpractice. Harm is being caused. Children are being infected with measles. And (as seen above) adults are too.

Dr. Schwartz was confirmed as Director on August 5th. Coverage of her statements before the Senate seemed to show a remarkably uninformed individual, in my opinion. Coverage of the hearing indicated that she claimed not to know about HHS's cutting mRNA contracts and research, unaware of Mr. Kennedy's interference in vaccine decisions, and unaware of cuts to programs in smoking cessation and food safety (the latter cuts are particularly of interest in light of the recent cyclosporiasis and salmonella outbreaks linked to food). Relevant to the text above, she was reported to repeatedly affirm the safety and efficacy of vaccines and stated, "I will never betray the science."

LEGIONELLA

is quite prevalent this time of year

ENTERICS

also are prevalent and of multiple types and many travel related. Outbreaks in **camp**s of norovirus but also of impetigo

H FLU MENINGITIS

in a 1-year-old unvaccinated child. It was hospitalized for 6 days and survived.

VIBRIO

cases resulting from improperly handled raw shellfish from a commercial vendor.

VARICELLA

case in a vaccinated 5 yo immune compromised child who was treated with antivirals.

TULAREMIA

A case of Tularemia has been found downstate. Source not known. Recent publication on tularemia in NY along with background information: [Tularemia in New York, USA, 1993-2023](#).

Although we associate tularemia with rabbits, any rodent can be a vector for the bacterium and it can be transmitted by ticks, water, dust (stirred up by farming or construction), and other vectors. A potentially fatal disease it is relatively rare fortunately.

MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESS UPDATE:

WNV and *Chikungunya* (only travel associated), *Malaria* (1 new case in a traveler), *EEE* no positive pools or cases. Trend over the past few years – we usually see WNV cases pick up about this time in the summer.

RESPIRATORY DISEASE UPDATE

1,000 + cases of *seasonal influenza* in past week, (Influenza A 60% and B 30%). *Covid* increasing with 3,000+ cases reported including some hospitalized. *RSV* is decreasing but still happens.

EBOLA

updates, primarily concerning travel from the DRC. Uganda now declared free but DRC still in the thick of it.

CYCLOSPORA

242 cases in NYS to date from May [obviously far fewer than in other states]. Some of these in travelers from other states. Travel histories are key. Note that the situation in NYS is different from other states and that each year there are some cyclospora cases in NYS. They most commonly arise from various leafy and green vegetable products. The number of cases in NYS is not that much different from past years. NY's Cyclosporiasis page with updated case counts: [Cyclosporiasis](#)

Peer review under attack from Trump Administration

Peer review is a distinguishing feature of reputable journals. It sets them apart from those that merely churn studies. Any reputable professional in public health forms their opinions only from looking at multiple peer reviewed studies which confirm a finding. Now this foundation of science is under threat.

“The rule proposes that senior political appointees review federally funded research results, instead of using the peer review system, where multiple outside experts review the scientific methodology, results, and conclusions for potential errors or conflicts.”

- [A New Trump Rule Threatens Research Behind Every American Industry](#)
- [Trump rules on research funding draw overwhelming opposition | STAT](#)

Given that there are more than 1,500 journals that have been created that will accept studies of poor quality and do not use peer review to weed out poor studies, and that these journals are quoted in posts of mis and disinformation any attack on peer review threatens the world of true knowledge. Public health depends on high quality science to do its work.

Activities

- Panel discussion participation – I was one of 4 panelists following one of the performances of *Eureka Day* (a play about communicable disease control in a congregant setting whose

administration historically followed the consensus model). About 50 audience members stayed to hear the discussion.

- Lecture given on “Misinformation, Disinformation, Vaccine Hesitancy, or What?” to about 36 members of the City Club of Ithaca. I am available to deliver this presentation to other interested groups.

WHCU INTERVIEWS

(archived at: [Ithaca's Morning News Newsmaker Interviews - 607 News Now](#))

- 081526 #202: NYS Medical Aid in Dying
- 080526 #201: It's (back to school) vaccination time (and a time for adults to also think about keeping up to date.)
- 072926 #200: What's the buzz about nicotine? Addressing nicotine whether from vaping, pouches, chewing, smoking or any other method of delivery. [Nicotine Pouches | Smoking and Tobacco Use | CDC](#)
- 072226 #199: Cyclosporiasis: Why our food system is incapable of preventing such outbreaks of disease.
- 071526 #198: Cannabis and Teen health: Teenage Cannabis Use May Disrupt Brain Development. A new study confirms prior studies.

COMMISSIONER SHARED REPORT

JENNIE SUTCLIFFE, COMMISSIONER OF WHOLE HEALTH

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Highlights

No report this meeting.

DIVISION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

RACHEL BUCKWALTER, DIRECTOR

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Highlights

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- **Campylobacteriosis** -12 cases : more cases than previous years, youngest is 10 months, oldest 68-year-old. In general, it appears that more providers are running GI panels (stool testing) d/t Cyclospora outbreak in the news thus increasing the number of GI results for this month. In comparison, we had two cases reported in the month of June.
- **Cryptosporidiosis**- 4 cases: vet student, Immunocompromised person, Older adult w/ domestic travel, 30yo w/ recreational water exposure & lots of raw fruit & vegetables.
- **Cyclospora**- 2 cases: both healthy 27yo's; one with travel to Mexico w/other family members also ill; Second case w/ normal risk
- **E.Coli Shiga Toxin** -2 cases; 3yo and 17yo
- **Giardiasis**-none
- **Salmonellosis**-2 cases: one with travel to Dominican Republic; Second case w/normal risk
- **Shigellosis**- 1 case: 20yo college student lost to follow-up
- **Yersiniosis**- 1 case: domestic travel w/multiple restaurant exposures
- **Strep Group A, Invasive**-none
- **Strep Group B, Invasive** –none
- **Haemophilus Influenzae, Not Type B**: 1 case w/multiple comorbidities/ hospitalized for 4 days
- **Meningitis, Aseptic**-1 case 80yo w/8 day hospitalization
- **Pertussis**-none
- **Tuberculosis**
- **Anaplasmosis** –41 cases!!
- **Babesiosis** – 14 cases
- ***** Significant increase in Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis that we see each year at this time of year (later in the summer is when Babesiosis really picks up: only 3 in June vs 14 in July and probable continued increase into August) ***** tompkinscountyny.gov/health/ticks

TUBERCULOSIS

- - 1 case suspected extrapulmonary TB (non-infectious), relocated out of our county.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- 6 children and 16 adults were seen in our on-site immunization clinic in July for various vaccines.

WIC

- In May, the program had three vacancies (2 WIC Program Nutritionist positions and one WIC Clerk) due to Cindy Mallery's retirement after 38 years of service, Kelsie Fitch's resignation to return to Medical Nutrition Therapy, and Veronica Peters moving to a Civil Service position at DSS. We welcomed Brooke Bloodgood as a WIC Nutritionist on August 3. Due to budget restrictions in the FFY 2027 WIC budget, the remaining vacant WIC Nutritionist position will be filled with a WIC Nutrition Educator II. Interviews are underway for the support staff position, intending to fill it by the end of August.
- In July, the WIC Program served 478 individuals, a decrease from 605 individuals served in June. The decrease may be related to staffing vacancies. We are grateful that Cindy Mallery has agreed to return to assist the agency, working two days per week and providing coverage as a WIC Nutritionist. The WIC Director is also fully functioning in the WIC Nutritionist role to help ensure families continue to receive services.

Program Updates

SAFECARE PROGRAM

- There were 2 SafeCare home visits made during July as we continue to support and work with 3 families. There was one admit to the SafeCare Program during July.

MOMS PLUS+

- Caryl Silberman SCHN tabled an event for Groton High Schoolers to portray a day in the life of a public health nurse.
- Moms PLUS+ staff assisted with the planning of a World Breast Feeding event in conjunction with WIC that is slated for the first week of August.
- Moms PLUS+ nurses made more visits, had more admits and had large jump in referrals in July as compared with June. The caseload for Moms PLUS+ clients dropped a bit from June to July. Please refer to the table in the CHS Appendix for more information.

RABIES

- 59 rabies vaccinations were administered to 20 people for potential rabies exposures during the month of July. Animals involved included one confirmed positive racoon and the rest were exposure to bats.

LEAD

- 24 children are receiving case management services for elevated blood lead levels. There were two new admissions and two discharges during the month of July.

[CHS Appendix](#)

- NYSDOH Communicable Disease Reports
- WIC Caseload table
- Moms PLUS+ Caseload table

DIVISION OF HEALTH PROMOTION

SAMANTHA HILLSON, DIRECTOR

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- TCWH representatives attended The Changing Medicaid Landscape: Preparing for What's Ahead in Syracuse to meet with regional partners to
- Learn about upcoming federal and state Medicaid changes and their potential impacts.
- Understand how policy changes may affect Medicaid eligibility and access to healthcare services.
- Explore strategies to minimize coverage losses and support community members through transitions.
- Collaborate with regional partners to identify solutions and opportunities for collective action.
- Build connections and strengthen our regional response to these changes.

STAFFING

- Anushka Bhargave, Public Health Fellow, ended her fellowship in mid-July.
- Health Educator for Tobacco Free Tompkins and JUUL Settlement is posted until 8/16.

Program Updates

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW) PROGRAMS: HIP TOMPKINS AND CYSHCN (CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS)

- Much collaboration took place for the senior teams during July to foster the transition for PICH (HiP Tompkins) to move to FCH and for CHW Program to move to CHS Divisions.
- Continued participation in the statewide Learning Collaborative around increasing postpartum follow-up visits.
- Emma Abbey and Caryl Silberman met with 2 Social Workers from Well-Being Pediatrics to hear about their upcoming work with Healthy Steps work. They also were interested to hear about our programs and also assist with efforts of increasing postpartum rates for their clients' caregivers.
- Review of Community Accessibility and Inclusion mini-funding proposals. Awards will be announced in August and contracts initiated with community partners to advance access and opportunities for CYSHCN and their families.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) & COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

- CHI Steering Committee met to review the final CHIP and discuss monitoring and evaluation plans for the activities. Workgroups will be developed or build on existing community coalitions for priority areas and developing a plan for monitoring data.
- Contributed to regional calls with Care Compass for funding proposal for the Rural Community Health Integration Regional Planning.
- Contributed to application for funding for SAMHSA Overdose Prevention call for proposals.

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

- HNP is now part of Division for Community Health.

TOBACCO FREE TOMPKINS

- Hiring process for Health Educator
- RFP drafted for JUUL Settlement funds to address the approved uses defined by the Attorney General's office.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Coordinated with Dept of Emergency Response and PH Preparedness Coordinator on Extreme Heat guidance, Cooling Center updates and public information. Also coordinated with DOER and Preparedness for Poor Air Quality event (July 15 & 16) due to Canadian wildfire smoke.
- Worked closely with Environmental Health on Harmful Algal Blooms public information project:
 - o Developed flyer and rack card materials for distribution at community events, veterinarian offices, and posted in high-traffic locations (with particular interest in locations used by tourists/visitors to the lake)
 - o Coordinated letter and bulk mailing for short term rental units along shoreline
 - o Developed outreach materials: magnet, frisbee
 - o Updated website HABs page (tompkinscountyny.gov/health/HABs)
 - o Conducted outreach activities
 - o Published a 5-week social media campaign, boosted ads for cumulative reach of over 20,000 people

HPP Appendix

- Opioids, Monthly overdose calls to 911
- CHWs
- HNP, Monthly Activity table
- COVID-19
- Media
 - o [Press releases](#)
- Outreach and Training (all staff)
- Committee and Partnership Meetings

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CARE NEEDS

JESSICA CLARK MANDERVILLE, DIRECTOR

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Staff Training:

- A chart audit screening tool is being used for all chart discharges and to track errors.
- Acuity Form, renamed Case Management Tool, has been created and implemented to be able to assign cases equally.
- Monthly Stats and Productivity are monitored and reviewed with staff at quarterly check-ins.

Program Work:

- Per-diem Service Provider positions are still available and posted for SI, SLP, and PT in Early Intervention.
- Eve, SLP to increase caseload to 18 kids per week
- One OSC out on disability, other OSCs to cover the caseload. One RN position to move to MOMs+, other OSCs to cover her caseload.

Program Updates

EARLY INTERVENTION

- Stipends per service rendered are being billed and sent out to private providers and agencies, including services
- for ongoing therapy sessions, core evaluation and supplemental evaluations. Any stipend payments that have not been billed yet are being tracked by support staff.
- Early Intervention experiencing wait lists for all specialties
Post 7/31/26 -- Speech (25) Feeding (7), OT (16), PT (14), SI (18)
- New Referrals received **June: 16**
 - EI Core Eval Teams are: 4 Racker slots per week and 2x/mo eval in Syracuse at Liberty Post
 - CTN gave 8 core slots in August in Syracuse and 3 slots a week starting in the fall in Tompkins County
 - Currently serving 186 active (and/or) qualified children in Early Intervention. 0 Total Child Find Cases

PRESCHOOL

- Continued Medicaid Consent Documentation Chart review completed for CPSE. Districts were notified of their students missing consent and encouraged to obtain consent for billing purposes.
- Continued follow-up with districts regarding timely submission of reimbursement for services documents.
- 4 of 5 school districts were met with virtually to start quarterly meetings.

[CSCN Appendix](#)

- Statistics based on Calendar Year
- Early Intervention Program statistical highlights
- Preschool Special Education Program statistical highlights

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

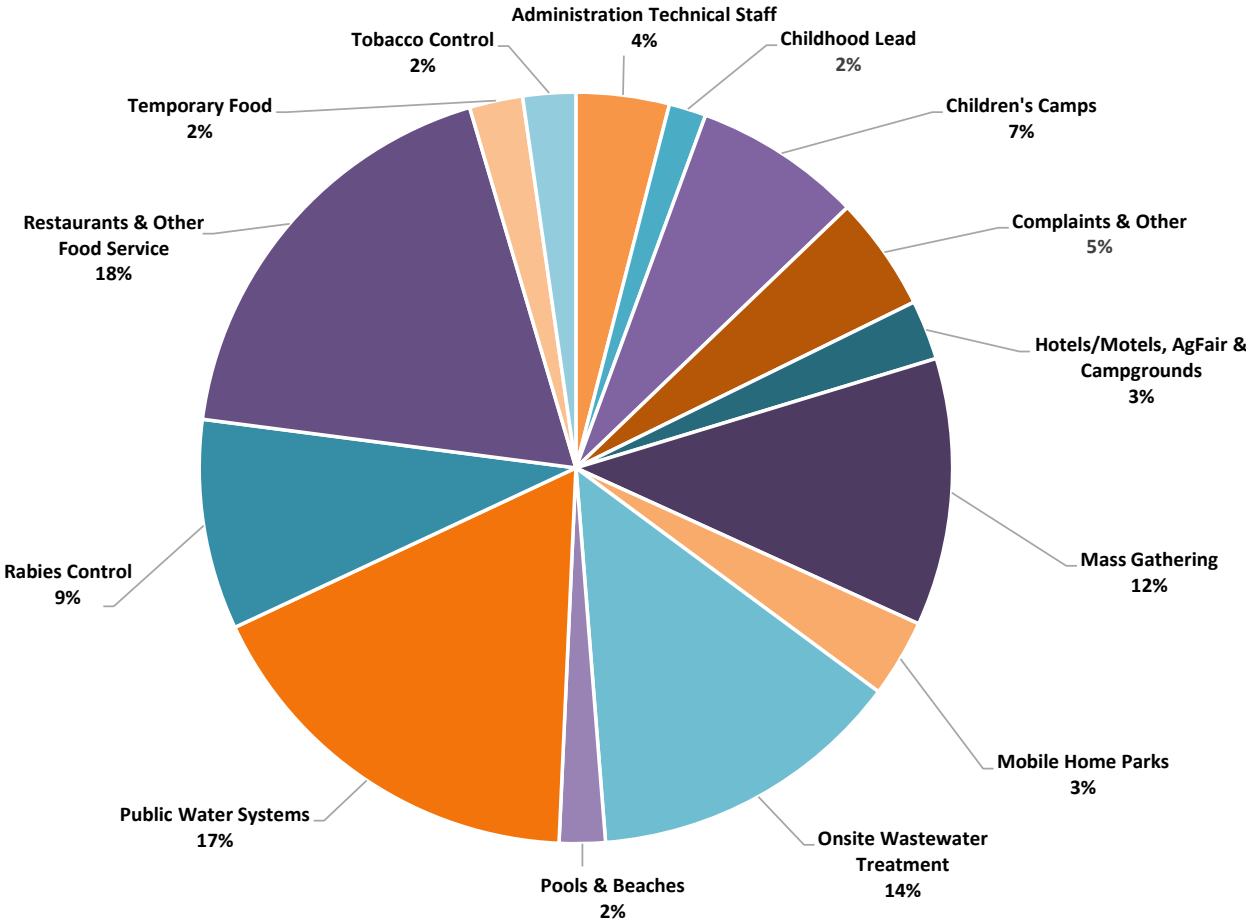
SKIP PARR, DIRECTOR

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Summary of Activity

Staff Time in Environmental Health Programs - July 2026



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[Also see appendix](#)

Program Updates

Food Program

FSE INSPECTIONS

The [results of food service establishment inspections](#) conducted in Tompkins County can be viewed directly on the Environmental Health website. Inspections can be sorted to meet the needs of the viewer (by facility, date, etc.) by clicking on the column heading of interest.

PLANS APPROVED THIS PERIOD

- A&B Family Diner, V-Dryden
- CU-Grinspoon Hillel, C-Ithaca
- My Mama's Big Back Food Truck, Throughout Tompkins
- Smart Tart FroYo, V-Lansing

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

- Bliss Bakehouse, Throughout Tompkins
- Get Smoked BBQ - Throughout Tompkins
- Maru Ramen, C-Ithaca
- My Mama's Big Back Food Truck, Throughout Tompkins
- Pokelava Meadow Street, C-Ithaca
- Sherl's Kitchen, Throughout Tompkins
- Trumansburg Main Street Market, V-Trumansburg

Boil Water Orders (BWOs)

NEW

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Dollar General Enfield	07/21/26	Inadequate disinfection	Restore disinfection & submit satisfactory samples	Satisfactory samples submitted; BWO released 08/07/26

ONGOING

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Roman Village	06/03/26	Positive Total Coliform samples	Submit satisfactory samples	Disinfection waiver revoked. Plans for UV disinfection required by 9/1/26.

RELEASED

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
NONE				

Summary of Open BOH Enforcement Actions

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
01/28/25	Hanshaw Village MHP – ENF-24-0019	CNY MHPS, LLC	PWS – Violation of BOH Orders	NA	Draft feasibility study under review	Awaiting results of ESD grant application for funding for municipal connection
09/23/25	Little Venice Ristorante – ENF-25-0015	Jessica Gardner, Stevearenozz, Inc	FSE – Repeat critical violations; Foods not kept at or below 45°	\$200 due 11/14/25	09/30/26 Late penalty due (do not issue permit)	Late notice sent 04/16/26
01/27/26	John Joseph Inn – ENF-25-0023	John Hamilton	TR – Improper storage of flammables; PWS – Failure to meet monitoring requirements	\$800 due 03/15/26	12/31/26 Late penalty due (do not issue permit)	Late notice sent 04/16/26
01/27/26	Newfield Estates MHP – ENF-25-0026	Newfield Estates MHP, LLC	MHP – Violation of BOH Orders; Operating without a permit	\$1,900 due 03/15/26	02/26/26 Submit complete renewal application & fee	Notice sent 08/05/26- Complete renewal and penalty due 08/21/26 or hearing will be scheduled
03/24/26	The Lotus – ENF-25-0031	Namu-Pinetree, LLC	FSE – Failure to provide & use accurate thermometer	\$400 due 05/15/26	03/31/27 Late penalty due (do not issue permit)	Late notice sent 06/15/26
06/23/26	Cayuga Smoke Shop – ENF-26-011	Cayuga Smoke Shop, Inc – Hassan Ali	ATUPA – Sale to a minor & Sale of flavored vape	\$2,650 due 08/15/26	08/15/26 Penalty Due	Payment pending

06/23/26	Casper's Kitchen – ENF-26-014	Kevin Griffin	FSE – Violation of BOH Orders; Foods not cooled using approved method	\$2,200 due 08/15/26	08/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending
06/23/26	C-Town Express – ENF-26-008	C-Town Express, LLC	ATUPA – Violation of BOH Orders; Improper access to tobacco products	\$4,000 due 08/15/26	08/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending
06/23/26	Yazzy's Market – ENF-26-009	Yazzy's Market, Inc	ATUPA – Flavored vapes for sale & Improper access to tobacco products	\$12,750 due 08/15/26	08/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending
06/23/26	Ithaca Estates MHP – ENF-26-016	Ithaca Estates, LLC – Amit Maihota	MHP, PWS & TCSC – Violation of BOH Orders	\$2,600 due 09/15/26	07/01/26 Submit engineers report	Report pending
06/23/26	Asteri Ithaca Apartments – ENF-2026-23	Asteri Ithaca, LLC – Kimberly Skinner	Public Health Law – Violation of BOH Orders; Nuisances & Sanitation	\$9,000 due 09/15/26	07/24/26 Install cameras & Submit waste mgmt. plan	Camera installation & report past due; penalty due 08/15/26
06/23/26	Bailey Park – ENF-2026-26	1395 Danby, LLC	MHP & PWS – Violation of BOH Orders;	\$500 due 08/15/26	07/15/26 Submit engineers report	Report under review
07/28/26	Dream Grab N Go – ENF-2026-013	Dream Gram N Go, LLC	ATUPA – Sale to a minor & Sale of flavored vape	\$23,750 due 09/15/26	09/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending
07/28/26	Dunkin Donuts – Meadow Street – ENF-2026-19	Thomas Santurri; CNY Food Service Group, LLC	FSE – Repeat critical violations; Foods not kept at or below 45°	\$200 due 09/15/26	09/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending
07/28/26	Thai Basil – ENF-202624	Sirilux Pensiri	FSE – Repeat critical violations°	\$200 due 09/15/26	09/15/26 Penalty due	Payment pending

EH Appendix

- Summary of Activity

APPENDIX

- [Community Health Services](#)
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 - [Children with Special Care Needs](#)
 - [Environmental Health](#)
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Community Health Services

WIC CASELOAD DATA FFY 2026

TCWH WIC Program	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL*	AUG	SEPT	AVG.
Target Caseload	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	
Participation	1289	1272	1251	1255	1236	1238	1226	1213	1204	1194			1238
% Caseload Served	97.65%	96.36%	94.77%	95.08%	93.64%	93.79%	92.88%	91.89%	91.21%	90.45%			93.77%
% Change Per Month	-1.06%	-1.29%	-1.59%	0.30%	-1.44%	0.15%	-0.91%	-0.98%	-0.68%	-0.76%			-0.83%
Enrolled	1340	1355	1338	1328	1312	1299	1304	1273	1282	1285			1312
Participation/ Enrollment	96.19%	93.87%	93.50%	94.50%	94.21%	95.30%	94.02%	95.29%	93.92%	92.92%			94.37%

*** July enrollment & participation are not final until the end of August; missed July appointments can still be counted.**

MOMS PLUS+ CASELOAD DATA CY 2026

MOMS Data 2025	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Caseload	69	74	71	74	76	68	62					
Visits	74	60	67	87	72	59	62					
Admissions	24	21	19	19	18	13	18					
Referrals	45	54	71	40	42	26	45					

ATTACHMENTS

- NYSDOH Communicable Disease Reports.

N.Y.S. Department of Health
Division of Epidemiology
Communicable Disease Monthly Report*, DATE: 04AUG26
Rates are defined as: Cases/100,000 population/Month

County=TOMPKINS Month=July

	2026		2025		2024		2023		Ave (2023-2025)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
ANAPLASMOSIS**	41	464.9	104	1179.3	15	170.1	36	408.2	52	589.6
BABESIOSIS**	14	158.7	32	362.9	9	102.1	13	147.4	18	204.1
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	12	136.1	3	34.0	4	45.4	1	11.3	3	34.0
CHIKUNGUNYA**	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
COVID-19	4	45.4	18	204.1	103	1167.9	56	635.0	59	669.0
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	4	45.4	0	0.0	3	34.0	0	0.0	1	11.3
CYCLOSPORA	2	22.7	1	11.3	2	22.7	0	0.0	1	11.3
DENGUE FEVER**	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	2	22.7	2	22.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3
GIARDIASIS	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	2	22.7	1	11.3
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, NOT TYPE B	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	2	22.7	1	11.3	0	0.0	2	22.7	1	11.3
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	0	0	1	11.3	1	11.3	0	0.0	1	11.3
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	0	0	2	22.7	1	11.3	3	34.0	2	22.7
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	2	22.7	2	22.7	1	11.3	0	0.0	1	11.3
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LEGIONELLOSIS	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	45.4	1	11.3
LYME DISEASE** ****	107	1213.3	50	567.0	60	680.4	98	1111.2	69	782.4
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	1	11.3	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
PERTUSSIS**	0	0	0	0.0	4	45.4	0	0.0	1	11.3

	2026		2025		2024		2023		Ave (2023-2025)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	2	22.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	2	22.7	3	34.0	2	22.7	2	22.7	2	22.7
SHIGELLOSIS**	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
STREP, GROUP A INVASIVE	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	22.7	1	11.3
STREP, GROUP B INVASIVE	0	0	4	45.4	1	11.3	0	0.0	2	22.7
TUBERCULOSIS***	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
YERSINIOSIS**	1	11.3	1	11.3	1	11.3	0	0.0	1	11.3
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	0	0	1	11.3	3	34.0	0	0.0	1	11.3
- LATE LATENT**	0	0	1	11.3	3	34.0	0	0.0	1	11.3
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	6	68.0	3	34.0	4	45.4	5	56.7	4	45.4
- GONORRHEA	6	68.0	3	34.0	4	45.4	5	56.7	4	45.4
CHLAMYDIA	15	170.1	13	147.4	18	204.1	18	204.1	16	181.4

*Based on month case created, or December for cases created in Jan/Feb of following year

**Confirmed and Probable cases counted

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	2026		2025		2024		2023		Ave (2023-2025)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
ANAPLASMOSIS**	121	1372.1	244	2766.8	107	1213.3	116	1315.4	156	1768.9
BABESIOSIS**	19	215.4	61	691.7	28	317.5	34	385.5	41	464.9
BLASTOMYCOSIS	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	32	362.9	37	419.6	39	442.2	26	294.8	34	385.5
CHIKUNGUNYA**	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
COVID-19	366	4150.2	764	8663.2	1565	17746	2748	31160	1692	19186
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	8	90.7	6	68.0	8	90.7	7	79.4	7	79.4
CYCLOSPORA	2	22.7	1	11.3	4	45.4	0	0.0	2	22.7
DENGUE FEVER**	0	0	0	0.0	6	68.0	0	0.0	2	22.7
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	4	45.4	5	56.7	2	22.7	4	45.4	4	45.4
EHRlichiosis (EWINGII)**	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	3	34.0	13	147.4	16	181.4	14	158.7	14	158.7
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, NOT TYPE B	1	11.3	0	0.0	4	45.4	1	11.3	2	22.7
HEPATITIS B,ACUTE	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	7	79.4	14	158.7	19	215.4	10	113.4	14	158.7
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	1	11.3	4	45.4	3	34.0	5	56.7	4	45.4
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	7	79.4	8	90.7	17	192.8	22	249.5	16	181.4
HERPES INF, INFANT =< 60 DAYS	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	580	6576.8	1539	17451	1130	12813	251	2846.2	973	11033
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	443	5023.3	296	3356.4	125	1417.4	30	340.2	150	1700.9
INFLUENZA UNSPECIFIED, LAB CONFIRMED	0	0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LEGIONELLOSIS	0	0	2	22.7	2	22.7	15	170.1	6	68.0

	2026		2025		2024		2023		Ave (2023-2025)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
LYME DISEASE** ****	293	3322.4	205	2324.5	375	4252.2	415	4705.8	332	3764.6
MALARIA	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	2	22.7	1	11.3
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	1	11.3	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
PERTUSSIS**	0	0	5	56.7	16	181.4	0	0.0	7	79.4
Q FEVER**	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	259	2936.9	199	2256.5	230	2608.0	64	725.7	164	1859.6
SALMONELLOSIS**	4	45.4	16	181.4	22	249.5	12	136.1	17	192.8
S.PARATYPHI	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
SHIGELLOSIS**	3	34.0	5	56.7	3	34.0	1	11.3	3	34.0
STREP, GROUP A INVASIVE	5	56.7	4	45.4	10	113.4	11	124.7	8	90.7
STREP, GROUP B INVASIVE	2	22.7	12	136.1	3	34.0	1	11.3	5	56.7
STREP PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE**	2	22.7	0	0.0	6	68.0	3	34.0	3	34.0
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME, STREPTOCOCCAL**	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
TUBERCULOSIS***	1	11.3	4	45.4	0	0.0	1	11.3	2	22.7
TYPHOID FEVER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0
VARICELLA	2	22.7	4	45.4	1	11.3	0	0.0	2	22.7
VIBRIO - NON 01 CHOLERA**	0	0	1	11.3	0	0.0	3	34.0	1	11.3
WESTNILE VIRUS**	0	0	0	0.0	1	11.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
YERSINIOSIS**	4	45.4	2	22.7	5	56.7	1	11.3	3	34.0
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	5	56.7	8	90.7	18	204.1	12	136.1	13	147.4
- EARLY LATENT**	2	22.7	4	45.4	9	102.1	6	68.0	6	68.0
- LATE LATENT**	3	34.0	4	45.4	9	102.1	6	68.0	6	68.0
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	40	453.6	74	839.1	107	1213.3	120	1360.7	100	1133.9
- GONORRHEA	40	453.6	74	839.1	107	1213.3	120	1360.7	100	1133.9
CHLAMYDIA	112	1270.0	256	2902.9	277	3141.0	328	3719.3	287	3254.4
CHLAMYDIA PID	0	0	2	22.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.3

*Based on month case created, or December for cases created in Jan/Feb of following year

**Confirmed and Probable cases counted; Campylobacter confirmed and suspect

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Health Promotion Program

Opioids

911 CALL REPORTS

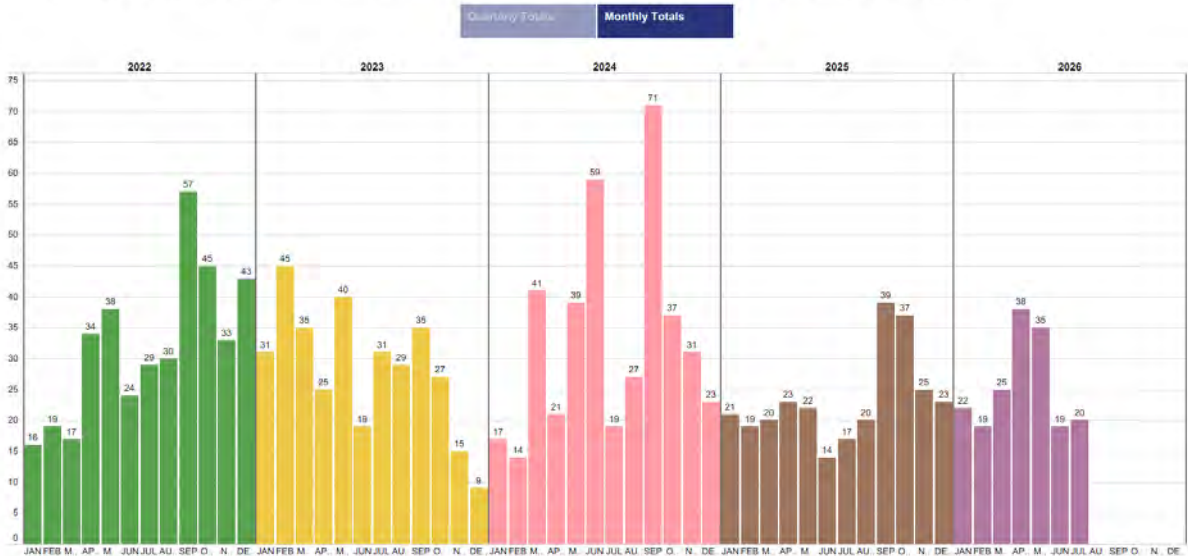
All calls that come into Tompkins County's 9-1-1 center are coded based on the type of emergency. To help direct the call, the dispatcher assigns each a "Nature." The Department of Emergency Response (DoER) sends the monthly totals to Whole Health for calls coded as "Overdose/Poisoning." The visuals below show call numbers by quarter and by month for years 2022-2026.

911 Calls for Overdose/ Poisoning x Year
Tompkins County, Total number of calls that are coded as "Overdose/Poisoning." Source: Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response (DoER). Note: Most recent quarter may be a total of 1, 2, or 3 months.



Note: Q3 2026 includes only 1 month of the quarter.

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Tompkins County, Total number of calls that are coded as "Overdose/Poisoning." Source: Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response (DoER). Note: Most recent quarter may be a total of 1, 2, or 3 months.



[Click here for these and additional data visuals on the WH website.](#)

CHWs

MONTHLY STATS

Enrolled CHW Clients	July 2026	YTD 2026	July 2025	TOTAL 2025
HiP Tompkins	41	43	28	43
General CHW Program	40	40	35	36

OUTREACH

- Access to Care: Maddies Vet Shelter and TCWH
- Access to Care: Wellbeing Pediatrics, Moms PLUS +, Safecare, CYSHCN, HiP Tompkins, General CHW program
- World Breast Feeding Week Connecions: Moms PLUS +, WIC, HiP Family Reading Partnership

TRAININGS

- CMS: Interim Final Rule on Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement
- Situational Awareness and Active Shooter Training
- APN Quarterly Summit
- Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills

HNP

MONTHLY STATS

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM	July 2026	YTD 2026	July 2025	TOTAL Jan-Dec 2025
# of Initial Home Visits (including asthma visits)	12	110	38	393
# of Revisits	0	4	1	13
# of Asthma Homes (initial)	1	25	14	106
# of Homes Approached	0	26	3	8

OUTREACH & TRAINING

- CNY Coalition for Healthy Indoor Air Quality, Inc.
- Situational Awareness & Active Shooter County-wide Training
- Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Customer Service Essentials: Strengthening Everyday Public Service Interactions
- De-escalation Techniques for County Employees

COVID-19

- Free COVID-19 home tests for distribution to the public expired July 30, 2026. Sourcing new supply.
- Continued dashboard updates on website for total weekly lab-confirmed pcr & antigen tests.

Media

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Featured Topics:
- Extreme Heat
- Air Quality
- Lyme Disease
- Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Rabies/Bite Alerts/Bats
- Cyclospora
- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
- Special Awareness Topics for July:
- National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
- Disability Pride Month/Annual ADA Anniversary

PRESS RELEASES

- [TCWH Promotes Services During Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#) (7/8/26)
- [Health Alert: Possible Rabid Fox in Stone Quarry/Elmira Road Area](#) (7/10/26)
- [Health Alert: Poor Air Quality for Tompkins and Surrounding Counties](#) (7/15/26)
- [Health Alert Update: Air Quality for Tompkins at Very Unhealthy Levels](#) (7/16/26)
- [Update: Confirmed Rabid Fox in Stone Quarry/Elmira Road Area](#) (7/16/26)
- [Health Alert: Cyclospora Infection Prevention and Food Safety Guidance](#) (7/20/26)
- [Whole Health Buildings Closed to the Public: Wednesday, July 29, 2026](#) (7/27/26)
- [TCWH Celebrates Disability Pride Month and the Anniversary of the ADA](#) (7/28/26)
- [TCWH Celebrates World Breastfeeding Week: Ithaca Community Latch \(8/5\)](#) (7/30/26)

Outreach & Training

Conducted by Health Promotion, PH Fellows, CSCN, and Mental Health staff

OUTREACH

- Ithaca Community Gardens (w/Centralus): event was canceled both evenings due to weather (7/14, 7/21)

TRAINING

- NYSHPA Extreme Heat & Health 4-part virtual training series (July 10-Aug 7)
- Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills (8/16)

Committee and Partnership Meetings

Group, Organization	Activity/Purpose	Date
Health Planning Council	Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Hillson reappointed as Secretary and Co-Chair of Community Health and Access Cte.	Bi-monthly
Community Health and Access Committee	Sub-committee of the HPC. Focus on telehealth, maternal health, etc.	Quarterly
COFA Advisory Board	Updates and Age Friendly	Quarterly
Suicide Prevention Coalition	In partnership with the Sophie Fund	Monthly
Immunization Coalition	Quarterly meeting, updates about COVID-19 vaccine and discussion/feedback, youth vaccination promo	Quarterly
Lead Poisoning Prevention Network	Quarterly meeting, review lead cases, prevention, new regulation	Quarterly
Cayuga Health Data Governance Committee	Oversight/advisory committee for the health equity team at Cayuga Health, focus on data collection for health equity, We Ask Because We Care campaign.	Quarterly
TC Cancer Screening Working Group	Regular meeting	Monthly
Aging Services Network	Regular meeting	Monthly
Homeless & Housing Taskforce	Regular meeting	Bi-monthly
PICHC Partners Meeting	Weekly meeting to discuss community health worker roles, align program design, collaborate w/community partners	Weekly
PICHC State Call	Monthly meeting for PICHC programs in NYS	Monthly
LATCH: Lactation Alliance for Tompkins County Health	Monthly meeting of community partners/stakeholders. Mission: To protect, promote, & support breastfeeding/ chestfeeding in Tompkins County, and to protect, promote, & support the rights of families to achieve their infant feeding goals.	Monthly
Health Planning Council	Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Hillson reappointed as Secretary and Co-Chair of Community Health and Access Cte.	Bi-monthly
Community Health and Access Committee	Sub-committee of the HPC. Focus on telehealth, maternal health, etc.	Quarterly

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN)

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *See following pages.*

**Children with Special Care Needs Division
Statistical Highlights 2026
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

Number of Program Referrals	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
Initial Concern/reason for referral:															
-- DSS Founded Case	0	0	0	1	1	0	0						2	0	1
-- Gestational Age	0	0	1	1	1	0	0						3	3	4
-- Gestational Age/Gross Motor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	1
-- Global Delays	0	0	0	0	0	1	1						2	2	1
-- Hearing	0	0	0	0	2	0	0						2	1	4
-- Physical	0	0	3	0	0	0	0						3	0	0
-- Feeding	0	0	0	2	0	0	1						3	6	10
-- Feeding & Gross Motor	1	0	1	0	0	0	0						2	10	5
-- Feeding & Social Emotional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	0
-- Gross Motor	5	5	5	5	6	3	0						29	41	32
--Gross Motor & Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	
--Gross Motor, Feeding & Social/Emotional	1	0	1	0	0	0	0						2	1	
-- Gross Motor & Fine Motor	1	0	1	0	0	1	0						3	5	1
-- Gross Motor, Speech & Social Emotional	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1	3	5
Gross Motor, Speech& Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	4
Gross Motor, Speech& Feeding	0	0	1	0	0	0	0								
--Fine Motor & Feeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	
-- Fine Motor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1						1	0	1
-- Social Emotional	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						1	0	3
-- Social Emotional & Gross Motor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0						2	2	0
-- Speech	9	9	8	8	4	8	4						50	115	102
-- Speech & Cognitive	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1	0	1
-- Speech & Feeding	0	0	0	2	0	1	0						3	3	3
-- Speech & Fine Motor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	2	1
-- Speech & Gross Motor	0	0	1	2	1	2	0						6	3	6
-- Speech & Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	3	3
-- Speech & Sensory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1	4	2
-- Speech & Social Emotional	0	0	1	1	0	0	1						3	3	6
-- Speech, Feeding & Gross Motor	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1	1	0
-- Speech, Fine Motor, Social/Emotional, Other	0	1	1	1	0	0	0						3	6	3
-- Adaptive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
-- Adaptive/Sensory	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1	0	0
-- Adaptive/Fine Motor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
-- Qualifying Congenital / Medical Diagnosis	0	1	2	0	0	0	5						8	2	0
-- Other -- Birth Trauma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	3
-- Overall Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	1						1	2	4
-- Sensory, Safety, Motor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	1
-- Child in Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	2
-- Maternal Drug Use	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						1	4	1
Total # of CYSHCN Referrals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	10	10
Total # of Information and Referrals (I&R)	0	5	1	0	6	4	3						19	63	74
Total # of Child Find Referrals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1	3	3
Total Number of CSCN ProgramReferrals	21	23	29	25	21	20	17	0	0	0	0	0	156	303	297

Caseloads															
Total # of clients worked with during this month	161	172	188	197	198	190	186								
Average # of Cases per Full Time Service Coordinator	26.83	28.67	31.33	32.8	33.0	31.2	31.0								

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Billable Expenses/Visits	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
-- Intake visits	20	15	32	22	18	9	14							222	175
-- IFSP Meetings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							1	2
-- Initial IFSP	1	0	1	1	1	3	2							16	22
-- Core Evaluations	4	4	5	8	5	5	6							62	83
-- Core Evaluations with IFSP	7	8	5	11	6	9	6							110	88
-- Supplemental Evaluations	2	2	4	2	5	2	2							40	33
-- Supplemental Evaluations with Amendment	2	4	5	2	2	2	1							32	16
-- Observation Visits	32	44	43	58	51	50	49							388	321
-- IFSP Change Visit	3	6	6	5	4	6	5							53	19
-- IFSP Review Visit	22	10	17	20	21	16	16							204	186
-- CPSE meetings	4	4	7	4	4	8	1							55	64
-- SC Discuss	30	34	24	29	37	25	23							518	263
-- SC Visits	5	8	16	13	16	12	8							137	131
--No Show	0	0	1	1	0	0	0							12	
-- Family Training/Team Meetings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							1	0
-- Phone Call	213	282	246	290	314	273	211							2415	1814
-- OSC-Transfer Chart to OSC	4	3	7	5	5	11	17							83	68
-- Transition meetings	4	16	12	4	2	0	3							69	44
-- Home Visit for Signature	4	1	3	0	2	1	0							17	14
Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed															
Children with Services Pending(Needs List)															
-- Feeding	6	6	6	7	7	6	7						45	75	84
-- Nutrition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
-- Occupational Therapy	9	10	10	17	15	19	16						96	135	136
-- Physical Therapy	25	28	27	28	32	18	16						174	169	96
-- Social Work	2	2	2	2	2	0	0						10	39	48
-- Special Education	15	25	25	21	20	19	21						146	175	263
-- Speech Therapy	35	36	38	39	33	35	27						243	569	560

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Discharges	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
-- To CPSE	5	0	1	0	3	2	3						14	69	59
-- Aged out	0	1	0	3	0	4	0						8	14	14
-- Skilled out	0	1	2	3	4	1	3						14	14	22
-- Moved	0	1	0	0	0	3	0						4	13	9
-- Not Eligible/DNQ	9	3	5	1	6	3	6						33	68	62
-- Family Refused/Unable to Locate	4	3	2	4	5	3	8						29	40	26
--Child Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
Total Number of Discharges	18	9	10	11	18	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	102	218	192
Child Find															
Total # of Referrals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1	2	4
Total # of Children in Child Find	0	0	1	1	1	0	0						3	7	6
Total # Transferred to Early Intervention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	3
Total # of Discharges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	3	5

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clients Qualified and Receiving Services	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
Children per School District															
-- Ithaca	125	133	136	146	151	153	113								
-- Dryden	36	37	41	43	42	43	26								
-- Newfield	21	23	24	24	26	25	17								
-- Groton	33	32	35	36	36	36	17								
-- Moravia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Lansing	23	24	31	31	30	32	28								
-- Trumansburg	11	11	13	14	15	15	7								
-- Cortland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Homer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Odessa-Montour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Candor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Newark Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Total # of Qualified and Receiving Services	249	260	280	294	300	304	208	0	0	0	0	0			

Services Provided	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026	2025	2024
Services /Authorized by Discipline															
-- Speech Therapy (individual)	139	141	160	165	173	173	96						1047	1640	
-- Speech Therapy (group)	12	12	20	22	27	28	0						121	119	
-- Occupational Therapy (individual)	69	70	74	81	83	86	57						520	760	
-- Occupational Therapy (group)	3	3	3	3	3	3	1						19	4	
-- Physical Therapy (individual)	41	40	45	48	46	48	29						297	384	
-- Physical Therapy (group)	0	1	2	2	2	2	0						9	14	
-- Transportation	65	66	66	67	67	67	46						444	807	
-- Birnie Bus	13	14	14	13	13	13	10						90	224	
-- Dryden Central School District	7	7	7	7	7	7	0						42	74	
-- Ithaca City School District	36	36	36	37	37	37	28						247	432	
-- Parent	9	9	9	10	10	10	8						65	77	
-- Counseling	28	27	31	33	32	32	17						200	275	
-- Parent Counseling	13	11	12	13	13	13	2						77	174	
-- Service Coordination	20	20	20	21	21	22	9						133	212	
-- Assistive Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	
-- Special Ed Itinerate Teacher (SEIT)	37	43	44	46	45	47	32						294	431	
-- 1:1 Tuition Aide (CB)	10	10	11	12	11	11	9						74	99	
-- Audiological Services	2	2	2	2	2	2	1						13	20	
-- Nutrition (OTHER)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	
-- Teacher of the Deaf	0	2	2	2	2	2	1						11	19	
-- 1:1 Aide	2	3	4	4	4	4	2						23	39	
-- 1:1 Teacher Assistant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	
-- Music Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	
-- Skilled Nursing	1	1	1	1	0	1	0						5	3	
-- Teacher of Visually Impaired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	
Total # of children rcvg. home based related svcs.	180	189	208	221	227	231	147	0	0	0	0	0	1403		

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Number of Children Served Per School District Attending Tuition Based Programs	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026		
-- Ithaca	39	39	39	40	40	40	40								
-- Dryden	11	11	11	11	11	11	2								
-- Newfield	8	9	10	10	10	10	8								
-- Lansing	4	5	5	5	5	5	4								
-- Moravia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
--Groton	6	6	6	6	6	6	6								
-- Cortland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
--Newark Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Trumansburg	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
-- Homer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Odessa Montour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Spencer -Van Etten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
--Candor															

-- # attending Franziska Racker Centers	32	33	33	33	34	34	31								
-- # attending Ithaca City School District	29	29	29	30	29	29	30								
-- # attending Dryden Central School	7	7	7	7	7	7	0								
-- # attending Newfield Central School District	1	2	3	3	3	3	0								
Total # attending Special Ed Integrated Tuition Progr.	69	71	72	73	73	73	61	0	0	0	0	0	492		

Municipal Representation Committee on Preschool Special Education	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
-- Ithaca	6	1	3	3	6	2	0						21	200	243
-- Candor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1	3
-- Dryden	0	1	0	1	4	1	0						7	35	57
-- Groton	1	2	0	3	3	0	0						9	40	44
-- Homer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
-- Lansing	0	3	0	0	3	0	0						6	20	30
-- Newfield	0	1	1	0	2	0	0						4	14	26
-- Trumansburg	0	1	0	0	1	1	0						3	14	16
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	1
-- Moravia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0
Total CPSE Meetings Attended	7	9	4	7	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	324	420

Environmental Health

Division of Environmental Health Summary of Activity (2026)														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2025 Totals
FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM - Restaurants & Other Food Service														
Permitted Operations (550 Permitted Operations*)														
Inspections**	57	81	74	57	91	84	128						572	897
Critical Violations	17	17	24	9	19	14	32						132	166
Other Violations	43	55	39	17	28	45	40						267	404
Plans Approved	2	0	1	0	1	1	4						9	12
Complaints Received	5	2	5	0	8	0	2						22	51
Temporary FSE (140 Estimated Operations*)														
Permits Issued	0	0	5	6	22	22	22						77	141
Inspections**	0	0	2	0	13	12	20						47	76
Critical Violations	0	4	0	0	6	3	2						15	10
Other Violations	0	1	0	0	1	2	1						5	8
MOBILE HOME PARKS (39 Permitted Operations, 2019 Lots*)														
Inspections**	0	0	0	7	4	4	1						16	30
Critical Violations	0	0	0	0	2	1	0						3	11
Other Violations	0	0	0	5	19	2	12						38	100
Complaints Received	0	7	1	1	0	1	0						10	12
TEMPORARY RESIDENCES - Hotels & Motels (34 Permitted Operations, 2411 Rooms*)														
Inspections**	0	1	1	0	1	6	5						14	49
Critical Violations	0	0	1	3	0	2	1						7	35
Other Violations	0	0	1	4	0	0	0						5	35
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1	4
MASS GATHERING (Fingerlakes GrassRoots Festival)														
Inspections**	0	0	0	0	1	0	13						14	5
Critical Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1
Other Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	34
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
MIGRANT FARM WORKER HOUSING (2 Operation)														
Inspections**	1	0	0	0	0	0	2						3	2
Critical Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Other Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Complaint Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
CAMPGROUNDS & AGRICULTURAL FAIRGROUNDS (10 Operations, 645 Sites*)														
Inspections**	0	0	0	4	4	6	10						24	23
Critical Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	6
Other Violations	0	0	0	0	0	4	1						5	12
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
CHILDREN'S CAMPS (27 Operations)														
Inspections**	0	0	0	0	0	18	22						40	48
Critical Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	2						2	2
Other Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1						1	2
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
SWIMMING POOLS & BATHING BEACHES - (51 Operations*)														
Inspections**	2	7	7	2	7	19	13						57	85
Critical Violations	1	1	0	0	0	0	4						6	10
Other Violations	5	6	2	0	0	2	6						21	36
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS (PWS) 88 Community PWS, 62 Other PWS*)														
Inspections**	5	4	20	9	19	18	12						87	133
Boil Water Orders Issued	3	1	2	3	1	2	3						15	27
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	4

Division of Environmental Health Summary of Activity (2026)														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2025 Totals
ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS)														
Permits Issued	3	2	9	21	22	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	82	223
New Construction/Conversions	2	1	5	14	12	9	4						47	114
Replacements	1	1	4	7	10	6	6						35	109
Completion Certificates Issued	6	7	9	7	6	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	59	171
New Construction/Conversions	2	3	7	3	2	5	7						29	74
Replacements	4	4	2	4	4	5	7						30	97
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS														
Really Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	1
OWTS	1	3	3	3	2	1	1						14	30
Collector Sewer	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						1	1
Public Water Systems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	3
Water Main Extension	0	0	0	1	0	1	0						2	4
Cross-Connection Control Devices	0	2	1	0	0	0	0						3	9
Other Water System Modification	0	1	2	0	0	0	0						3	3
Other Engineering Reviews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	3
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM														
Potential Human Exposure Investigations	36	37	34	41	49	138	88						423	642
Human Post-X Treatments	13	12	9	8	8	56	28						134	184
Animal Specimens Tested	10	8	6	2	8	32	25						91	151
Animals Testing Positive	0	0	0	0	0	5	1						6	15
Pet Quarantine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1	0
Rabies Clinics Offered	1	1	0	0	1	0	0						3	4
Dogs Vaccinated	73	50	0	0	63	0	0						186	301
Cats Vaccinated	75	29	0	0	48	0	0						152	242
Ferrets Vaccinated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM														
# of Active Cases	20	20	22	24	25	26	27						27	20
# of Home Assessments Performed	0	0	2	1	1	1	1						6	8
# of Homes Identified w/ Lead-based Paint	0	0	1	0	1	1	1						4	6
# of Cases Identified w/ Non Lead-based Paint	0	0	1	1	0	0	0						2	2
# of Cases Identified due to Workplace Exposure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
# of Notice of Demands Issued	0	0	1	0	0	2	1						4	5
FOIL REQUESTS														
Total Received	6	9	3	9	9	13	11						60	90
ADOLESCENT TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACT (ATUPA) (56 Operations *) & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (CIAA)														
ATUPA (Adult & Minor) Compliance Checks	3	31	8	32	22	0	2						98	144
Total Violations	11	5	6	2	2	0	2						28	4
CIAA Complaints	0	1	0	0	0	0	1						2	4
COMPLAINTS - General/Nuisance														
Complaint Investigations Opened	1	5	1	0	9	5	2						23	36
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS														
Total Cases	8	3	6	4	0	9	3						33	23
Cases Related to FSE	3	2	5	0	0	3	2						15	9
BOH Penalties Assessed	\$5,100	\$600	\$1,900	\$41,900	\$0	\$34,700	\$24,150						\$108,350	\$28,150
BOH Penalties Collected	\$0	\$1,300	\$600	\$1,200	\$42,300	\$0	\$1,000						\$46,400	\$29,750
CUSTOMER SERVICE/SUPPORT														
Calls Received	337	339	500	502	581	693	632						3584	6707
Walk-In Customers	23	63	39	35	78	82	52						372	716
TCEH Emails Received	360	296	218	302	364	451	410						2401	5146
Applications Processed	28	87	152	210	240	163	138						1018	1685
Payment Receipts Processed	16	65	151	136	169	184	87						808	1306
Renewals/Billings/Info Requests Sent	151	83	212	183	78	76	142						925	1206

* As of 1/1/2025

** Includes Pre-op, Inspection, Re-inspection, HAACP, Sanitary Surveys (Doesn't include Co-Inspector/Field Visits)