

# ON BOARD

April 10, 2025



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

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
10:00 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

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### INFORMATION FOR NJLBHA MEMBERS

In accordance with Article V (Officers), Section C (Nomination and Election of Officers), and Article X (Membership Meetings), our Association is required to have an annual meeting during the first quarter of each year at which time Officer Reports shall be presented and, when required, an election of Officers, including Excom Members, would take place. It has been past practice to have the election bi-annually. In reviewing minutes over the past few years, it was found that various office holders were elected more than two years ago and some were appointed on an interim basis. Therefore, at this year's annual meeting, which was just held in conjunction with our March 15 meeting, but not officially identified as such, there should have been an election with preparatory work in accordance with the by-laws being done over the previous four months.

Due to our difficulty in communicating with our dues paying members other than through the monthly "On Board" email newsletter and due to the lack of a true database of Boards and members (not just our paid membership) and more recently due to the awful turbulence regarding Public Health funding and our concerted efforts at advocacy, this is to announce that we will begin the election process in Fall 2025. This will include the notification, nomination, ballot, and election of Officers and Excom Members.

In the meantime, if any member of a currently dues paying member Board is interested in joining our Executive Committee, please contact me at [president@njlbha.org](mailto:president@njlbha.org) with your contact information. We currently have four vacant at-large Excom Member positions. If you want to be an Executive and feel that you have the time and skills, we are interested in speaking with you.

Respectfully,  
Paul David Roman, President

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**TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND HEALTH OFFICERS;** Please ensure that your health dept gets this assessment tool completed ASAP. THIS INFORMATION WHEN TABULATED STATEWIDE WILL



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE NJPHA'S

# 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC  
HEALTH



We are excited to invite you to a special North Jersey In-Person Networking Event to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA).

Don't miss this milestone celebration! Join us as we reflect on 150 years of advocacy and plan for the future of public health in New Jersey.



Join us for a time of engaging conversations and networking opportunities; refreshments will be served.

 Tuesday, April 29th  5:00 PM – 7:00 PM 

Essex County Donald M. Payne School of Technology  
498 W. Market St., Newark, NJ 07107  
\*on-site parking available

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** 

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## NJ Residents Exposed to Non-NJ Measles Cases – Request for NJ Healthcare Providers to Maintain Vigilance

[Read Article](#)

Immediate Action Alert! ☐  
Contact your STATE legislators

☐ Click on the [NJACCHO advocacy link](#) to inform your state legislators about the urgent need

for direct funding to support local health departments in New Jersey's upcoming budget:  
What's on the line?

- Public health programs and services crucial to our local communities are in jeopardy.
- Staff layoffs across all government levels are looming, threatening essential services at the local level.

These cuts will have a direct impact on the health and well-being of our New Jersey communities and already are as we see dozens of NJ PH PROFESSIONALS losing their job by the day.



County Health  
Rankings & Roadmaps

## Just released: The 2025 data and a bold new model of health



Discover the latest on the health of your county. We've just updated and added new data and resources to improve health as a part of our 2025 Annual Data Release. We've also added:

- A bold [new model of health](#) that seeks to broaden our understanding of the forces shaping community conditions;
- A [2025 report](#) on building power for health and equity;
- Refreshed County Health Snapshots and trend graphs and a [new national map feature](#) that shows regional patterns and comparisons;
- [Six new measures](#), including access to parks, adverse climate events, lack of social and emotional support, feelings of loneliness, library access and disability: functional limitations; and,
- Updates to our collection of more than 80 health-related measures and



data.

[Read more](#) about the changes in 2025.

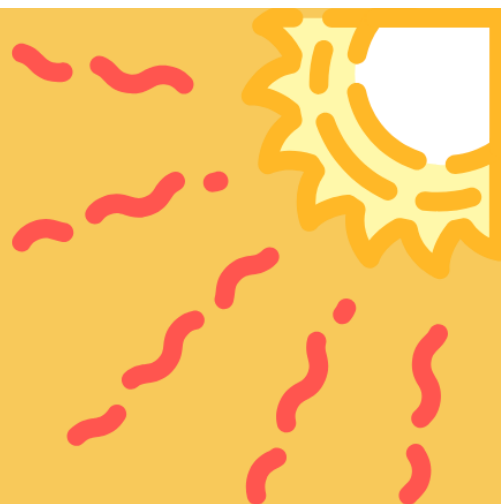
FIND NEW DATA

Introducing a bold new model of health

April/May

**NJ's Interagency Council  
on Climate Resilience Asks...**

**How can New  
Jersey Prepare for  
& Respond to Heat  
Emergencies?**



**EARTH  
WEEK 2025**



**April 24th  
@ 11AM**



**[Register Here!](#)**



**Questions?  
[HeatHubNJ@dep.nj.gov](mailto:HeatHubNJ@dep.nj.gov)**

## **Interagency Council on Climate Resilience to Continue it's Extreme Heat Webinar Series Starting Earth Week 2025!**

The **NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience** is hosting a webinar on heat wave preparedness and emergency management to kick off the continuation of its **extreme heat-focused webinars** designed to raise awareness about this climate

impact and its effects.

The first 2025 webinar will take place virtually during Earth Week 2025, at 11am on Thursday, **April 24th, 2025**. To register, visit <https://dep.nj.gov/iac-heat-prep-webinar>. This informative session will feature Public Information Officer for the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management Laura Connolly moderating a conversation with three New Jersey emergency management and public health experts on how NJ currently prepares for and responds to extreme heat events, including what key heat planning, response, and training resources are available to communities:

- Brayden Fahey, Public Safety Director and County OEM Coordinator for Hunterdon County
- Steve Sarinelli, Director of Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity for Atlantic Health Systems
- Rebecca Sleeter, Health Officer for the Salem County Department of Health & Human Services
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New Jersey temperatures continue to hit dangerous highs each summer. If you are concerned about emergency preparedness or interested in measures you can take to stay safe during periods of excessive heat, click on the button below.

The IAC has three additional webinars scheduled throughout summer 2025, covering extreme heat impacts on our built infrastructure, environmental justice communities, and natural ecosystems, respectively. Visit the Events page of **Heat Hub NJ** to learn more.



## **The Faces of Aging - 27th Annual Conference**

### **Friday, May 16th, New Brunswick**

New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well (NJAAW) is pleased to open registration for our 27th annual conference, "The Faces of Aging."

As one of the most diverse states in the country, New Jersey faces a broad range of challenges, strengths, and possibilities as we follow trends towards an older population. This year's theme, "The Faces of Aging," will highlight the diversity of New Jersey's older residents, their distinct needs, and their common goals.

The annual NJAAW conference focuses on the full realm of issues facing older adults in NJ. We expect more than 300 professionals interested in making a difference in the lives of older adults. Our audience includes stakeholders in government, age-friendly initiatives, housing, health care, social services, recreation, transportation, philanthropy, education, academia, and journalism.

**Early bird registration and discount open until March 14!**

## Confirmed panels:

1. Fraud and Scams Targeting Older Adults.
2. Empowering the Older Adult: A Path to Holistic Well-Being Through a Mental Health Lense
3. Enhancing Law Enforcement Engagement with Older Adults: A Collaborative Policing Approach
4. Face Value: Appreciating Differences Across Generations"
5. The Face of Food Insecurity
6. Supporting Older Adults with Hearing Loss: Enhancing Care Awareness, Language Access, and Technology
7. Aging Alone: Addressing the Needs and Challenges of Solo Agers in New Jersey

*More to be announced this week.*

**Register here:**

## Are you interested in Social Work CEs?

CEs will be provided through Stockton University. If interested in learning more, please indicate when registering and we will send you details.

## Have you heard about our photo contest?

Have you ever noticed that photos used to portray older adults are either the same group of people over and over, or show age in a negative context? Well, we are tired of it. As one of the most diverse states in the country, New Jersey has many beautiful and unique faces among our older residents, and we want to see them! So, we are inviting amateur and professional photographers to capture real, older, New Jersey residents.

**Download contest flyer**

New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well | 3705 Quakerbridge Road Ste 102 | Hamilton, NJ 08619 US

*March/April*



# News from Washington

**March 28, 2025**

## **Congressional Activities**

### **Where Nominations for Health Leadership Stand in Congress**

This week, the Senate [confirmed](#) Dr. Jay Bhattacharya to head the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Dr. Marty Makary to head the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Bhattacharya was confirmed in a 53-47 vote and Dr. Makary was confirmed in a 56-44 vote. Dr. Mehmet Oz, who is nominated to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), [advanced](#) to the Senate floor after being approved by the Senate Finance Committee. A date for his full Senate confirmation vote has not been announced. Acting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Susan Monarez, who has been [nominated](#) to lead the agency, has not been called up for a confirmation hearing yet. More on Dr. Monarez's nomination can be found below.

[Three nominations](#) for senior roles at HHS were sent to Congress this week. They include Thomas Bell for HHS inspector general, Dr. Brian Christine for assistant secretary for health, and Alex Adams for assistant secretary for family support.

**Read March 28, NACCHO News from  
Washington**

**Read April 4, NACCHO News from  
Washington**

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

*Restocking your Pediatric Toolbox*

- featuring -

**RESIDENT CAREER DAY**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

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



## TOPICS INCLUDE

AAP Advocacy Update | Turning the Tide on Childhood Obesity  
Safety and Injury Prevention | Emergency Preparedness Addressing Pediatric Mental Health  
More Than Strong Smiles: *Why Oral Health Matters*  
Top 10 Pediatric Articles  
Creating A Welcoming Office Environment - *For All Your Patients*  
Collaborative Care and Developments in Pediatric Rheumatology  
More Than Meets the Eye: Pediatric Dermatology Potpourri  
Physician Wellness - *Making Your Office More Efficient*

**GENERAL PUBLIC...Register Today!**



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**School of Public Health**

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## Rutgers Among Top 20 in U.S. News & World Report's Best Schools in Public Health

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The Rutgers School of Public Health has been ranked No. 16 among the **2025 Best Schools in Public Health by U.S. News & World Report**.

Designed for prospective students looking to further their education beyond college, the Best Schools rankings evaluate programs in various disciplines, including business, education, engineering, law, medicine, and public health.

The Rutgers School of Public Health is New Jersey's premier research, teaching, and service institution guided by the principles of health equity and social justice. Founded in 1983 within the former UMDNJ, the school has locations in Newark and New Brunswick, as well as global learning sites and online and hybrid degree options. Under the leadership of **Dean Perry N. Halkitis**, the school has become a leader in numerous areas, including cancer health disparities, planetary health, infectious disease prevention and care, modern statistical methods, pharmacoepidemiology, sexual and reproductive health, population aging and mental health and addiction, and gun violence prevention.

"Since I arrived in 2017, I've often pointed to our significant rise in national rankings—a reflection of how our peers view the quality of our work," said Halkitis. The Rutgers School of Public Health went from a peer assessment score of 2.3 out of 5 in 2017 to 3.70 out of 5 in this year's rankings.

"Our meteoric rise and recognition by our peer institutions is due to the tireless collective efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and community partners, who are integral to every aspect of our work – we should all be very proud."

In the past year, the Rutgers School of Public Health achieved significant milestones, including receiving a 7-year Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) reaccreditation—a testament to its ongoing commitment to excellence in public health education. The school's faculty, staff, and students also secured numerous grants to support groundbreaking research. With a focus on the evolving discipline of public health, the school launched **two fully online Master of Public Health degree programs** and expanded **global study abroad opportunities in Greece, St. Lucia, and Colombia**.

As public health and science continue to come under attack, Halkitis reminds us that "our nation's health depends on well-trained public health professionals, students, researchers, and activists who can respond with evidence-based solutions. At the Rutgers School of Public Health, we take pride in advancing our communities' ability to do this through research, rigorous education, and community engagement."

By collecting graduate school data annually, U.S. News is able to present the most current figures on enrollment, job placement, faculty, and other critical quality indicators that **help prospective students** make informed decisions. Prospective students

can see how the Rutgers School of Public Health compares to other institutions and how the rankings are calculated on [USNews.com](https://www.usnews.com).

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