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

Saturday, August 17, 2024  
**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 Advisory : Boar's Head Provisions Co. Recalls Ready-To-Eat Liverwurst And Other Deli Meat Products Due to Possible Listeria Contamination**

**NOTE: NJDOH is requesting that during the course of routine inspections, local health departments ensure that these products are no longer for sale.**

WASHINGTON, July 26, 2024 – Boar's Head Provisions Co., Inc., a Jarratt, Va., establishment, is recalling all liverwurst product produced by the establishment that is currently available in commerce because it may be adulterated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The company is also recalling additional deli meat products that were produced on the same line and on the same day as the liverwurst and, therefore, may be adulterated with *L. monocytogenes*. The company is recalling approximately 207,528 pounds of products.

The ready-to-eat liverwurst products were produced between June 11, 2024, and July 17, 2024, and have a 44-day shelf life. The following liverwurst products are subject to recall [view labels on website]:

3.5-lb. loaves in plastic casing, or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head Strassburger Brand Liverwurst MADE IN VIRGINIA." The products shipped to retailers bear sell by dates ranging July 25, 2024, to Aug. 30, 2024, printed on the side of the packaging.

The other ready-to-eat deli meat products were produced on June 27, 2024. The following deli meat products are subject to recall:

9.5-lb. and 4.5-lb. full product, or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head VIRGINIA HAM OLD FASHIONED HAM" with sell by date "AUG 10" on the product packaging.

4-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head ITALIAN CAPPY STYLE HAM" with sell by date "AUG 10" on the product packaging.

6-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head EXTRA HOT ITALIAN CAPPY STYLE HAM" with sell by date "AUG 10" on the product packaging.

4-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head BOLOGNA" with sell by date "AUG 10" on the product packaging.

2.5-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing "Boar's Head BEEF SALAMI" with sell by date "AUG 10" on the product packaging.

5.5-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing “Boar’s Head STEAKHOUSE ROASTED BACON HEAT & EAT” with sell by date “AUG 15” on the product packaging.

3-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing “Boar’s Head GARLIC BOLOGNA” with sell by date “AUG 10” on the product packaging.

3-lb., or various weight packages sliced in retail delis, containing “Boar’s Head BEEF BOLOGNA” with sell by date “AUG 10” on the product packaging.

The products subject to recall were distributed to retail deli locations nationwide. The products shipped to deli retailers bear establishment number “EST. 12612” inside the USDA mark of inspection on the product labels.

The problem was discovered when FSIS was notified that a sample collected by the Maryland Department of Health tested positive for *L. monocytogenes*. The Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Baltimore City Health Department, collected an unopened liverwurst product from a retail store for testing as part of an outbreak investigation of *L. monocytogenes* infections. Further testing is ongoing to determine if the product sample is related to the outbreak. Anyone concerned about illness should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state public health partners to investigate the multistate outbreak of *L. monocytogenes* infections linked to meats sliced at delis. As of July 25, 2024, 34 sick people have been identified in 13 states, including 33 hospitalizations and two deaths. Samples were collected from sick people from May 29, 2024, to July 12, 2024. Additional information may be found on the CDC investigation notice, *Listeria* Outbreak Linked to Meats Sliced at Delis. The investigation is ongoing, and FSIS continues to work with the CDC and state partners.

Consumption of food contaminated with *L. monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects people who are pregnant, aged 65 or older, or with weakened immune systems. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected.

Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. An invasive infection spreads beyond the gastrointestinal tract. In people who are pregnant, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn. In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections can occur in older adults and persons with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis is treated with antibiotics. Persons in the higher-risk categories who experience flu-like symptoms within two months after eating contaminated food should seek medical care and tell the health care provider about eating the contaminated food.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers’ refrigerators and in retail deli cases.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them and retailers are urged not to sell these products with the referenced sell by dates. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase. Consumers who have purchased these products are also urged to clean refrigerators thoroughly to prevent the risk of cross-contamination.

FSIS recommends retail delis clean and sanitize all food and non-food surfaces and discard any open meats and cheeses in the deli. Retailers may refer to FSIS’ guideline, Best Practices Guidance for Controlling *Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Delicatessens, for information on steps to prevent certain ready-to-eat foods that are prepared or sliced in retail delis and consumed in the home, such as deli meats and deli salads, from becoming contaminated with *L. monocytogenes*.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls).

Consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Boar’s Head Provisions Co., Inc., Customer Service at 1-800-352-6277. Media with questions can contact Elizabeth Ward, Vice President of Communications, Boar’s Head Provisions Co., Inc., at [media@boarshead.com](mailto:media@boarshead.com).

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or send a question via email to [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov). For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.

For additional information including lot codes and product photos:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls-alerts/boars-head-provisions-co--recalls-ready-eat-liverwurst-and-other-deli-meat-products>

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## Updated information from the NJ Department of Children and Families

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families, along with Advocates for Children New Jersey (ACNJ) recently presented the online “Summer Forum Update”. This recording includes the latest

news and events impacting children and families in the child welfare system. You will hear about the recently approved fiscal 2025 budget, the DCF Strategic Plan update, the Staffing and Oversight Review Subcommittee (SORS) and various initiatives within NJDCF. Please see this link for the recording: [Check out 2024 ACNJ/NJ DCF Summer Forum Updates - Advocates for Children of New Jersey](#)

## NJIN General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thank you to all who attended NJIN's General Membership meeting this past Wednesday, the 17th of July. To access the minutes from the meeting, click the blue button below. A special thanks to Dr. Meg Fisher for her wonderful presentation.



Our next General Membership meeting will take place on September 18th at 12:00pm.

### Meeting Minutes

From **Paul Roman**, your NJLBHA President:

I met these folks and dogs at an Army Reserve pre-deployment event this past weekend. they are based in Bergen County and provide a great service to military as well as civilian persons in need of rehabilitation.



#### MISSION STATEMENT:

Operation K9 Beethoven is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization EIN: 87-1417235 that utilizes Psychiatric Service Dogs to promote health, hope, and healing. Our Psychiatric Service Dog Program rescues dogs from euthanasia and provides Veterans who suffer from PTSD, depression, and other mental health issues with rescued, basic obedience-trained Psychiatric Service Dogs at no charge. This includes a kennel, bed, blanket, leash, collar, bowls, dog food, treats, and toys.

Our Pet Therapy Dog Program spreads joy and love by visiting Veterans' homes, rehabilitation centers, schools, hospitals, etc., with specially trained and certified Pet Therapy Dogs.

We are committed to helping those who serve.  
"One Paw At A Time."

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To whom it may concern,

Operation K9 Beethoven was founded by Arpi Kertesz and Brian Reyngoudt as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that was started with a small vision and turned into a bigger and better mission than we could have ever imagined!

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We want to help as many Veterans and rescue dogs as possible. We are more excited than ever to continue our mission and are encouraged by the outpouring of support we have received thus far. We are very grateful for every donation and sponsorship we receive. However, we are still in need of sponsorships, products, and monetary donations to keep our program moving forward.

At Operation K9 Beethoven, we seek sponsorship for our psychiatric service dog program. Full sponsorship per dog is \$6,000. We rescue dogs from euthanasia and other horrible conditions and nurse them back to health, including all shots. When completely healed, they are temper tested and socialized with adults, children, and dogs, to ensure a perfect fit for our program. They are then sent for four to six weeks of basic/advanced obedience training. Upon completion of training, we transport them to their fur-ever Hero.

To make a difference in the life of a Veteran and the beautiful rescue dogs, we rely on the support and generosity of individuals and businesses. We would be most grateful if you would consider sponsoring or contributing to the sponsorship of one of our Psychiatric Service Dogs. We will gladly keep you updated regarding the progress of the dog, and we also post the dog's progress on all of our social media pages.

Please contact us at 201-986-1111 if you are able to support our efforts and make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and rescue dogs. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,

  
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**Helping Veterans One Paw At A Time**

# Vice President, Children and Family Health Institute (CFHI)

-Monmouth County



This exciting leadership opportunity provides leadership in consequential public health programs focused on addressing the social determinants of health.

[Link to Job Description](#)

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## Teen Engagement and Mental Health Research Workshop

Good afternoon,

Our friends and partners over at [The Hamilton Lab \(Rutgers\)](#) are hosting an event to bring teens from their youth advisory board and the community together and integrate them into **psychological research**. They will be taught about the research process and then supported in creating projects with the Hamilton Lab's de-identified data!

If this sounds like something the youth in your community would be interested in participating in, please use the link below to sign up.

Link - [https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cFLqU9O68biThJQ?Q\\_CHL=qr](https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cFLqU9O68biThJQ?Q_CHL=qr)

[See the attached flyer for more information.](#)

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### Staying Healthy Around Animals at Fairs and Other Animal Exhibitions

When you interact with animals at farms, petting zoos, agricultural fairs, and other exhibitions this summer or fall, remember that even animals that appear healthy can carry germs that cause illness in people. The New Jersey Departments of Health (NJDOH) and Agriculture (NJDA) encourage you to stay safe around animals – for your health and theirs.

#### Information on H5N1 Bird Flu

H5N1 bird flu is currently widespread in wild birds worldwide and has caused outbreaks in poultry and dairy cows in the U.S. H5N1 bird flu is a type of influenza virus different from human seasonal influenza viruses. There have been several human cases of bird flu in individuals across the U.S. who had close contact with infected dairy cattle or poultry.

While the risk of H5N1 bird flu to the general public is low, animals can carry other illnesses that can make people sick as well.

Anyone can get sick from germs that animals can carry, but certain people are more likely to get sick or have more severe illness and should take extra precautions at animal exhibits. These include:

- Children younger than 5 years old
- People with weakened immune systems
- Pregnant individuals
- Adults over 65.

#### Tips to Stay Healthy & Safe for Adults and Children

- **Wash your hands** thoroughly with soap and water\* immediately after:
    - Touching animals or anything in their living area;
    - Handling animal food, supplies, bowls, or equipment;
    - Leaving animal areas, even if you didn't touch the animals; or
    - Touching or removing clothes or shoes worn around animals.

*\*If soap and running water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash your hands as soon as you can.*
  - **Avoid hand-to-mouth activities (i.e., nail biting, eating, finger sucking)**
  - **Do not touch or interact with animals that look or act ill.**
  - **If you're sick, stay home.** Avoid spreading illness to other people or animals.
  - **If you've traveled internationally within the last five days,** don't visit with livestock to prevent the spread of disease to NJ farm animals.
  - **Prevent kicks and bites:**
    - Don't stand directly behind an animal and always approach with caution.
    - Don't put your fingers near an animal's mouth or grab their tails.
    - If bitten by an animal, wash the bite thoroughly and seek medical care.
  - **Supervise children** when around animals:
    - Don't let children sit or play on the ground in animal areas.
    - Don't bring items such as toys or pacifiers into animal areas.
    - Children 5 years and younger should not have direct contact with reptiles, amphibians, or live poultry; these animals are more likely to make them sick.
    - Help children wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after interacting with animals.
  - **Don't eat or drink in areas where animals live or roam.**
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July 2, 2024

This message includes updates on respiratory viruses from CDC.

## CDC Updates COVID-19, Flu, and RSV Vaccination Recommendations

On June 26 and 27, 2024, CDC updated its recommendations for vaccination against COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), based on recommendations from the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP).

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## Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and the National Fitness Campaign

**Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey** has joined forces with the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) to bring free, accessible, world-class fitness to every corner of New Jersey. Learn more about this life-changing initiative.

Brewing in the heart of the Garden State, a wellness revolution is underway. **Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey**, the state's largest health insurer, has joined forces with the **National Fitness Campaign (NFC)** to bring free, accessible, world-class fitness to every corner of New Jersey. This dynamic partnership is more than just a health initiative; it's a commitment to transform the wellness habits of millions, one community at a time. This also means that there is \$500,000 of grant funding available to qualified communities.

Fitness Courts are a unique innovation in the fitness landscape and combined with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's extensive reach; they are set to significantly impact public health across the state. By installing these Fitness Courts in local parks, college campuses, and public spaces, communities eliminate barriers to exercise and make it easier for people to incorporate physical activity into their daily routines.

**The League and NFC have begun documenting the stories of transformation and triumph that emerge from this groundbreaking collaboration.** The campaign is spreading statewide with several New Jersey communities already partnering and investing, including Maywood, Garfield, Roselle, Green Brook Township, Toms River Township, The College of New Jersey, and two in New Brunswick. We look forward to continuing to support more communities in this partnership.

New Jersey League of Municipalities members have priority access to learn more about this life-changing initiative. To learn more and qualify for funding, please fill out this short contact form to request a 30-minute briefing: [nationalfitnesscampaign.com/newjersey](https://nationalfitnesscampaign.com/newjersey).

Contact: Ciara Bradley, League Research Associate, [Cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:Cbradley@njlm.org) or 609-695-3481 x128.

[View it on website](#) July/Aug

**To all board members and local health officials: Please reproduce this flyer and**

distribute as appropriate.

See [Full Flyer](#) June-Sept

**OUR GOALS**

- GUIDE THE FORMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY
- ADVOCATE A BODY OF LAWS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH
- EDUCATE LOCAL BOARDS TO PERFORM PUBLIC HEALTH GOVERNANCE
- SUPPORT THE STAFFING AND FUNDING NECESSITY TO PERFORM FOUNDATIONAL SERVICES
- INCREASE PUBLIC HEALTH AWARENESS
- PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION

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