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
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. 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, 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.
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
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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 in cleaning up sources of air pollution, more than 49% of Americans – over 177 million people – are living in places with failing grades for unhealthy levels of particle pollution or smog.”

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. Tailpipe emissions from these 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
- Ben Dolcet (Transportation Director, Oregon Health & Science University)
- Dr. Elizabeth Cooney (Chair of Health and Public Policy, NJP)
- Dan Quinlan (Senior Advisor, Health Care Without Harm)

For more information, contact Dan Quinlan: dquinlan@hcwh.org

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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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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
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.

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)
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

2. State legislature
   leginfo@njleg.org
   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

4. Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari
   67 Walnut Ave.
   Clark, NJ 07066
   732-827-7480
   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
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.

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**New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center News**

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

Text Link

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**May, 2023**

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**de Beaumont deBrief**
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

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

2023 Recommended Immunization Schedules Now Online