

# ON BOARD

May 15, 2023



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

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
10:00 AM EST

Meeting  
Details

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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

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### Public Health Update

Please be advised that the New Jersey Department of Health is in the process of revising New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8 Chapter 57 which covers Communicable Diseases and related topics. The current rule is set to expire on February 8, 2024.

To engage the relevant groups as early as possible, we are currently seeking the input of our stakeholders. While drafting these revisions, it is important to us that we are incorporating the feedback of those that the rule most influences.

Attached to this email, please find a slide deck detailing how to access the full text of the current rule, some of the larger changes that the Department intends to incorporate into the rule, and a link to a survey for you to provide any feedback you have on the changes or on the current rule. You can also find the survey at the following web address:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0cN2UAI4n0uzauCkG9ZCp7V7HymoSfxFi9PWaH7aSuBUODZENUsxNEpTUFIVUVY0WkxMU0ZSTVEwRS4u>

The Department invites all stakeholders and other interested parties to submit their feedback on this rule. The Department would appreciate receiving all comments **no later than close of business on May 31, 2023.**

**President Paul Roman would like to ask for volunteers to coordinate a response from NJLBHA. If Interested, please contact [President@njlbha.org](mailto:President@njlbha.org)**

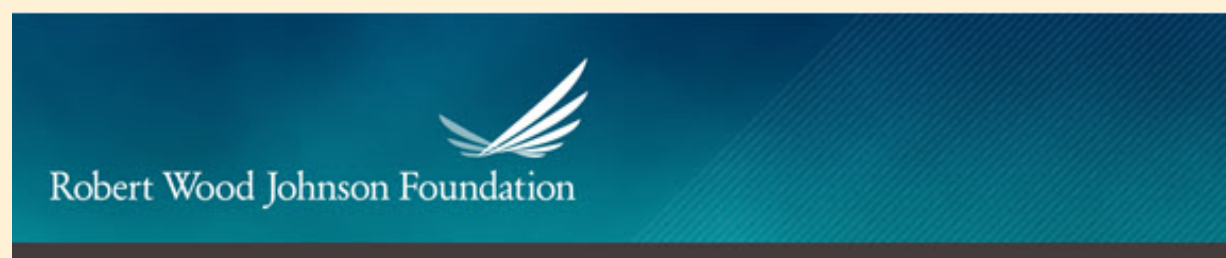
The New Jersey Department of Human Services is pleased to support "Cover All Kids," an expansion of NJ FamilyCare to all of New Jersey's children, regardless of their immigration

status. Children who do not have lawful presence in the U.S., live in New Jersey, and whose family income qualifies are eligible to receive NJ FamilyCare healthcare coverage. NJ FamilyCare provides a variety of health services, such as doctor/specialist visits, mental health, vision, dental, vaccinations, and a number of other benefits to keep children healthy. To find out more about Cover All Kids, please visit [nj.gov/coverallkids](https://nj.gov/coverallkids). There are a number of resources, including FAQs, printable flyers, and shareable social media graphics, to help you learn more about the program.

In addition, if you or your family get healthcare from NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, we have important news about your benefits. NJ FamilyCare has returned to regular annual renewals. From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, NJ FamilyCare will mail the first renewal packets since 2020 to its members. Please make sure your mailing address is up-to-date with NJ FamilyCare by calling 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711). When you receive mail from NJ FamilyCare, make sure you follow the instructions and return your packet. If you have questions, visit [nj.gov/StayCoveredNJ](https://nj.gov/StayCoveredNJ), or call 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711).

*If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for all you do for the residents of New Jersey and have a great day.*

*Jennifer Kraemer*  
Program Specialist  
NJ Family Care Outreach/PE Unit



We all want to live a healthy life with our families and loved ones in safe and thriving communities.

New Jersey offers many opportunities for residents to achieve their healthiest life, yet those opportunities are not available to all of us who call New Jersey home. For centuries, our structures and systems have put barriers in place that create unequal opportunities for communities of color, threatening freedom, prosperity, and health for millions in our state. New Jersey cannot be a truly healthy and equitable state without addressing the discriminatory policies and practices that have harmed New Jersey's people of color for generations.

As part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's work in our home state, RWJF has released a new report: **A Policy Agenda for a Healthier, More Equitable New Jersey**. This in-depth report ties a legacy of structural racism to persistent health inequities in New Jersey. It provides context and data to enable state and local leaders, and the public, to make informed decisions to address structural racism in policies, practices, and systems—and in turn, empower communities and individuals to thrive.

The agenda offers policy recommendations in four key areas:

- Affordable housing
- Birth and reproductive justice
- Public health infrastructure
- Community power-building to drive change

The Foundation is committed to sharing these recommended policy options broadly while bringing together a wide range of interested and affected parties—including community leaders, policymakers, philanthropy, partners, academics, and advocates—to share knowledge and power, honor lived experience, and explore evidence-based solutions that can help bring us closer to achieving racial equity.

When we think about our vision for New Jersey, we think of removing obstacles that millions of people face every day. Together, in partnership with others mentioned above, we can build a New Jersey in which everyone can achieve their best health and wellbeing.

We invite you to review the report our policy recommendations, and the history it vividly recounts.

Maisha Simmons  
Director of New Jersey Grantmaking  
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## Transportation Pollution and the Health Care Sector May 11, 12-1PM



~ WEBINAR ~

### Transportation Pollution and the Health Care Sector: Proven Approaches to Lowering Fossil Fuel Emissions

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 12 – 1 PM (ET)

Free Webinar

To Register: [Click Here](#)

Air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels is an urgent environmental, health, and equity issue that disproportionately burdens low-income communities. Beginning with studies in the 1950s, public health officials and the medical community have come to understand that gas- and diesel-powered vehicles release pollutants that exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular diseases - including asthma, multiple lung diseases, heart disease, and many forms of cancer. In 2022, the American Lung Association (ALA) reported that “despite decades of progress on cleaning up sources of air pollution, more than 40% of Americans – over 137 million people – are living in places with failing grades for unhealthy levels of particle pollution or ozone.”

In serving the community, the health care sector is a significant source of transportation pollution. Millions of employees, patients, and suppliers travel to hospitals and other health care facilities every day. And tailpipe emissions from those vehicles disproportionately impact the health of residents in densely populated, and often low-income communities, where major highways run through their neighborhoods.

In response to these concerns, leading health systems across the country have been taking action to reduce transportation pollution. In addition to helping to protect community health, these programs often have a variety of co-benefits, financial and otherwise. This webinar will describe innovative and practical ideas being rolled-out by health care systems across the country.

#### Speakers:

- Bret Dobson (Transportation Director, Oregon Health & Science University)
- Dr. Elizabeth Cereco (Chair of Health and Public Policy, ACP NJ)
- Dan Quinlan (Senior Advisor, Health Care Without Harm)

For more information, contact Dan Quinlan: [dquinlan@hcwh.org](mailto:dquinlan@hcwh.org)

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# NJAAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# & EXHIBITION

*Re-Stock Your Pediatric Toolbox*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 8 AM - 5 PM**

**In- Person Conference**

**The Palace at Somerset Park**

**333 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873**

Join us for a uniquely designed conference for healthcare professionals who have an interest in pediatric healthcare and want to stay abreast of the latest advances in the care of children from infancy through adolescence.

**REGISTER TODAY! MEMBERS ONLY \$150!**

**Featuring updates from:**



**MEG FISHER, M.D., F.A.A.P.**

Special Advisor to the  
Commissioner of Health



**LEIGH ETTINGER, MD,  
MS, ABOM, FAAP**

Founder and Owner of Doctor Herbivore  
and Kidney Stone Doctor  
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St. Joseph's University Medical Center



**USHA RAMACHANDRAN, MD, FAAP**

Pediatric Specialist  
Robert Wood Johnson  
University Hospital

**Morning and Afternoon Educational Workshops:**



**Look-A-Likes**

Binita Shah, MD, FAAP  
(Morning Session Only)



**Dermatological  
Nuances in Children  
with Skin of Color**

Helen Shin, MD, FAAP  
and Laura Avery, APN



**Racial Bias in Medicine**

Tyree Winters, DO, FAAP





**Bariatric Surgery and Obesity**  
Toghrul Talishinskiy, MD, FACS, FASMBS



**Health Disparities, Stigma and Terminology: Health Equity for Transgender and Gender Diverse Populations**  
Nadeen Herring



**Parenting a Medically Compromised Child: Navigating Info Sharing**  
Children's Specialized Hospital Panel

**REGISTER TODAY**

Registration Fee Includes: Breakfast, Lunch and Educational Credits, (7.0 CME, MOC Part 2, & CNE)

Visit [NJAAP.org](http://NJAAP.org) for up-to-date information

Download Brochure & Agenda

Exhibitor & Sponsor Opportunities

New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics | 50 Millstone Road, Building 200, Suite 130,  
East Windsor, NJ 08520



## NJACCHO Programming - 2023

Thanks to the Workforce Development grant and the NJACCHO Program Committee, there are a wide variety of opportunities coming up in 2023. Please review the attached flyer and consider what might fit for your needs. Please feel free to share with relevant staff members.

ALL Sessions are FREE! They have limited spaces available, but secure you spot today! More details are forthcoming on each event. If you have specific questions, please contact [info@njaccho.org](mailto:info@njaccho.org).

Registration links are embedded for most sessions.

Highlights:

- NJACCHO General Membership Meetings (2/9, 4/13, 6/8 and 9/14)
- 2-Day Adaptive Leadership (3/8 and 3/9)

## NJACCHO Programs 2023

Don't miss a great variety of NJACCHO meetings, training programs and leadership opportunities coming in the first half of 2023.

<b>NJACCHO General Membership Meetings</b> All meetings are via Zoom from 9:30am - 11:30am. Click the Links Below to Register Today! February 9, 2023 April 13, 2023 June 8, 2023 September 14, 2023	<b>2- Day Adaptive Leadership</b> FREE 2-Day training for departmental leaders or future leaders. More information and agenda available here. Space is Limited! March 8th and March 9th Forsgate County Club Click Here to Register. Please only register if you can attend both days.	<b>Dale Carnegie Leadership Training</b> The northern cohort will be held in Morristown from 3/14 - 5/9. Weekly Sessions held 9:30am - 1:00pm. VERY limited spaces are still available. Interested? Click here to apply by 2/6/23.
<b>The PHACE of Public Health in NJ: A Collaborative Effort for Transformation</b> SAVE THE DATE! April 20, 2023 Time and Location Coming Soon Registration will be available at njaccho.org	<b>Emergenetics: Meeting of the Minds</b> Understand your personality and how it intersects with others. This is a great session for teambuilding! Space is Limited! Click the dates below to register. May 3, 2023 Turtle Back Zoo May 4, 2023 Rowan College at Burlington	<b>Preaching what you Practice: Communication Strategies for Outbreaks</b> June 14, 2023 Forsgate County Club Program Features: Dr. Kaitlyn Jelenko Johns Hopkins SPH CHOP Vaccine Ed Center NI Community Research Initiative Click here to register.

- Dale Carnegie - Northern Cohort (beginning 3/14)
- The PHACE of Public Health in NJ: A Collaborative Effort for Transformation (4/20)
- Emergenetics: Meeting of the Minds (5/3 - North and 5/4 - South)
- Preaching what you Practice: Communication Strategies for Outbreaks

[Read More](#)

Posted by: Christopher Merkel on 4/14/2023 at 9:01 AM

Good Morning Everyone,

It's a beautiful Friday and I am so looking forward to the weekend. As everyone knows we are pushing very hard to meet with legislators to get them to sign onto the bills S2413 and A4115. We need every Association member to get your BOH and/or local elected officials to sign the attached resolution and send it to following individuals-

1. Office of the Governor  
PO Box 001  
Trenton, NJ, 08625  
609-292-6000  
[Constituent.relations@nj.gov](mailto:Constituent.relations@nj.gov)

2. State legislature  
[leginfo@njleg.org](mailto:leginfo@njleg.org)  
[olsaidesSHH@njleg.org](mailto:olsaidesSHH@njleg.org)  
Office of legislative services  
Office of Public Information  
Room B50  
Statehouse annex  
PO Box 068  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0068  
609-847-3905

3. Speaker of the General Assembly  
Speaker Craig J. Coughlin  
569 Rahway Ave.  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
732-855-7441  
[AsmCoughlin@njleg.org](mailto:AsmCoughlin@njleg.org)

4. Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari  
67 Walnut Ave.  
Clark, NJ 07066  
732-827-7480  
[SenScutari@njleg.org](mailto:SenScutari@njleg.org)

5. State Health, Human Services and Senior Services Committee  
Senator Joseph Vitale, Chair  
569 Rahway Ave.  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
732-855-7441  
[Senvitale@njleg.org](mailto:Senvitale@njleg.org)

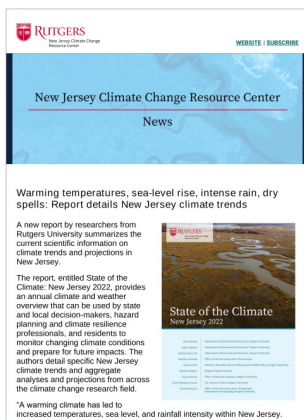
6. Assembly Health Committee  
Assemblyman Dr. Herb Conaway, Chair  
Delran Professional Center  
8008 Rt 130 North  
Bldg C Suite 450  
Delran, NJ 08075  
856-461-3997  
[asmconaway@njleg.org](mailto:asmconaway@njleg.org)

7. NJ State Health Commissioner  
Judith M. Persichilli  
PO Box 360  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
609-292-7837  
[feedback@doh.nj.gov](mailto:feedback@doh.nj.gov)

I would ask ALL member agencies to work on getting these resolution out in the next couple of weeks. Time is of the essence, we have momentum now we have to keep pushing these bills forward and get them to the Governors desk to sign. If you have local legislative connections, use them.

This is going to take everyone working together to make this happen.

Thanks for your support and as always, any questions feel free to email the association, [info@njaccho.org](mailto:info@njaccho.org).



## New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center News

Warming temperatures, sea-level rise, intense rain, dry spells: Report details New Jersey climate trends

[Text Link](#)

May, 2023



## Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

On April 19, the CDC updated its COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, aiming to simplify guidance following FDA regulatory action and a CDC advisory committee meeting. The recommendations allow adults 65 and older and immunocompromised people to get an additional updated (bivalent) vaccine dose. The CDC also updated its guidance to no longer recommend the use of the original (monovalent) COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

[Read full article](#)

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## PHCC Messaging: The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration

On May 11, 2023, the public health emergency (PHE) declaration will end. Among other policy implications, the end of the public health emergency will impact health policy measures associated with the public's access to COVID-19 testing and treatment. We've created a **new resource** with topline messaging to help keep your community informed about what the end of the PHE means for your constituents, questions to consider when communicating about COVID-19 and the end of the PHE to your community, and additional resources. Here are some topline messages from our new resource:

### Topline Messages:

- When the public health emergency ends, COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be free for all, as long as the supply of federally purchased vaccines lasts.
- Coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment will now vary by insurance type.
- The end of the PHE doesn't mean that COVID-19 is over. CDC continues to recommend that everyone stays up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, take a test if you have symptoms or have been exposed, and wear a high-quality mask when COVID-19 levels are high.

If you have any other helpful resources or frequent questions you're hearing from your constituents, **we'd love to hear from you**.

[Read full article](#)

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## 2023 Recommended Immunization Schedules Now Online

**CDC Recommended  
Immunization Schedules**

**NCIRD**  
National Center for  
Immunization and  
Respiratory Diseases



Prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases.

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