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October 10, 2026



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

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 10, 2026

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

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

Current Articles and Requests for Participation



NEW JERSEY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

FROM PLATE TO PLANET

Public Health Advocating for Food Democracy,
Climate Action, and One Health

NJPHA Panel and Networking Event



FOOD DEMOCRACY

CLIMATE ACTION

ONE HEALTH

MODERATOR & PANELISTS



MODERATOR

Zaire Ali, MPH, EdM

Co-Chair, Legislative,
Advocacy, & Public Policy
Committee
New Jersey Public Health
Association



PANELIST

Dr. Elizabeth Cerceo

Professor & Executive
Director of Climate Health
Cooper Medical School of
Rowan University



PANELIST

Jeanine Cava, MS

Executive Director
New Jersey Food
Democracy Collaborative



PANELIST

Dr. Amar Patil

Director, Division of
Animal Health
New Jersey Department
of Agriculture (NJDA)
New Jersey State
Veterinarian

EVENT SCHEDULE

4:00-5:00 PM

Students and PH Professionals Engagement with CHEW

Your Voice in Action: How Laws Are Made
in New Jersey

5:30-7:30 PM

Panel Discussion & Networking

Connect across sectors and explore career
and employment opportunities.

LOCATION

**Rowan University
Welcome Center**

131 Rowan Boulevard
Glassboro, NJ 08028

PARKING | \$5

**Rowan Boulevard
Parking Garage**

200 Redmond Ave
Glassboro, NJ 08028

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2 CEU Credits
(CHES & CPH)

Light fare and
beverages provided

FREE REGISTRATION HERE
bit.ly/46qBNdR



NJPHA Program Committee Chair

Dr. Nicole Vaughn | 1st Vice President

EVENT PARTNERS



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NJLINCS Health Alert Network

Distributed by the *New Jersey Department of Health*

Subject: Division of Local Public Health (DLPH) Administrative Advisory: New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Immunization Guidance for Adults Age 65 and Older and Current Guidelines Set Forth in the Appendix of N.J.A.C. 8:52

Date: 10/01/2026 12:01:00

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Attachments: Yes

Please see [attached](#) Division of Local Public Health (DLPH) Administrative Advisory for local boards of health and local health departments regarding New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Immunization Guidance for Adults Age 65 and Older and Current Guidelines Set Forth in the Appendix of N.J.A.C. 8:52. *Oct/Nov.*

Upcoming NJACCHO Sponsored Events



NJLBHA, in collaboration with njaccho is pleased to invite board of health members, appointed or elected, to register for and attend the njaccho led events. Please see the information in the following email from njaccho. Your njlbha is an organizational member of njaccho and encourages you to participate in these collaboration and educational activities.

Registration for the sessions at the League of Municipalities on **November 17 and 18** in Atlantic City can be found here:

https://www.njaccho.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=317722&item_id=3003894

Regional Transformation Convenings
Regional Resiliency Trainings
Expanding Your Public Health Tool Kit: Systems, Skills and Stories

Sept/Oct/Nov

New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website + Year Two Webinar

New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website and Year Two Plans

The New Jersey Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is entering an important new phase, and we're excited to share two updates: **a new website is now live [here](#), and we invite you to join our webinar New Jersey Rural Health Transformation at 8/24/26 4pm-5pm EST to share plans for the program's second year (register [here](#) for the Zoom webinar).**

Explore the new NJ Rural Health Transformation website

The newly launched New Jersey Rural Health Transformation website (<https://nj.gov/rural-health-transformation/>) provides a central resource for communities, health care providers, partners, and others interested in the program.

Visitors can:

- **Define rural** — Learn what qualifies as rural in New Jersey and who is eligible for the program.
- **Explore NJRHTP initiatives** — Learn more about the investments and activities supporting rural health transformation.
- **Check program status** — Follow the program's progress as it moves through its five-year funding period.
- **Find answers** — Explore frequently asked questions about the program.
- **Connect with the team** — Find contact information and ways to get in touch.

The website also provides an at-a-glance look at the scale of the Rural Health Transformation Program:

\$147.25 million

This Year's award

2025–2030

Five-year program period

11 counties

Target areas

1,026,026

Rural residents across New Jersey

Explore the new web site by visiting: <https://nj.gov/rural-health-transformation/>

Looking ahead: Year Two

New Jersey is also preparing for the program's second year. Join us for an upcoming webinar to learn more about Year Two priorities, plans, and opportunities.

NJ Rural Health Transformation Program: Year Two Outlook

Date: Monday 8/24/26

Time: 4-5pm EST

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z79OEUr2QNuDDv6dGEYLgQ

The webinar will provide an opportunity to hear about:

- Plans and priorities for Year Two
- Progress and lessons learned from the program's first year
- How New Jersey is building on its initial investments
- What communities, providers, and partners can expect in the year ahead
- Opportunities for continued engagement with the Rural Health Transformation Program

Building on Year One

New Jersey recently announced the first round of Rural Health Transformation grant awards, totaling \$83 million and supporting 103 projects across the state. The investments are focused on key areas including health care workforce, infrastructure, technology, prevention, and chronic disease.

These awards are part of New Jersey's larger five-year Rural Health Transformation Program, supported through a federal investment from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Read about the first-round of funding [here](#).

We invite you to explore the new website, learn more about the program's first-year investments, and join us for the upcoming Year Two webinar as New Jersey continues working to expand access, improve health outcomes, and strengthen the rural health care workforce.

New Jersey Department of Human Services Commissioner Dr. Stephen ChaNew Jersey
Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Raynard E. Washington

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