ON BOARD

January 15, 2023

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

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

Meeting Details

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

PHCC’s Misinformation Alerts and Damar Hamlin
Communicating clearly about public health has never been more important.

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New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center

NJ CLIMATE CHANGE RESOURCE CENTER
CLIMATE ACADEMY

Advancing New Jersey’s Climate Goals with Transportation Infrastructure Investments

Event date: January 20, 2023, 12pm–1:30pm
This virtual event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Register Now
Two Years of COVID-19 Vaccination

December 2022 marked two years since the first COVID-19 vaccine was administered in the U.S. Although too many lives have been lost to COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic, vaccination has helped prevent millions of hospitalizations and saved millions of lives.

Stay up to date on your vaccines to protect yourselves, your loved ones, and your community against COVID-19. As with other vaccine-preventable diseases, you are protected best from COVID-19 when you stay up to date with the recommended vaccinations, including recommended boosters.

Get an updated bivalent booster at least 2 months after completing your primary series or last booster. If you’ve had COVID-19, you may delay getting your booster by 3 months since your symptoms ended.

Navigating the Return to Preventive Care

Join us and Consumers for Quality Care on Thursday, January 18, 2023 at 11:00 am as we navigate the return to preventive care. An estimated 41 percent of adults in the U.S. avoided medical care during the pandemic because of concerns about COVID-19. During this webinar, our experts will share best practices and tools for clinicians to use as they work with their patients to return to pre-pandemic levels of preventive care.

Register Now for Our January Webinar
Call for Nominations

NJAAP Youth Achievement Award

The NJ Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, is pleased to announce a CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Youth Achievement Award recognizes the strengths and accomplishments of a young person or group of young people and will be presented on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. We are asking any and all to submit their nomination via the instructions listed below. **Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2023.**

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The Nominee(s) should be New Jersey - based, under the age of 22, and be a (group of) child(ren), adolescent(s) or young adult (s) who has/have demonstrated initiative, talent and determination resulting in a notable accomplishment in any field - including - but not limited to - health, community service, education, and advocacy.

Please be sure to describe why you are nominating this individual or group of individuals citing specific examples of how he/she/they has/have made an impact. Supporting documents, such as additional letter of endorsement, news articles, organization newsletters, or other publications are welcomed and encouraged, and may be emailed separately to Reinhardt@njaap.org.

[Click Here to Submit Your Nomination]

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**NJACCHO Employment Opportunity**

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

[More details]

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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/.

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.

New Jersey Health Initiatives Leadership Announcement

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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