

**September 10, 2023** 



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

### Saturday, September 16, 2023 NJLBHA Board Meeting 10:00 AM EST

Meeting Details

## **Current Articles and Requests for Participation**



# Health Alert: Tianeptine or "Gas Station Heroin"

The New Jersey Poison Center (NJPIES) has recently identified a cluster of poisoning cases involving tianeptine, a substance with opioid-like effects that is being falsely marketed and sold across the state in gas stations and online as a dietary supplement. Common names for tianeptine include "gas station heroin," "ZaZa Red," or "Neptune's Elixir" (among others). Tianeptine use can lead to serious health complications and even death.

**Read more** 

# Learn about medical bill rights and protections using the No Surprises Act

#### 30-45 minute Webinar with Q&A

The Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is partnering with PIRG (the Public Interest Research Group) to host a short overview of new patient protections and rights under the **No Surprises Act**. This important law offers important medical bill protections to people with and without health insurance,



Sign up today for the September webinar.

### State to Host Opioid Summit

The State of New Jersey and the Department of Human Services are hosting the Opioid Summit 2023, Revitalizing Communities: Healing Together from the Opioid Crisis.....





# 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

# 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

32nd Annual School Health Conference Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

Public Health Communications

#### New Messaging: Recommendations to Encourage

#### **Routine Childhood Vaccinations**

As **summer winds down** and kids prepare to return to school, routine childhood and agespecific 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** 





Register for a Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day Learning Series Webinar

"The Road to Recovery"

Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 11am

REGISTER NOW



# 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** 

Languages

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**

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



New Jersey State League of Municipalities



RESOLUTION 2023-01 OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL DATED JULY 10, 2023 IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

> Read Full Resolution





New Jersey Immunization Network presents

THE 2023 ADULT IMMUNIZATION VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

"Tools to Help Raise the Rates"

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

## 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

New Jersey Chapter

INCORPORATED IN NEW JERSEY

American Academy of Pediatrics



<u>Register</u> <u>Today</u>

Atlantic Health Accreditation Statement

This activity has been submitted as is being planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements of the Medical Society of New Jersey through the joint providership of Atlantic Health System and New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics. Atlantic Health System designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 2.5 AMA PRA Coregory 1 Credit(s)<sup>re</sup> on November 1, 2023. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Atlantic Health System Is accredited by the Medical Society of New Jersey to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### MOC Statement

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the activity, with individual assessments of the participant and feedback to the participant, enables the participant to earn 2.5 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit.



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.



Updated Immunization Standards Guide and Job Aids Read more



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



Applications now open for new public health leadership initiative:

https://kresge.org/news-views/applications-open-june-6-for-new-public-health-leadershipgrant-opportunity/



## Wellness and Prevention Digest

New Report: Underinvestment in Public Health Drives Inequities and Endangers Lives

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