



Meeting Agenda

TCBOH Meeting March 26, 2024

12:00	I.	Call To Order	Dr. Christina Moylan, Board President
12:01	II.	Privilege Of The Floor	Anyone may address the Board. 3 minutes per person.
12:04	III.	Approval Of Minutes	Board Members
12:06	IV.	Financial Summary	Jeremy Porter, Fiscal Administrator
12:09	V.	Medical Director's Report	Dr. William Klepack, Medical Director
12:12	VI.	Commissioners Shared Report	Frank Kruppa, Whole Health Commissioner
12:15	VII.	Division Highlights Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Health (Rachel Buckwalter)• Health Promotion Program (Samantha Hillson)• Children with Special Care Needs (Jessica Clark Manderville)• Environmental Health (Elizabeth Cameron)

12:30 VIII. [New Business](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (EH) (10 MINS.)

Enforcement Actions:

1. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0027 - Pizza & Bones, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)
2. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0001 - Argos Inn, Violations of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Temporary Residence) (5 mins.)

12:40 IX. Adjournment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tompkins County Board of Health
January 23, 2024
12:00 Noon
Rice Conference Room and via Zoom

Present: Christina Moylan, Ph.D., President; Melissa Dhundale, MD, Vice-President; Edward Koppel, MD; Shawna Black; Susan Merkel; and Samara Touchton.

Staff: Frank Kruppa, Commissioner; Elizabeth Cameron, Director of Environmental Health; Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Deputy Public Health Director; Rachel Buckwalter, Director of Community Health; Dr. Klepack, Medical Director; Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion Program; Jessica Clark Mandeville, Director of Children with Special Care Needs; and Karan Palazzo, LGU Administrative Assistant.

Excused: Andreia de Lima, MD; and Ravinder Kingra

Guests: None

Call to Order: Dr. Moylan called the regular meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) to order at noon.

Jessica Clarke Manderville, the new Director of Children with Special Care Needs, introduced herself to the Board. She previously worked with Ms. Buckwalter in the Division for Community Health as a Senior Community Health Nurse.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of December 5, 2023, Minutes: Dr. Dhundale moved to approve the December 5, 2023, minutes; second by Ms. Touchton. The vote to approve the December 5, 2023, meeting minutes as written was unanimously approved; the motion carried.

Financial Summary: Mr. Kruppa said that Ms. Brenda Grinnell Crosby has transitioned into the role of Deputy Public Health Director. Fiscal Administrator, Jeremy Porter, will now provide the financial summary reports. Mr. Porter returned from a medical leave today and will be present at future meetings. He said that the staff is currently working to close the books for the 2023 fiscal year and is not aware of any major concerns.

Medical Director's Report and Discussion: Dr. Klepack referred to his report included in the packet with a note to significant changes in Anaplasmosis and Lyme disease from ticks in the region. Syphilis numbers decreased and were much better than in previous years. COVID-19 hospitalizations also decreased. Influenza is consistent in its fluctuation. It is Radon Awareness Week and free radon kits are available on the county website [Radon | Tompkins County NY](#) and the NYS webpage [Radon \(ny.gov\)](#). Testing is recommended.

Ms. Hillson added that a press release is going out about Radon Awareness Week and there will be information on where to find free radon kits. They can also be purchased from local hardware stores.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa said that the strategic planning process is well underway and is launching a staff input survey. The BOH members will also receive a survey to provide their feedback. The Winter All-Staff Meeting will be held on January 31, 2024, at the Mental Health Building.

The New York State Budget Hearing on Health is today. There is a proposed 5% rate increase for Early Intervention (EI) services with an additional 4% for rural and underserved areas. It was not clear if it would apply to Tompkins County. The proposed cuts may include \$50,000 from our rabies program. Some other

EI services may not be funded but all cuts will have minimal impact on the current services. There were discussions of workforce shortages across the State. They will continue to monitor the State Budget process and provide updates to the Board.

Division for Community Health (DCH) Report: Ms. Buckwalter had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. There are two open positions for senior community health nurses that have been posted on the website.

Health Promotion Program Report: Ms. Hillson had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. She said that this is Radon Awareness Week.

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN) Report: Jessica Clarke Manderville, the new Director of Children with Special Care Needs, is being trained by former Director, Deb Thomas, for a short time. She expects to have a report available at the next meeting.

Environmental Health Report: Ms. Cameron reported that they are investigating an incident where people became ill at a private pool party held at the Holiday Inn in December. The investigation includes EH and NYSDOH.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Actions – Election of BOH President and Vice President

Mr. Kruppa opened the floor for nominations for the elections for president of the BOH. There were no other nominations from the floor. Dr. Christina Moylan was nominated as the President of the Board of Health for 2024. All were in favor, and it was unanimous.

Mr. Kruppa opened the floor for nominations for the elections for vice president of the BOH. Dr. Dhundale moved to nominate Dr. Dhundale as Vice President of the Board of Health, seconded by Ms. Black. Dr. Dhundale was nominated as Vice President of the Board of Health for 2024. All were in favor, and it was unanimous.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Enforcement Actions:

Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0014 Revision 2 – Cayuga Nature Center, Violations of Subpart 7-2 of New York State Sanitary Code (Children's Camp) – Ms. Touchton moved to accept the motion as written; seconded by Ms. Merkel.

Ms. Cameron explained that this was a violation of previous BOH orders. Cayuga Nature Center is not currently in operation and is experiencing financial difficulties. This order removes the previous deadlines before making changes to their water system and requires them to make changes 60 days before operation. They are working with a water supply contractor to correct the problem before opening in the summer.

All were in favor; the vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

Resolution #ENF-23-0026 - Holiday Inn Express Pool, Violations of Board of Health Orders and Subpart 6-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Swimming Pool) – Ms. Merkel moved to accept the motion to as written; seconded by Ms. Touchton.

Ms. Cameron explained that this was a violation of previous BOH orders. An inspection in October 2023 found the pool was in operation when it should have closed, hence, violating the code. EH expanded the order and added requirements for designated staff to take the pool operations course as well as to be on-site. They have submitted monthly operating reports, and a designated person is currently taking the pool operation course.

Discussion: Ms. Cameron clarified that the pool is currently open, a clean inspection in January and Holiday Inn Express contracted a person trained in the pool operation to come bi-weekly.

All were in favor; the vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

Executive Session: At 12:25 pm. Dr. Dhundale moved to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Dr. Koppel; the motion carried unanimously.

Out of Executive Session and Adjournment: At 1:05 pm Ms. Merkel moved to adjourn the Executive Session, and Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Koppel; the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 @ Noon.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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See following page

Tompkins County Financial Report for Public Health

Year: 24

Month: 1

Percentage of Year:		8.33%			Expenditures			Revenues			Local Share		
		Budget	Paid YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%			
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,429,477	104,015	4.28%	700,176	0		1,729,301	104,015	6.01%			
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	584,417	18,605	3.18%	584,417	3,230	0.55%	0	15,375				
4015	VITAL RECORDS	86,719	3,497	4.03%	115,000	9,515	8.27%	-28,281	-6,018	21.28%			
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,953,568	53,774	2.75%	574,003	5,520	0.96%	1,379,565	48,253	3.50%			
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	196,787	6,995	3.55%	191,525	0		5,262	6,995	132.93%			
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	2,052,743	51,628	2.52%	822,852	0		1,229,891	51,628	4.20%			
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2,204,379	79,831	3.62%	603,064	15,489	2.57%	1,601,315	64,342	4.02%			
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	0	0		0	0		0	0				
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID				2,092,706	0		-2,092,706	0				
Non-Mandate		9,508,090	318,343	3.35%	5,683,743	33,754	0.59%	3,824,347	284,589	7.44%			
2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,442,000	0		3,450,000	0		1,992,000	0				
4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	375,865	1,500	0.40%	0	0		375,865	1,500	0.40%			
4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	503,000	33,982	6.76%	130,000	0		373,000	33,982	9.11%			
Mandate		6,320,865	35,482	0.56%	3,580,000	0	0.00%	2,740,865	35,482	1.29%			
Total Public Health		15,828,955	353,825	2.24%	9,263,743	33,754	0.36%	6,565,212	320,072	4.88%			

BALANCES (Including Encumbrances)

Non Mandate		Available	Revenues	Mandate		Available	Revenues
		Budget	Needed			Budget	Needed
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,325,462	700,176	2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,442,000	3,450,000
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	544,309	581,188	4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	374,365	0
4015	VITAL RECORDS	83,222	105,485	4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	469,018	130,000
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,899,794	568,483			6,285,383	3,580,000
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	189,792	191,525				
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	2,001,115	822,852				
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2,124,548	587,575				
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	0	0				
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID	0	2,092,706				
		9,168,243	5,649,989				

Total Public Health Balances
Available Budget Revenues Needed
15,453,626 **9,229,989**

Note: This shows expenses and revenues for January. Close out of 2023 is in process. Final claims for 2023 are being generated currently.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

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Practitioner Bulletins

While the schedule of these bulletins remains rather fluid, they have settled into a once to twice-a-month pattern. The most recent bulletin was 02/12/24. For updates on a variety of topics of current importance, I draw the Board's attention to them.

Trends in influenza and Covid

INFLUENZA

Fluctuation without significant decline – remains widespread. Influenza type B's progressive increase is a predictable occurrence as the season advances. See the trend graph and summary in the [appendix](#).

COVID

You may have seen the news about the CDC possibly dropping their isolation guidelines for COVID to make it match what is said for flu and RSV. For now, these are just news reports about what the CDC plans to do, but the CDC hasn't done anything yet. (At least as of when I'm typing this.)

The **COVID variant** page has a new addition—variants that are detected in wastewater. You can now see the predominant strain circulating in wastewater by the sewer shed. You can see some breakdowns if you hover your cursor over the sewer shed. <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/wastewater-variant-data>

The Cayuga Heights treatment plant is the one reporting variant data in our county. It shows JN1 as the predominant type. The rise in the JN1 family of variants can be seen in the Lineage Breakdown chart in the [appendix](#).

The variants being detected are still manifesting the same clinical characteristics as the ones over the last six months and testing modalities remain valid.

Communicable Disease Report

YTD

Note that in the YTD reports we receive that that metric only applies to the current year. The data for previous years is not year-to-date in the sense of being numbers up through the last complete month but, rather, are numbers for the entire calendar year.

In contrast, the Monthly CD report does report cases arising only in that month in previous years. [see [appendix in CHS](#) report for the chart]

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has only recently become a reportable disease in NYS. As such the data is still going through refinement. You will note in the state communicable disease charts that 2021-22 show no cases. The RSV line is posted in the [appendix](#). This is only because it was not reportable. Beginning in Dec reports started to be collected. RSV “season” is expected to wind down in March.

No other categories of disease seem to need comment as the trends are similar to those reported in my recent Board reports.

Regarding *tick borne disease* we see that Lyme remains a problem in these warm winter months with cases arising in our population either from travel to other areas or from exposure in our region. This is an example of climate change promoting disease. I’ve put the relevant lines of the CD chart in the [appendix](#).

MEASLES RECENT CASES IN NYS

One case in a child under 5 who traveled to two Arabic Middle Eastern countries. The child was not vaccinated. Otherwise, in 2024 NYC has had 3 cases since the end of 2023. (all travel-related). Of the 3 one, they had had one documented dose which was done outside of the US. The others were unvaccinated. Regional residents of ours who are inadequately vaccinated are urged to get their measles vaccination.

MPOX

NYC is seeing an increase in cases = 25-30 cases each month since late fall. Practitioners are urged to have a low suspicion for testing. Hopefully, MPOX doesn't migrate north. To date, we have only had 5 cases diagnosed in the rest of NYS.

TOXOPLASMOSIS

Multiple persons downstate became ill after going to a “game dinner”. Approximately 150-250 people each night over a couple of nights at a private event ate venison which was served undercooked or even raw (by interviews with attendees). Flu-like symptoms were common. White-tailed deer are a common source of toxoplasmosis (a parasite) and the most common route of exposure is consumption of undercooked meat. Typically, exposures lead to about 10% of persons being symptomatic. 1 pregnant and 3 immunocompromised people are known to be infected at this time. Infected fetuses can have significant damage. Immunocompromised people are at risk of uncontrolled infection.

From the CDC: “Toxoplasmosis is considered to be a leading cause of death attributed to foodborne illness in the United States. More than 40 million men, women, and children in the U.S. carry the *Toxoplasma* parasite, but very few have symptoms because the immune system usually keeps the parasite from causing illness. However, women newly infected with *Toxoplasma* during or shortly before pregnancy and anyone with a compromised immune system should be aware that toxoplasmosis can have severe consequences.

Toxoplasmosis is considered one of the [neglected parasitic infections of the United States](#), a group of five parasitic diseases that have been targeted by CDC for public health action.”

Harm Reduction

OVERDOSE PREVENTION CENTERS

In the past month, I have been in conversation with Frank Kruppa, John Barry of STAP, Dr Justine Waldman of Reach Medical, and Toni Smith of the Drug Policy Alliance. Many harm reduction initiatives have been accomplished, some are in progress, and (regarding Opioid Prevention Centers) some are not at a point of being able to be employed. One issue that remains clear is that our community could benefit from further discussion regarding harm reduction. Specifically, information is needed to dispel misconceptions about it. Accordingly, I will plan on doing several presentations on the topic in the coming year to interested community groups. The first of these will be a presentation at Lifelong as part of their ongoing lecture series. The date is April 9th at 10 am.

WHCU TOPICS PRESENTED –

Wednesdays at 7:40 AM ([interviews archived here](#))

- *Overdose Prevention Centers* including data from NYC’s two such Centers run by OnPoint
- *Radon* – what it is and how to mitigate it
- *Women, infants, and Children’s Nutrition Supplemental Program (WIC)* celebrating its 50th – anniversary (and its 44th year in Tompkins County)
- *Community Health Workers* – what they do and how you may benefit from their work – a Whole Health program
- *Diabetes* – its prevalence in our region, prediabetes, and its implications. How to know your risk and what to do about it.

Oral Health in Tompkins County

Due to the excellent work of Sagarika Vemprala, BDS, MPH, Communicable Disease & Dental Public Health Graduate Fellow, and the able support of Rachel Buckwalter, RN, BSN, Director of Community Health, we have begun a survey of children in Tompkins County regarding the state of their oral health. The survey is distributed through the school districts of the county, and we greatly appreciate their interest and help in this. The data from the survey will provide a current indication of needs and from it appropriate strategies should be suggested. Check out the promotional poster in the [CHS appendix](#).

Current concerns summarized

Although my bulletin provides extensive information, I believe it is helpful to underscore in this public document a few points.

- **Measles** the current global increase in measles cases and the occurrence of some in some states of the U.S. underscores the importance of measles vaccination. Levels of about 95% are necessary to control the spread of measles in a population. In some regions of our state and of

our county this level of vaccination is not being achieved. We/I recommend every eligible child and adult know their vaccination status and ensure they are adequately vaccinated.

- **Radon** The prevalence of radon in homes and businesses is so high in our region that every building should be tested (the only way to know if this cancer-causing, colorless, and odorless gas is present in your indoor air). Such kits are available for purchase at hardware stores, for free through our [Healthy Neighborhoods Program](#), and by going to health.ny.gov/environmental/radon/. Go to our [Whole Health radon web page](#) for more information.

COMMISSIONER SHARED REPORT

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Whole Health Highlights

- We have completed the overhaul of our Strategic Plan – thank you to any Board members who submitted the feedback opportunity last month and shared your thoughts to help us get this finalized. Our next step will be to dive into the content of the Key Result Areas once we have mobilized several new Cross-Functional teams.

Shared Topics Update

Strategic Planning/Merger

CULTURE:

Align the organization around our shared mission and values-based culture to create an empowered, engaged, and cohesive team.

- Whole Health staff got together for an “All-Staff training” (there are 6 of these sessions that have been scheduled throughout 2024) where staff spent the morning continuing discussion around important topics such as health equity and structural racism.
- The next round of our DEIB-focused Whole Health Book Club will kick off in April, with the group reading "How to Have Difficult Conversations about Race: Practical Tools for Necessary Change in the Workplace and Beyond" by Kwame Christian.

INTEGRATION:

Merge the department structures to become one organization and increase our ability to better serve our clients and community.

- Whole Health will be launching our internship program on 4/1. This is a project that has been in the works for several months with collaboration from local partners including Cornell, IC, and TC3. We’re excited to have an integrated and streamlined system for collecting and tracking all internship applications/experiences with Whole Health.
- Whole Health Leadership and Supervisors got together for another Supervisor Development Session recently, where we continued the conversation around Interviewing/Hiring practices at Whole Health.

DATA:

Review and establish effective data collection to measure programmatic, organizational and county progress towards achieving our priorities. Item

- We have published additional data regarding drug-related deaths (specifically unintentional fatal overdoses) on our [Opioids page](#) on our website. Several staff have been working hard to make this vision a reality, and we're excited to take this first step in educating and empowering ourselves and our community using data.

CSB Update

- No report this month.

[Commissioner Report Appendix](#)

DIVISION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Highlights

TUBERCULOSIS

- **PROVIDER EDUCATION:** CHS Director Rachel Buckwalter and CHN Caryl Silberman developed a “Lunch and Learn” presentation for Cornell Health providers regarding Tuberculosis. Infectious Disease specialist and TB medical director Dr. Eli Finkelsztejn presented the information during a Zoom meeting with Cornell Health providers on Feb 26th. The presentation covered TB epidemiology globally and in the US, how to screen for TB, signs and symptoms of active TB disease, and the public health role in managing TB cases.
- **DOT:** We have one TB patient who is progressing through treatment well. CHS nurses case manage this patient’s care and provide daily observed treatment via video call.

MOMS PLUS+ PROVIDER OUTREACH

- Representatives from WIC, PICHC and Moms PLUS+ met with Guthrie office staff at their Ithaca City Harbor location on February 5th to share about our maternal child health programs and how to make a referral. Midwifery care is now available to Guthrie patients at the Ithaca City Harbor Guthrie location on Mondays.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Summary of notable Communicable Disease investigations in February:
 - Campylobacter: 1 case, 21 yo healthy person with travel to Rwanda, no hospitalization, recovered
 - Haemophilus Influenzae: 1 case, 78 yo hospitalized with worsening symptoms, history of heart disease, deceased
 - Legionellosis: 1 case, 39yo hospitalized, multiple co-morbidities, works at downtown location, recovered
 - Salmonellosis: 3 cases
 - 1. 63yo, not hospitalized, prior +Salmonella 1 yr before and had not taken medication, history of Crohn’s disease.
 - 2. 74yo, hospitalized, stage 4 cancer, deceased.
 - 3. 3yo, not hospitalized, travel to Mexico
 - S. Paratyphi: 1 case, 18 yo student, traveled to Pakistan, was hospitalized and given 2 weeks IV antibiotics, now recovered.
 - Strep Group A invasive: 3 cases
 - 1. 58 yo, hospitalized, co-morbidities, recovered.

- 2. 5 yo, two ED visits and transfer to Upstate, recovered.
- 3. 74 yo, hospitalized, multiple co-morbidities, transferred to out of state hospital.
- Strep Pneumoniae, invasive: 1 case from a nursing home, 83 yrs old, hospitalized and has multiple co-morbidities, able to return to nursing home.

ORAL HEALTH

- Graduate public health fellow Sagarika Vemprala, CHS director Rachel Buckwalter and administrative assistant Deidre Gallow collaborated to distribute the Tompkins County Oral Health Survey to school districts within Tompkins County in the month of February. The survey was released to all Tompkins County public schools February 12th and then sent by school district representatives to parents of school-aged children via email (see attachment for the flyer parents received). So far we have received 396 responses to the survey. Survey results will be compiled and will help direct our efforts regarding promoting oral health in Tompkins County.

WIC

- Completed interviews to fill the WIC Clerk vacant position- Position was accepted. New staff member will start on March 18.
- Celebrate National Nutrition Month- Our WIC program's Registered Dieticians will be sharing helpful tips to promote nutrition wellness for the whole family. Be sure to visit Tompkins County WIC Facebook page.

Program Updates

SAFECARE PROGRAM

- One family is currently enrolled and progressing through the SafeCare program.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- 9 adults and 9 children were immunized in our on-site Friday immunization clinic in February.
- Planning is underway for a mobile Covid vaccine clinic at Newfield Garden Apartments in early March. Several residents there expressed being unable to access vaccination elsewhere so requested this clinic.

MOMS PLUS+

- Nurses completed 50 home visits for the Moms PLUS+ program in the month of February. Current caseload is 49 patients enrolled in the program which is the highest active enrolled number since March of 2023.
- We received 54 referrals to the Moms PLUS+ program in the month of February.

RABIES

- Four people were authorized for post-exposure prophylaxis for rabies in the month of February and received rabies vaccines at CHS. Three people had exposure to a bat and one exposure was a dog bite that happened out of state.

LEAD

- There are 17 patients currently enrolled in the lead program. There were two discharges in the month of February.

HIV

- Four people were tested for HIV by CHN Rachel Fried at STAP in the month of February.

[CHS Appendix](#)

- WIC Caseload table
- Oral Health Survey flyer
- NYSDOH Communicable Disease Reports

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM

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Highlights

- Submitted Cornell Center for Health Equity pilot project proposal, Community Health Improvement through Partnerships to Advance Equity, to advance the work of the CHIP Steering Committee, provide stipends to the community, and support a Coordinator role.
- Submitted proposal for the Bronfenbrenner FUSE 2024 conference. The theme for the conference is “putting the public back into public health.”

STAFFING

- Vacancy for Community Health Worker, waiting on civil service exam results.

Program Updates

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

- Coordination with County Planning about grant for induction cooktops.
- Worked with a participant newly diagnosed with asthma to help her learn about triggers and how to avoid them in her home.
- Worked with a family of home-schooled children. HNP had the opportunity to teach about radon gas and promote HNP radon testing and other services.
- Worked with a translator to provide HNP services to a family who speaks Burmese, as English is not their first language.

TOBACCO FREE TOMPKINS COUNTY

- Coordinated with Ithaca and Dryden school districts to display anti-vaping campaign materials in middle and high schools.
- Working with community members in both Ithaca and Dryden to get campaign content posted in community settings youth frequent outside of school, including Southside Community Center, Ithaca Youth Bureau, and public libraries.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW) AND HIP TOMPKINS PROGRAMS

- “Compassion Corner” launched and the first meeting occurred on February 29. This meeting is meant for direct service providers in Tompkins County as a peer support model and professional development. This is a partnership between Human Services Coalition and TCWH Community Health Workers.

- Collaboration with consultant for Black Maternal Health Week. Planning for event and finalizing contract.

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

- Planning for Health Planning Council presentation on 3/11, to inform community members and staff of partner organizations about the community health improvement process, introduce the MAPP 2.0 framework, and spread awareness of opportunities for community and partner involvement, including the upcoming 3/22 community visioning event.
- Planning for Community Health and Access meeting on 3/22 to facilitate community visioning activity.
- Updates made to Steering Committee charter, drafting of a shared definition of health equity, brainstorming a name for the process, and editing of one-pager overview to support socializing the concept.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Attended statewide LHD Public Health Educators meeting, focused discussion on outreach and promotion efforts for various health topics.
- Established relationship with the Rural Health Institute/Cortland Area Communities that Care re: opioid overdose prevention data collection, outreach and education. Planning for coordination of efforts in Tompkins County similar to work conducted in Cortland County.
- Met with Family Liaison at Northeast Elementary School to share resources.
- Ongoing participation in the Engagement and Communication Working Group for the Social Care Hub with Human Services Coalition and Cayuga Health (bi-weekly meetings).
- Met with NYSDOH regional office about the Article 6 Performance Incentive – Active Communities Tool. Collaboration with Dryden Planning office to complete modules and action plan.

HPP Appendix

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

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CARE NEEDS

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Highlights

Staff Training:

- February 27th Director, Sr. Community Health Nurse, and ISC all attended a training to Syracuse for EI Hub.
- EI Hub is set to Launch on June 3rd and will replace NYEIS for all EI billing and records sharing impacting the county, agencies, and all the EI providers.
- There are currently web trainings available to all participants in the program, but it can be hard to navigate.

Program Updates

EARLY INTERVENTION

- Early Intervention Provider shortage continues and worsens with the EI Hub announcement. A few therapists have already stated that they will not be continuing with EI after the EI Hub is launched. Other counties are also seeing this trend.
- Budget to hire 2 Speech Therapist, 1 Special Instruction Teacher, 1 Physical Therapist, and .20 FTE shared Social Worker with Mental Health.
- Currently the postings were re-opened.
- There have been limited responses to the positions and it is currently under departmental discussion where to go from here.
- Early Intervention experiencing Wait lists for all specialties. Long wait list for Speech/Feeding (51), OT (15), PT (8), SI (23), SW (6)
- Referrals received
- February: 33
- March (so far): 11
- EI referrals received today are not able to have a core evaluation done until **June or July** of 2024 as there are only 4 core slots available each week. NYS had a 45-day timeline from date of referral to evaluation date. We are outside this indicator for every case.
- Currently serving 195 active/qualified children in Early Intervention. 6 Total Child Find Cases
- One position for a Community Health Nurse remains open.

PRESCHOOL

- No report this month.

CYSHCN

- No report this month.

CSCN Director Program work:

- No report this month.

[CSCN Appendix](#)

- Statistical highlights 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

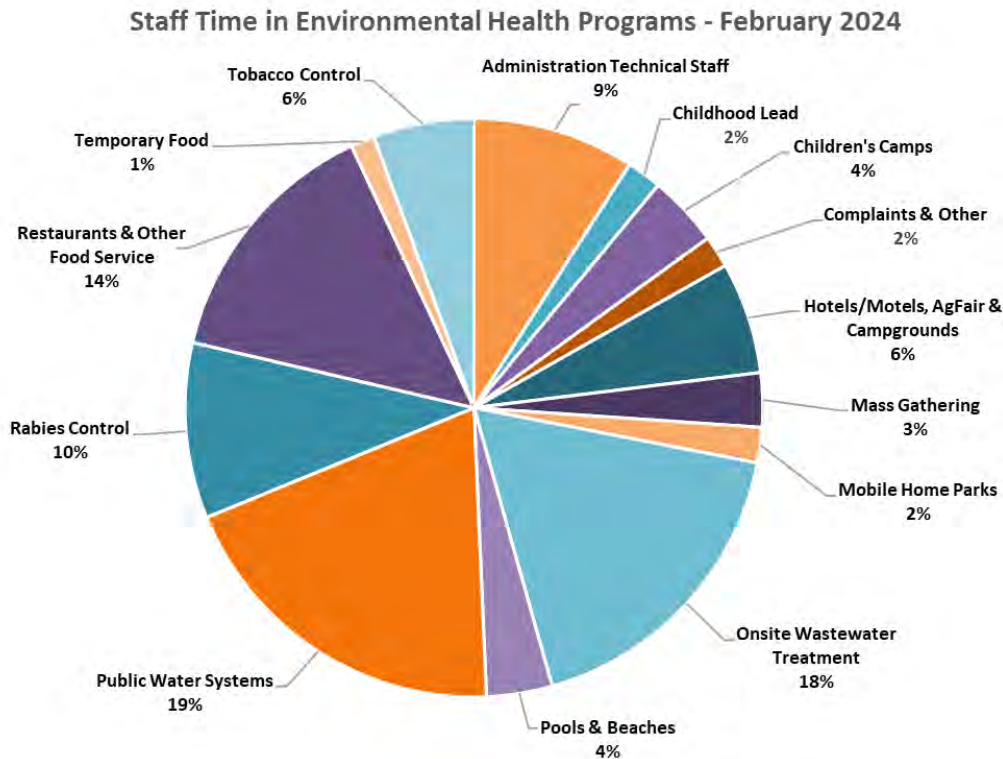
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Highlights

Chili Cookoff: On March 2, 2024 Environmental Health staff braved the rainy weather to conduct inspections at the annual Ithaca Downtown Chili Cookoff in the City of Ithaca. Staff conducting temporary food service inspections included Joan Pike, Tom Palmer, Kate Walker and Cameron Cowburn. Fifteen inspections were conducted over the course of the event, some violations were cited and corrections were made at the time of inspection.

NYSDOH Regional Office Visit: On February 23, 2024, Skip Parr and Tom Palmer received training from Garrett Cappon, NYSDOH Regional Office Field Coordinator, on the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS). SDWIS is a State (DOH) /Federal (EPA) database that tracks information about public water systems including sample results, violations, and other information related to public water systems. Skip and Tom spent the day covering SDWIS related topics such as entry of Tompkins County water systems' information, running quality reports and correcting errors, and data extraction. The training was very helpful in assisting EH to become more effective and efficient in meeting State/Federal monitoring and reporting requirements utilizing an old, clunky, and non-intuitive system.



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

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Program Updates

Food Program Detailed Report

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

- Cold Stone Creamery, C-Ithaca
- Fresh Marche, C-Ithaca
- Juicy's Shanty, Throughout Tompkins

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

- Le Cafe House, C-Ithaca
- Xi An Street Food, C-Ithaca

Boil Water Orders (BWOs)

NEW

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Little Creek MHP (2 sites only)	2/27/2024	Inadequate pressure	Restore adequate pressure & submit satisfactory samples	NOV Issued
Dollar General Freeville	3/11/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Restore adequate disinfection & submit satisfactory samples	NOV Issued
Willow Glen Christian School	3/12/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Submit satisfactory samples	Awaiting sample results

ONGOING

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Dollar General North Lansing	02/08/2022	Operating without TCEH approval	Awaiting system approval	BOH action taken
Cayuga Nature Center	06/24/2022	Inadequate disinfection	Awaiting system approval	BOH action taken

RELEASED

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Dollar General Dryden	2/28/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Restore adequate disinfection & submit satisfactory samples	BWO Released

Summary of Open BOH Enforcement Actions

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
1/24/23	Ayra Convenience	Ayra Convenience Inc.	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$5,750 (Paid \$4,250)	Payment of \$500 due 4/15/24	Payment Plan Offered
5/23/23	C&C/Chuck's	Chuck's Gas Mart, Inc.	ATUPA – Underage Sale of Tobacco Products	\$2,750	Awaiting Court Ruling	Awaiting Court Ruling
12/5/23	Applegate Park MHP	Joseph Giordano	Mobile Home Park – Violation of Board of Health Order	\$1725	Waived if requirements met	Monitoring Compliance
12/5/23	Lev Kitchen	Benjamin Plotke	Food Service Establishment – Repeat Critical Violations	\$400	Payment due 1/15/24	Awaiting Payment – Late notice sent
1/23/24	Holiday Inn Express Pool	Cassidy Fox	Swimming Pool – Violation of BOH Orders	\$800	Payment due 3/15/24	Monitoring Compliance

[EH Appendix](#)

- Summary of Activity

NEW BUSINESS:

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Actions

Environmental Health

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

1. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0027 - Pizza & Bones, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)
2. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0001 - Argos Inn, Violations of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Temporary Residence) (5 mins.)

Find Enforcement Action Reports following this page

[New Business Appendix](#)

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CERTIFIED, REGULAR, & ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 9, 2024

Timothy Todi
BJC Restaurants Inc.
133 Triphammer Terrace
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Re: Tompkins County Board of Health Draft Resolution # EH-ENF-23-0027
Pizza & Bones, V-Dryden**

Dear Timothy Todi:

Thank you for signing the Stipulation Agreement on January 15, 2024, for Pizza & Bones. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Resolution that the Tompkins County Board of Health will consider at its meeting on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**.

You or a representative has the right to speak to the Board for a few minutes prior to them taking action. If you wish to speak to the Board in person or via zoom, please contact Kristee Morgan or me at (607) 274-6688 at least one day before the meeting. If you plan to attend, please arrive by 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Sincerely,



C. Elizabeth Cameron, P.E.
Director of Environmental Health

Enclosures: Draft Resolution, Stipulation Agreement and Orders, Inspection Reports, and Case Summary

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ec: Tompkins County Board of Health (via; Karan Palazzo, TCWH); CEO V-Dryden; TC Legislature: Michael Lane; TCWH: Elizabeth Cameron, P.E., Director of Environmental Health; Frank Kruppa, Whole Health Commissioner; Brenda Crosby, Deputy Public Health Director; Kristee Morgan; Brenda Coyle, NYSDOH: Myrna Barney
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DRAFT RESOLUTION # ENF-23-0027

**Pizza & Bones
BJC Restaurants Inc./Owner, Timothy Todi/Operator
22 West Main St.
Dryden, NY 13053**

Whereas, the owner/operator of a Food Service Establishment must comply with the regulations established under Part 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, it is a critical violation of Part 14-1 of the NYSSC to fail to maintain potentially hazardous foods in cold holding except during necessary preparation; **and**

Whereas, on September 21, and December 5, 2023, the Environmental Health Division (EH) observed critical violations of Subpart 14-1 of the NYSSC where potentially hazardous foods were observed on a counter in the food preparation area at temperatures of 58°F and 85-90°F; **and**

Whereas, Timothy Todi, Operator, signed a Stipulation Agreement with Whole Health Commissioners Orders on January 15, 2024, agreeing that Pizza & Bones violated this provision of the New York State Sanitary Code; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That BJC Restaurants Inc., Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$200 for these violations, due by **April 15, 2024**. (**Do Not** submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Health Department.); **and**
2. Maintain temperatures of potentially hazardous foods below 45°F during cold holding; **and**
3. Maintain potentially hazardous foods under refrigeration except during necessary preparation; **and**
4. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Code for Food Service Establishments.

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STIPULATION AGREEMENT AND ORDERS # ENF-23-0027

Pizza & Bones
BJC Restaurants Inc./Owner, Timothy Todi/Operator
22 West Main St.
Dryden, NY 13053

I, Timothy Todi, as a representative for Pizza & Bones, agree that on September 21, and December 5, 2023, BJC Restaurants Inc. was in violation of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for failure to store potentially hazardous foods in cold holding.

I agree to pay a penalty not to exceed \$200 for these violations following adoption of a resolution by the Board of Health. *(Do not submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Health Department.)*

I also agree to comply with the following Orders when signed by the Tompkins County Whole Health Commissioner:

1. Maintain temperatures of potentially hazardous foods below 45°F during cold holding; **and**
2. Maintain potentially hazardous foods under refrigeration except during necessary preparation; **and**
3. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Code for Food Service Establishments.

I understand this agreement is offered as an alternative to a formal administrative hearing and that I am subject to further action if I fail to comply with the orders.

Signed: Timothy Todi Date: 1/15/2024

BJC Restaurants Inc. is hereby ordered to comply with these Orders of the Whole Health Commissioner.

Signed: Brenda Munnell Date: 1/16/2024
for Frank Kruppa
Whole Health Commissioner

Food Service Establishment Inspection Summary Report

Operation: PIZZA & BONES (ID: 894513)
Facility Name: PIZZA & BONES
Facility Code: 54-AF12 Facility Email: bjcrestaurants@gmail.com
Facility Address: 22 West Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053

To the Attention of:

Bernie Carpenter
BJC RESTAURANTS INC.
133 Triphammer Terrace
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: bjcrestaurants@gmail.com

Inspection

Date: September 21, 2023 12:51 PM
Inspector: Joan Pike (jpik@tom-pkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Justin Woods
Additional Email(s): kmorgan@tom-pkins-co.org

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 1
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 0

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

IMPROPER COOLING AND REFRIGERATED STORAGE OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS.

ITEM # 5C WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). CRITICAL VIOLATION

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Potentially hazardous foods are not stored under refrigeration except during necessary preparation or approved precooling procedures (room temperature storage).

Inspector Findings: Observed about 3 dozen par cooked chicken wings at 58°F on counter by the fryer. Operator indicated that they had been placed there 1 hour previously in anticipation of a lunch rush.

Corrective Action: container was moved to the walk in for rapid chilling.

Action: Potentially hazardous foods must be cold held at 45°F and below.

NO ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Comments: One Part I Critical Item Violations
No Part II Blue Item Violations

Re inspection required



Inspector: Joan Pike (jpik@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Justin Woods

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CASE SUMMARY – FOR RESOLUTION # EH-ENF-23-0027

Pizza & Bones
BJC Restaurants Inc./Owner, Timothy Todi/Operator
22 West Main St.
Dryden, NY 13053

January 2024

Date	Action
01/16/2024	Signed stipulation agreement received by Environmental Health.
12/05/2023	Re-inspection by TCEH. Violations: See attached report.
09/21/2023	Inspection by TCEH. Violations: See attached report.
04/01/2022	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations observed.
07/13/2021	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations observed.
12/11/2020	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations observed.
03/05/2019	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations observed.
01/22/2015	Permit to Operate Pizza & Bones issued by TCEH.

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CERTIFIED, REGULAR, & ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 14, 2024

Avi Smith
Re: Argos Inn
408 E. State St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Re: Tompkins County Board of Health Draft Resolution # EH-ENF-24-0001
Improper storage of flammables and volatile liquids
Argos Inn, C-Ithaca**

Dear Avi Smith:

Thank you for signing the Stipulation Agreement on February 7, 2024, for Argos Inn. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Resolution that the Tompkins County Board of Health will consider at its meeting on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**.

You or a representative has the right to speak to the Board for a few minutes prior to them taking action. If you wish to speak to the Board in person or via zoom, please contact Adriel Shea or me at (607) 274-6688 at least one day before the meeting. If you plan to attend, please arrive by 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Sincerely,



C. Elizabeth Cameron, P.E.
Director of Environmental Health

Enclosures: Draft Resolution, Stipulation Agreement and Orders, Inspection Reports, and Case Summary

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DRAFT RESOLUTION # EH-ENF-24-0001

**Argos Inn
Avi Smith, Owner
408 E. State St.
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Whereas, the owner operator of a Temporary Residence must comply with the regulations established under Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, during a routine inspection on October 26, 2023, Tompkins County Environmental Health observed a violation of Subpart 7-1 of the NYSSC for failing to adequately store flammable, volatile liquids or hazardous materials; **and**

Whereas, during reinspections on November 21, and December 5, 2023, Tompkins County Environmental Health observed repeat violations of Subpart 7-1 of the NYSSC for failing to adequately store flammable, volatile liquids or hazardous materials; **and**

Whereas, Avi Smith, Owner, signed a Stipulation Agreement with Whole Health Commissioners Orders on February 7, 2024, agreeing that on October 26, November 21, and December 5, 2023, Argos Inn was in violation of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for Temporary Residences for failing to adequately store flammable, volatile liquids or hazardous materials; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That Avi Smith, Owner/Operator, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$400 for these violations, due by **April 15, 2024**. (**Do Not** submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Environmental Health Division.); **and**
2. Verify that all flammable, volatile liquids and other hazardous material are adequately stored so as to not pose a hazard to facility occupants and/or the general public; **and**
3. **On or before February 15, 2024**, draft and submit an acceptable protocol for training all staff on the proper handling and storage of flammables, volatile liquids and hazardous materials, and for the verification and documentation that this training has been completed; **and**
4. Comply with all requirements of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Code for Temporary Residences.



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January 12, 2024

Avi Smith
Re: Argos Inn
408 E. State St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Re: Stipulation Agreement and Orders # EH-ENF-24-0001
Argos Inn Temporary Residence, C-Ithaca**

Dear Avi Smith:

On October 26, 2023, November 21, 2023, and December 5, 2023, Environmental Health inspected Argos Inn. During these inspections, Environmental Health staff observed critical violations of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for Temporary Residences where flammable, volatile liquids or hazardous materials were not adequately stored.

We have scheduled an office conference for **January 23, 2024, at 9:30 AM**, in the Environmental Health offices at 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY, during which we will discuss the enclosed Stipulation Agreement and Orders. This agreement is offered as an alternative to a formal administrative hearing.

If you choose to sign the agreement without discussion at the office conference, you may do so. The signed Stipulation Agreement must be received by this office prior to the date scheduled for the office conference.

Should you or a designated representative be unable to attend the office conference on the date indicated, please contact Adriel Shea at (607) 274-6688 as soon as possible to arrange a mutually agreeable earlier conference date.

Sincerely,

Brenda Crosby
for C. Elizabeth Cameron, P.E.
Director of Environmental Health

Enclosure (s) – Stipulation Agreement and Orders

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STIPULATION AGREEMENT AND ORDERS # ENF-24-0001

**Argos Inn
Avi Smith, Owner/Operator
408 E. State St., C-Ithaca
Ithaca, NY. 14850**

I, Avi Smith, as a representative for Argos Inn, agree that on October 26, November 21, and December 5, 2023, I was in violation of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for Temporary Residences for failing to adequately store flammable, volatile liquids or hazardous materials.

I agree to pay a penalty not to exceed \$400 for these violations following adoption of a resolution by the Tompkins County Board of Health. (**Do not** submit penalty payment until notified by Tompkins County Environmental Health.)

I also agree to comply with the following Orders when signed by the Tompkins County Whole Health Commissioner:

1. Verify that all flammable, volatile liquids and other hazardous material are adequately stored so as to not pose a hazard to facility occupants and/or the general public; **and**
2. **On or before February 15, 2024**, draft and submit an acceptable protocol for training all staff on the proper handling and storage of flammables, volatile liquids and hazardous materials, and for the verification and documentation that this training has been completed; **and**
3. Comply with all requirements of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Code for Temporary Residences

I understand this agreement is offered as an alternative to a formal administrative hearing and that I am subject to further action if I fail to comply with the orders.

Signed:  Date: 2/7/24

Avi Smith is hereby ordered to comply with these Orders of the Whole Health Commissioner.

Signed:  Date: 2/8/2024
Frank Kruppa
Public Health Director

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Temporary Residence Inspection Summary Report

Operation: ARGOS INN (ID: 851777)
Facility Name: ARGOS INN
Facility Code: 54-0928 Facility Email: argos@argosinn.com
Facility Address: 408 East State Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

To the Attention of:

Avi Smith
408 E State St
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: accounting@argosinn.com

Inspection

Date: October 26, 2023 12:20 PM
Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Sarah Gardell
Additional Email(s): christina@argosinn.com; kmorgan@tompkins-co.org

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 2
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 1

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM #11 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Required exit/ smoke barrier doors, emergency lights, exit signs maintained {7-1.4b(11)}

Inspector Findings: Observed emergency exit sign outside of third floor rooms to be not illuminated at time of inspection. Repair/replace unit to ensure illumination and proper function in an emergency situation.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM #12 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Adequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials {7-1.4b(12)}

Inspector Findings: Observed numerous flammable/combustible items in basement workspace. Approximately 30 cans of spray paint, a quart container of acetone and several other highly flammable varnishes present in area. All flammable materials must be stored in a flammables locker or in a building separate from guest areas.

Due to significant health and safety hazard posed by this violation, this item requires immediate correction.

FIRE SAFETY

ITEM #27 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Exit signs/emergency lighting readily visible, operational, safe path of travel identified {7-1.8(d)}

Inspector Findings: Observed two emergency exit signs that failed to illuminate upon test. Units are outside of room 102/103, and in the second floor seating area. Repair/replace battery backup or unit as needed to ensure proper function in an emergency situation.

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Permitted Capacity: 13 Rooms / Units

Comments: Part 1: Two critical violations observed, one each of Item# 11 and Item# 12
Part 2: One non-critical violation of Item #27 observed

Re-inspection required.

Due to significant health and safety hazard posed by violation of Item #12, this item requires immediate correction. Please notify the Tompkins County Health Department once this correction is made.



Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Sarah Gardell

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Temporary Residence Inspection Summary Report

Operation: ARGOS INN (ID: 851777)
Facility Name: ARGOS INN
Facility Code: 54-0928 Facility Email: argos@argosinn.com
Facility Address: 408 East State Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

To the Attention of:

Avi Smith
408 E State St
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: accounting@argosinn.com

Re-Inspection

Date: November 21, 2023 03:00 PM
Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Tippy Batterman

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 1
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 0

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM #12 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Adequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials {7-1.4b(12)}

Inspector Findings:

Reinspection of this Item from initial inspection on October 26th, 2023 found only partial correction of violation. Spray paint had been removed from basement storage space but 14 flammable and/or combustible items were noted to remain. Items consisted of twelve 1-quart containers of stain and oil based finish, one 1-quart container of denatured alcohol and one pound of Minwax oil-based finishing wax. Photo attached. Safety cabinet for flammables had been purchased since last inspection and was on site, but flammable items had not been put into it.

Items marked as flammable or combustible must not be stored in buildings containing sleeping quarters unless stored in a safety cabinet for flammables.

Item was corrected at time of inspection and remaining items were moved to the designated safety cabinet for flammables.

NO NON-PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Permitted Capacity: 13 Rooms / Units

Comments: Critical violation of Item #11 observed during inspection on October 26th, 2023 has been corrected.

Critical violation of Item #12 initially observed during inspection on October 26th, 2023 was found to be not fully corrected.


No additional violations observed.

Re-inspection required.

Board Of Health action to follow.



Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Tippy Batterman

Photo

Caption



Flammable/combustible items

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To the Attention of:

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Email: accounting@argosinn.com

Re-Inspection

Date: December 5, 2023 03:15 PM
Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Tippy Batterman

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 1
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 0

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM #12 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Adequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials {7-1.4b(12)}

Inspector Findings: Reinspection of this item from reinspection on November 21st, 2023 and initial inspection on October 26th, 2023 found only partial correction of violation. Spray paint and some other flammable varnishes/stains had been removed or moved to flammables cabinet but five flammable/combustible items were present on bench in work area. Items consisted of four 1-quart containers of stain and oil based finish and one pound of Minwax oil-based finishing wax.

Items marked as flammable or combustible must not be stored in buildings containing sleeping quarters unless stored in a safety cabinet for flammables.

Violation was corrected at time of inspection and five items were moved into the designated safety cabinet for flammables or removed from the building (as not all items fit into the cabinet). Recommended that facility go through all items in

maintenance storage area to ensure that no additional flammable/combustible items remain.

NO NON-PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Permitted Capacity: 13 Rooms / Units

Comments: Part 1: One critical violation observed
Part 2: No non-critical violations observed

Reinspection to be conducted after Board of Health action.



Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Tippy Batterman

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CASE SUMMARY – FOR RESOLUTION # ENF-24-0001

**Argos Inn
Avi Smith, Owner/Operator
408 E. State St., C-Ithaca
Ithaca, NY. 14850**

Last revised February 14, 2024

Date	Action
2/7/2024	As TCEH had not received a signed stipulation agreement or been contacted by Argos Inn, TCEH staff hand delivered a copy of the agreement, which was then signed by the facility owner.
1/12/2024	Stipulation agreement sent by TCEH. Office conference scheduled for 1/24/24.
12/5/2023	Re-Inspection (2 nd) performed by TCEH staff. Public Health Hazard observed. Facility cited for one continuing violation of Item #12 due to inadequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials. Second Reinspection of this item found only partial correction of violation. Spray paint and some other flammable varnishes/stains had been removed or moved to flammables cabinet, but five flammable/combustible items were present on bench in work area. Items consisted of four 1-quart containers of stain and oil based finish and one pound of Minwax oil-based finishing wax. Violation was corrected at time of inspection and five items were moved into the designated safety cabinet for flammables or removed from the building (as not all items fit into the cabinet). Facility representative was notified of violation in-person and inspection report sent to facility owner and management. Code requirements and required corrective measures were included in that report.
11/21/2023	Re-Inspection performed by TCEH staff. Public Health Hazard observed. Facility cited for one continuing violation of Item #12 due to inadequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials. Reinspection of this Item from initial inspection found only partial correction of violation. Spray paint had been removed from basement storage space but 14 flammable and/or combustible items were noted to remain. Items consisted of twelve 1-quart containers of stain and oil based finish, one 1-quart container of denatured alcohol and one pound of Minwax oil-based finishing wax. Safety cabinet for flammables had been purchased since last inspection and was on site, but flammable items had not been put into it. Item was corrected at time of inspection and remaining items were moved to the designated safety cabinet for flammables or removed from the building. Facility representative was notified of violation in-person and

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	inspection report sent to facility owner and management. Code requirements and required corrective measures were included in that report.
10/26/2023	Annual Inspection performed by TCEH staff. Public Health Hazard observed. Facility cited for one violation of Item #12 due to inadequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials. Observed numerous flammable/combustible items in basement workspace. Approximately 30 cans of spray paint, a quart container of acetone and several other highly flammable varnishes were noted to be present in area. Violation was not able to be corrected at time of inspection, due to number of items involved but facility was notified that immediate correction was necessary due to significant health and safety hazard posed by this violation. Facility representative was notified of violation in-person and inspection report sent to facility owner and management. Code requirements and required corrective measures were included in that report.
11/1/2022	Annual Inspection performed by TCEH staff. Public Health Hazard observed. Facility cited for one violation of Item #12 due to inadequate storage of flammable, volatile liquids, hazardous materials. One 1 quart metal container of acetone was found in basement of temporary residence. Violation was corrected at time of inspection, by moving acetone to outdoor storage building. Facility representative was notified of violation in-person and inspection report sent to facility owner and management. Code requirements and required corrective measures were included in that report.

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for allowing the Argos Inn to provide context on the violations regarding the mishandling of combustible and flammable materials.

Throughout the 10 years we have been open for business we did know we had to keep certain flammables away but weren't aware to the extent of which we needed to. In speaking with the fire department about this matter, we were told that each inspector can have varying views on this topic. For example, prior to our visit in 2023 we were never flagged for having spray paint on our shelves. We acknowledge that we are in the wrong and did have items out on our shelves but we were running on the assumption that this was okay and were generally used to a more flexible view on this topic in particular.

When we were first flagged for the flammables in 2023, we promptly purchased a flammable safe cabinet through the recommendation of our inspector Kate. In her initial visit, all flagged materials were taken outside of the Inn during her visit.

Unfortunately, by our inspectors' second visit they had made their way back onto our maintenance shelves by new staff who didn't know about our inspection and why these items were placed outside of our maintenance area and outside of the Inn.

Throughout the years we have shifted between new staff, maintenance and managers. We understand that this can cause a misunderstanding in proper protocol. Avi, our owner, and Sarah, our Hotel Manager got together after receiving clarity on items that are combustible and flammable and came up with a plan to ensure nothing like this happens again in the future.

The only employees that will be handling these materials moving forward are our owner, maintenance manager and hotel manager. Verbal and written communication will go out to staff to ensure if they come across a material that is flammable or unsure about if the item is flammable they will seek one of the three direct people above before handling/moving the item.

By implementing our plan, we aim to ensure the safe handling and storage of combustible and flammable materials within the Argos Inn, thereby minimizing the risk of fire-related incidents and promoting a safe working environment for all staff members.

We appreciate you working with us on this matter. We feel confident that we have a solid plan going forward to keep flammables in our two fire safes.

Warm Regards,
Avi Smith
Sarah Gardell

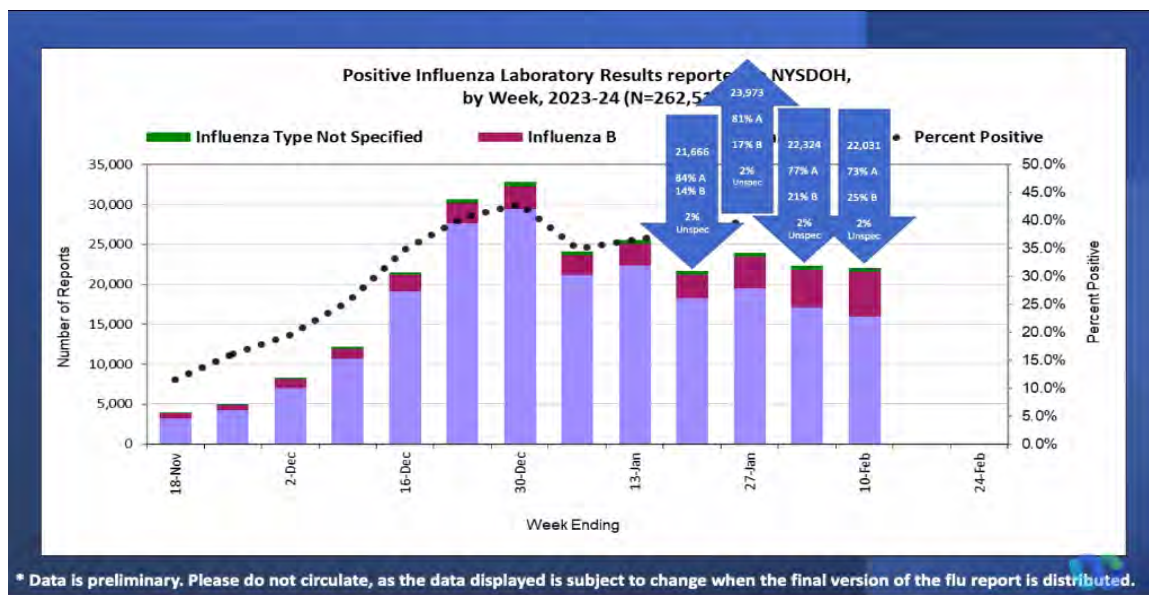
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Medical Director’s Report

FLU

Item Fluctuation without significant decline – remains widespread. Influenza type B’s progressive increase is shown here (a predictable occurrence as the season advances):

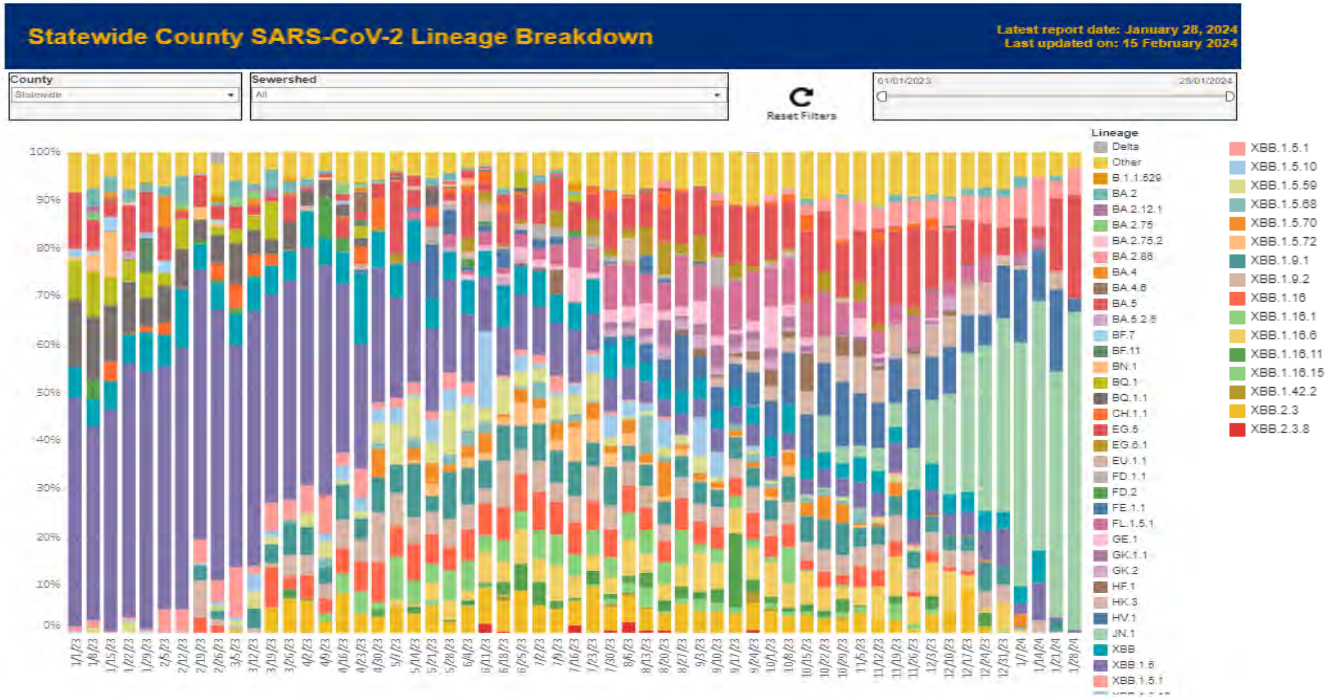


The summary as of the date of this report follows. In years wherein H1N1 predominates (as in this one), severity is usually higher.

- **Widespread Geographic Activity**
 - 12th consecutive week at widespread activity
- In 62 counties
 - 57 ROS + 5 NYC
- 22,031 lab-confirmed flu reports
 - 1% decrease
 - 73% A, 25% B, and 2% influenza type not specified
- The primary flu strain in circulation both in NYS and nationally is H1N1.
- 4 influenza-associated pediatric deaths are being reported this week.
 - 11 reported this season – 6 ROS & 5 NYC
 - Nationally: 74 pediatric deaths were reported this season. Up by 8 deaths. (WE 02/03/24)

COVID

The Cayuga Heights treatment plant is the one reporting variant data in our county. It shows JN1 as the predominant type. The rise in the JN1 family of variants can be seen here:



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

For complete CD charts [go here](#).

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	102	1211.2	64	760.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	249.4
LYME DISEASE** ****	30	356.2	637	7564.0	265	3146.7	44	522.5	315	3740.4
ANAPLASMOSIS**	0	0.0	118	1401.2	66	783.7	86	1021.2	90	1068.7
BABESIOSIS**	0	0.0	33	391.9	11	130.6	20	237.5	21	249.4

Commissioner Report

- No extras this month

Community Health Services

WIC CASELOAD DATA FFY 2024

TCWH WIC Program	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	AVG.
Target Caseload	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320	
Participation	1,129	1,131	1,134	1,146	1,127								1,133
% Caseload Served	85.53%	85.68%	85.91%	86.82%	85.38%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			42.93%
% Change Per Month	1.27%	0.15%	0.23%	0.91%	-1.44%	85.38%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			-8.43%
Total Eligibles	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	2,226	
% Eligibles Served	50.72%	50.81%	50.94%	51.48%	50.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			25.46%
% Change Per Month	0.85%	0.09%	0.13%	0.54%	-0.85%	50.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			-4.99%
Enrolled	1,229	1,216	1,210	1,208	1,200								1,213

NYSDOH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS

- See pages following the **Tompkins County Oral Health Survey** promotional poster.

TOMPKINS COUNTY ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

Tompkins County Whole Health is working to identify the dental care gaps and needs of children in our community.

Please take a moment to complete the survey if you are the parent of a school-aged child (**Pre-K through 12th grade**).


If you have **more than one child** attending school, please fill out one survey for each child.

The survey will take **5-10 minutes** to complete. Thank you for your time! **[Click here to take the survey!](#)**

You can also scan the QR code for the survey



If you have any questions or want to complete the survey via telephone, contact us.

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 Division of Epidemiology
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County=TOMPKINS Month=February

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
ANAPLASMOSIS**	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9	1	11.9
COVID-19	215	2553.0	587	6970.3	1118	13276	456	5414.7	720	8549.5
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, NOT TYPE B	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	35.6	1	11.9
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	23.7	1	11.9	1	11.9
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	1	11.9	3	35.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	398	4726.0	11	130.6	2	23.7	0	0.0	4	47.5
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	42	498.7	5	59.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	23.7
INFLUENZA UNSPECIFIED, LAB CONFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LYME DISEASE** ****	31	368.1	11	130.6	6	71.2	0	0.0	6	71.2
MALARIA	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	37	439.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	3	35.6	2	23.7	2	23.7	0	0.0	1	11.9
S.PARATYPHI	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
STREP, GROUP A INVASIVE	3	35.6	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
STREP PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE**	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TYPHOID FEVER	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VIBRIO - NON 01 CHOLERA**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	35.6	1	11.9	1	11.9
- P&S SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	23.7	1	11.9	1	11.9
- EARLY LATENT**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	9	106.9	13	154.4	16	190.0	13	154.4	14	166.2
- GONORRHEA	9	106.9	13	154.4	16	190.0	13	154.4	14	166.2
CHLAMYDIA	39	463.1	43	510.6	42	498.7	31	368.1	39	463.1

*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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Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
AMEBIASIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
ANAPLASMOSIS**	1	5.9	115	682.8	66	391.9	86	510.6	89	528.4
BABESIOSIS**	0	0.0	33	195.9	11	65.3	20	118.7	21	124.7
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	3	17.8	26	154.4	28	166.2	19	112.8	24	142.5
CHIKUNGUNYA**	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
COVID-19	481	2855.8	2751	16333	16048	95280	9626	57151	9475	56255
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	0	0.0	6	35.6	11	65.3	14	83.1	10	59.4
DENGUE FEVER**	1	5.9	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	0	0.0	4	23.7	3	17.8	6	35.6	4	23.7
EHRlichiosis (CHAFEENSIS)**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
EHRlichiosis (EWINGII)**	0	0.0	1	5.9	1	5.9	0	0.0	1	5.9
ENCEPHALITIS, ARBO**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
ENCEPHALITIS, OTHER	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	3	17.8	12	71.2	13	77.2	15	89.1	13	77.2
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, NOT TYPE B	1	5.9	1	5.9	4	23.7	0	0.0	2	11.9
HEPATITIS A	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	7	41.6	3	17.8
HEPATITIS B,ACUTE	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	3	17.8	10	59.4	15	89.1	18	106.9	14	83.1
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	1	5.9	5	29.7	4	23.7	3	17.8	4	23.7
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	4	23.7	23	136.6	20	118.7	30	178.1	24	142.5
HEPATITIS C,PERINATAL	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0
HERPES INF, INFANT =< 60 DAYS	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	603	3580.1	251	1490.2	1341	7961.8	265	1573.4	619	3675.1

	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	54	320.6	31	184.1	11	65.3	6	35.6	16	95.0
INFLUENZA UNSPECIFIED, LAB CONFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	17.8	1	5.9	1	5.9
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	5.9	15	89.1	6	35.6	3	17.8	8	47.5
LISTERIOSIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
LYME DISEASE** ****	60	356.2	416	2469.9	265	1573.4	44	261.2	242	1436.8
MALARIA	0	0.0	2	11.9	3	17.8	0	0.0	2	11.9
MONKEYPOX	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	17.8	0	0.0	1	5.9
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	140	831.2	64	380.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	124.7
ROCKY MTN SPOT FEVER**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	3	17.8	12	71.2	20	118.7	13	77.2	15	89.1
S.PARATYPHI	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SHIGELLOSIS**	2	11.9	1	5.9	2	11.9	1	5.9	1	5.9
STREP,GROUP A INVASIVE	4	23.7	11	65.3	5	29.7	3	17.8	6	35.6
STREP,GROUP B INVASIVE	0	0.0	1	5.9	6	35.6	10	59.4	6	35.6
STREP PNEUMONIAE,INVASIVE**	2	11.9	3	17.8	8	47.5	4	23.7	5	29.7
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME,STREPTOCOCCAL**	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TUBERCULOSIS***	0	0.0	1	5.9	1	5.9	1	5.9	1	5.9
TYPHOID FEVER	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VIBRIO - NON 01 CHOLERA**	0	0.0	3	17.8	2	11.9	1	5.9	2	11.9
YERSINIOSIS**	1	5.9	1	5.9	6	35.6	1	5.9	3	17.8
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	1	5.9	12	71.2	34	201.9	24	142.5	23	136.6
- P&S SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	95.0	7	41.6	8	47.5
- EARLY LATENT**	1	5.9	6	35.6	15	89.1	11	65.3	11	65.3
- LATE LATENT**	0	0.0	6	35.6	2	11.9	6	35.6	5	29.7
- CONGENITAL SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	11	65.3	120	712.5	109	647.2	142	843.1	124	736.2

	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
- GONORRHEA	11	65.3	120	712.5	109	647.2	142	843.1	124	736.2
CHLAMYDIA	55	326.5	328	1947.4	377	2238.3	337	2000.8	347	2060.2

*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," and these are posted in graphic form [on the WH website](#). A 3-month summary is shown below.

Total 911 calls per month that are Nature coded as "Overdose/ Poisoning."

Source: DoER.

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DEC	22	29	16	23	43	9	
JAN	17	24	30	20	16	31	17
FEB	23	16	35	19	19	45	14

CHWs

	February 2024 Enrolled Clients	YTD 2024
HiP Tompkins	42	42
General CHW Program	7	7

OUTREACH

- Maternal Child Health Programs at Tompkins County Whole Health and Guthrie
- Meet and Greet with Tompkins Community Action

TRAININGS

- Flourishing Through Adversity: How Can Stress and Emotional Experiences Make Us Resilient and Avoid Burnout
- Housing Tools for Direct Support Providers
- Doula Services Town Hall
- Engaging Communities in Budget Decisions to Build Power
- NYSPEP – The Parenting Educator’s Role in Promoting Health Parent and Child Development Across the Life Span

HNP

MONTHLY STATS

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM	February 2024	YTD 2024	February 2023	TOTAL 2023
# of Initial Home Visits (including asthma visits)	30	49	15	252
# of Revisits	0	14	0	57
# of Asthma Homes (initial)	4	6	0	45
# of Homes Approached	1	69	2	530

OUTREACH & TRAINING

- Webinar: Flourishing through Adversity: How Can Stress and Emotional Experiences Make Us Resilient and Avoid Burnout
- HIPAA Training
- Webinar: Strategies for Protecting Tenants from Radon in their Homes
- Compassion Corner: Frontline Human Services Peer Group
- Homeless and Housing Task Force
- DEIB CFT Meeting
- Team JEDI Meeting
- Meet and greet with Tompkins Community Action

COVID-19

- Distribution of 5,000+ COVID-19 Self-Test kits to community partners, general public
- Continued general promotion of COVID-19 vaccines. Billboards from Dec. 2023 remain active on major routes (RT 13, RT 96, RT 79, etc.).

Media

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Warm weather prompted tick-bite prevention/awareness posts
- Promotion of TCWH vacancies
- Event promotion:
 - Compassion Corner (TCWH & HSC collaboration): 2/29/24
 - 1st Responder-NAMI Peer Support (to be held in April)
 - Save the Date: “Better Together for Mental Health” community event at Stewart Park (5/11/24)
- Highlighting awareness for February:
 - American Heart Month
 - National Children’s Mental Health Month

PRESS RELEASES

- [Tompkins County Whole Health Announces Available Funding for Mobile Supportive Services Program](#) (02/14/24)

Outreach & Training

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

OUTREACH

- Groton Resource Hub (2/6/24; 2/13/24; 2/20/24; and 2/27/24)
- YMCA Food Hub (2/13/24)
- Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry (with Cayuga Health Partners) (2/17/24)

TRAINING

- NYSACHO: The Crossroads of Harm Reduction: Evidence, Emerging Practice and Lessons Learned
- Cortland County Healing Communities Quarterly Narcan Meeting (attended as guest)
- NYS Public Health Educators Meeting
- Public Health Collaborative: Arts-Focused Approaches to Public Health Communications

Committee and Partnership Meetings

Group, Organization	Activity/Purpose	Date
CATCHI Working Group (Coordinated Approach to Community Health Integration)	Combines Social Determinants of Health, CHW initiative and Childhood Nutrition Collaborative into one working group.	Monthly
Long Term Care Committee	Planning and sharing resources for long-term care in the community.	Quarterly
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

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN)

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *See following pages.*

**Children with Special Care Needs Division
Statistical Highlights 2024
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

Number of Program Referrals	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
Initial Concern/reason for referral:															
-- DSS Founded Case														0	
-- Gestational Age														2	6
-- Gestational Age/Gross Motor														0	2
-- Global Delays														0	1
-- Hearing		2											2	1	2
-- Physical													0	0	0
-- Feeding	1	1											2	30	17
-- Feeding & Gross Motor													0	4	10
-- Feeding & Social Emotional													0	1	4
-- Gross Motor	5	4											9	48	40
-- Gross Motor & Fine Motor													0	5	9
-- Gross Motor, Speech & Social Emotional		1											1	2	4
Gross Motor, Speech& Hearing	1												1	0	
-- Fine Motor													0	0	2
-- Social Emotional		2											2	5	3
-- Social Emotional & Adaptive													0	5	1
-- Speech	6	9											15	110	129
-- Speech & Cognitive													0	1	0
-- Speech & Feeding													0	3	3
-- Speech & Fine Motor													0	2	2
-- Speech & Gross Motor		3											3	13	10
-- Speech & Hearing													0	4	5
-- Speech & Sensory													0	0	0
-- Speech & Social Emotional	2	1											3	6	11
-- Speech, Feeding & Gross Motor													0	2	0
-- Adaptive													0	0	0
-- Adaptive/Sensory													0	3	2
-- Adaptive/Fine Motor													0	3	0
-- Qualifying Congenital / Medical Diagnosis													0	8	3
-- Other -- Birth Trauma													0	3	0
-- Overall Development	1	1											2		
-- Sensory, Safety, Motor	1												1		
-- Child in Foster Care	1												1		
-- Maternal Drug Use		1											1	4	0
Total # of CYSHCN Referrals	0	0											0	13	23
Total # of Information and Referalls (I&R)	0	0											0	100	48
Total # of Child Find Referrals	1	0											1	7	54
Total Number of CSCN ProgramReferrals	19	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	385	391
Caseloads															
Total # of clients worked with during this month	176	177													

Average # of Cases per Full Time Service Coordinator	25.0	25.0															
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EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Billable Expenses/Visits	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Intake visits	11	18											29	225	241
-- IFSP Meetings													0	303	261
-- Initial IFSP	1												1		
-- Core Evaluations	8	7											15	191	221
-- Core Evaluations with IFSP	6	6											12		
-- Supplemental Evaluations	1	1											2	54	50
-- Supplemental Evaluations with Amendment	2	1											3		
-- Observation Visits	14	36											50	290	314
-- IFSP Change Visit	1	2											3		
-- IFSP Review Visit	17	17											34		
-- CPSE meetings	9	5											14	63	57
-- SC Discuss	16	20											36	88	
-- SC Visits	10	11											21		
-- Family Training/Team Meetings													0	3	2
-- Phone Call	182	190											372		
-- OSC-Transfer Chart to OSC	3	3											6		
-- Transition meetings	1	15											16	47	38
-- Home Visit for Signature	2	2											4		
															1184
Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed															
Children with Services Pending(Needs List)															
-- Feeding	7	7											14	67	42
-- Nutrition	0	0											0	0	0
-- Occupational Therapy	12	11											23	57	18
-- Physical Therapy	8	8											16	0	62
-- Social Work	4	4											8	55	13
-- Special Education	22	21											43	0	106
-- Speech Therapy	41	46											87	478	486
															727

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Discharges	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- To CPSE	14												14	65	59
-- Aged out	2	4											6	30	15
-- Skilled out	1	3											4	27	27
-- Moved	1	0											1	13	27
-- Not Eligible/DNQ	5	6											11	62	79
-- Family Refused/Unable to Locate	2	4											6	36	1
--Child Deceased	0	0											0	1	1
Total Number of Discharges	25	17											42	234	44

-- 1:1 Tuition Aide (CB)	5	6															
-- Audiological Services	0	0															
-- Nutrition (OTHER)	0	0															
-- Teacher of the Deaf	0	0															
-- 1:1 Aide	2	2															
-- 1:1 Teacher Assistant	0	0															
-- Music Therapy	0	0															
-- Teacher of Visually Impaired	0	0															
Total # of children rcvng. home based related svcs.	199	217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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				
-- Ithaca	38	39														
-- Dryden	10	10														
-- Newfield	3	3														
-- Lansing	2	2														
-- Moravia	0	0														
--Groton	3	3														
-- Cortland	0	0														
--Newark Valley	0	0														
-- Trumansburg	7	7														
-- Homer	0	0														
-- Odessa Montour	0	0														
-- Spencer -Van Etten	0	0														
--Candor	1	1														
-- # attending Franziska Racker Centers	30	30														
-- # attending Ithaca City School District	29	30														
-- # attending Dryden Central School	3	3														
-- # attending South Seneca School District	2	2														
Total # attending Special Ed Integrated Tuition Progr.	64	65														

Municipal Representation Committee on Preschool Special Education	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Ithaca	18	17												225	219
-- Candor	0	1												2	1
-- Dryden	7	3												53	64
-- Groton	3	4												43	50
-- Homer	0	0												0	2
-- Lansing	1	4												22	23
-- Newfield	3	0												26	19
-- Trumansburg	0	3												13	26
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	1												1	1
-- Moravia	0	0												1	1
Total CPSE Meetings Attended	32	33												386	390

Environmental Health

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

- *See following pages.*

**Division of Environmental Health
Summary of Activity (2024)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2023 Totals
FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM - Restaurants & Other Food Service														
Permitted Operations (535 Permitted Operations*)														
Inspections**	53	57											110	828
Critical Violations	5	1											6	170
Other Violations	30	18											48	359
Plans Approved	1	3											4	14
Complaints Received	2	4											6	55
Temporary FSE (150 Estimated Operations*)														
Permits Issued	1	2											3	163
Inspections**	0	0											0	94
Critical Violations	0	0											0	24
Other Violations	0	0											0	12
MOBILE HOME PARKS (39 Permitted Operations, 2019 Lots*)														
Inspections**	0	4											4	17
Critical Violations	0	0											0	6
Other Violations	1	6											7	59
Complaints Received	0	2											2	14
TEMPORARY RESIDENCES - Hotels & Motels (35 Permitted Operations, 2241 Rooms*)														
Inspections**	1	0											1	45
Critical Violations	0	0											0	41
Other Violations	0	0											0	54
Complaints Received	1	0											1	8
MASS GATHERING (Fingerlakes GrassRoots Festival)														
Inspections**	0	0											0	10
Critical Violations	0	0											0	7
Other Violations	0	0											0	46
Complaints Received	0	0											0	0
MIGRANT FARM WORKER HOUSING (1 Operation)														
Inspections**	0	1											1	2
Critical Violations	0	0											0	0
Other Violations	0	0											0	0
Complaint Investigations	0	0											0	0
CAMPGROUNDS & AGRICULTURAL FAIRGROUNDS (9 Operations, 595 Sites*)														
Inspections**	0	0											0	20
Critical Violations	0	0											0	0
Other Violations	0	0											0	18
Complaints Received	0	0											0	0
CHILDREN'S CAMPS (28 Operations)														
Inspections**	0	0											0	57
Critical Violations	0	0											0	4
Other Violations	0	0											0	0
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0											0	0
Complaints Received	0	0											0	0
SWIMMING POOLS & BATHING BEACHES - (50 Operations*)														
Inspections**	1	7											8	88
Critical Violations	0	2											2	10
Other Violations	0	9											9	60
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0											0	0
Complaints Received	0	0											0	0
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS (PWS) 88 Community PWS, 63 Other PWS*)														
Inspections**	5	6											11	83
Boil Water Orders Issued	2	2											4	7
Complaints Received	1	0											1	1

Division of Environmental Health

Summary of Activity (2024)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2023 Totals
ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS)														
Permits Issued	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	232
New Construction/Conversions	7	9											16	111
Replacements	5	7											12	121
Completion Certificates Issued	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	190
New Construction/Conversions	3	3											6	73
Replacements	5	7											12	117
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS														
Realty Subdivisions	0	0											0	1
OWTS	5	3											8	34
Collector Sewer	0	0											0	0
Public Water Systems	2	0											2	4
Water Main Extension	0	0											0	5
Cross-Connection Control Devices	2	0											2	5
Other Water System Modification	0	0											0	2
Other Engineering Reviews	0	0											0	0
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM														
Potential Human Exposure Investigations	30	23											53	581
Human Post-X Treatments	4	5											9	186
Animal Specimens Tested	12	5											17	255
Animals Testing Positive	0	0											0	19
Rabies Clinics Offered	1	0											1	5
Dogs Vaccinated	101	0											101	458
Cats Vaccinated	66	0											66	301
Ferrets Vaccinated	2	0											2	10
Pet Quarantine	0	0											0	9
CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM														
# of New EH Referrals w/ Elevated BLL	1	0											1	7
# of EH Investigations Initiated	1	0											1	6
# of Home Assessments Performed	0	1											1	9
# of Notice of Demands Sent	0	1											1	3
Lead Calls/Inquires Received by EH	0	0											0	9
FOIL REQUESTS														
Total Received	5	1											6	51
ADOLESCENT TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACT (ATUPA) (65 Operations *) & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (CIAA)														
ATUPA (Adult & Minor) Compliance Checks	24	29											53	112
Violations	0	2											2	1
CIAA Complaints	0	0											0	0
COMPLAINTS - General/Nuisance														
Complaint Investigations Opened	2	4											6	120
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS														
Total Cases	2	0											2	35
Cases Related to FSE	0	0											0	13
BOH Penalties Assessed	\$800	\$0											\$800	\$79,000
BOH Penalties Collected	\$1,300	\$500											\$1,800	\$54,050
CUSTOMER SERVICE/SUPPORT														
Calls Received	410	425											835	6449
Walk-In Customers	15	21											36	416
TCEH Emails Received	355	372											727	4807
Applications Processed	90	127											217	1769
Payment Receipts Processed	55	101											156	1331
Renewals/Billings Sent	120	19											139	951

* As of 1/1/2024

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

New Business

- No New Business extras this month.