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

Next Meeting:

Saturday, Saturday, April 11, 2026

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

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

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

Upcoming Events

New Jersey's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Webinar: April 14, 2026, 2PM – 3:30PM

[Register for Webinar](#)

Join the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for an overview of the 2025 New Jersey Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). The CCAP is an all-encompassing plan for how the State will reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors to achieve its "80×50" goal. This goal calls for an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by 2050, consistent with New Jersey's Global Warming Response Act.



The CCAP serves as an update to the State's 2020 Global Warming Response Act 80×50 Report and builds on the State's 2024 Priority Climate Action Plan to document progress, identify gaps, and introduce new actions that will bring New Jersey closer to achieving the 80×50 goal. The CCAP includes 31 emissions reduction measures related to transportation, buildings, electricity generation, industry, waste management and agriculture, highly warming climate pollutants, and carbon sequestration within natural and working lands. The webinar will provide an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, summarize greenhouse gas reduction accomplishments to date, and outline strategies for reducing greenhouse gases even further through a broad suite of emissions reductions measures.

View the 2025 plan, and other relevant reports, at dep.nj.gov/climatechange/mitigation/cprg.

The Heat Beneath Our Feet: The Potential and Challenges for Thermal Energy Networks in New Jersey

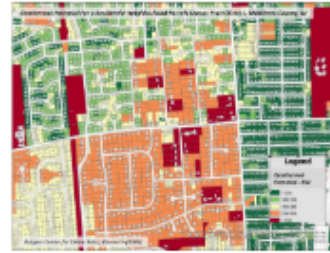
Webinar: May 13, 2026, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

[Register for Webinar](#)

Thermal energy networks (TENS) are large-scale geothermal systems in which multiple buildings are connected for heating and cooling purposes.

Join us for this webinar which presents the results of this Rutgers-led study on the feasibility of these TENS systems in New Jersey.

View the full report at cupr.rutgers.edu/products/large-scale-thermal-energy-network-systems-in-new-jersey-feasibility-marketability-benefits-and-costs.



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The American Public Health Association proudly
presents:

Disability Justice: Public Health for Collective Liberation

The American Public Health Association invites you to join **Disability Justice: Public Health for Collective Liberation**, a four-part professional development webinar series that centers the leadership, lived experience and expertise of disabled people — particularly disabled people of color — and explores Disability Justice as a core public health framework. Sessions move beyond compliance to examine ableism, racism, immigration, poverty, data accessibility, deaf and deaf-blind inclusion, collective care and policy transformation. The programming has been curated for governmental public health professionals, health care providers, policy advocates, nonprofit leaders and equity practitioners.

Join the first session, **Disability Justice Foundations for Public Health**, on **April 13, at 2 p.m. ET** if you are committed to access, equity and systems change.

[Register now](#)

What you can expect:

- Four live Zoom sessions with interactive and access-centered engagement.
- Multiple modes of participation, including chat, polls, reflection prompts and asynchronous options.
- Practical tools for embedding Disability Justice into programs, policy, communication and organizational culture.

Public health cannot achieve equity without Disability Justice. We look forward to having you join us as we focus on foundational understanding, applied practice and policy and systems change.

Questions? Reach out to the [Center for Public Health Policy](#).



American Public Health Association



We're excited to invite you to our upcoming **IP LTC Office Hours** focused on the **Infection Preventionist's Role in Environment of Care (EOC) Rounding**.

Do you have questions about EOC rounding? Do you have a program you're proud of and would like to share with others? Maybe, you want to learn more about what other facilities are doing to improve your EOC rounding!

Consider attending this collaborative discussion to help support the long-term care IP community! This is a great opportunity to collaborate, exchange ideas, and help strengthen your IPC efforts.

Session Details:

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Time: 1:00 PM

Register here:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/AtYkqf98Sj-m6vh7OYQKlw>

Training Announcement : Public Health Preparedness: Food Safety and Food Defense for Large-Scale and Temporary Events on Wednesday April 29, 2026

NJLINCS Health Alert Network

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The NJDOH, Public Health and Food Protection Program is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a training session entitled "**Public Health Preparedness: Food Safety and Food Defense for Large-Scale and Temporary Events**" on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**. This virtual event will be presented by three FDA Retail Food Specialists with extensive involvement in large-scale event planning and execution.

The training will provide regulatory-based guidance, best practices, and operational considerations to support oversight, coordination, and enforcement activities necessary to ensure food safety and food defense at large-scale and temporary events. The trainers' experience includes nationally significant events such as the DNC, RNC, Super Bowls, papal visits, and other mass gatherings.

It will be held via Zoom on Wednesday April 29, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AaT-wmHxSHyw8FPfdVtPcg#/registration>

Participants who successfully complete this educational program will be **awarded 5.0 NJ Public Health Continuing Education Contact Hours (CEs)**. NJDOH has been approved by the New Jersey Department of Health as a provider of New Jersey Public Health Continuing Education Contact Hours (CEs).

For questions, please contact Jessica Swift, NJDOH at jessica.swift@doh.nj.gov.

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Pediatrician-led vaccine education for New Jersey families

FACTS IN FOCUS:

Your Trusted Guide to Vaccine News, Resources, and Events

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Addressing Vaccine Myths and Barriers: Building Confidence Through Cultural Humility

**Friday, April 24
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST**

This educational webinar focuses on strengthening vaccine confidence by deepening understanding of cultural, historical, and structural barriers that influence immunization decisions.

Participants will learn practical strategies to identify and address vaccine myths and concerns using culturally humble, patient-centered communication. Building on the historical and ethical context introduced in Webinar 1, the session emphasizes trust-building approaches that support equitable vaccine uptake across diverse communities.

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**Ashlesha Kaushik, M.D.,
M.S. (Harvard), FAAP**

Dr. Ashlesha Kaushik, MD, MS (Harvard), is Medical Director of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, and Chief Medical Information Officer at UnityPoint Health, Sioux City, IA, and Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

She is a CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award recipient and serves as a CDC Project Firstline/American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Infection Prevention and Control Ambassador for Iowa, Invited Visiting Faculty at Harvard, Iowa AAP Vice President, AAP National Spokesperson (featured on outlets including CNN), Chair of the Infectious Diseases Committee for Iowa AAP, and Chair of the Iowa Immunization Coalition Scientific Advisory Committee.

Dr. Kaushik completed her pediatrics residency in New Jersey, a Pediatric Infectious Diseases fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, and earned her MS from Harvard Medical School. She has published extensively and received numerous honors, including the AAP Excellence in Education Award, AAP Special Achievement Award, National Immunization Emerging Leader Award, recognition as an advancing leader by the Harvard Medical School Pediatrics Leadership Program, and designation as a global expert for Sabin Immunization Advocates.

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NJLBHA LinkedIn Account Reactivated



The New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association is excited to announce the re-activation of their official LinkedIn account! This platform will now serve as a hub for updates, resources, and collaboration opportunities to strengthen public health across the State. Follow along to stay connected with local

initiatives, upcoming events, and important health news.

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