



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Project Update

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District: Aroostook	Date: 9/6/2024
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
<p>Agendas and minutes available on district’s webpage: 08.07.24 APHC Quarterly Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Council Education Topic: “Maine Prevention Network Update of Quarterly Progress” “Shared Community Health Needs Assessment – Summary Previous Cycle Activity” “Maine Shared CHNA – What to Expect Current Cycle”</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Theresa Dow, Maine Prevention Network, ACAP Stacy Boucher, District Liaison, ME CDC Heather Drake, Program Manager, Maine Health (MeSCHNA)</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: November 6, 2024 • Next Aroostook Chapter of Maine HCC Meeting: October 3, 2024 • Next APHC Aging Committee Meeting: October 15, 2024 • Next APHC Steering Committee Meeting: October 2, 2024 <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ Voted to add a new member organization to the APHC: Northeastern Workforce Development board so that workforce challenges can be targeted.</p> <p>➤ Stakeholders and member organizations have been asked to provide dates of upcoming vaccination clinics for the creation of a master directory to distribute on the Aroostook Electronic Roundtable.</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ MeSCHNA workgroups and forums scheduled for Tuesday, October 8. Partner organizations have created slides on collaborative work happening towards the public health indicators.</p> <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤ Creation of the Maine State HCC and the District Chapters of the HCC. First state-wide and district level meetings convened.</p>	

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➤ Aroostook EMA draft of Long-Term Power Outage Plan shared with Aroostook District Public Health Council for feedback.

**** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- HANS 06/10/2024 – Avian Flu Updates, All Influenza Specimen Submission Request, Respiratory Viral Testing Availability
- HANS 06/13/2024 – Prevention of Perinatal HIV in Maine
- HANS 07/02/2024 – Addressing Substantial Gaps in Hepatitis C Diagnosis and Treatment
- HANS 07/09/2024 – Arbovirus Update for Health Care Providers in Maine
- HANS 08/22/2024 – Increased Arboviral Activity in Maine

➤ Epi presented to the Emergency Planning committee on Rabies as there has been an increased incidence rate in Aroostook County.

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Collaborating on the Fort Kent baby shower for local mothers to provide resources
- Developing workflow to assess aging population in the homes that related to depression, nutrition, home safety, and medication reconciliation.
- Upcoming plans to partner with OCFS and APS to improve collaboration interdepartmentally.
- Continuing Mom’s Connection group every other Friday at the Caribou Rec Center.
- Attending Build and Blood event in Presque Isle on September 12th.

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- PFAS Treatment System being installed in Hodgdon.
- 60 Sanitary Survey Inspections to do in 2024. Currently 51 have been completed.
- 14 new well approval site visits.
- Houlton Mobile Home Park is planning to be connected to Houlton Water District due to high PFAS in their water.
- DWP was short 2 inspectors for the past few months in District A and G. 1 new hire is on board for District A and interviews are being completed for District G. Bob has been covering for DWP – G District due to Inspector retiring.

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- All DWP Staff Annual Training this month on September 24th.
- Fort Kent Route 11 water main replacement project nearing final completion.
- Madawaska Route 1 water main replacement project has construction on-going.
- Caribou booster station upgrades nearing final completion.
- Mars Hill source supply project nearing final completion.

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ **Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June-August 2024:**

- MPN HEAL Lead, Tobacco Prevention Staff, AR Gould Hospital staff and 3 volunteers hosted a “Party at the Pad” at the local community splash pad. Approximately 150 individuals attended. Fresh cold water was provided along with water bottles, a story walk activity, movement games and sun safety supplies and information including local trail cards were available to all.
- MPN HEAL Lead supported the County Balloon Festival with items from our lending library to supplement their physical activity needs for children and families attending. Giant checkers, giant connect four, a parachute game, a story walk, and program signage were provided. The weekend of the Balloon Festival attracts thousands of residents from many surrounding towns throughout the county. 600 people attended during the game day with 300 of those individuals being children.
- The MPN HEAL Lead visited Micmac Farms to discuss options for available produce and to encourage collaboration. 3 free community wide pop-up food stands took place this quarter where a variety of produce was offered including cucumbers, melon and squash. Punch cards were also distributed to low-income individuals with \$60 worth of free produce for participants to visit the farm during harvesting months.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Oral Health Equity Conference – September 17th
- Nurture ME Summit – October 30-31st

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Agendas and minutes available on district’s webpage:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district1/council-main.shtml>

➤ Dates of note in York District:

- The DCC will be held a meeting on September 23rd focusing on the Strength in ME grant about stress reduction.

Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:

- The council is still working to attract new members.

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- The District Coordinatizing Council will work with the Shared Community Health Assessment planning team to conduct a stakeholder forum before the fall.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Public Health Unit: The District Liaison continues to coordinate the public health unit quarterly meetings to discuss ongoing projects and current issues to ensure coloration when appropriate. The York District Liaison is working on the next meeting for the Healthcare Coalitions. The meeting will focus on the recent hazard vulnerability analysis (HVA). The (HVA) is a systematic process that helps identify and prioritize potential hazards and risks that could impact a facility or community. HVAs can help organizations and facilities plan for emergencies, address resource gaps, and comply with regulations. York and Cumberland Districts are working conjunctly on an initiative on women’s health. More information to follow.

Rural Health and Primary Care

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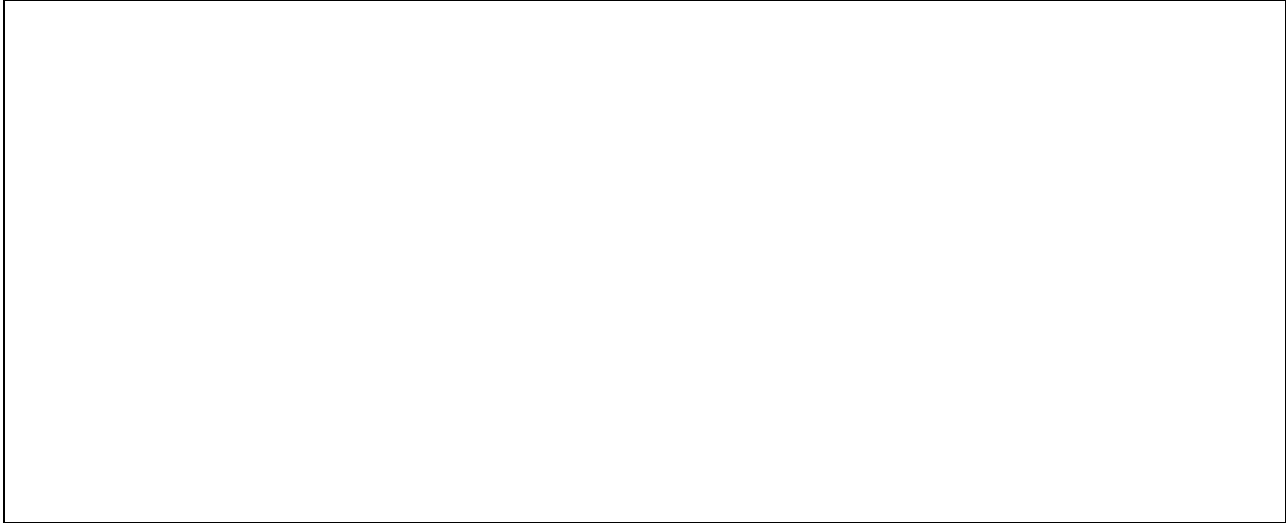
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Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:	
➤ DCC Meetings:	
July Council Meeting was cancelled to accommodate stakeholder vacations	
September 19th, 2024 Full Council Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of CHNA Accomplishments • ALICE presentation by Lee Klarman of United Way of Southern Maine 	
➤ Thirteen candidates were reviewed for the Cumberland Public Health Educator III position, and Allison Harvell, with a background in food security and health/nutrition education, accepted the position and started on August, 19 th	
➤ City of Portland Public Health Director, Alfredo Vergara, left his role to begin work at UNE. Bridget Rauscher has been appointed as interim PH Director	
In-district or multi-district collaborations:	
➤ Cumberland DL is participating in the Maine CDC Maternal and Child Health Wellness Coalition	
➤ Cumberland DL is participating in the Division of Environmental Health’s General Tracking Advisory Board	
➤ Cumberland DL presented internally on Doula services	
➤ Cumberland DL participated in a health equity panel at DOE’s July 30 Maine School Nurses’ Summit	
** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program	
Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:	
➤ ID/Epi is responding to infectious disease reports as needed	
➤ After an accidental release of approximately 1,600 gallons of Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AAAF, which contains PFAS) on August 19 th , A Unified Command was established comprising: Maine DEP, Maine DHHS/Maine CDC, Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, U.S. EPA, Town of Brunswick, and U.S. Coast Guard (updates found here: https://www.maine.gov/dep/news/news.html?id=12962843)	

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- Maine CDC issued freshwater fish consumption advisories recommending either no consumption or limited consumption of fish from four waterbodies located on and around the former naval air station in Brunswick, Maine. [View the table of PFAS Guidelines.](#) Cumberland DL received requests for health guidance for community members, and provided information upon which Midcoast Hospital based a summary of guidance for clinicians
- Cumberland DIS continues to call for sustained education for the public and providers to include syphilis testing in routine health exams, especially for pregnant people
- Maine CDC’s prevention team and Cumberland DL responded to constituent concern about 3 youth deaths by suicide in South Portland over the past 18 months. The community member was provided guidance and information – and Cumberland DL will follow up to see what other steps could be taken to support community resiliency efforts
- Maine CDC’s PHEP team responded to a request for support from Bridgton Hospital when their HVAC system failed July 16-17
- The first District meeting of the Healthcare Coalition took place on 9/11/24

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Active TB cases continue to be a focus for our Cumberland PHN team.
 - The team is currently working on 33 active cases, with 4 more expected. The average number of cases for a typical year for the state is 16, and we are already past that mark this year
 - treatment for TB is 6-9 months, can take as long as 12-18 months with complicating factors (such as HIV), and PHNs follow and support each case until completion of treatment
 - Treatment for latent TB (LTBI) is a minimum of 4 months, but can last as long as 9 months

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health:** Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- HIP Reports a slow Vibrio season
- Since July 2024, no Do Not Drink Orders, 3 Boil Water Orders (Naples, Bridgton, Freeport), and no Do Not Use orders, were issued in Cumberland County
- Three heat advisories that included Cumberland District, were issued by Maine CDC over the summer months
- Thus far this year, there have been 5 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in birds in Cumberland District, and one confirmed case of Powassan in a person.

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June to September 2024:

HEAL:

- MPN HEAL lead collaborated with the Moving Maine Network and Cumberland County Public Health were awarded PHASE 1 Federal Transit Administration funding of \$150,000. This funding will be used to design a universal transit pass, culturally specific mobility navigation services, and to create a transportation equity council.
- MPN HEAL lead supported the Cumberland County Food Security Council in hiring and onboarding 2 new Food Corps members in South Portland and Westbrook to work on Halal School Meals and other district-level food system goals
- HEAL staff partnered with 8 municipalities to update workplace lactation policies, provide supplies for lactation rooms, and share multilingual pumping resources for employees.

Tobacco and SUPs:

- MPN SUPS team provided workshops on youth development and restorative practices with 125 summer camp staff who work with 975 youth campers in Cumberland District.
- MPN staff continued follow-up Restorative Practice session with Portland Rec staff, including multiple staff restorative circles at each of three summer camp sites. A workshop was held in August to transition to the academic year with 42 before and after care program staff.
- MPN Multicultural Prevention Specialist, has been working to assess the information gathered at community led focus groups – and created a one-page share-out of the work needed. Sites have launched focus groups and will be completing the work through the end of June. Following the conclusion of the data collection strategy, information gathered from this work
- The Tobacco Prevention team worked with 6 worksites to implement policies to reduce secondhand smoke; facilitated 4 “Quitting Tobacco Together” trainings; tabled and 8 events; coordinated with staff at South Portland High School to develop a parent council and workshops for immigrant parents

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

- OPHE will held a 2nd annual Health Equity Conference, July 24th at Bates College in Lewiston

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Maine CDC, MaineHealth, Bridgton Hospital and Opportunity Alliance continue planning for the upcoming CHNA forums (Oct. 1st in Bridgton, Oct. 22nd in Portland)

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<p>Agendas and minutes available on district’s webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/publications.shtml</p>	
<p>➤ Downeast Public Health Council Meeting Dates for 2024: January 19, March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, and November 15.</p>	
<p>July 19 Meeting Topic: Older Adult Services and Caregiver Supports by Staff from Eastern Area Agency on Aging; upcoming series of trainings and exercises focused on radiological exposure event (nuclear power plant); 2024 one-year district infrastructure improvement plan committee work: emergency preparedness, prevention, mental health, and older adult services.</p>	
<p>September 20 Meeting Topic: Downeast Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Priorities 2022-2024 Report; Health Impacts of Radiation and Maine CDC Response to Radiological Event; and 2024 one-year district infrastructure improvement plan implementation: emergency preparedness, prevention, mental health, and older adult services.</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Align district committee work with LPHSA, Shared CHNA, Healthy People 2030, and County Health Rankings. ➤ Collaborate with Hancock County EMA, Washington County EMA, Health Care Coalition, and Downeast MRC to offer training, courses, and exercises with a focus on a radiological event and the operation of a point of dispensing site for medical countermeasures. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Facilitate assessment of maternal and child health services in Washington County. ➤ Develop Downeast Medical Reserve Corps Unit Volunteer Handbook and Recruitment Strategies; determine plan for aligning MRC with Downeast Public Health Council and Downeast Health Care Coalition Planning. ➤ Well Water Quality and promotion of well testing in communities and providing support to overcome barriers to it. 	

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In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- AMHC, district hospitals, district federally qualified health centers, and Healthy Acadia lead a broad network of substance use services, specifically to opioid treatment and recovery in both counties.
- AMHC and partnership in Calais promoting a mental health awareness and first aid training for community members in business roles to recognize and minimize suicide ideation and other mental health incidences.
- Healthy Acadia with broad coalition of partners is facilitating a Maine Rural Community Health Improvement Partnership (R-CHIP) to assess readiness and develop outcomes regarding sustainable and affordable housing, both emergency (e.g., winter warming centers) and long-term housing units.
- Working Communities Challenge focused on reducing child poverty in Washington County.

Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- July 2nd the Maine CDC issued a statement to providers about addressing the substantial gaps in Hepatitis C diagnosis and treatment encouraging universal and risk-based screening as well as early treatment.
- On July 9th and Aug 22nd, the Maine CDC sent out Arbovirus Updates to healthcare providers and the community at large regarding increased Arboviral activity in Maine (Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus)
- On August 1st we had a crow test positive for WNV in Hancock County.
- On Aug 22nd the FDA approved and authorized the 2024-2025 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- As students return to school, we are expecting an increase in Respiratory Illnesses and Vaccine Preventable Diseases. We are encouraging testing & vaccines this school year.

Maura Lockwood, District Epidemiologist

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

Division of Public Health Nursing

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Maternal and Child Health: PHN Referrals = Washington County 21 + Hancock County 8
- Maternal and Child Health: Contract Referrals = Washington County 8 + Hancock County 30
- PHN Visits: July 70 + August 62 + September (partial) 22
- Contract Visits: Monthly Average 100-120: July 99
- PHN Staff have participated in emergency trainings and tabletop exercises in district.
- PHN Staff have participated in health fairs at Pleasant Point, WIC, and Machias Baby Shower.
- Outreach to providers on Cradle ME Services with Downeast Community Partners, adding brochures to hospital admission packets.
- Working on new standards of care and procedures/policies for new older adult outreach and services in 2025.
- Ongoing outreach to existing community meetings in MDI and Bucksport.

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Tammy Mitchell, PHN Supervisor

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Ongoing consultation with municipalities on well water testing days
- Presentation by Radiation Program at Downeast Public Health Council Meeting on 9/20/24 regarding health effects of radiation and Maine CDC Response to Event.
- Health Inspection Program Update:
 - Staff meet quarterly (10/22 and 12/18, 2024).
 - Maine Food Safety Workgroup Meeting (9/10/2024).
 - Staff will present at Board of Pesticide Meeting 12/2024 on our procedures on handling cockroach infestations in licensed establishments.
 - New Health Inspector for Hancock County Ellsworth (Andrew Frodahl).
 - Inspections for 2024
 - Mobile food vendor inspections at 35 fairs in 2024.
 - Campgrounds, youth camps, public pools, spas, and seasonal eating places.
 - Staff will be on a panel at the NE Food Protection Seminar in Vermont in November.
 - Staff completing emergency preparedness ICS courses.

Lisa Silva, Program Director, Health Inspection Program

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➤ **Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors March to May 2024:** *Healthy Acadia staff provide the prevention work in Downeast.*

Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)

- ❖ The Lactation Station pop up breastfeeding tent hosted at Juneteenth Commemoration, Pride Festival and Lobster Festival provided a quiet, cool, dry place for families to enjoy the festivities while allowing parents to pump. Fifty families learned about this initiative at the Lobster Festival.
- ❖ Of the fifteen ECE sites awarded mini grants supporting 267 children across Hancock and Washington County, ten sites purchased products to support Farm to ECE, one supported nutrition and water access initiatives and six sites focused on physical activity improvements.
- ❖ Attending the TEACH ME Outside workshop helped us connect with two champions at Mount Desert Elementary and RSU24, working on outdoor learning and increasing physical activity. We invited Schoodic Scenic Byways to list their 7 Kid's Quest.
- ❖ Our presentation on Strategies for Cafeteria Challenges Goals and Actionable steps at the School Nutrition DIRIGO Alliance Professional Training on August 14th was well attended by

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100 cafeteria staff from approximately 18 schools. However, attendance by Downeast region school staff was lower this year.

- ❖ Our Pilot project in partnership with Farm and Sea to School Institute to offer local culinary training at Hancock County Technical Center through a USDA Innovation Grant was denied. Easy access to culinary training continues to be a barrier in Downeast.
- ❖ Over the course of the summer, we supported Amber’s Best farm with enrollment and administrative support for the Maine Senior Farm Share program enrolling 307 seniors in the program in Hancock County, directly signing up 67 seniors at in-person sign-up events and over the phone. We established the Ellsworth Gleaning Shed as a pick-up point for the Ellsworth and surrounding area firming our partnership both with the farmer and seniors in the county as we increase capacity for the program by having a centrally located drop off/pick-up refrigerated storage space.
- ❖ **Substance Use Prevention:** no report provided this quarter.
- ❖ **Tobacco Prevention:** no report provided.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

- Maine CDC is proceeding with the re-accreditation process with submission to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) scheduled for October 2024.
- Maine CDC has created an operational strategic plan that will be implemented by divisions and programs during 2024 and 2025.
- State Health Improvement Plan draft report is being reviewed during Summer 2024 with implementation Fall 2024.

Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

- Ongoing collaboration with lab for securing appropriate well testing kits for municipal-based and tribal well water testing days.

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Alignment of emergency preparedness work, including trainings and exercises, between public health district, Downeast Medical Reserve Corps Unit, Health Care Coalition, and County Emergency Management Agencies.

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District: Midcoast (Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc & Waldo Counties)

Date: September 19th, 2024

**** Division of Public Health Systems:** District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics

Agendas and minutes available on District’s webpage:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district4/publications.shtml>

Dates of note in the Midcoast District:

The MPHCC meeting held on September 10th featured the Local Planning Team members on the Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (SCHNA) process and goals. Meredith Batley of Knox County Free Clinic provided an update on the new Community Health Center building and expansion of Knox Clinic programming. Courtney Vannah and Kalie Hess introduced an Oral Health Initiative for the Midcoast District.

Midcoast Public Health Council (MPHC) Steering Committee Meeting meets October 15th, 2024.

Midcoast Public Health Unit (PHU) meeting was held hybrid on July 16th, 2024. Next scheduled meeting is September 17th, 2024. PHU continues to focus on opportunities for collaboration within the Public Health unit (PHU).

The Midcoast Public Health Educator created a ME CDC, Public Health Unit (PHU) bulletin board for the Rockland DHHS waiting room. The poster board features information on the roles within the Public Health Unit (PHU) with the goal of increasing visibility and awareness of the ME CDC.

Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:

- The Midcoast Public Health District’s Public Health Infrastructure Improvement Grant has been completed. MCD Staff are working with Lincoln County stakeholders for a publication that will highlight the installation of the new emergency communication system.
- Midcoast Public Health Council completed its annual membership crosswalk in July 2024 and identified public health stakeholders for membership outreach. MPHCC continues to focus on a diversified public health sector membership.

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- MPHCC committee work concerning the Council priorities of Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health concluded in June. Future focus will be directed towards developing a strong Public Health Infrastructure.
- The Midcoast Maine Community Shared Health Needs Assessment (SCHNA) Local Planning team continues to meet and plan for Stakeholder Forums in November 2024. Forum location and times have been finalized and Save the dates have been sent to partners and public health stakeholders.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Work continues by an ad hoc District group to prepare for requests from New Mainers who relocate to the Midcoast District.
- The first Statewide Healthcare Coalition of Maine (HCC-ME) met virtually on August 14th, 2024. The HCC-ME will be holding its first District chapter meeting on September 25th. with the focus of developing a more responsive emergency preparedness infrastructure at the district level.

** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program

- Megan Kelley, our District epidemiologist reports that there will be a team meeting for the Division of Disease Control Infectious Disease Epidemiologist team on Sept 19th in the Midcoast District.

West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) activity is detected in mosquitos and birds across the state. Towns are notified when a positive animal is identified.

There is a nice town hall style video on arboviral activity at this site:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/arboviral-surveillance.shtml>

Surveillance results are at this site:

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** Division of Public Health Nursing

- Public Health Nursing (PHN) Supervisor Brooke Payne reports District 4 is now hiring for a PHN I position, the job posting is [here](#)

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➤ The Health Inspection Program welcomes Sarah Fillion as the full time Health Inspector in the Midcoast Public Health District.

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Highlights of completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network (MPN) Contractor/Subcontractors during

- Mid Coast District MPN Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) staff:
 - Sagadahoc County MPN HEAL staff hosted a cross-town bike/ped committee Lunch and Learn to support the new Topsham bike/ped committee and discuss Safe Routes to School and Bike/Walk to School events
 - Lincoln County MPN HEAL staff are members of a local physical activity committee in Damariscotta that is currently working on advocating and establishing bike racks in the town near local businesses.
 - Sagadahoc County MPN HEAL staff brought HEAL resources and mobile Storywalk to summer events in the county. Lincoln and Sagadahoc staff ordered 2 Smoothie Bikes to further engage schools and youth at events and activities that promote healthy eating and active living
 - Knox/Waldo County MPN HEAL Staff Knox/Waldo County MPN HEAL staff collaborated with the local bike coalition and the City of Rockland to sponsor and plan the September Rockland Sunday Stroll event, which promotes active transportation and community engagement. The September Sunday stroll will feature 30-minute physical activity demos to bring a variety of options to our Knox County Community.
 - Knox/Waldo HEAL staff collaborated with the DIRIGO Alliance and the Hancock/Washington HEAL coordinator to organize, support, attend and present at the annual conference at Mt. View High School in August. Over 100 food service professionals joined forces to learn

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strategies on food safety, local food sources and using the Healthy US scorecard and the Let's Go self-assessments to identify goals and space for improvement.

- MPN staff participated in 3 County Food Council Meetings: 1) Sagadahoc- The Merry Meeting Food Council celebrated the year's successes and recent innovation grant awards and learned about policy work 2) Knox County is continuing to develop a vision and roadmap for the Knox County Food Council. By attending the local food access workgroup sponsored by GSFB and attending focus groups at food pantries, we gathered a list of sectors we'd like represented and are developing an outreach strategy to connect with interested community members 3) Lincoln County has participated with MCHPP monthly to convene the pantry partners and community partners for education around pantry resources in the areas as well as areas needing improvement.
- Mid Coast District MPN HEAL staff are partnering with Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition (MSBC) and MaineHealth to disseminate breast/chest feeding toolkits to partner organizations and working with local WIC coordinators and health system champions to review data to identify barriers to breast/chest feeding.

Midcoast Substance Use Prevention Activities:

- MPN staff presented to Head Start Staff about cannabis dangers and safe storage, as well as protective factors. Also followed up with a variety of prevention resources for staff and families.
- MPN staff continue to support the maternal naloxone project with Mid-Coast Hospital's Labor and Delivery Unit, supply first aid kits containing Narcan to all families upon hospital discharge.
- OUT Maine: OUT Maine is developing systems to deliver content and best meet the needs of the communities we are working in. By partnering with the Midcoast we will be able to cater our work to those specific needs in each community. The OUT Maine programming team is looking forward to working with the Midcoast to host parent/family events and to support schools and other youth serving orgs in the Midcoast in adopting recommendations from the Best Practices guide.

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District Public Health (DPH) Staff received a presentation from Stacy LaFlamme on Child and Maternal Health updates and initiatives at the September 12th all staff meeting.

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District: Penquis	Date: 09-16-2024
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
<p>Agendas and minutes available on the district’s webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dates of note in Penquis District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: December 6th, 2024 <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health Equity, Maine Multicultural Center & Catholic Charities of Maine ➤ Arboviral disease prevention/education <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment ➤ The Health Care Coalition of Maine (HCC-ME) ➤ HIV/HCE ICS <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Health Unit meetings 	
** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ July 2nd the Maine CDC issued a statement to providers about addressing the substantial gaps in Hepatitis C diagnosis and treatment encouraging universal and risk-based screening as well as early treatment. On July 9th and Aug 22nd, the Maine CDC sent out Arbovirus Updates to healthcare providers and the community at large regarding Increased Arboviral activity in Maine. On August 1st and August 4th, we had two crows test positive for WNV in Penobscot County. On August 19th, we had two emus test positive for EEE in Penobscot County. On Aug 22nd, the FDA approved and authorized the 2024-2025 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. As students return to school, we are expecting an increase in Respiratory Illnesses and Vaccine Preventable Diseases. We are encouraging testing & vaccines this school year. 	

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**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Vaccine Outreach: There's a growing need for vaccine outreach, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to increase personal outreach efforts.

➤ Upcoming Events:

September 4th: State Refugee Advisory Board meeting focusing on improving pre/post-natal care and TB testing.

September 15th: International Guard event.

October: Older Adult Expo (First Piscataquis Older Adult event).

December: Penobscot Expo.

Goal: Enhance accessibility to services.

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Health Inspections: Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

· Maine Food Safety Workgroup September 10, 2024.

· HIP Quarterly Staff Meeting on October 22, 2024.

· HIP Quarterly Staff Meeting on December 18-19, 2024.

· Board of Pesticides Meeting in December 2024. HIP has been asked to present on how we handle cockroach infestations in our licensed establishments.

· HIP Inspector for Rockland District C hired. Sarah Fillion. Started on 7/29/24.

· HIP Inspector for Ellsworth District E hired. Andrew Frodahl will start on 9/16/24.

· HIP's busy season with seasonal operations and fair inspections is winding up with the Fryeburg Fair scheduled for the week of September 29 - October 6, 2024. 7 inspectors are scheduled to inspect mobile food vendors at Fryeburg. HIP inspectors conducted mobile food vendor inspections at 35 fairs this season in addition to the regular inspections at campgrounds, youth camps, public pools and spas, and seasonal eating places.

➤ · November 13-15, 2024, Northeast Food Protection Seminar/Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association in Burlington Vermont. HIP was asked to participate in a panel discussion on Specialized Food Processing in Maine.

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- · HIP Staff working on completing ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 courses.
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Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ **Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:**

- **Highlights from activities conducted by Penquis Maine Prevention Network HEAL Contractor/ Subcontractors from June 2024-August 2024**

Healthy Eating

- In Penobscot County, a Free Community Food Exchange was established at the Bangor Area Recovery Network in Brewer. Approximately 165 pounds of produce (gleaned from the Brewer Farmers’ Market and harvested from the BARN collective garden) was placed on the stand for any community members to take, free of charge.
- In Penobscot County, a workplace wellness partnership was established with Eastern Area Agency on Aging. After completing the Healthy Eating Checklist and Strategies in the Healthy Us Scorecard, the organization received a mini-grant for the purchase of Bumper Crop gift certificates from the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets.
- Piscataquis County hosted three Free Produce Pop-Up Markets in partnership with Piscataquis Regional Food Center, providing 348 bags of local fruits and vegetables to employees and community members. Over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce have been distributed through these markets.
- A farm-to-hospital initiative has been established at Northern Light Mayo Hospital, providing fresh produce every two weeks at no cost to employees. This program is made possible through collaboration with the Mainers Feeding Mainers program at Good Shepherd Food Bank. To date, 357 pounds of produce has been distributed to Northern Light Mayo and Dexter Family Practice employees.
- In Piscataquis County, a garden was established at Miss A’s Daycare in Guilford. To date, the Piscataquis County HEAL coordinator has provided technical assistance to support the establishment of gardens at three ECE programs.

Active Living

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- In Penobscot County, a new Physical Activity Club was established at Abraham Lincoln School in Bangor, the club focuses on supporting students to increase physical activity by setting mileage goals. To date 156 students completed 2,277 miles this quarter.
- In Piscataquis County, three schools concluded their physical activity clubs for the 2023-2024 school year. At Piscataquis Community Elementary School 37 students completed 310 miles. At SeDoMoCha’s Afterschool Program, 18 students completed 932 miles. At Piscataquis Secondary School 138 students completed 11,698 miles.
- In Piscataquis County, Piscataquis Community Elementary School (PCES) and SeDoMoCha implemented Summer Physical Activity Clubs. PCES concluded the summer with 14 students completing 346 miles and SeDoMoCha concluded the summer with 80 students completing 1,127 miles.

Lactation

- Penobscot County has maintained the prenatal, postpartum, and lactation support group (*The Mom Connection*). The group meets every other week at the Millinocket Memorial Library.
- Piscataquis County has maintained the postpartum, lactation, and prenatal support group (*Baby & Me*). The group now meets at the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft, with attendance at the end of the quarter reaching five mothers and their infants.
- Penquis MPN HEAL is collaborating with the Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition to assist in developing a state-wide Workplace Lactation Recognition Program for workplaces as part of a Toolkit for Employers to support lactation in the workplace.

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District: Western	Date: 9/19/24
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage .	
<p>➤ Dates of note in Western District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10am-1pm (in-person in Farmington) • Western District SCHNAs: Franklin – September 18th (in person), Oxford - September 25th (virtual), Androscoggin – November 7th (in-person) • Western District Healthcare Coalition met on September 11th, planning quarterly meetings <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued education/speaking opportunities for community partners. ➤ Continued outreach and growing DCC and steering committee membership. <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Working with public health unit to identify district needs. ➤ SCHNA planning and facilitation with district partners. ➤ HCC meeting quarterly. <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assisting in ICS for Penobscot HIV cluster. ➤ Provided assistance to town of Lisbon related to “Do not drink” order on 8/29/24 	
** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>Epidemiology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Heavy arboviral activity around the state, present in Oxford County <p>Infectious Disease Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assisting in ICS for Penobscot HIV cluster ➤ HIV Care – offering HIV medical case management 	

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Immunization:

- Launched Docket app that assists constituents with their vaccine records as it's aligned with ImmPact
- Newly authorized covid vaccines are available
- Flu vaccines also available to providers
- Ordered RSV vaccine and prioritizing birthing hospitals
- Regional meetings: Presque Isle – October 2nd, Bangor – October 3rd, Portland – October 29th, Augusta – October 30th

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**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Rising TB cases
- Full staffed in District 3, but added a new position primarily focused on Maternal and Child Health
- No current plans for vaccine clinics in Lewiston. Have scheduled a few one-off clinics in Oxford and Franklin
- Officially a 317 Adult Vaccine site—so can support vaccinations for uninsured and underinsured individuals over 18
- Attending [Building Connections in Western Maine](#) on October 8th

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health:** Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

Drinking Water:

- Many individuals across DHHS and Maine CDC on hand to assist Lisbon Water District's operational challenges that led to 'Do Not Drink' order related to arsenic contamination. Provided technical assistance to help town rectify issues at treatment facility.
- Information about [order](#) and [test results](#).

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- New youth advisory board in Franklin County
- Working on "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" campaign
- Drug take back days in October
- Supporting NAMI with mental health programming for elementary schools
- Had some funding to support middle schools

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Maine Prevention Network activities June-August 2024:

- Healthy Androscoggin staff provided resources at National Night Out in Auburn including pedometers, water bottles, and local hiking trail guides to promote physical activity. Staff also provided a “Spring Hiking in Androscoggin County” resource through a media campaign. The campaign ran from 5/27/24 to 6/14/24. The campaign totaled 94,004 impressions. It was one of the top performers of the quarter.
- Franklin County co-facilitated Culinary Skills training hosted by MaineHealth 5210 Programming. This training hosted 30 individuals at Mt. Blue High School. This will support the momentum for staff to rejoin the school nutrition workgroup and increase the number of nutritious meals served at the local schools.
- Two nurses at Franklin Memorial Hospital Enrolled in a Lactation Consultant Training. Currently no staff have this certification, this is a huge win for the Labor and Delivery departments.
- The two pilot schools for 100 Mile Club in Oxford County finished up their school year and sent in their end of year survey. Woodstock Elementary 100 Mile Club Champion said they had 56 students participating and ended with 6,291 miles for the year. Her feedback was, “I have noticed an increase in confidence in our students and a willingness to try new things! Our school culture is very team oriented since this program has come to our school.” Western Foothills Kids Association had 83 students collecting miles in their program. Their champion's feedback was, "The 100 Mile Club has had a positive impact on our school community, and we were grateful for the opportunity to participate in it. Students loved earning prizes for their efforts on being active in a variety of ways. Through these learning experiences, students developed their social skills and maintained relationships in various physical activity settings. It is a great program!!”
- HOH MPN staff have also been helping to finalize and develop the Breastfeeding/Lactation toolkit for the workplace with the Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition group. They are just finishing the final touches and will be distributing and promoting the toolkit in the upcoming months.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Public Health Equity

Office of Public Health Equity:

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Office of Population Health Equity (OPHE) discontinued Lewiston community forums
- In transition period, aligning priorities with staff capacity
- Would like to host community facing meetings, looking for opportunities

** Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL):

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District: York Public Health District	Date: 9/19/2024
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
<p>Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district1/council-main.shtml</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in York District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DCC will be held a meeting on September 23rd focusing on the Strength in ME grant about stress reduction. <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The council is still working to attract new members.</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The District Coordinating Council will work with the Shared Community Health Assessment planning team to conduct a stakeholder forum before the fall.</p> <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>Public Health Unit: The District Liaison continues to coordinate the public health unit quarterly meetings to discuss ongoing projects and current issues to ensure coloration when appropriate.</p> <p>The York District Liaison is working on the next meeting for the Healthcare Coalitions. The meeting will focus on the recent hazard vulnerability analysis (HVA). The (HVA) is a systematic process that helps identify and prioritize potential hazards and risks that could impact a facility or community. HVAs can help organizations and facilities plan for emergencies, address resource gaps, and comply with regulations.</p> <p>York and Cumberland Districts are working conjunctly on an initiative on women's health. More information to follow.</p> <p>Rural Health and Primary Care</p>	

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Recently, the Rural Health and Primary Care Program hosted a webinar called “Immigration Pathways for your Recruitment Needs”. The webinar discussed the different pathways that facilities can use to recruit foreign trained physicians. You can [review a copy of the slides here](#). If you would like access to the recording of this webinar, please reach out to [Erica Dyer](#). There were a couple of resources mentioned in this presentation, you can find those here:

- [J-1 Guide 2023 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Northern Border Regional Commission J-1 Program Specialty Additions \(PDF\)](#)

The 2024 3RNET Academy is coming right up again starting on Tuesday October 8th, 2024 and running biweekly until Tuesday December 17th, 2024. Again, our office has sponsored your attendance to the Academy so you can register and attend these sessions at no cost to you. For more information on the academy and to get the registration link and the code for your free registration (RecruitMaine2024), please visit the [Academy website](#). This year’s sessions include Recruitment Processes to Set the Stage for Retention, Retention Strategies and Tools to Strengthen your Workforce, and Mission and DEIB Initiatives to Support Engagement and Retention.

Our office encourages all health care executives and human resources professionals serving Maine’s rural and underserved populations to participate!

The New England Rural Health Association will be hosting a Rural Health Student Summit on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Please see the [NERHA Student Summit 2024 Flyer \(PDF\)](#) for more information and to register.

**** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

1. <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/publications/index.shtml>
 - a. The section on Annual Reports breaks down disease surveillance by county, York included.
2. <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/newhan.shtml>
 - a. Every HAN we send out is a direct link to every major pre/post investigations/outbreaks we engage in.

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3. Maine CDC and District Epidemiologists are working on many issues including vector borne diseases such as EEE, WNV, and Jamestown canyon Virus.

<https://www.cdc.gov/eastern-equine-encephalitis/about/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/jamestown-canyon/about/index.html>

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/>

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ The Maine Public Health Nursing Program continues to add staff who provide essential services in Maine communities. In October and early November, new hires in Augusta, Portland, Rockland, and Bangor have continued to increase the statewide number of Public Health Nurses.

- Public Health Nurses from York and Cumberland Counties are continue to offer catch up vaccine clinics for school aged children.

Maine CDC Public Health Nursing: 207-287-4112

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- **Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (DWP)** works to ensure safe drinking water in Maine, to protect public health, by administering and enforcing drinking water and subsurface wastewater regulations, providing education and technical and financial assistance. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
- **NEWS: Lead & Copper Rule Revision/Lead Service Line Inventories:** All Community and Non-transient, Non-community (NTNC) public water systems must develop and submit a comprehensive and accurate inventory of every service line in their distribution system, regardless of whether any lead is present. Inventories must be completed by October 16, 2024. Lead Service Line Inventory templates are now available for download. The DWP encourages all applicable PWS to begin work on their Service Line Inventories as soon as possible.
- Voice: (207) 287-2070
- Emergency: (207) 557-4214

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- TTY: Maine relay 711
- **Health Inspection Program:** The Health Inspection Program exists to provide licensing and inspection services for several different types of businesses to protect the public health. These businesses include restaurants, lodging, campgrounds, youth camps, public swimming pools and spas, tattooists, micropigmentation, body piercing, electrolysis, school cafeterias, and mass gatherings. To file a complaint, report a foodborne illness, or inquire about a Health Inspection Program-licensed establishment, please call our main number at 207-287-5671 during business hours. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm excluding holidays. For emergency after hours calls, please call **1-800-821-5821**.
- The Health Inspection Program is excited to announce it is fully staffed for York Public Health District.

The Division is organized as follows:

- Division Administration (internal support, review and planning of the Division)
- Children's Licensing and Investigation Services (childcare facility licensing) (207) 287-5020
- Drinking Water Program (regulates public drinking water supplies) (207) 287-2070
- Health Inspection Program (inspection/regulation of restaurants and lodging places) (207) 287-5671
- Radiation Control Program (inspection/regulation of radiation sources) (207) 287-5676
- Subsurface Wastewater Team (plan review and approval of septic system installation) (207) 287-2070

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

Maternal and Child Health Program: For over 75 years, the Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Program has provided States with funding to ensuring the health of the Nation's mothers, women, children and youth, including children with special health care needs, and their families. The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) supports work in Maine including the following programs.

- Maine CDC Children with Special Health Needs
- Birth Defects Program
- Cleft Lip & Palate Program
- Partners in Care Coordination
- Newborn Hearing Program
- Genetics Program
- Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program
- Maternal, Fetal & Infant Mortality Review
- Perinatal Health

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- Other Maine CDC Programs serving women, mothers and children and receiving support from the MCHBG and matching funds.
- Women’s Health
- Adolescent and School Health
- Public Health Nursing
- Injury and Suicide Prevention
- Oral Health

Substance Use Prevention: The Prevention Team is committed to preventing and reducing substance abuse and mental illness and related problems by providing leadership, education and support to communities and institutions throughout Maine. The team works to ensure that Mainers can avoid both the personal and societal costs of substance abuse and mental illness. In collaboration with Maine Prevention Services initiative, Drug Free Community Coalitions, communities, consumers, and a variety of organizations in the state, the Prevention Team provides funding, technical assistance, data, and training and develops materials and resources to educate the residents of Maine. Wellness is the foundation of a healthy, long, and productive life, and is core to the work of prevention services.

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Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

The goals of the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory are to isolate, identify, analyze and monitor any biological, chemical, or radiological hazards which are capable of causing harm. We will assist other agencies in the prevention, treatment, and control of such hazards which threaten the community or environment. These essential services shall be provided cost effectively through a fee schedule established with the flexibility of making them available regardless of the public’s ability to pay. Other roles include consultation with other agencies on state policy development and the quality assurance oversight of services provided by the public and private sectors.

Core functions:

RAPID RESPONDER TO SUSPECTED OUTBREAKS AND CONTAMINATION EVENTS:

- The HETL, in concert with public health agencies and other laboratories, will have the capability to rapidly identify, track and contain outbreaks and sources of biological or chemical public health threats.

INTEGRATED INFORMATION MANAGER:

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- The HETL will provide an important link for the accumulation, blending, and distribution of scientific information in the support of public health programs. The HETL will also provide expert consultation on analytical data generated at the HETL and data generated elsewhere.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR:

- The HETL will be a leader in epidemiological surveillance and environmental testing. Laboratory data will provide necessary information to assess and monitor environmental health. Low detection level analyses will provide an indicator of change, before significant health effects can occur.

ADVOCATE FOR APPROPRIATE AND HIGH-QUALITY TESTING:

- The HETL will be recognized as the source of quality information and serve as the standard for municipal and private laboratory performance. Certification of other laboratories will be based upon standards set here and the federal standards defined by laws and regulations.

REFERENCE SERVICE PROVIDER:

- The HETL will expand its role as the reference testing site for Maine and provide a model of efficient, low cost, quality testing that assesses public and environmental health through appropriate testing.

TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH LEADER:

- The HETL will be recognized as a source of state-of-the-art technology, both technical and operational. The HETL will have direct connectivity to technological advancement within the State.
- The HETL will assist the state in test selection for investigative research.

PUBLIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT:

- The HETL will provide analytical, technical, and enforcement capability to help control the abuse of alcohol & drugs and the attendant public health consequences.

Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL)

Central Office:

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For more news please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/news>

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