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2025 Impact Report

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Commissioner of Health



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Board of Health

The Nassau County Board of Health and the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH) were created in 1938 by the Nassau County Charter.

Members of the Board of Health (hereafter referred to as the “Board”) are appointed by the County Executive to five-year terms. The Board enforces the New York State Public Health Law as well as New York State and local sanitary codes.

The Board is authorized to:

- Prescribe the duties of and direct the Commissioner of Health.
- Make and publish orders and regulations for the preservation of life and health.
- Create orders and regulations for the supervision of nuisances and other matters detrimental to public health.
- Restrain by injunction violators of its orders and regulations.
- Issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths and compel testimony.
- Issue warrants to peace officers to enforce the law.
- Prescribe and impose penalties for violations of, or failure to comply with, its orders or regulations or any of the regulations of the state sanitary code.

Inquiries to the Nassau County Board of Health can be addressed to:

Ellen J. Braunstein, MD, Chair
Nassau County Board of Health
c/o Nassau County Department of Health
200 County Seat Drive, Mineola, NY 11501

Department of Health Vision

The Nassau County Department of Health will lead a public health system that works to create healthy communities.

Values

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Respect
- Dedication
- Innovation

Department of Health Mission

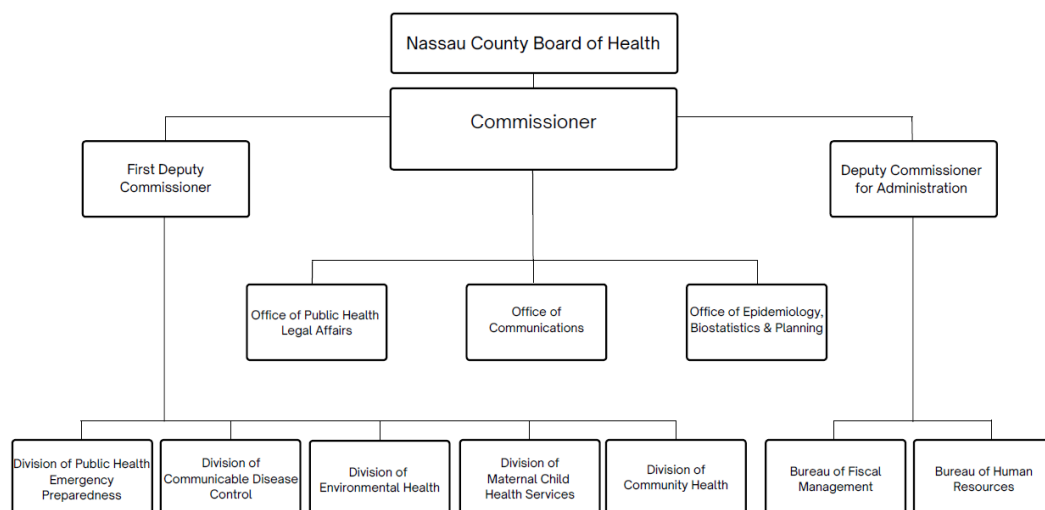
Nassau County Department of Health promotes and protects the health of all who live, work, and play in Nassau County.

The mission is accomplished through direct services and community partnerships in the following areas:

- Development and maintenance of individual and community preparedness for public health hazards and events.
- Investigation, prevention, and control of communicable diseases.
- Prevention of environmental health hazards through assessment, regulation, and remediation.
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles through outreach and education.
- Provision for evaluation and services to individuals, children, and families that have developmental delays and concerns.

Department Organizational Structure

The Board of Health is the governing body of Nassau County Health Department, overseeing the Commissioner of Health. Three offices report directly to the Commissioner: the Office of Communications, the Office of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Planning, and the Office of Public Health Legal Affairs. The Divisions of Communicable Disease Control, Community Health, Environmental Health, Maternal Child Health Services, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness are under the leadership of the First Deputy Commissioner of Health. The Deputy Commissioner for Administration oversees the Bureau of Fiscal Management and the Bureau of Human Resources.



Departmental Highlights of 2025

Nassau County Recognized as One of the Nation's Healthiest Counties!



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This is a testament to the ongoing commitment of our Nassau County Department of Health, in collaboration with many organizations within the county, including our nationally recognized hospitals, medical providers, community-based organizations, government agencies, schools, and county residents working together to ensure the highest health outcomes for our residents.

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-Dr. Irina Gelman, Commissioner of Health



Nassau County Population Health and Well-being - 2025



Nassau County is faring better than the average county in New York for Population Health and Well-being, and better than the average county in the nation.



Nassau County Community Conditions - 2025



Nassau County is faring better than the average county in New York for Community Conditions, and better than the average county in the nation.



Nassau County Department of Health Achieved Reaccreditation!

In 2017, NCDOH was granted accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), a national organization which evaluates local health departments based on 10 Essential Public Health Services. Accreditation status is valid for 5 years after which, re-application is necessary. In 2023, NCDOH began the process of applying for Reaccreditation. This was an extensive, rigorous process of gathering and submitting documentation to demonstrate satisfactory fulfillment of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. There were 10 domains comprised of 55 measures in the Standards and Measures for Reaccreditation that needed to be addressed. This resulted in more than 400 documents. The Department submitted Reaccreditation in Fall 2024. PHAB reviewed the application and held a virtual site visit with the Department in January 2025. NCDOH was awarded reaccreditation status in February 2025.

<https://phaboard.org/accreditation-recognition/reaccreditation/>

NACCHO Model Practice and Promising Practices Awards for 2025

Model Practice for “Dashing Data Dashboards”

The Office of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Planning launched the “Dashing Data Dashboards” to provide accessible zip-code level public health data. The dashboards visualize key health indicators such as asthma, cannabis hospital visits, and social determinants of health. At the time of the submission in March of 2024, 13 dashboards had been published and received over 2,000 views. Since then, views have continued to increase. This initiative empowers residents, informs policy, and supports data-drive decisions, collaborations, and workforce development. The dashboards can be viewed at: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1656/Data-and-Reports>

Promising Practice for “Animal Bite Management Program”

The Division of Environmental Health along with Nassau County IT created an online program for the electronic reporting of animal bites. The Department had determined that the reporting process for animal bites needed to be revamped to allow for immediate reporting (within 3 days). The goals were to reduce the amount of time between the bite incident and the time it was reported to the Department, increase efficiency of communication between staff in the Department, and reduce the amount of time staff spent on data entry for each animal bite incident. The new program was launched in January 2023. By April, 56% of animal bite reports were received electronically. In April 2024, a high of 79% of reports were submitted electronically, exceeding the goal of 75%.

Need to report an animal bite? The online reporting form can be found here:

<https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/health/abr/index.php>

Promising Practice for "Bridging Gaps in Health: Addressing Social Determinants for Lasting Health Equity"

The Division of Community Health received a Promising Practice for the Health Equity Resource Center (HERC) with the goal of reducing health disparities to address the social determinants of health. HERC provides diapers, food, clothing, and formula pantries to community members in need. The pantries have seen much success, serving 300+ families each month. HERC also has various programs that benefit the public, such as monthly food box distribution for low-income seniors, a monthly resource fair, which connects community members with healthcare, social services, and educational resources, and a bi-annual Community Baby Shower for new and expectant mothers which provides essential baby supplies and health education. By alleviating the social determinants of health, HERC supports healthier families, reduces the burden on healthcare systems, and promotes a stronger, more resilient community.

Nurses Week Recognition!

May 6 through May 12, 2025, was National Nurses Week. Nassau County recognized 8 nurses from the Department of Health for their hard work and dedication to public health.



Departmental Highlights of 2025

The Ryder Cup



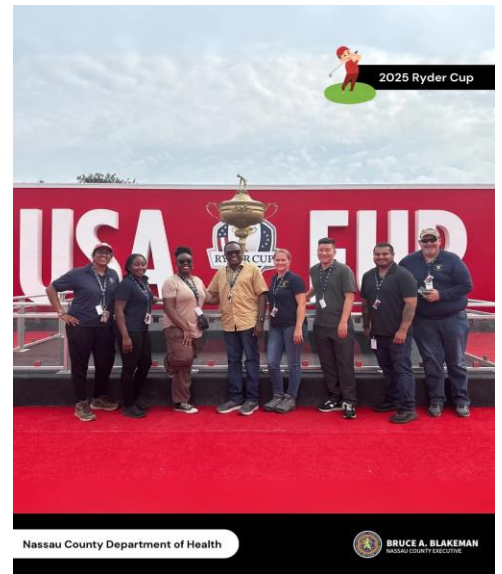
Nassau County hosted the 2025 Ryder Cup, a golf tournament, at the Black Course of Bethpage State Park. The tournament took place from September 26th-28th. NCDOH was involved with the Ryder Cup in various ways.

The Office of Food Protection and the Office of Water Supply Operations reviewed and approved kitchen floor plans and water distribution plans for the Ryder Cup. Fifty-five temporary food

service permits for 16 field kitchens and dozens of concessions were issued. During the Ryder Cup, sanitarians were on-site inspecting and surveying the food vendors and conducting water testing and inspections of fixtures.

The Division of Public Health Emergency Preparedness supported the Ryder Cup by providing updates to partners and healthcare providers and coordinating preparedness planning.

The Office of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Planning conducted a mass-gathering disease surveillance analysis prior to the tournament. The assessment highlighted anticipated travel from specific countries and/or states and associated diseases of concern. Diseases were ranked by the Risk Indicator Index, a measure which ranks diseases that may pose a threat to a specific location of interest, in this case, Nassau County.



Immunization Conference

On Thursday, November 13th the Nassau County Department of Health hosted the first Immunization/School health conference at the Morrelly Center in Bethpage. The conference focused on childhood vaccines and the recommended vaccine schedule. Guest speakers included Board member Dr. John Zaso, Dr. Ronald Marino, the Director of the Center for School of Health at Mount Sinai South Nassau, Jennifer Wohlfahrt from New York State Department of Health Division of Vaccine Excellence, and Joseph Giovannetti, Director of the Bureau of Investigations, Division of Legal Affairs from New York State Department of Health. The Department also presented information on vaccine-preventable disease and vaping trends. Continuing education credits were available for the attendees. The conference was well attended, and all Nassau County school districts had representatives at the meeting.



2025 Nassau County

Immunization & School Health Conference

Collaboration and Support for School Health and Wellness

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Join local health officials and experts for an informative program discussing NYS childhood immunization requirements and implementation, along with current community health issues such as youth vaping trends. The program will provide practical information for medical professionals, schools, and community partners to support student health and well-being.

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Morrelly Homeland Security Center
510 Crumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714

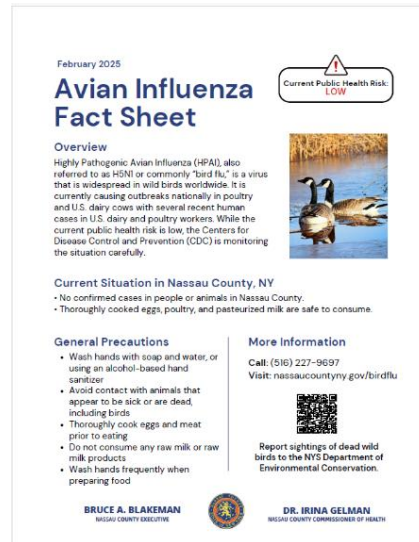
Advanced registration required. Scan QR to register:



Public Health Campaigns

Avian Influenza (bird flu)

The Department responded to the rise in bird flu (in wildlife) with education and guidance initiatives. The Office of Communications created informational signs about bird flu as well as postings on social media for public awareness.



Avian Influenza

Question

What can I do to protect myself and my family from avian influenza viruses?

Answer

- Wash hands with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid contact with animals that appear to be sick or are dead, including birds.
- Thoroughly cook eggs and meat prior to eating.
- Do not consume any raw milk or raw milk products.
- Wash hands frequently when preparing food.

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Rabies in Animals


The Nassau County Department of Health responded to the increase in rabid animals by embarking on a rabies baiting vaccination program. The Department secured special funding for rabies baits containing Oral Rabies Vaccine (ORV), which when eaten by animals, vaccinated them. The Office of Communications issued numerous press releases and social media posts about rabies clinics for pets and announced the Department's new countywide raccoon rabies baiting program. County, town, and village leaders were notified of the program. From April 21 to May 2, 2025, 29,520 vaccine baits were distributed across 50 towns and villages.

On July 21, 2025, Nassau County Department of Health declared an imminent public health threat due to the spread of rabies. An additional round of rabies baiting took place in October 2025, was accomplished in 14 business days, and approximately 143,000 baits were distributed.

FAQ: Raccoon Rabies Control Program

Question

What is the Raccoon Rabies Control Program?




Answer

The Program includes enhanced surveillance to find raccoon rabies, and vaccination of raccoons to prevent the spread of rabies. Just as children are vaccinated against diseases like measles and mumps, raccoons can be vaccinated against rabies.

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NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FAQ: Raccoon Rabies Control Program

Question

What is in the bait?



Answer

The liquid vaccine is encased within a clear plastic bag (sachet) that somewhat resembles a fast-food style ketchup packet. The vaccine contains attenuated (weakened) virus. This sachet is encased in a brown, square fishmeal mixture block. The fishmeal mixture blocks are designed to primarily attract raccoons.

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Power to Prevent T2 (Type 2 Diabetes)

The Division of Community Health developed the Power to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes program. This is a yearlong evidence-based lifestyle change program from the CDC National Diabetes Prevention program, which helps individuals delay or prevent the development of Type 2 diabetes. The sessions were facilitated by trained lifestyle coaches and encouraged group participation to help empower individuals to improve their lifestyle for better health outcomes. The program is still ongoing. To find out if you are eligible to participate in the program, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5741/Preventing-Diabetes>




Prevent Type 2 Diabetes!

National Diabetes Prevention Program
Power to Prevent is a FREE multi-session program that empowers individuals to reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes through simple lifestyle changes. You'll receive tools, guidance, and support to improve your health and prevent type 2 diabetes.

- **Educational** workshops
- **Trained coaches** to guide you
- **Supportive** community for motivation
- **Easy-to-adopt** tools to reach your goals

Eligibility
To participate in the program, you must either:

- Have been diagnosed with prediabetes, or
- Meet the risk criteria for type 2 diabetes

For more information about eligibility visit: [nassaucountyny.gov/PreventDiabetes](https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/PreventDiabetes)



Starting Fall 2025, sessions will take place **online** or **in person** at 200 County Seat Dr., Mineola, NY 11501.

More Information & Enrollment:

516-227-9694



[nassaucountyny.gov/PreventDiabetes](https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/PreventDiabetes)

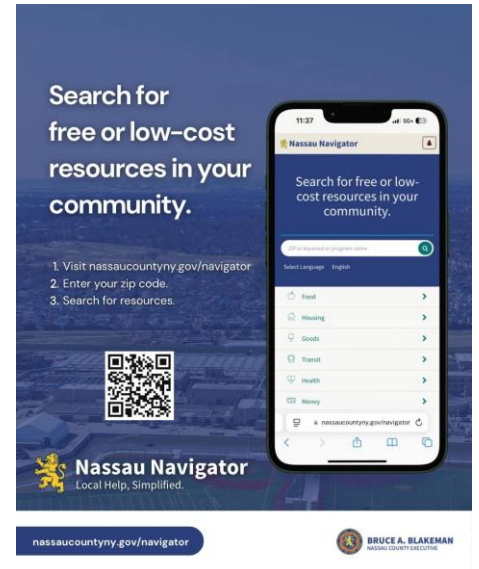
**You have the power to prevent type 2 diabetes.
Are you ready to start?**



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Nassau Navigator

In March 2025, the Division of Community Health launched Nassau Navigator, an informative, web-based search engine powered through findhelp.org. It allows the user to search for free or low-cost programs and services within their community. Resources are available for a multitude of needs, including food and nutrition programs, housing, goods, transit, health, money, care, education, work, and legal services. One can simply visit the website <https://nassanavigator.findhelp.com/> and enter their Nassau County 5-digit zip code to find services in their area. The Health Department regularly monitors Nassau Navigator, updating it with additional services and programs needed. Food and health resources are the services that are searched for the most often.



The NICE (Nassau Inter-County Express) bus marketing team displayed Nassau Navigator ads in the buses free of charge. The ads were installed in the interior of 280 NICE buses in both English and in Spanish.



Bureau of Human Resources

The chart below depicts the Department's total number of employees, full-time and part-time, for the year 2024 and 2025, and the funding source: general or grants funds. Employee counts increased from 2024 to 2025. The Department continued to have additional staff provided by the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program. During the summer months, the Department also utilized seasonal workers (not reflected in the chart below) to assist with program work in the Division of Environmental Health. The Department is actively recruiting staff to backfill the open positions.

NCDOH Employee Breakdown

	Year Ending 2024	Year Ending 2025	Net Change
Full-time	206	211	+5
~General Fund	173	176	+3
~Grant Fund	33	35	+2
Part-time	11	10	-1
~General Fund	10	9	-1
~Grant Fund	1	1	0

	Year Ending 2024	Year Ending 2025	
Total Employees (Full-time + part-time)	217	221	+4

2025 Full-Time Employees

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	176	194	-18
Grant Fund	35		
Total	211		

2025 Part-Time Employees

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	9	15	-6
Grant Fund	1		
Total	10		

Bureau of Fiscal Management

The Bureau of Fiscal Management oversees the Health Department's budget. The Health Department's budget for 2025 was 230,897, 622 million dollars. It also manages grants and interacts with other programs within the Health Department as well as other Nassau County agencies.

Responsibilities of The Bureau of Fiscal Management include:

- Purchasing
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Grant Management
- Contract Processing
- Early Intervention & Preschool programs
- State Aid Article 6 funding

In 2025 the Department was awarded 20 grants, totaling 12.5 million dollars. The following pages contain the expenses and revenue for 2025.

Analysis of Expenditures Year to Date as of December 31, 2025

NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES - YTD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

CODE	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL	BUDGET	CURRENT	COMMITTED TO DATE		PERCENT COMMITTED	UNCOMMITTEE BALANCE
		FY 2025 BUDGET	APPROPRIATION & TRANSFERS	FY 2025 BUDGET	ACTUAL	ENCUMBERED		
10	Administration							
AA	Salaries	\$ 3,447,647		\$ 3,447,647	\$ 3,186,177	\$ -	92.4%	261,470
BB	Equipment	11,161		11,161	-	-	0.0%	11,161
DD	General Expense	96,965		96,965	64,285	26,051	93.2%	6,630
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	3,131,617		3,131,617	235,301	-	7.5%	2,896,316
TOTAL		<u>6,687,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,687,390</u>	<u>3,485,763</u>	<u>26,051</u>	<u>52.5%</u>	<u>3,175,577</u>
20	Environmental Health							
AA	Salaries	9,416,859		9,416,859	8,516,692	-	90.4%	900,167
BB	Equipment	19,000		19,000	17,380	-	91.5%	1,620
DD	General Expense	105,936	250,000	355,936	337,920	14,113	98.9%	3,903
DE	Contractual Services	75,072		75,072	-	43,704	58.2%	31,368
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	600,668		600,668	169,872	-	28.3%	430,796
TOTAL		<u>10,217,535</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>10,467,535</u>	<u>9,041,864</u>	<u>57,817</u>	<u>86.9%</u>	<u>1,367,854</u>
30	Public Health Laboratory							
AA	Salaries	999,988	-	999,988	891,059	-	89.1%	108,929
BB	Equipment	23,936		23,936	3,913	3,200	29.7%	16,823
DD	General Expense	354,187		354,187	15,825	326,519	96.7%	11,843
DE	Contractual Services	145,000		145,000	-	142,000	97.9%	3,000
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	205,441		205,441	87,223	-	42.5%	118,218
TOTAL		<u>1,728,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,728,552</u>	<u>998,020</u>	<u>471,719</u>	<u>85.0%</u>	<u>258,813</u>
40	Public Health							
AA	Salaries	3,429,353		3,429,353	2,697,336	-	78.7%	732,017
DD	General Expense	113,024		113,024	77,381	17,073	83.6%	18,570
DE	Contractual Services	55,187		55,187	35,107	20,080	100.0%	-
DG	Various Direct	5,000,000		5,000,000	5,000,000	-	100.0%	-
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	603,556		603,556	251,939	-	41.7%	351,617
TOTAL		<u>9,201,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,201,120</u>	<u>8,061,763</u>	<u>37,154</u>	<u>88.0%</u>	<u>1,102,204</u>
51	Early Intervention							
AA	Salaries	3,643,805	-	3,643,805	3,299,820	-	90.6%	343,985
BB	Equipment	5,500		5,500	-	1,541		
DD	General Expense	41,460		41,460	26,049	11,606	90.8%	3,805
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	525,651		525,651	149,184	-	28.4%	376,467
PP	Provider Payments	27,060,000		27,060,000	20,957,610	-	77.4%	6,102,390
TOTAL		<u>31,276,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,276,416</u>	<u>24,432,663</u>	<u>13,147</u>	<u>78.2%</u>	<u>6,826,647</u>
54	Pre-School Education							
AA	Salaries	82,440	-	82,440	41,758	-	50.7%	40,682
DD	General Expense	3,683		3,683	3,667	-	99.6%	16
DE	Contractual Services	417,500		417,500	341,084	76,416	100.0%	-
PP	Provider Payments	157,940,000	22,000,000	179,940,000	160,747,759	17,514,149	99.1%	1,678,092
		<u>158,443,623</u>	<u>22,000,000</u>	<u>180,443,623</u>	<u>161,134,269</u>	<u>17,590,565</u>	<u>99.0%</u>	<u>1,718,789</u>
DEPARTMENTAL TOTALS								
AA	Salaries	21,020,092	-	21,020,092	18,632,842	-	88.6%	2,387,250
BB	Equipment	59,597	-	59,597	21,293	4,741	43.7%	18,443
DD	General Expense	715,255	250,000	965,255	525,128	395,361	95.4%	44,766
DE	Contractual Services	692,759	-	692,759	376,191	282,200	95.0%	34,368
DG	Various Contract	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	100.0%	-
HF	Inter-Departmental Charge:	5,066,933	-	5,066,933	893,519	-	17.6%	4,173,414
PP	Provider Payments	185,000,000	22,000,000	207,000,000	181,705,369	17,514,149	96.2%	7,780,482
TOTAL		<u>\$ 217,554,636</u>	<u>\$ 22,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 239,804,636</u>	<u>\$ 207,154,342</u>	<u>\$ 18,196,451</u>	<u>94.0%</u>	<u>\$ 14,438,723</u>

Revenue Year to Date as of December 31, 2025

NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
REVENUE YTD AS OF December 31, 2025

CODE	TYPE OF REVENUE	FY 2025 BUDGET	YEAR END ACCRUAL 2023	OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES	RECEIVED TO DATE
BC PERMITS & LICENSES					
10	-0508 Food Establishment Permits				
20	-0508 Food Establishment Permits	\$ 3,415,000			\$ 3,626,443
20	-0509 Day Camp Permits	151,200			146,855
20	-0511 Realty Subdivision Filing	102,000			83,870
20	-0513 Swimming Pools & Beaches	276,000			260,570
20	-0514 Frozen Dessert Manufacturing				
20	-0518 Hazardous Materials Fees	1,800,000			1,858,324
20	-0521 Temporary Residence Permits	120,000			121,435
20	-0525 Cross Connection Program	60,000			76,150
20	-0526 Water Supply Plan	155,000			129,425
20	-0527 Tattoo Parlor	40,000			54,750
20	-0535 Pre-Demolition	145,800			176,100
	SUBTOTAL : BC	6,265,000	-	-	6,533,922
BD FINES & FORFEITS					
20	-0603 Fines	300,000			264,270
BF RECOVERIES					
10	RG0AA Grant Fund Recovery				
10	RG0AB Grant Fund Recovery				
10	RG0DD Grant Fund Recovery				
10	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				960
10	-0722 Lost and A				
20	RG0AA Grant Fund Recovery				
20	RG0DD Grant Fund Recovery				
20	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				
30	RG0AA Grant Fund Recovery				
30	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				24,583
30	-0719 Vendor Recovery				
40	RG0AA Grant Fund Recovery				10,404
40	RG0DD Grant Fund Recovery				1,068
40	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				570
51	RG0AA Grant Fund Recovery				
51	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				
54	-0704 Recovery Prior Period				
54	-0719 Vendor Recoveries	400,000			197,576
	SUBTOTAL: BF	400,000	-	-	235,161
BH DEPARTMENT REVENUE					
10	-0801 Miscellaneous Receipts	1,000			524
20	-0808 Fees				
30	-0808 Laboratory Fees	40,000			54,554
40	-0808 Disease Control Fees	4,000			4,225
10	-9833 Medicaid Rec				
Early Intervention					
51	-9893 Medicaid	875,000	909,000 a>		14,379
51	-9853 Medicaid-				
51	-0801 Other 3rd Party Insurers		-		
51	980A EI Service Coordinators Receipts	100,000	30,000		127,559
51	-9856 Preschool Medicaid Receipts				
51	-0983 Preschool Open Space				
Pre-School Education					
54	-0801 Miscellaneous Receipts				4,974
54	-9856 Preschool Medicaid Receipts	9,000,000	-		11,847,886
	SUBTOTAL: BH	10,020,000	939,000	-	12,054,101
BW INTERFUND REVENUE					
10	-1110 Indirect Charge Recovery	57,516			12,893
SA STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT					
10	-1001 State Aid	1,906,098	2,126,573 a>	-	(135,876)
20	-1001 State Aid	2,300,000	3,908,378 a>		(3,086)
30	-1001 State Aid	713,000	440,068 a>		303,189
40	-1001 State Aid	3,466,977	4,136,926 a>		(685,276)
51	-1028 Early Intervention Services	13,260,000	7,900,000 a>	-	3,771,417
	-1029 Physically Handicapped Children				
	-1076 Pre-School Services	82,338,210	44,832,600 a>	3,227,176	42,872,593
	-1077 Pre-School Administration	654,000	721,400 a>		693,000
	-1078 NYS Pass Through				
	SUBTOTAL SA State Aid	104,638,285	64,065,945	3,227,176	46,815,961
	TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 121,680,801	\$ 65,004,945	\$ 3,227,176	\$ 65,916,308

Office of Public Health Legal Affairs

The Office of Public Health Legal Affairs provides legal counsel to the Department enabling our Offices and Divisions to best serve the public health needs of our community within our scope of public health legal authority. Various services provided by this Office include:

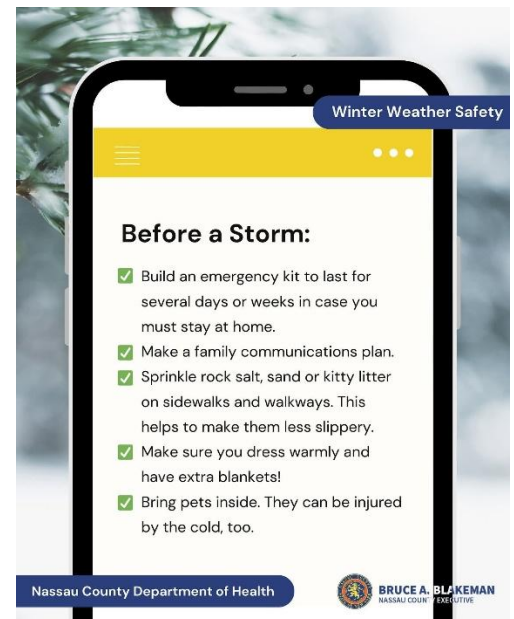
- Prosecuting enforcement actions under the New York State Public Health Law, New York State Sanitary Code, New York State Environmental Conservation Laws, and Local County Laws at administrative hearings.
- Drafting Departmental Policies, Commissioner's Orders, and local public health ordinances.
- Training all staff members on HIPAA and confidentiality issues during onboarding process and refresher sessions.
- Responding to subpoenas and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests.
- Conducting legislative review for purposes of evaluating potential impacts on laws on public health efforts, response, and protection of our residents.
- Assisting staff with archiving documents and other materials.
- Communication with Legislative/Judicial Branches.
- Assisting the Department in complying with litigation holds.
- Assisting staff with drafting contracts, DUAs (data user agreements), and MOUs (memoranda of understanding).



Office of Communications

The Office of Communications plans, organizes, and implements the Department's public information activities in order to provide timely information to the public. This Office interfaces with all Divisions within the NCDOH. In addition, the Office is responsible for writing and distributing all NCDOH press releases, coordinating press conferences, requests for interviews, issuing statements to the media, and developing public health campaigns.

- In 2025, the Office promoted initiatives/events via brochures, signs, and social media posts such as:
 - Opening Lactation Support space at Health Equity Resource Center
 - Power to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes
 - Sexual and Reproductive Health social media initiative
 - Tea and Talk Health Lecture Series
 - Rabies Baiting Initiative
 - Winter Weather Safety Tips



Other activities included:

- Website development and updates.
- Marketing for Nassau Navigator
- Creating, monitoring, and updating NCDOH YouTube and LinkedIn accounts.
- Monitoring and updating NCDOH Facebook and Instagram accounts.
 - In 2025, The Department's Facebook account was recognized by Meta as consistently posting high-quality content. This has seemingly led to a shift in the Facebook algorithm, with an increase in exposure of the Department's posts in people's feeds. The Department is seeing an increase in views, engagement, and followers.

- The Department completed one calendar year utilizing Facebook and Instagram. The Department added YouTube and LinkedIn to its social media platform. In addition, the Office of Communications created a digital media library which made programs publicly available for those who were unable to attend the events.

- The Office of Communications gave a presentation on Safe Sleep at The Community Baby Shower in April, which was hosted by the Division of Community Health.



- During May there was a press conference with the County Executive’s Office which highlighted maternal mental health awareness. This was held in partnership with the Nassau County Perinatal Services Network. There were two speakers, Nicole Tropiano and Victoria Caputo, local moms who are social media influencers. In addition, the dome atop the Nassau County Executive and Legislative building was lit to raise awareness and shine light on maternal mental health awareness.



Nassau County Perinatal Services Network

Maternal Mental Health Resources

1 in 5 moms suffer from a perinatal mental health disorder. Help is available.

<p style="font-size: x-small;">Mental Health Association of Nassau County (MHANC) (516) 504-HELP (4357)</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Zucker Hillside Hospital – Perinatal Psychiatry Services (516) 470-4MOM (4666)</p>
<p style="font-size: x-small;">Postpartum Resource Center of New York (PRCNY) 1 (855) 631-0001</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Nassau County Behavioral Health Helpline (516) 227-TALK (8255)</p>
<p style="font-size: x-small;">National Maternal Mental Health Hotline 1 (833) 943-5746</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Call or Text: 988</p>
<p style="font-size: x-small;">Postpartum Support International (PSI) Helpline (800) 944-4773</p>	

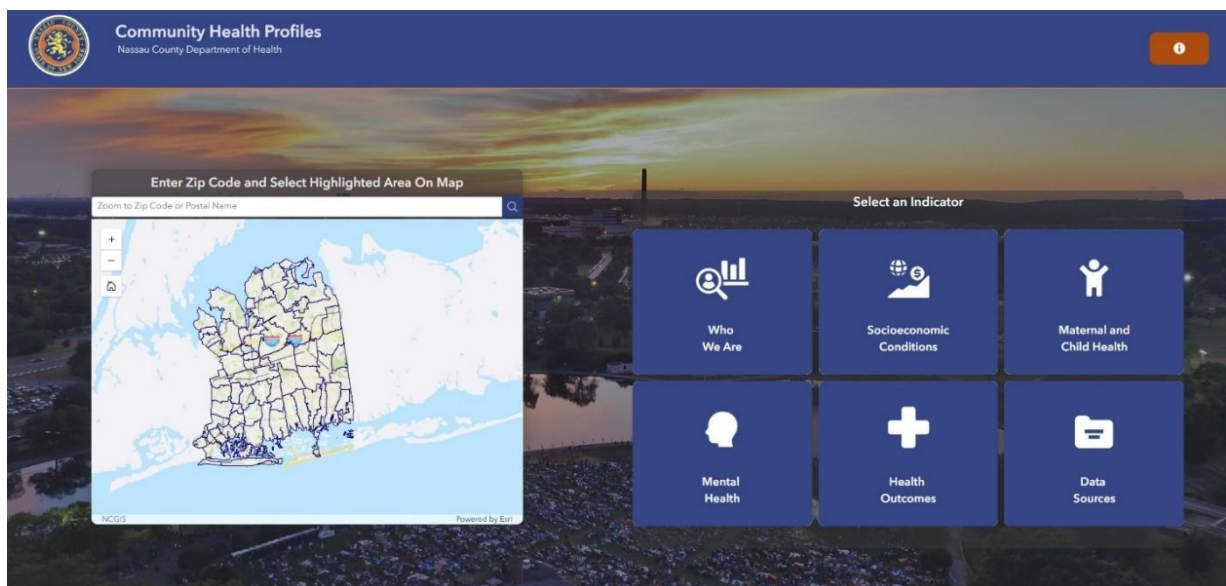
You are not alone.

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Office of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Planning

The mission of the Office of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Planning is to describe, evaluate, and inform programming, priorities and improve community health outcomes through data-driven decision making. This is accomplished using a range of data sources, analysis, and visualization of data.

- In March of 2025, the Office launched the Community Health Profiles. The Community Health Profiles are an online tool enabling the user to learn about select health indicators in their community. The user can enter a zip code or click a zip code on the map to choose the community of interest and select health indicators including demographics, socioeconomic conditions, maternal and child health, mental health, and health outcomes.



- NCDOH renewed its contract with Stony Brook Center of Clean Water Technology to analyze wastewater samples from Nassau County's sewersheds, testing wastewater for opioids, stimulants and select pathogens – cholera, tuberculosis, and measles. A year's worth of wastewater surveillance data was accumulated and used to create multiple dashboards, which can be accessed here: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5738/Wastewater-Monitoring>
- Two staff received scholarships to attend the 2025 NACCHO wastewater conference "From Sewers to Solutions: Wastewater Monitoring for Public Health Action," in Anaheim, CA.



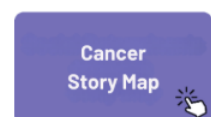
- The Office completed and submitted the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to New York State Department of Health in December 2025.
- The Office continued to utilize BlueDot, an infectious disease surveillance tool, used to understand global outbreaks of disease. Using BlueDot, the Office created *WanderWell: Travel Insights*, and an interactive travel dashboard that informs travelers of potential disease worldwide, as well as best ways to protect themselves.



- A mass-gathering disease assessment was conducted for the Ryder Cup Golf Tournament.
- Epidemiology-related abstracts were accepted to the New York City Epi Conference, which took place at Hofstra University. Staff presented posters entitled “The Role of Flight Connectivity in Disease Transmission: A Retrospective Correlation Analysis” and “Differential Substance Use Patterns Among Nassau County Youth.”
- Staff continued to update dashboards regularly and create new ones. Additionally, various Story Maps were developed and published to the Department’s website.

Story Maps:

Story maps are interactive online tools that combine maps with narrative text, images, and multimedia content to tell engaging stories about public health in our community. They help us visualize data on topics like disease prevalence, demographic information, and environmental factors, making complex information easy to understand. By exploring our story maps, you can gain valuable insights into local health issues.



Division of Communicable Disease Control

The Division of Communicable Disease Control protects the public from the spread of diseases through surveillance, investigation, intervention, and education. It is comprised of four Bureaus – Disease Control and Perinatal Hepatitis B and Immunization, Tuberculosis Control, and STD/HIV Control.

Communicable Disease Control and Perinatal Hepatitis B and Immunization

In 2025:

- Approximately 3,792 communicable diseases (not including influenza or COVID-19) were reported and confirmed.
- There were 4 pediatric influenza deaths.
- There were 8 cases of West Nile Virus, which represents a 60% decrease from the 20 confirmed cases in 2024.
- Nassau County had **no** measles cases.
- There was approximately a 75% decrease in Pertussis cases from 2024 to 2025; there were 326 in 2024 and 80 in 2025.
- Legionellosis cases more than doubled from 32 in 2024 to 79 in 2025.
- Cases of Lyme disease increased approximately 17% from 2024 to 2025, 520 to 610 cases, respectively.
- The Bureau of Perinatal Hepatitis B and Immunization organized the Immunization/School health conference. The conference focused on childhood vaccines and the recommended vaccine schedule and was very well-attended by school health representatives.



Tuberculosis Control

For 2025

- There were 39 confirmed active TB cases.
- 2 multi-drug-resistant TB cases.
- Staff virtually attended NYC World TB Day.

WHAT IS TUBERCULOSIS?

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by bacteria called Mycobacterium Tuberculosis.



SYMPTOMS OF TB

- feelings of weakness
- fever
- night sweats
- coughing
- chest pain
- coughing up blood



HOW IS TB TREATED?

TB disease can be treated by taking a combination of antibiotics for several months.



STD/HIV Control

HIV Testing Day

2025 by the numbers:

- 161 Early Syphilis cases
- 115 HIV cases assigned for investigation
- 931 Gonorrhea cases
- 3,696 Chlamydia cases
- 7 MPOX cases
- 0 Congenital syphilis cases

Today, more tools than ever are available to prevent HIV.

Prevention strategies include:

- Using condoms the right way every time you have sex.
- Never sharing needles, syringes, or other drug injection equipment.
- Using PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis).



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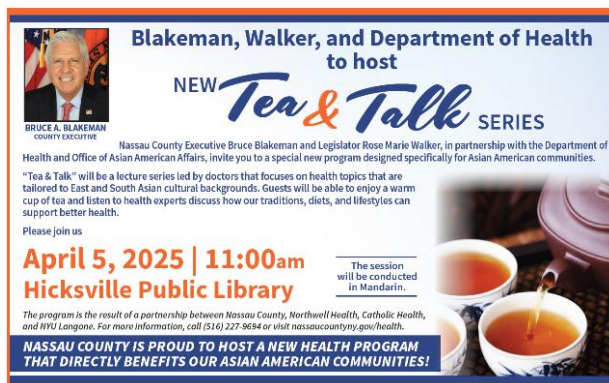
NCDOH social media post

Division of Community Health

The mission of the Division of Community Health is to engage the community with the Department's services and resources and information about public health. The Division is working to partner with different internal and external stakeholders to provide multiple services for the residents of Nassau County.

In 2025:

- The “Power to Prevent Type 2” National Diabetes Prevention Program began, and the first Diabetes Prevention cohort has been very successful. They have completed their core curriculum with 100% retention.
- The Division collaborated with the Office of Asian American Affairs and commenced its “Tea and Talk” lecture series in April. These lectures are held both in English and in Mandarin in libraries and faith-based centers. Our healthcare partners arrange for a medical provider to give a presentation at these lectures. Some of the topics included cancer screening and prevention, diabetes, and nutrition.



- A Lactation Friendly Community Space opened at the Community Health Resource Center in February.



- The Division hosted two Community Baby Showers, one in April and the other in November, which served pregnant women along with their partners and/or family members. Both events were well attended with over 40 people. The Community Baby Showers have workshops, such as safe sleep, breastfeeding, and maternal mental health. Both Community Baby Showers were a great success.
- The Division co-hosted a Poverty Simulation with the Long Island Health Collaborative at Western Suffolk BOCES on April 29. The event was very well attended, with 66 participants and volunteers from various organizations.
- The Division partnered with the County Executive’s Office on the Health Information Card Initiative. Community members receive cards where they can self-report their health information. Over 400 cards were created in 2025 at various events.



- The Division participated in a fresh food distribution and nutritional workshops in partnership with Northwell and Island Harvest. Over 100 participants received a bag of fruits and vegetables along with education on how to prepare the foods in healthy ways.
- In October, the Division of Community Health received a grant from Fidelis Care in the amount of \$10,000.00, which will be used to support the Department’s Food Security Program and provide some nutrition and chronic disease prevention workshops and education.
- Over 4,000 clients have accessed the health resource center at 40 main street. Clients received services such as food pantry, diaper and formula bank, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Lactation Support, Resource case management and nutrition education.
- The Division continues to build and promote the online resource platform Nassau Navigator. This interactive directory helps residents find free and low-cost services such as housing programs, food pantries, employment and more.

Division of Maternal Child Health Services

The Division of Maternal Child Health Services is comprised of the following: Office of Children with Special Needs, which contains Early Intervention and the Preschool Program, Women, Infants, and Children's Program (WIC), Hewlett House, Childhood Fatality Review Team, Cribs for Kids, and the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Early Intervention (EI) is a voluntary developmental evaluation and services program offered by New York State and administered locally by the Nassau County Department of Health Office for Children with Special Needs. To be eligible for services, children must be under 3 years of age and have a confirmed disability or established developmental delay.

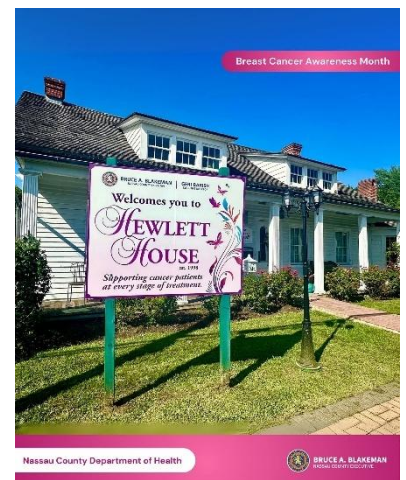
- In 2025, many improvements were made to the EI Hub, the program that houses the case data for the Early Intervention Program.
- Staff from the Early Intervention Program attended the annual Bureau of Early Intervention conference in Albany in April, where networking and training opportunities were available.
- A new IT project began in an effort to create an EI Program Referral Portal. This portal will allow for parents, agencies, pediatricians, and other referral sources to be able to refer a child to the Early Intervention Program electronically; referrals are currently received via fax or by phone.

The Preschool Special Education Program provides services to children who are 3 to 5 years old with developmental delays and/or educational needs. Eligibility is based on the results of a multi-disciplinary evaluation that is at no direct cost to the family.

- Preschool busing and provider contracts were renewed as required, every 5 years. Busing is provided for approximately 1,200 children who attend center-based programs. Approximately 110 preschool provider contracts have successfully been processed.
- The Board of Health unanimously approved a rate increase for Preschool providers effective on September 1, 2025.

Hewlett House is a community resource center dedicated to the education and support of all cancer patients and their families at every stage of their treatment.

- In 2025 the Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast raised \$1,800.00 each for Hewlett House and for Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.



The Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) provides an EBT card for food and formula as well as peer counseling to support breastfeeding women, and nutrition education for eligible pregnant/post-partum women, infants and children.

WIC has moved!

Hempstead WIC is now located at

 **40 Main St.
Hempstead, NY**



WIC is the Special Supplemental Foods Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC provides nutritious foods as well as nutrition counseling and education for its participants.

For more information, call 516-571-1WIC

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In 2025:

- WIC had their annual evaluation with MARO (Metropolitan Area Regional Office) and received a great review.
- WIC moved to 40 Main Street, Hempstead, which is the same location that houses the Division of Community Outreach.

Cribs for Kids is a national Infant Safe Sleep Initiative, with the mission of providing a safe-sleep education program for parents and caregivers which includes the intervention of a safety-approved crib if the family cannot otherwise afford one. There were 87 portable cribs distributed by our community-based partners to families in need in 2025, bringing our total to over 660 cribs distributed since start of the program.

The mission of the Child Fatality Review team is to review child deaths to better understand the causes of these deaths and to make recommendations based on the team's findings to reduce future child fatalities.



The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides medical case management for children with elevated blood-lead levels. It works in close partnership with Environmental Health to identify and abate hazards.

- All cases with a blood lead level (BLL) of greater than or equal to 5.0mcg/dL are reported to the Nassau County Department of Health. In response, the Department conducts an environmental lead investigation into where the child lives or spends time to identify the source of lead exposure. The Department also educates families on risk exposure reduction, nutritional education and developmental referrals if needed. In 2025, 130 environmental investigations took place.

Division of Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Since 2002, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement has provided assistance to public health departments across the nation. This helps health departments build and strengthen their abilities to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Preparedness activities funded by the PHEP cooperative agreement specifically target the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable.

In 2025:

- PHEP participated in the COVID-19 After Action Report with Hagerty Consulting.
- In March, New York State Department of Health conducted a region-wide Medical Response and Surge Exercise; PHEP participated in the exercise, and in April contributed to the After-Action Review and Improvement Planning.
- Long Island Marathon – There were 35 Health Department employees and 43 MRC (Medical Reserve Corps.) volunteers who helped at the Marathon. Medical assistance was provided to 30 individuals, and two athletes were transported to the hospital.
- Long Island Games for Physically Challenged – PHEP and MRC provided first aid medical support for this multi-day event. A total of 1,471 athletes participated in events such as track and field, swimming, table tennis, and wheelchair basketball. Medical support included care for one major injury (oral trauma involving a student volunteer) and six minor injuries.
- Long Island Fair – PHEP and MRC provided first aid and medical support for this three-day event. First Aid provided: 5, Medical items distributed: 23, and there were no hospital transports.
- PHEP managed a roster of 1,610 MRC for the year.
- PHEP collaborated with Nassau Forward on warehouse operations and inventory system operations to make improvements.
- Attended multi-agency planning meeting for the Ryder Cup, which took place from September 26th-28th at the Bethpage Black Course.



- PHEP surveyed 267 community members on their hurricane and emergency preparedness plans.
- PHEP coordinated the multi-day Departmental Flu POD and were able to successfully vaccinate 90 employees with the help of staff from the Divisions of Communicable Disease and Maternal Child Health.



Division of Environmental Health

The Division of Environmental Health (DEH) protects the community from adverse health effects resulting from environmental pollution, unsanitary conditions or unsafe practices by regulation and enforcement of environmental health programs. DEH is comprised of the following four bureaus: Bureau of Enforcement and Permit Administration, Bureau of Environmental Engineering and Water Supply, Bureau of Food, Recreation, and Community Sanitation, and Bureau of Hazardous Material Storage, Lead, and Vector Borne Diseases.

The Division of Environmental Health is responsible for:

- Regulating the safe and sanitary conditions of public water systems, food service establishments, residential environments, children’s camps, public pools and beaches, tattoo/body art facilities, and temporary residences.
- Certifying food managers, tattoo and body piercing artists.
- Monitoring the abatement of lead hazards, preventing the sale of tobacco products to minors, investigating complaints of rodent and insect infestations, and conducting mosquito and rabies surveillance.
- Reviewing and approving engineering plans for water systems, public pools, residential developments of five lots or more, and commercial development in non-sewered areas.

In 2025,

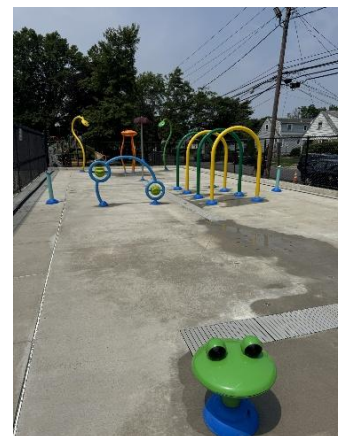
- The Division was instrumental in carrying out the Department’s Oral Rabies Baiting Vaccination Program. Sanitarians were tasked with placing the baits in wooded areas throughout the County. The County identified 27 animals positive for rabies.
- In 2025, portions of the County had a high risk for Lyme Disease as identified by the tick surveillance program.
- To treat emergent contaminants in water, 98 advanced oxidation process treatment systems were approved for construction and 78 were authorized to be placed into operation for the treatment of 1,4-dioxane and PFAS. A total of 25 granular activated carbon systems were approved for construction at sites impacted by PFAS, with 27 approved for operation.



- The Division reviewed the results of 311,603 NYSDOH mandated water quality sample results from 46 public water suppliers.
- The Division contributed to the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection Annual Report detailing a summary of the water quality.
- In the summer, the Division participated in a Legionnaire's cluster investigation conducting sample from cooling towers and properties, advising disinfection for those towers with positive samples.
- The Division reviewed and approved plans and designs for construction of both residential and commercial sanitary disposal systems, including Creek Club in Locust Valley.
- The Division performed 13 environmental site inspections to evaluate environmental conditions of realty properties. On-site sewage disposal systems, chemical storage tanks, salt storage facilities were inspected. In addition, the Division evaluated compliance with regulations that preserve quality of aquifers in areas designated as Special Groundwater Protection Areas.



- To ensure compliance of hazardous materials, over 1,700 facilities and more than 2,100 residential tank inspections were conducted. In addition, plans were approved for 35 Petroleum Bulk Storage regulated facilities for gasoline, diesel, waste oil, motor oil, and heating oil tanks.
- In April, the Office of Recreational Facilities began seasonal water sampling for bathing beaches. Staff collected water samples from approximately 65 sites throughout the County to evaluate for bacterial contamination. In addition, staff reviewed and approved construction/renovations of swimming pools (North Hempstead Bunky Reid Park and Sea Cliff Yacht Club). In total, approximately 900 regulated pools, spray grounds and beaches were inspected to prevent injury and illness.
- A total of 63 campgrounds, hotels, and motels were inspected by the Division for food and pool safety and operations.





- To combat adolescent tobacco and vaping use, staff inspected over 3,000 sites throughout the County. The Department pursues enforcement of noncompliant operators.

- Many staff from the Office of Food Protection and Water Supply Program conducted temporary event inspections, for example at the Ryder Cup, Oyster Fest, National BBQ Fest, and the Empire State Fair.
- The Division now offers a free, online food safety course which certified 1,013 certified food service workers in addition to the in-person course.

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Food Safety Course

The Nassau County Department of Health offers a **FREE** online food safety course, with an optional certification available for a fee.

Sign up at the link in bio

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Public Health Laboratory

NCDOH Public Health Laboratory is a NYS ELAP certified laboratory conducting chemistry/microbiology/quality assurance-quality control activities. The lab monitors the quality of beach and potable drinking water and the efficacy of wastewater treatment (Ex: Lead in drinking water).

The lab performs chemical agent analyses (volatile and semi-volatile) in water, air, and soil, including lead dust samples. The lab identifies mosquito species for West Nile and EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) Virus testing.



Looking Ahead to 2026



- Continued wastewater surveillance projects with Stony Brook University
- Planning for a Departmentwide Meeting
- Continuation of the Power to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes Program
- Continued rabies surveillance and oral vaccine baiting program
- Planning for anti-vaping programs with JUUL settlement money
- Strategic planning

