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News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

Saturday, January 21, 2023
NJLBHA Board Meeting
10:00 AM EST

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

Christine Harris receives Past President award
NJLBHA Past President, Christine Harris, received the Past President award at the December 17th meeting, presented by Paul Roman, current NJLBHA President.

*It was my honor and privilege to have served in an organization dedicated to furthering the knowledge and performance of local boards of health throughout New Jersey.*
- Christine Harris, 12/17/22

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**NJACCHO Employment Opportunity**

**Health Officer** opening - Monmouth County Regional Health Commission located in Tinton Falls, NJ

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**Release of FY24 Request for Application (Autism)**

The New Jersey Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism (Council) is pleased to announce that the Request for Application (RFA) is now open for FY24. The purpose of this grant opportunity is to support research capable of advancing the mission of the Council and to offer funding for initiatives that address important problems relevant to autism:

- Two-year Predoctoral Research Fellowships
- Three-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
- Two-year (maximum) Basic Science Pilot Research Grants
- Three-year (maximum) Clinical Pilot Research Grants, and
- One-year Autism Concept Projects, and
- Five-year New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence*

* RFA to be released before January 1, 2023

For more information about the opportunities, as well as eligibility requirements, please see the posted RFAs on the Council's website at [https://www.state.nj.us/health/autism/grant/](https://www.state.nj.us/health/autism/grant/).

Letters of Intent are required and the templated form should be submitted by email in PDF format to NJGCA@doh.nj.gov (subject line: [Applicant last name] FY24 RFA Letter of Intent) no later than February 9, 2023. The Council will acknowledge receipt of the application within two business days. Applicants will be informed whether to submit a full application by Mid-February 2023.
Mask Guidance and the “Tripledemic”

COVID-19, the flu, and RSV are surging in many parts of the country in what health experts and news media are calling a “tripledemic” of respiratory illnesses. With cases and hospitalizations on the rise, some public health authorities are revisiting indoor mask guidance.

The CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks indoors in areas with a high COVID-19 Community Level. But regardless of Community Level, anyone can wear a mask as an additional precaution to protect themselves and their families from respiratory infections during the holiday season. Use our new Answers to Tough Questions on the "tripledemic", Talking Points and Answers to Tough Questions on overall mask guidance and the CDC Community Level, and our “What Mask Should I Wear?” graphic to promote use of the most effective kinds of masks this winter.

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