

# ON BOARD

August 10, 2023



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

Saturday, August 19, 2023

**NJLBHA Board Meeting**

10:00 AM EST

Meeting  
Details

**Local Boards:** If your Board has not yet sent in your 2023 membership voucher, please take a moment to support the NJLBHA with your membership dues. Your paid membership is current until March 31, 2024.

We need your help to continue to advocate for boards and departments. Thank you.

## Current Articles and Requests for Participation



### Public Health Advisory

**Public Health Advisory : Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Travel-Associated Cases of Legionnaires' Disease -- Atlantic City**

[Full Story](#)

Template Resolution for PHPF *by Chris Merkel* [Read here](#)

SAVE *the* DATE

Center for Health Equity & Wellbeing:  
New Jersey's first Public Health Institute presents:

# Inaugural Public Health Symposium for Health Justice in New Jersey

📅 Friday, October 27, 2023 | 8:30 AM - 3 PM  
📍 Rowan College of South Jersey- Gloucester Campus  
Building N  
1400 Tanyard Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

REGISTER TODAY!

The Center for Health Equity & Wellbeing invites you to join leaders and advocates around the state to discuss real-world and meaningful transformational public health opportunities. Your participation can play a pivotal role in creating a more stable and robust health infrastructure in New Jersey.



Attendees will select and actively participate in multiple sessions from five key tracks:

- *Climate Change and Environmental Justice*
- *Community Power-Building*
- *Disparities in Access to Physical and Mental Health*
- *Economic Justice*
- *Birth and Reproductive Justice*

BONUS TRACK: Modernizing Public Health in New Jersey- Infrastructure, Digital Public Health, Precision Public Health and Care Integration

*Driving transformation to achieve sustainable change*

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# DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
NJAAP School Health Conference -  
Early Bird Registration Open!

Register Today!



New Jersey Chapter

OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

INCORPORATED IN NEW JERSEY

Wednesday,  
October 18, 2023

**32nd Annual School  
Health Conference**

The Palace at Somerset Park  
333 Davidson Ave,  
Somerset, NJ 08873

## Public Health Communications COLLABORATIVE

### New Messaging: Recommendations to Encourage Routine Childhood Vaccinations

As **summer winds down** and kids prepare to return to school, routine childhood and age-specific vaccinations are a top public health priority. With the spread of misinformation about vaccine safety, encouraging childhood vaccine uptake is both timely and critical. Informed by **national polling data on public opinion regarding routine childhood vaccinations**, published by *Health Affairs Forefront*, we've developed tailorable messages to bolster support for routine childhood vaccinations. [READ ON](#)

### New Resource: Understanding Air Quality


The ongoing wildfires in Canada (including **a blaze that crossed the U.S.-Canada border** this past weekend) and an intense nationwide heat wave are having harmful effects on air quality—putting public health at risk. Although a decrease in air quality affects everyone, certain communities and individuals are more vulnerable to its harmful effects.

PHCC's newest resource, **Protect Your Health: Understanding Air Quality**, will help you communicate about air quality and protective measures people can take to stay safe. This resource is available in English and Spanish and includes:

- The fundamentals of understanding air quality and the Air Quality Index (AQI)
- A visual guide to the major sources of air pollution
- Recommendations for protecting your health routinely and during air-quality alert days

**Download** and share the guide with your community to promote the importance of understanding air quality and protecting your health. [READ ON](#)

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION WEBINAR

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SAVE-THE-DATE

JOIN US:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST

More information coming soon!

Hosted by NJIN with presenters from the  
New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Preventable Disease Program





**RUTGERS**

Robert Wood Johnson  
Medical School

**Join Us Sept. 13!**

**Learn about:**

- Culturally sensitive approaches to reduce hesitancy by parents for children's COVID-19 vaccine
- Development of comprehensive resources for clinicians and community
- Continued initiatives to address vaccine hesitancy with Spanish-speaking families

Short Video  
**FAQs**  
with Pediatric  
Specialists about  
Vaccines

Comprehensive  
Resources in  
**10**  
Languages

[go.rutgers.edu/kidscovidinfo](https://go.rutgers.edu/kidscovidinfo)

**Post-pandemic Perspectives on  
COVID-19 Vaccines**

**WEBINAR FOR CLINICIANS**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/C-19Vacs>



**MWC & NJLM Launches Mental  
Health Grant Opportunity**



New Jersey State League  
of Municipalities

MWC, in partnership with the NJLM, has announced funding opportunities for municipalities working to address local mental health needs. Thanks to the generosity.....



# ***DROWNING*** MAY NOT LOOK LIKE ***DROWNING***

Movies and TV have created a false projection of what drowning looks like. There is usually very little splashing, waving, and yelling or calls for help.

Of the approximately **750** children who drown every year, about **half** of them will do it within **25 yards** of a parent or other adult. In **10%** of those drownings, an adult will **actually watch them do it**, having no idea it's happening.

Learn what drowning really looks like and save a life!



NEW JERSEY'S

**HEALTH ALERT NETWORK**

A Plastic Law Inspection webinar will be hosted on **September 14, 2023, at 1 pm**, hosted by the NJDEP, NJ Business Action Center, NJ Clean Communities Council, and the NJ Food Council. Local health officials are encouraged to participate.

JOIN US FOR A  
**PLASTIC LAW INSPECTION  
WEBINAR**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14 • 1 PM**

The event is sponsored by the NJDEP, the NJ BUSINESS ACTION CENTER,  
NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES COUNCIL and the NJ FOOD COUNCIL



***NJ law mandates that plastic straws  
can only be provided upon request.***

***IF YOU NEED A STRAW, PLEASE ASK!***

NJ's Single Use Plastics Law aims to encourage businesses and customers alike to reduce plastic pollution, especially plastic straws.

Join people across New Jersey in preventing litter and ***Skip the Straw.***

**LEARN MORE ABOUT NJ'S CAMPAIGN TO  
REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS.**





# NEVER

leave children in a car  
**for any amount of time,  
for any reason.**

Not with the window cracked.  
Not because they're sleeping.

## Not even for 1 Minute.

Inside your car, temperatures rise quickly.  
If the exterior temperature is 80° F,  
then inside temperature is:



*in 10 min.*



*in 20 min.*



*in 30 min.*



*in 60 min.*

On a hotter day a car parked in direct sunlight  
could reach 118° F in as little as 20 minutes.  
Even with the window cracked!



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY**

**Governor Murphy Announces Intent to Nominate Dr. Kaitlan Baston as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health**

[See full letter](#)

[See full letter](#)

**Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Lifting COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Employees in Health Care Settings**

**ICYMI: Funding for Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Available to All New Jersey Counties, Municipalities**

[See full letter](#)

[See full letter](#)

**Governor Murphy Signs Bill Establishing Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center**



## Commit to Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities in Public Health Practice

DAWN Center for Independent Living (DAWNcil), a non-profit organization serving Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties, NJ, is one of 12 Centers for Independent Living (CIL's) in the state of NJ chosen by the Administration on Community Living to participate in the "Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging and Disability Networks" initiative.

DAWNcil has enacted activities with human services and public health professionals to prevent, prepare for, and respond to future health challenges of individuals with disabilities. These activities provide a framework for public health to develop cultural competency skills to protect and promote the health of people with disabilities.

Please use this link <https://dawncil.org/expanding-the-public-health-workforce-initiative/public-health-workers/> to access Public Health Workforce training slides and recorded webinar, a resource list for county, state and national resources and a Community Health Guide for Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties, NJ.

There are many resources available to provide insight into ways to be inclusive of the disability community. One resource is Respectability.org. <https://www.respectability.org/resources/> Some practical tips they offer to be inclusive and other ways to support involvement of the disability community are:

- Language matters. Use terminology that is inclusive.
- Treat adults with disabilities as adults. Baby talk is not appropriate.
- Speak directly to people with disabilities, not to their aide or sign language interpreter. Talk at eye level; if necessary, sit in a chair to be on the same level as a person who uses a wheelchair.
- Listen patiently and attentively to a person who has difficulty speaking; do not try to finish their thoughts for them.
- Remember that a person's mobility equipment is part of their personal space. Don't move a wheelchair, cane, or scooter without their permission.
- Not all disabilities are visible or apparent, but this does not make them any less real.
- Be mindful that people with cognitive or psychological disabilities have varying ways of coping with their conditions.
- Please note it is considered offensive to pretend to have a disability, and disability simulation experiences should be done for design/navigational purposes only.
- If you are unsure how to interact with a person with disabilities, ask them!
- Make sure people with disabilities are part of the solution, included in planning and hiring processes.
- Ensure your space is physically and programmatically accessible.
- Ensure all program registration and sign-up forms are accessible and include questions about accommodations so people can fully participate.
- Utilize a standard message on all websites and written materials stating that yours is an inclusive agency that provides accommodations for individuals with disabilities as needed.

For more information, please visit <https://dawncil.org/> or contact Executive Director, Carmela Slivinski [cslivinski@dawncil.org](mailto:cslivinski@dawncil.org)



## Applications now open for new public health leadership initiative:

<https://kresge.org/news-views/applications-open-june-6-for-new-public-health-leadership-grant-opportunity/>

### MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist

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## Invitation to participate in New Jersey public health workforce research. Let your voices be heard!



Dear colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a research study that will provide valuable information on the local public health workforce and its perceptions, experiences, and symptoms of mental health conditions as it may relate to the prolonged pandemic response in New Jersey. The overall analysis and recommendations of this study will strive to provide a foundation for additional research related to training and support services with a goal of creating a sustainable, vibrant public health workforce prepared to handle the next major public health emergency. This study has been approved by the Rutgers University Institutional Review Board (IRB#:PRO2022001813).

This study questions aim to answer the following questions:

1. What is the socio-demographic characteristics of the current local public health workforce in New Jersey? How does it differ from other states across the country?
2. What challenges did the NJ governmental public health workforce experience during the COVID-19 pandemic? How did those challenges affect the physical, mental, and emotional health of the NJ workforce?

Your participation involves completing a 20-minute survey which can be found through this [link](#) or QR code.

There are no direct benefits to you for taking part in this research. However, your participation will be contributing to knowledge which hasn't previously been collected specific to the public health workforce in NJ.

**There is minimal risk to you by participating in the research as some of the questions focus on mental health and may be sensitive. If you feel uncomfortable at any point, you are welcome to stop. If you decide to participate, all data collected is anonymous and no personal identifiers will be collected. All data collected in conjunction with this research will be stored securely and will be destroyed within 7 years.**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study, please do not hesitate to ask the study investigators:**

Lisa Harrison-Gulla, DrPH Candidate, Rutgers School of Public Health, at [lag191@rutgers.edu](mailto:lag191@rutgers.edu).

Mitchel A. Rosen, Dissertation Chair/Faculty Advisor and registered Principal Investigator, at [mrosen@sph.rutgers.edu](mailto:mrosen@sph.rutgers.edu).

Lisa A. Harrison-Gulla DrPHc, MPH, MAE, HO, REHS

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**About SJIPH:** The SJIPH, established in 2018 through a state grant received by the Rowan University / Rutgers – Camden Board of Governors, supports collaborative research aimed at addressing health disparities among underserved populations in both rural and urban communities in New Jersey’s southern counties.

SJIPH is currently in the process of awarding their third annual round of grant funding, during which \$500,000 will be made available to community-based research teams. The institute awarded \$230,000 to 11 projects in cycle 1 and \$387,000 to 11 different projects in cycle 2 in the South Jersey region.

**Position:** Operations & Research Coordinator (Part-time)

**Supervisor(s):** Dr. Nicole Vaughn, Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Health Professions, Rowan University Corey Hoffman, MPA, Academic Programs and Research Coordinator, RURCBOG

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Operations & Research Coordinator will:

- Assist in coordinating and organizing materials for SJIPH research funding initiatives
- Assist with crafting announcements, triaging grant proposal submissions and writing draft narrative progress / evaluation reports under direction of faculty advisor
- Identify, review, organize and synthesize information from published literature and web-based resources on a broad range of health disparities issues
- Prepare draft sections of summaries, reports, presentations, and website copy under direction of faculty advisor
- Communicate and field questions from potential applicants and funded grantees
- Organize and manage submitted applications, proposals, forms and other accepted materials
- Coordinate, meet and work with appropriate personnel and community stakeholders internal and external to ensure project deliverables for funding initiative
- Work with databases to summarize research projects impact under the supervision of faculty advisor/co lead(s)
- Be present for and have the ability to coordinate, co-facilitate and lead virtual and some in-person meetings, including annual Sandbox event, under the supervision of the faculty co-lead(s)
- Coordinate with website design firm to ensure SJIPH.org remains up-to-date and functioning properly

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED**

- Be self-motivated and extremely organized
  - Have excellent verbal and written communication skills
  - Have excellent writing skills and ability to work on a team to support work on summary reports.
  - Have an interest in understanding more about public health issues and health disparities.
  - Be proficient in all Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Powerpoint, and Excel.
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New Report: Underinvestment in Public Health Drives Inequities and Endangers Lives

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### HEALTH ALERT NETWORK

Public Health Update

14 Free Resources for LGBTQIA+ Youth in New Jersey



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