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LOCAL HEALTH REPORT

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Montgomery Township Health Department

Your local public department protects and improves the health and well-being of your community, as well as the environmental resources upon which we all depend.

Since 1900, the average life span of U.S. residents has increased by more than 30 years, with 25 years of this gain attributable to advances in public health, such as:

- Vaccination
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces
- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

Today, your local public health agencies continue to promote health and wellness across New Jersey.

Your health department:

- Protects you from health threats. Your health department works to prevent disease outbreaks and makes sure the water you drink, the food you eat, and the air you breathe are all safe. We are also ready to respond to any health emergency — be it an emerging disease or a new environmental hazard.
- Educates you and your neighbors about health issues. Your health department provides you with information that helps you make healthy decisions, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking, and washing your hands to protect yourself from communicable diseases. During a public health emergency, we also provide important alerts and warnings to protect your health.
- Provides healthy solutions. Your health department offers the preventive care you need to avoid disease and maintain your health. We provide flu shots for the community and help mothers get prenatal care to give their babies a healthy start. We also help provide children with regular check-ups, immunizations, and good nutrition to help them grow and learn.
- Advances community health. Your health department works with community partners to develop new policies and standards that address existing and emerging challenges to your community's health. We work through research and staff training to maintain expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs.
- Enforces a range of laws to help keep you safe. From safe food, to sanitary waste disposal, to clean air and drinking water, Environmental Health Specialists assure compliance with rules that protect the entire community from preventable illnesses.

Montgomery Township Health Department Mission Statement

Our purpose is the good health of the people of the communities we serve.

Together we:

- Prevent disease and injury
- Promote healthier choices
- Protect food, water, and air
- Prepare for emergencies

We will work together for a safer and healthier community

Our Values:

- We protect the Health and Safety of those who live, work and play in the communities we serve
- We provide professional, timely, and caring response to everyone we serve

Montgomery Township Organizational Values:

- Respect for others - Teamwork - Communication - Integrity - Leadership - Customer Service

Public Health 2022 Quick Facts

- 7 Shared Services Agreements
- 10 employees (9 FTEs)
- 414 flu vaccinations provided, NJDOH Influenza Honor
- 2,001 COVID-19 vaccines provided
- 973 pets licensed
- 8602 disease cases investigated (96% were COVID-19)
- 35 outbreaks investigated
- 66 Environmental health issues investigated

Your Health Department Team



Montgomery Township Health Department Service Area

Town Name	Animal Bites & Rabies Control	Childhood Lead Poisoning Control	Communicable Disease Control	Emergency Preparedness	Health Education & Promotion	Individualized Clinical Services	Inquiries, Issues, Complaints	Kennels, Pet Shops, Shelters	Onsite Wastewater Disposal System	Other Animal Control Services	Potable Wells & Drinking Water	Proprietary Campgrounds	Public Campgrounds	Recreational Bath Facilities	Retail Food Establishment Safety	School Immunity Record Audits	Youth Camps
HOPEWELL BORO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P			P	P	P	P
MONTGOMERY TWP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P
PENNINGTON BORO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P			P	P	P	P
ROCKY HILL BORO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P			P	P	P	P
BRANCHBURG			P		P												
PRINCETON					P												

COVID-19 Listening Session: Raritan Valley Community College

The Health Department hosted a COVID-19 vaccine listening session followed by a COVID-19 booster educational session at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). A “Listening Session” is a tool used to ask participants about their opinions and experiences surrounding a specific topic. Generally, the goal of a listening session is to understand the opportunities and challenges surrounding an issue in the community. Health Departments conduct listening sessions to identify gaps in educational information or resources within the community. Following the listening session, a presentation was provided for RVCC employees and staff members to learn about Long-COVID, COVID-19 and mental health and updates on the bivalent booster.

MTHD offers educational programs and presentations to organizations who want to engage community members in public health-related topics!



Measurably Better Health

MTHD awarded \$487,665.50 in grants:

- Radon - \$2,000
- Strengthening Public Health - \$274,735
- Vaccine Supplemental - \$50,000
- Public Health Infrastructure - \$131,996
- Infection Control NJACCHO - \$2,500
- Infection Control NACCHO - \$2,500
- Youth Services - \$8,000
- Municipal Alliance - \$6,934.50
- Employee Wellness - \$9,000

Your Health Department Team



Staffing & Human Resources Summary

Fiscal Year Summary

2022 data

Number of Individual Employees	10
Number of Individual Contract Staff	24
Number of Individual Volunteers	18
Number of Contract Organizations	4
Total Number of Full-Time Equivalent Human Resources Available	1
FTEs of Individual Employees	9
FTEs of Individual Contract Staff	0.5
FTEs of Individual Volunteers	0.2
FTEs of Contract Organizations	0.2
<i>In-Kind Work of 24 Volunteer Board of Health Members</i>	24

Definitions:

- Employees are individuals who are on the LHD's payroll and paid a set salary or hourly rate. This includes full-time, part-time, and casual/at-will/W-9 staff of the LHD.
- Contract staff are individual contractors or consultants who are not on the LHD's payroll, but who invoice or bill the LHD for services rendered on behalf of the LHD and are paid directly by the LHD as individuals (rather than as companies/organizations).
- Contract organizations are organizations that, under the terms of a contract, provide services on behalf of the LHD in exchange for payment, where the LHD pays the organization rather than directly compensating individual staff of the organization for their services.

2022 Annual Financial Summary

Fiscal Year Summary

Total revenue	
Revenue from Municipalities	\$138,949.38
Revenue from Counties	\$0
Revenue from State Department of Health	\$0
Revenue from other State Agencies	\$0
Revenue from NJDOH grants	\$456,735
Revenue from other grants	\$35,184
Revenue from service and licensing fees	\$79,680.11
Revenue from fines for health & safety violations	\$0
Financial donations received	\$0
% of revenue from Fees and Fines	0%
Total expenditures for 01-01-2022 through 12-31-2022	\$572,262.18
Budget for next fiscal year	\$576,000
Per capita expenditures <i>excluding Capital, Overhead, and Benefits</i>	\$24.16

Inquiries, Issues, and Complaint Investigations: Improving Community Quality of Life, Health, and Safety

Local health departments assist residents in the resolution of quality of life questions and concerns, as well as conducting investigations to prevent and correct (“abate”) conditions or uses of a properties that interfere with neighbors’ use or enjoyment of their own properties or endanger life, health or safety.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of contacts handled	1,093
Number of cases investigated	66
Number of cases that required enforcement action (including, but not limited to, fines, notices of violation, and court summons)	7
Percent of cases that required enforcement actions	10.6%

The data on this page applies to: Hopewell Boro, Montgomery Twp, Pennington Boro, Rocky Hill Boro.



Emergency Preparedness and Response

Local health departments monitor the community for infectious or communicable diseases, public health nursing and case investigation & disease outbreak prevention and mitigation, health education/ risk communication, partnerships with traditional and non-traditional emergency responders and the community-at-large, and environmental contamination mitigation post-event (natural or manmade disasters).

Montgomery Township Health Department has a continuity of operations plan

Montgomery Township Health Department has plans to respond to the following types of emergencies that involve:

- Retail food safety
- The public water supply
- Multi-family housing
- Food-borne disease outbreaks
- Infectious disease outbreaks
- Hazardous material spills
- Raw sewage spills
- Isolation and quarantine to prevent the spread of dangerous illnesses
- Major natural disasters
- Potential bioterrorism exposures

Montgomery Township Health Department's response plans include extra precautions and preparations to protect populations at greatest health risk in emergencies.

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Mental Health “Don’t Give Up” Movement



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Health Department and the Montgomery-Rocky Hill Municipal Alliance participated in the *Don't Give Up Movement* to spread resilience, help end the stigma of mental health, and spread the message that you are not alone. Lawn signs were placed throughout Montgomery Township at the High School, at the Upper and Lower Middle School, at Faith-Based Organizations and at the Municipal Building. Business card size messages were also distributed at all tabling events throughout the summer.

Investing in Wellness is ROI

Return on investment

We had 107 (79%) of township employees participate in the Wellable Employee Wellness Program. 70 employees met the wellness goal and received their 4-hour incentive time off coupon.



The Health Department hosted an Employee Wellness Fair with over 50 attendees! The fair was made possible by the following partners:

- RWJ Somerset Hospital: Community Health, Infection Prevention, Steeplechase Cancer Center, Sports Physical Therapy
- Employee Assistance Services
- Montgomery Library
- Playa Bowls

Wellness works!

Stay up to date on your vaccines!



Montgomery Township Mayor, Devra Keenan, reminds you that staying up to date on your vaccines is the best protection against illness!

Health Education and Promotion

Health Education occurs throughout all local health department programs, with a focus on providing education and health promotion services that help the public make informed decisions about their health. Health education programs and activities help the community achieve a healthier lifestyle and promote healthy behaviors.

Health Educators are conveners and leaders of community coalitions to assess the health of our neighborhoods, and develop collaborative strategies to improve health where we live, work, and play.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of single-session educational events	72
Number of multi-session educational events	13
Total number of educational events	22

Distribution of Health Education information:

- Outreach to local schools
- Outreach to local health providers
- Outreach to local businesses
- Outreach to local faith-based organizations
- Outreach to local childcare providers
- Outreach to other local organizations
- Posting information to the LHD website
- Updated information on the LHD website
- Sharing information via a municipal, county, or LHD email distribution list
- Sharing information on social media tools like Twitter & Facebook
- Press releases in local print newspapers/newsletters
- Press releases through local online newspapers/newsletters

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Individual Clinical Services

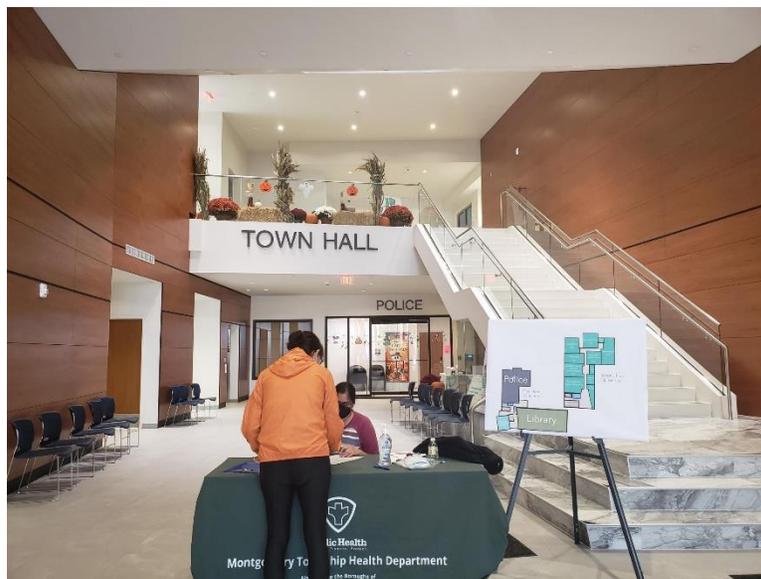
As part of our mission to assure that all people have access to essential health services, local health departments provide a variety of individual, clinical services such as screenings and checkups, referrals to appropriate medical care, and primary medical care and follow-up.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of clinic-based medical visits provided	0
Number of Individuals (unduplicated) who received care at health department clinics	0
Number of referrals to medical follow-up, support programs, and/or accessible medical services	104
Number of children immunized to protect them from dangerous and deadly preventable diseases	495
Number of adults (age 18 and up) immunized to protect them from dangerous and deadly preventable diseases	1,934
Total number of immunizations provided by the LHD	2,429
Total number of health screenings provided by the LHD	78
Number of children screened for dangerous levels of lead in their blood	0
Number of individuals screened for Hypertension	78
Number of individuals screened for Tuberculosis	0

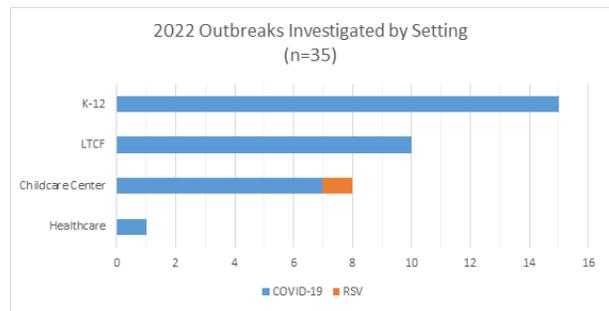
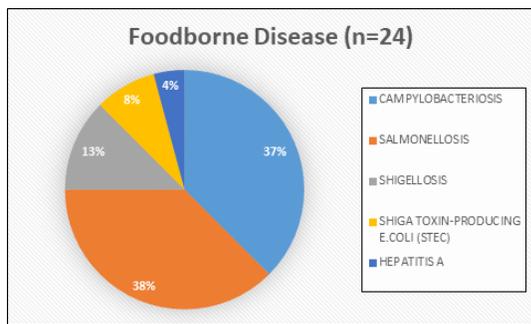
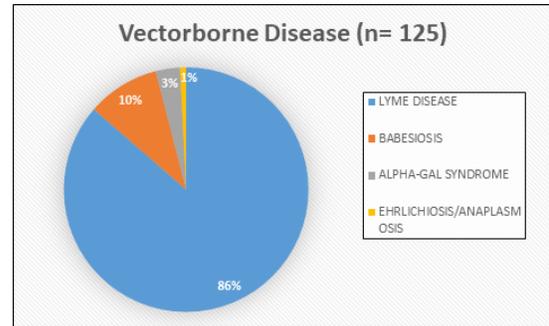
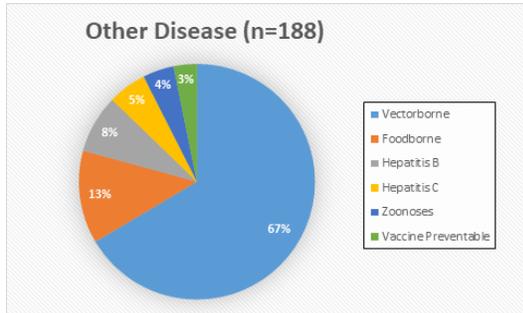
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Communicable Disease Control

The Health Department investigates communicable diseases and outbreaks to look for causes and intervene to keep illnesses from spreading.

In 2022, MTHD investigated **188 cases** of Communicable Disease (not including COVID-19 or influenza)



- **The flu shot is your best defense against the flu!** The CDC recommends everyone over 6 months of age get vaccinated every fall. The Health Department offers convenient clinics for both adults and school-aged children to make sure you can get your flu shot.
- We want to **make Hepatitis B a thing of the past.** People born after January 1, 1990 had to get the vaccine to attend school in New Jersey. If you haven't yet been vaccinated, talk with your doctor about vaccination and screening.

Vaccines save lives!

School Immunization Record Audits

The Health Department reviews immunization records of children within schools and childcare facilities each year to make sure everyone is protected from preventable diseases.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of Childcare / Pre-K facilities	15
Number of Childcare / Pre-K facilities audited by the health department	15
Number of Kindergarten facilities	8
Number of Kindergarten facilities audited by the health department	8
Number of Grade 1 facilities	7
Number of Grade 1 facilities audited by the health department	7
Number of Grade 6 facilities	6
Number of Grade 6 facilities audited by the health department	6
Number of High School facilities	5
Number of High School facilities whose transfer school records were audited by the health department	5

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Animal Care and Management

Educating our neighbors on responsible pet ownership

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PET LICENSING

In 3 Easy Steps

1. Scan the QR Code below or go to [Montgomerynj.gov/animal](https://www.montgomerynj.gov/animal)
2. Enter your pet's information
3. Pay the fee and your pet's tag will be mailed to you
Questions? Call 908-359-8211 x 2247

SCAN FOR APPLICATION



<https://www.montgomerynj.gov/animal/page/009-ani-cat-licensing>

MONTGOMERY TWP HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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LICENSE FOR LOVE
It's the Law!

As a responsible pet owner it is your job to license your pet!

All pets over 7 months old are required to be licensed within 10 days. All licensed pets must be vaccinated against rabies.

Licensing your pet helps return them home if they get lost or run away.

Contact your local municipality if you need a paper form to license your pet. 908-359-8211 x2247.

Keep them safe and license your pet today!





Animal Control Quick Facts 2022

- 854 calls for service
- Over 350 investigations (*Nuisance, bite, or stray*) initiated
- Over 50 animals brought to SAVE's shelter
- 212 Dead Deer Removals
- Mailed over 2,000 pet licensing reminder post cards.
- Pet waste littering flyers included in all new pet licensing packets.
- Updated pet licensing forms to streamline process involving owners with multiple pets.



Animal Control Officer, Rose Tropeano, had a four-legged visitor who enjoyed a ride in the ACO vehicle!

Kennels, Pet Shops, and Shelter / Pound Facilities

- Local health departments inspect kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds to ensure that these facilities are operating in compliance with sanitation, safety, and animal welfare rules.

Key Facts & Activities	2022 data
Number of licensed pet shop facilities	0
Number of licensed kennel facilities	1
Number of licensed shelter/pound facilities	1
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0
Number of routine inspections conducted at Kennels	1
Number of routine inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	1
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Kennels	0
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Kennels	0
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0

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Animal Bites and Rabies Control

The Health Department investigates incidents where there was possible human or domestic animal exposure to rabies, including

- Lab testing of suspected rabid animals
- Exposure evaluation for people and their pets
- Monitoring of dogs and cats that bite humans or other animals

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of incidents where an animal bit a human	9
Number of incidents where a rabid or suspected-rabid animal bit a domestic animal (pet / livestock)	2
Number of unimmunized domestic animals that were confined for rabies observation after biting a person or another animal	3

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Animal Control Services

To protect individuals and their domestic animals, Animal Control Officers are responsible for collecting and impounding lost pets, stray domestic animals, and sick, injured, or dangerous animals. Montgomery's health department supervises Animal Control Officers to prevent the spread of rabies and to ensure that anyone potentially exposed to rabies receives prompt treatment.

Montgomery Township Health Department provides animal control services to the following:

Hopewell Boro

Montgomery Twp

Pennington Boro

Rocky Hill Boro

Animal Sheltering Services

Montgomery Township Health and Animal Control is proud to partner with SAVE-A Friend to Homeless Animals to care for our lost and homeless animals.

The SAVE facility on Route 601 provides both temporary sheltering and full adoption services for animals found in our service area.



Municipal Animal Shelter Operations

In Cooperation with SAVE-A Friend to Homeless Animals

Montgomery Township Health Department provides a contractual animal shelter on behalf of the following:

Hopewell Boro

Montgomery Twp

Pennington Boro

Rocky Hill Boro

Pet Licensing

All municipalities in New Jersey are responsible for licensing domestic dogs, to ensure that dogs and the people they interact with are protected from rabies. Pet licensing programs also help to quickly reunite lost pets with their owners. In many municipalities, cats are also licensed to protect pets and community members from rabies.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of dog licenses issued

996

Number of cat licenses issued

175

The data on this page applies to: Montgomery Twp.

Rabies Vaccination Clinics

MTHD sponsors pet vaccination clinics to make it easy for residents to vaccinate their pets against rabies. The rabies shot protects pets that may come into contact with wildlife **and** the people who own pets.

Protect your pet! Protect your community! Vaccinate and license your cats and dogs!

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of rabies vaccination clinics conducted by the health department

3

Number of pets vaccinated by the health department

135

Average number of pets vaccinated per clinic

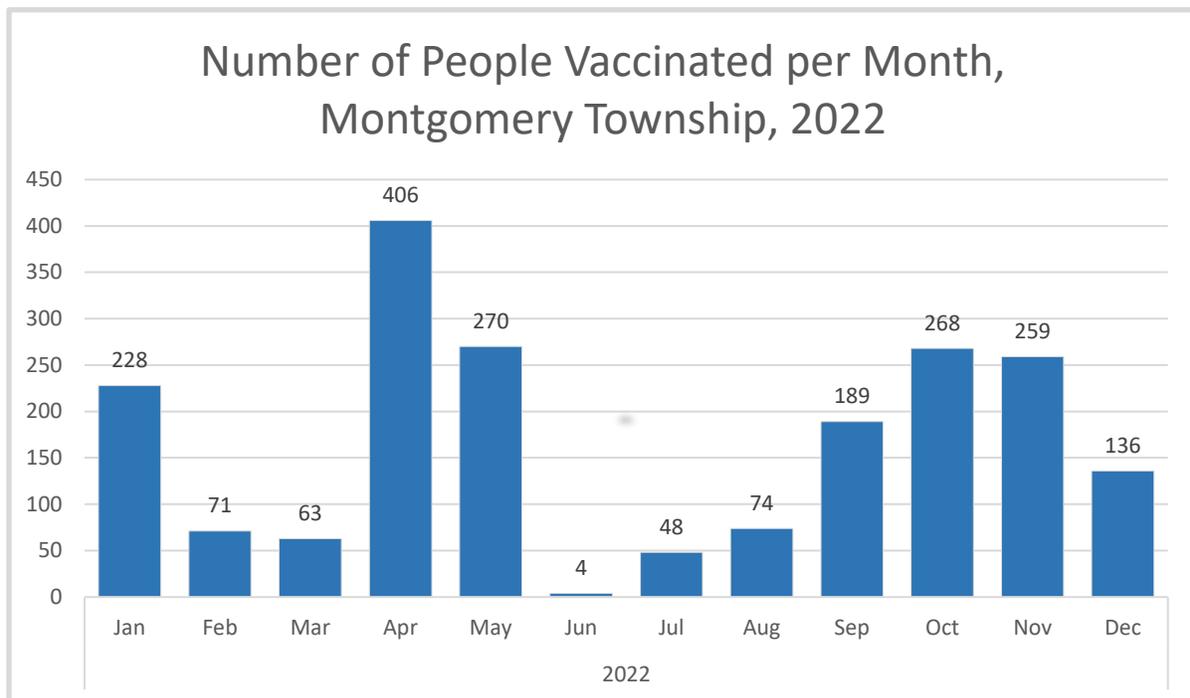
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COVID-19: What does the data say?

COVID-19 was the most common reportable disease in New Jersey in 2022. Data from the NJ Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System shows that the number of COVID-19 cases in the MTHD jurisdiction was 8261.

MTHD focused on providing COVID-19 vaccinations in 2022. The table below illustrated the number of vaccinations provided to the community each month.



Public Health Quick Facts

Did you know?

MTHD provides social support assistance to community members. Support services provided include:

- Housing assistance
- Food assistance
- Mental health resources
- Access to care assistance
- Childhood immunizations
- Homebound vaccinations

The Local Health Outreach Coordinator ensures that all residents have access to the resources they need. At a given time, the LHOC usually handles a dozen cases.

Public Health, Personal Stories



Registered Environmental Health Specialists Evan Stampoulos and Kristen Sargent are responsible for assuring that food is safe to eat, water is safe for drinking and swimming; and wastewater disposal is sanitary– for everyone's good health!

Youth Camps

Local health departments enforce safety and sanitation standards for the operation of youth camps in order to protect the health and safety of children who attend these programs

Key Facts & Activities	2022 data
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted	4
Number of routine, operational inspections conducted	0
Number of routine, operational re-inspections conducted	0
Number of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigations conducted	0

Recreational Bathing Facilities

Local health departments conduct safety and sanitation inspections of public recreational bathing facilities (including swimming pools, lakes, rivers, streams, tidal bays, and ocean swimming facilities) to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and protect consumers who use these facilities from avoidable harm and danger.

For more information, contact NAME/PROGRAM at PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of licensed public recreational bathing facilities:	
Number of licensed year-round facilities	4
Number of licensed seasonal facilities	4
Number of public recreational bathing features of each type:	
Swimming / wading pools	5
Hot tubs / spas	2
Number of pre-operational inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	8
Number of routine inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	4
Seasonal facilities	8
Number of routine re-inspections of bathing facilities:	
Year-round facilities	3
Seasonal facilities	0
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of:	
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	0
Number of individual features closed for health and safety violations, by type:	
Swimming / wading pools	0
Hot tubs / spas	0
Number of public recreational bathing facilities closed for health and safety violations:	
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	0

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Retail Food Safety Inspections



Our Inspectors conduct routine inspections at all food establishments in the municipality.

- The most common cause of a “Conditionally Satisfactory” rating is equipment failure. Inspectors should work with operators to identify aging equipment and develop a replacement schedule before a critical failure occurs
- The most common cause of a consumer complaint was of foodborne illness related to an establishment. While these illnesses are seldom laboratory confirmed, a thorough complaint inspection can identify suspect food handling practices that require corrective actions by the establishment.
- Lack of employee handwashing is the second most common cause of customer complaints. Handwashing can be demonstrated and reinforced during the inspection process.
- Language/ literacy in food service workers can be a barrier to safe food handling. Increasing the availability of bilingual or illustrated food safety materials may help address these barriers.

Retail Food Establishment Safety

Local health departments inspect and regulate restaurants, grocery stores, and other retail food facilities to ensure compliance with safety and sanitation rules. Local health departments also investigate and control disease outbreaks linked to retail food facilities.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of licensed food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 – Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	19
Risk Level 2 – Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	58
Risk Level 3 – Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	17
Mobile food establishments	2
Temporary – Establishments operation for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	93
Other – Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized	6
Number of specialized processes overseen by the health department	
Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	2
Number of pre-operational retail food establishment inspections conducted	11
Number of routine inspections for the following types of retail food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 – Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	20
Risk Level 2 – Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	93
Risk Level 3 – Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	50
Mobile food establishments	5
Temporary – Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	50
Other – Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	11
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related investigations/inspections:	
Risk Level 1 – Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	0
Risk Level 2 – Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	3
Risk Level 3 – Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	0
Mobile establishments	0
Temporary – Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	0
Other – Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	0
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related investigations/inspections	
Investigations	0
Inspections (other than routine inspections)	0
Number of establishments on which the health department had to take one or more enforcement actions	2

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Environmental Stewardship

Alternative Wastewater Treatment for Cleaner Water

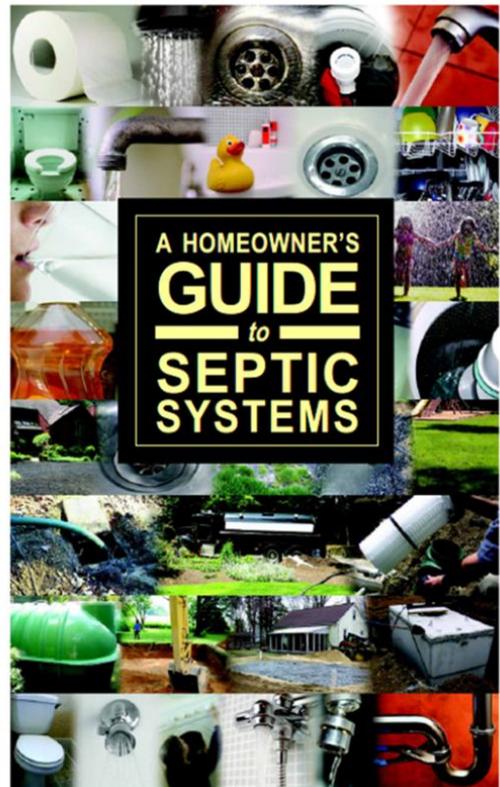
MTHD supports a comprehensive program of On-Site WasteWater Management to protect the environment. Our oversight starts with initial soils evaluation, on to system design, through installation and monitoring of long-term maintenance. This oversight helps reduce the need for costly repairs, and extends the life of the system

Regular maintenance saves money and the environment!



Protect your septic system!

Download the Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems at www.health.montgomery.nj.us
Or call the Health Department for your copy



Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems Safety

Local health departments conduct education, permitting, and inspections of low-volume residential and commercial onsite wastewater treatment systems (e.g., septic systems) to ensure that systems are designed, constructed, and maintained properly, thus improving New Jersey's water quality and protecting human health and the environment.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with installations of new systems	3
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with repairs to existing system	55
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with alternations to existing systems that don't expand the capacity of the system	37
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with alterations to existing systems to expand the capacity of the system	4
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of advanced wastewater pretreatment systems	20
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of commercial facility systems	0
Number of systems in this municipality	3021
Are required system construction inspections performed by the health department?	Yes, the health department performs these inspections. Third-party certifiers also perform some of these inspections.
Number of unduplicated noncompliant systems identified	0
Number of reality transfer system inspection reports reviewed	53
Number of systems identified as noncompliant as a result of review of reality transfer system inspection reports	33
Does the health department have a septic management program in place?	Yes, Montgomery is covered by septic
Number of septic management program inspection reports reviewed by the health department	655
Number of system investigations conducted by the health department	0

The data on this age applies to: Montgomery Twp.

Potable Wells and Drinking Water Safety

The Health Department assures that new wells are installed to protect drinking water safety. The Health Department guides private well owners as to the safety of their water supply, how to comply with Safe Drinking Water standards, and how to address problems with their water.

The Health Department also monitors water quality in restaurants and commercial facilities served by well water.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Does the health department collect potable well water samples?	NO
Does the health department analyze potable well water samples?	NO
Number of potable well inspections conducted	5
Number of unduplicated potable wells inspected	0
Number of potable well investigations where the health department determined well water to be hazardous to humans	0
Number of potable well investigations conducted	0
Number of potable well certificates of compliance issued	0
Number of public water system complaints received	0

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control

There is ***no safe level of lead exposure*** for children. Recognizing that fact, the State of New Jersey is working to ***tighten lead safety standards and increase screening*** of young children.

Montgomery Township Health Department is working with other Health Departments in Mercer and Somerset Counties to build our lead response capacity, and educate policymakers on the resources required to support these essential investigations. We have increased inspector training and nursing capacity to meet the emerging need.

Key Facts & Activities

2022 data

Was service provided for the entire year?	YES
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The data on this page applies to: Hopewell Boro, Montgomery Twp, Pennington Boro, Rocky Hill Boro.

Improving Outcomes with Continuous Quality Improvement

As part of our Public Health Accreditation efforts, MTHD is committed to **Transparency, Accountability, and doing *What Works* to improve health.**

The MTHD Quality Improvement process is overseen by a monitoring team made up of representatives from all four Boards of Health. Health Department staff develop QI projects and measures to address gaps identified in our Performance Management system, Strategic Plan, and Community Health Needs Assessments. Quarterly QI reviews keep the team on track for improved accountability and feedback

For 2022, the Quality Improvement team focused on Increasing Access to Flu Vaccinations, including:

- Increasing outreach and marketing materials being shared.
- Using sandwich signs to promote upcoming clinics weekly.
- Incorporating flu vaccine education information into the township E-bulletin.

2022 results are described in the following story board:

2022 – 2023 Increase Access to Flu Vaccinations

Montgomery Township Health Department, NJ

AIM STATEMENT

For the 2022-2023 flu season, Montgomery Township Health Department's overall objective was to increase accessibility to the flu vaccine.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Pop-up flu vaccination clinics held at:
 - local housing developments including affordable housing units
 - the local food pantry
 - Vote and Vax on election day
 - community center for seniors
 - Library
 - Local Church

STEPS TAKEN FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Increased outreach
- Marketing materials (digital and print flyers) were shared with stakeholders
- Increased outreach via sandwich signs placed on-site at pop-up locations
- Incorporated flu vaccine education and messaging in weekly Montgomery Twp. E-bulletin alerts and on social media
- Created online appointment scheduler to streamline and better plan clinics.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Partnerships with local pharmacies to increase vaccination capacity
- ~500 individuals vaccinated
- 14 flu vaccination clinics held

NEXT STEPS

- Increase vaccine inventory for the 2023 – 2024 flu season
- Increase capacity through partnerships via pharmacies and surge vaccinators





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