

AGENDA
Tompkins County Board of Health
Rice Conference Room
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
12:00 Noon
Via Zoom

Live Stream at Tompkins County YouTube Channel:

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- 12:00 I.** Call to Order
- 12:01 II.** Privilege of the Floor – Anyone may address the Board of Health (max. 3 mins.)
- 12:04 III.** Approval of June 23, 2020 Minutes (2 mins.)
- 12:06 IV.** Financial Summary (9 mins.)
- 12:15 V.** Reports (15 mins.)
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| Administration | Children with Special Care Needs |
| Health Promotion Program | County Attorney’s Report |
| Medical Director’s Report | Environmental Health |
| Division for Community Health | CSB Report |
- 12:30 VI.** New Business
- 12:30 Adjournment**

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MINUTES
Tompkins County Board of Health
June 23, 2020
12:00 Noon
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: Shawna Black; Melissa Dhundale, MD; David Evelyn, MD; Edward Koppel, MD; Susan Merkel; Janet Morgan, Ph.D.; and Christina Moylan, Ph.D., President

Staff: Karen Bishop, Director of Community Health; Liz Cameron, Director of Environmental Health; Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Public Health Administrator; Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion Program; William Klepack, MD, Medical Director; Frank Kruppa, Public Health Director; Skip Parr, Senior Public Health Sanitarian; Deb Thomas, Director of Children with Special Care Needs; Jonathan Wood, County Attorney; Shelley Comisi, Administrative Assistant; and Karan Palazzo, LGU Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: Dr. Moylan called the regular meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) to order at 12:03 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor: Tony Busse from TOSA Apartments was present. Mr. Busse spoke about property at 1289 Ellis Hollow Road, and of his dissatisfaction of with his tenants immediately calling the Board of Health before contacting him. He believes this is not how the system was designed to work. He stated he is a not an absentee landlord and remedies problems as soon as possible. Dr. Moylan asked Mr. Busse if he any comments on the enforcement action against him today related to chorine residuals and the boiled water order, which are not related to phone calls he referenced. Mr. Busse responded that the boiled water issue comes from tenants calling that they do not have water and the Board of Health immediately issuing orders, turning it into a bigger situation. Mr. Busse stated the water has never failed any tests and mentioned several corrective actions taken. Ms. Black asked for a discussion later in the meeting on how violations are issued as she does not see the connection and believes Mr. Busse maybe referring to something else and not the violation at hand. Mr. Busse stated he understands the violations are due to the boil water order and reiterated that his tenants are never without water for an extended amount of time.

Mr. Simon St. Laurent, a resident of Dryden was present. Mr. St. Laurent addressed the Board of Health of his concerns of Cornell's recently published reactivation plans of intense testing of the Cornell community which will weigh heavy on Tompkins' County reporting approach making it very hard to tell the incidences of infection. Mr. St. Laurent requests Tompkins County update their reporting practices to include and identify on-campus/off-campus students vs. the surrounding communities but ideally more detailed information about the cases. He referred to Steuben County's reporting practices as an

excellent example to explore. Ms. Black thanked Mr. St. Laurent as she stated she has looked at the Cornell's reactivation plan and agreed with some of his thoughts and noted it was eye opening for the legislature to see the numbers of positives for the age ranges 20-29, which accounted for a third of our positive cases. Ms. Black stated that the three higher educational institutions are working on a message that is concise as well as shared. Dr. Moylan confirmed with Mr. St. Laurent that his concerns were of how the numbers are being reported. Mr. St. Laurent replied yes, but with more details without revealing the person as Steuben County has reported. Dr. Moylan asked why is having detailed information important. Mr. St. Laurent responded that it would give a stronger sense of where the infection might be rather than just having an infection temperature of the county that Tompkins County reports.

Approval of May 26, 2020 Minutes: Dr. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting as written; seconded by Ms. Merkel. The vote to approve the minutes as written; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Financial Summary: Ms. Grinnell-Crosby referred to the 2020/5th month financial report included in the packet. Ms. Grinnell-Crosby didn't have more to add to the written report She added they are in the midst of developing the 2021 budget to be submitted to the county by July 1st. Ms. Merkel asked a question regarding the county guidelines for 2021. Ms. Grinnell-Crosby stated the county requested submission of two budgets; a flat budget based on our current target and a second budget with a 12% reduction in local share dollars. Ms. Grinnell-Crosby stated that after conversations with Mr. Kruppa, other iterations will probably be submitted throughout the summer. Mr. Kruppa added that nothing has been considered for what the state might do or in any changes in the county's assessments as multiple changes maybe necessary because much hinges on federal stimulus and sales tax revenues, they anticipate huge reductions compared to last year. Mr. Kruppa noted that the Board will receive information, if there are any program changes that must occur due to budget cuts affecting programming as the Board of Health's role is around policy.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa reported not much time has been spent on contact tracing and case investigations as there are only two active cases and no hospitalizations. Mr. Kruppa stated that international travelers are arriving, and they are receiving the daily lists again as in the beginning of COVID, giving work to Ms. Bishop's team in Community Health Services with precautionary quarantining of those individuals. Mr. Kruppa reported that from a disease perspective, things are going very well coupled with reopening and protests, as people take the guidance seriously as the disease incidence is reflective of that. Much of the response activity is centered around reopening and as each phase opens it comes with new state guidelines and Ms. Cameron's team in Environmental Health answer questions from the community on reopening plans, education and/or enforcement. Mr. Kruppa stated Environmental Health has done an amazing job communicating the information out and dealing with any issues that may arise.

Higher Education: In addition to business reopening plans, the local higher education institutions have provided information on their reopening but since TC3 is part of SUNY their plan must go to the state for approval before making any announcements. Mr. Kruppa

stated that all higher educational institutions are working together as he has weekly calls with all of them sharing ideas and being uniform in communication and approach in requested behaviors of students and faculty as they return. Multiple meetings are had each week with the leadership from the Cornell Health Center and Ithaca College's Hammond Health Center in their approach to inform their campus students and faculty's return in a safe manner which includes the community. Mr. Kruppa spoke further on communication where Ms. Hillson is part of the communications group which also includes Dominick Recckio, Communications Manager and Katie Borgella, Planning Director. They are communicating clearly to the students, faculty, and staff as they return of the expectations and what reopening is going to look like which also includes the community. Mr. Kruppa noted that there is a separate workgroup working on the public information component. He also stated that Cayuga Health Systems and Dr. Evelyn have been doing pilot work with Cornell University on large-scale sampling and feels confident in supporting Ithaca College, Cornell University and TC3 in any testing efforts they have related to returning. Cayuga Health Systems is greatly appreciated in the county providing testing services.

Grades K-12: Mr. Kruppa reported that since our last meeting, K-12 is more up in the air as the governor expressed an extended school year. Special Education could be conducted in person this summer but noted that TST BOCES who provides those services for all the districts except Ithaca City School District, has chosen not to do those services in person. Special Education services will remain virtual for all the districts in the county (except Ithaca City School District, who is doing a hybrid model with some face-to-face but still virtual as their main concern) implementing all necessary protections to bring students back into the schools and focusing on reopening in the fall for all students. Planning but no direct guidance has been received from the state on school districts and we are not sure if the school districts will require state approval before reopening. In summary, grades K-12 is still being worked on.

Travel limits: Mr. Kruppa noted the governor mentioned limiting travel with states that are seeing increases in COVID cases.

Question from Mr. Wood regarding travel quarantined countries.

- Mr. Kruppa responded that we receive a daily state generated list of the level 2 and 3 countries on the CDC website but does not include the country of origin that the person traveled from, only of the outbreak regions in the world without identifying what region that is. Ms. Bishop had no additional information to add. Still unclear to Mr. Wood, Mr. Kruppa referred Mr. Wood to the CDC website to look under countries that are listed under level 2 or 3 as they should assume they will be quarantined for fourteen days upon return. Dr. Evelyn noted on his review of the CDC website, it is the rest of the world with exceptions of New Zealand and one or 2 countries now at level one.

Question from Dr. Morgan regarding Cayuga Health Systems handling testing of college campuses and follow-up.

- Mr. Kruppa responded that is up to the higher education institutions on who they

use but the Health Department is encouraging the use of Cayuga Health Systems because of their connection to us and all the good work they have already done. Testing experience is that Cayuga Health Systems notifies people of negative test results and the Health Department is notifying, case investigating and contact tracing for positives. Mr. Kruppa stated as we work with both institutions about contact tracing, each will likely call their quarantined or isolated students and probably make contact tracing calls as well. Mr. Kruppa stated that much of the institutions' staff have taken the John Hopkins training, that the state made available and are being prepped with access to the Newcome Care System to do contact tracing in that system for us if needed.

Non-COVID Update: Mr. Kruppa reported that the Public Health/Mental Health departments and the county have been in conversation regarding the George Floyd murder and structural racism. The county has taken a strong position to do better as an employer provider of services and as leaders in our community. The county has tasked the departments heads and departments to begin work around structural racism and what it means to us as individuals, as a department to us and as a member of the larger community. County Administrator, Mr. Molino has spoken to staff, held town hall meetings, and gave a presentation outlining some steps to be taken from a countywide perspective. Mr. Kruppa stated he has held all staff meetings with both departments speaking of the commitment, acknowledging there will be challenging conversations with questions of what we're doing as an employer, but also someone who's providing services in our community. The strategic planning process (restarting in August) will be looked at again and will address equity and how structural racism can be fully integrated into the process as well. Mr. Kruppa noted that Ms. Hillson is exploring ways to incorporate more of this conversation into the community health improvement plan.

Health Promotion Program Report: Ms. Hillson reiterated that they are committed to revisiting, rethinking or creating new lines in a health and equity lens to make sure structural racism is addressed as a public health issue and to identify areas and policies that we need to work on to get community engagement and input to make a change. Ms. Hillson stated she hopes to draw more expertise to get feedback as she works closely with Communications Director, Dominick Recckio who is revamping our public information advisory board. Ms. Hillson gave an update on COVID communications as the team continues to work daily in responding to public inquiries and social media, working with our news outlets and making downloadable informational posters available on the website.

Question from Dr. Moylan regarding reporting numbers in a different way.

- Ms. Hillson responded that yes, we are open to suggestions and ideas moving forward and believes that the higher education communications subcommittee will be a consideration for that group as we move forward.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Klepack commented he was impressed with a Steuben County report that he had seen and believes that you could probably identify a person based on their data reporting but that is not what we want to do. We don't want to violate an individual's privacy. Moving in a direction to inform the community and inform the

university community about testing on the campuses can be considered but not to the level of Steuben County. Dr. Klepack stated he is concerned that domestic travel looks as risky as international travel. In terms of testing, there is another category that states in the opinion of the Health Department, an individual should be tested and that the department can make that happen, if we come across an individual whose travel was domestic and looks pertinent to be tested. Dr. Klepack stated in his capacity or a member of the Public Health department they could choose to authorize a test. Dr. Klepack stated he has been working on the website with Ms. Hillson, Mr. Kruppa and Mr. Recckio to craft a variety of topics/important issues to communicate and inform people and update practitioner's bulletins. Dr. Klepack believes domestic travels should be on our radars. Dr. Klepack referred to his submission of practitioner's bulletins reporting primary care surveillance data and noted that it is consistently low with what we are seeing in terms of case reports.

Question from Ms. Merkel regarding the criteria for being tested without needing a reason.

- Mr. Kruppa responded that it is not true as there are still criteria for testing, with the most recent addition of protestors. The challenges are around reopening testing to anyone that wants a test and who's paying for it. Cayuga Health System has taken on a huge burden to make testing available, but the insurance companies are pushing back claiming medical necessity is not a government order, so the concern of who will pay for all the testing that Cayuga Health Systems is/has been putting out with lack of uncertainty and even more so outside the states criteria that that wouldn't be reimbursed either and that's why we have not expanded beyond the state criteria. There is no clarity on who is paying for all these tests being done. New York State has the taxpayers to fall back on where as Cayuga Health Systems does not.

Dr. Klepack reiterated to continue wearing masks and social distancing.

Question from Dr. Koppel regarding testing for domestic travelers and is the local Health Department allowed to go beyond the guidelines of NYS Department of Health and is testing reimbursable?

- Dr. Klepack responded that it would be by a case-by-case basis.
- Dr. Evelyn responded that what is being seen is if a person had symptoms as with a cough/fever, insurances will pay but will not necessarily pay for an essential provider because of their business, or those mandated to get tested twice a week, which is a big issue for New York State, the Country and Tompkins County. As far as testing for travelers potentially being exposed, that is also not being covered under insurance. Dr. Moylan commented that it would probably have implications for higher education as they would be doing surveillance testing and not symptom testing. Drs. Evelyn and Koppel agreed that the universities would probably have to cover the funding for the testing.

Division for Community Health Report: Ms. Bishop added that their team consisting of the community health nurses from Community Health and Children with Special Care

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Needs continue to work seven days a week in response to cases and complimented the team on amazing work. Ms. Bishop had nothing more to add and will continue to support Dr. Klepack in his surveillance study of local practitioners.

Question from Ms. Merkel regarding any changes in immunizations restarting.

- Ms. Bishop responded that they are in preliminary planning stages to bring up the immunization clinics on a very limited basis later in July with the primary focus on children who have not completed the primary vaccination series and secondarily on children who need vaccinations for school and adults are on the back burner. Ms. Merkel asked will school districts require employees to get flu immunizations in the fall. Mr. Kruppa responded that there will be conversations on flu vaccinations this fall as we have already started educating about the getting the flu shot. Mr. Kruppa noted it is challenging for the Health Department as it is unknown when flu vaccinations will be available but there will be a change in the language this year, coupled with COVID as the symptoms are the same. Mr. Kruppa highly encourages people to get a flu vaccination.

Children with Special Care Needs Report: Ms. Thomas reported that the nurses are doing less COVID work but still cover on the weekends and on-call. Ms. Thomas reported that the governor issued an executive order giving permission for special education classrooms to reopen which included pre-school. Ms. Thomas stated she has been working closely with the Racker Center and Ithaca City School District to get more guidance from New York Stated Education as they plan to open small classrooms July 20 and July 6 respectively. Guidance was received on June 18th from the Bureau of Early Intervention to restart face-to-face visits if public health officials approve. Ms. Thomas stated they will start slowly and only with the children that could not participate in teletherapy.

County Attorney's Report: Mr. Wood had nothing to report.

Environmental Health Report: Ms. Cameron had nothing additional to report.

Question from Ms. Merkel regarding Hydrilla signs in Cass Park.

- Ms. Cameron responded the Hydrilla patches identified from last year are being treated. Treatment is also starting at the Finger Lakes Marina.

Question from Dr. Morgan regarding the COVID waste water surveillance study.

- Ms. Cameron stated since funding is an issue and that Mr. Kruppa recently signed a letter supporting expanding the scope of the project state-wide. Public Health Engineer, Scott Freiburger has been working with local wastewater treatment plants and submitting samples, although that may stop due to funding limitations. There are HIPAA related concerns with releasing correlating case information.

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Question from Dr. Koppel regarding decrease in food service inspections during COVID.

- Ms. Cameron responded that New York State Department of Health stopped doing field inspections when COVID hit and Environmental Health followed suit. Staff are getting back into the field more, but inspections will generally be limited to COVID compliance. Ms. Cameron noted Environmental Health is responding to complaints as well as inspecting campgrounds and pools.

Dr. Morgan commented that the new activity summary in the packet this month was helpful.

- Ms. Cameron responded that the new format was created to present more data.

Report on the Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting: Mr. Kruppa reported that the Community Services Board Meeting heard presentations from staff regarding single point of entry, housing and how the mobile crisis team has been implemented during COVID. Strategic planning was discussed as it will be restarting in August.

Revised Resolution #EH-ENF-20-0016 – TOSA Apartments, T-Dryden, Violations of BOH Orders #EH-ENF-20-0001 and Subpart 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Water): Ms. Cameron explained that this is an issue that has been continuing since we became aware that bulk water was being added to their water system. The water was added without confirming if chlorine was present, which resulted in a boil water order until TOSA Apartments could certify their system was safe. TOSA Apartments has not submitted water samples and has not hired an engineer to evaluate their system. Ms. Cameron stated monthly operating reports were received but missing necessary information.

There was discussion about the proposed and past penalties. Dr. Koppel asked if there were communication issues as Mr. Busse did not address the lack of chlorine. Ms. Cameron believes there are communication issues but they are not due to the Health Department. Mr. Busse was able to attend today's Zoom meeting but he still did not seem familiar with the requirements of the Order that was included with the meeting notification. Ms. Cameron stated that the same happened with the boiled water order as the information was provided and there was difficulty in obtaining Mr. Busse's response.

Dr. Moylan moved to approve the resolution as written. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa reported on the status of the Board of Health vacancy. Mr. Kruppa reached out to the potential candidate that he was in conversation with prior to COVID but has not been able to connect with yet. He will reach out again.

Adjournment: Dr. Moylan adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Board of Health
July 28, 2020
Financial Report

June 2020 / Month 6

The department continues to monitor impacts of the pandemic on the budget. The department received notice that the first quarter state aid claim would be paid at a reduced amount, approximately 14.4% less than the actual claim. None of the state grant claims have been paid as of July 1.

Tompkins County Financial Report for Public Health

Percentage of Year 50.00%

	Expenditures			Revenues			Local Share		
	Budget	Paid YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%	Budget	TD	%
4010 PH ADMINISTRATION	1,249,770	525,666	42.06%	133,522	30,537	22.87%	1,116,248	495,129	44.50%
4011 EMERGING LEADERS IN PH	0	16,390	0.00%	0	0	0.00%		16,390	
4012 WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	550,812	218,329	39.64%	550,812	181,651	32.98%		36,678	
4013 OCCUPATIONAL HLTH.& SFTY.	110,313	50,057	45.38%	0	0	0.00%	110,313	50,057	45.38%
4015 VITAL RECORDS	76,626	30,862	40.28%	108,000	45,480	42.11%	-31,374	-14,618	46.59%
4016 COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,610,839	618,383	38.39%	371,214	77,246	20.81%	1,239,625	541,137	47.03%
4018 HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	172,368	70,653	40.99%	172,368	44,729	25.95%		25,925	
4047 PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	1,427,818	640,514	44.86%	383,223	109,205	28.50%	1,044,595	531,309	52.16%
4048 PHYS.HANDIC.CHIL.TREATMNT	8,000	0	0.00%	4,000	0	0.00%	4,000	0	
4090 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	1,761,351	736,234	41.80%	588,490	195,248	33.18%	1,172,861	540,985	46.72%
4095 PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID	0	0	0.00%	1,269,389	653,888	51.51%	-1,269,389	-653,888	51.51%
Total Non-Mandate	6,967,897	2,907,088	41.72%	3,581,018	1,337,984	37.36%	3,386,879	1,569,104	46.33%
2960 PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,868,647	1,831,944	31.22%	3,737,762	962,821	25.76%	2,130,885	869,123	40.79%
4017 MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	276,942	119,118	43.01%	0	2,916	0.00%	276,942	116,202	73.73%
4054 EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	655,000	208,026	31.76%	318,500	252	0.08%	336,500	207,774	61.75%
Total Mandate	6,800,589	2,159,087	31.75%	4,056,262	965,989	23.81%	2,744,327	1,193,099	43.48%
Total Public Health	13,768,486	5,066,175	36.80%	7,637,280	2,303,973	30.17%	6,131,206	2,762,202	45.05%

BALANCES (Includes Encumbrances)

	Available Budget	Revenues Needed		Available Budget	Revenues Needed
NON-MANDATE			MANDATE		
4010 Administration	722,454	102,985	2960 Preschool	4,036,703	2,774,941
4012 WIC	319,670	369,161	4054 Early Intervention	446,974	318,248
4013 Health & Safety	60,256	0	4017 Medical Examiner	69,841	-2,916
4014 Medical Examiner	0	0		<u>4,553,519</u>	<u>3,090,273</u>
4015 Vitals	45,764	62,520			
4016 Community Health	950,605	293,968			
4018 Healthy Neighborhood	99,228	127,639			
4047 CSCN	773,708	274,018			
4048 PHCP	8,000	4,000			
4090 Environmental Health	1,018,137	393,242			
4095 State Aid	0	615,501			
	<u>3,997,821</u>	<u>2,243,034</u>			

Total Public Health Balances	
Available Budget	Revenues Needed
8,551,339	5,333,307

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM – June 2020

Samantha Hillson, Director, PIO
Ted Schiele, Planner/ Evaluator
Susan Dunlop, Community Health Nurse
Diana Crouch, Healthy Neighborhoods Education Coordinator
Pat Jebbett, Public Health Sanitarian HNP

HPP staff strive to promote health equity and address underlying determinants of health, including but not limited to, health care access, health literacy, housing quality and environmental conditions, and food insecurity. We do this through education and outreach, community partnerships, home visits, public communication and marketing, and policy change.

Highlights

- COVID-19 has been the primary focus. The County COVID-19 timeline can be found [here](#). The Health Department [homepage](#) has recent updates about COVID-19 and a table with daily data for our County.
- Health Promotion staff continue to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with communications and public information.
- HPP staff are working remotely. The Healthy Neighborhoods Program restarted on June 1 with virtual home visits and contactless drop off of supplies.

Community Outreach

We worked with these community groups, programs, and organizations during the month

Groups, Programs, Organizations	Activity/Purpose	Date
Food Bank of the Southern Tier	Advocacy Committee – updates and discussion of policy priorities	6/1
Area Congregations Together	Provided COVID-19 update and answered questions	6/2
Health Planning Council	Community Health and Access planning meeting, Advisory meeting: updates from community organizations	6/3, 6/8
Childhood Nutrition Collaborative	Collective Impact, project of Cradle to Career, Steering Committee and board meetings	6/12, 6/26
Access to Health Care Committee	Hosted by NYS, regional meeting, focus on care during pandemic	6/24
Technology Navigators	Understanding technology for older adults, health literacy	6/29
Fall Prevention	Planning for fall prevention activities in the Fall	6/30

Community Health Assessment (CHA) & Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

- NYS CHIP Analysis discussion with Cornell MPH and Statewide CCE: students will analyze CHIPs from across the state (6/5), Call with Priti Arani from NYS DOH Office of Public Health Practice (6/26)
- CHIP regroup meetings, rethinking the CHIP, reviewing interventions, determining a process that uses a health and racial equity lens to look at each intervention. Includes discussion with steering committee members Lara Parrilla, Dr. Christina Moylan. (6/18, 6/23, 6/24)

Healthy Neighborhoods Program

- All HNP canvassing and visits are conducted without contact with participants. Staff wear masks while in the field.
- HNP is supplying Covid-19 information to participants at the time of the visits.

HNP June 2020

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM	MONTH	YTD 2020	June 2019	TOTAL 2019*
# of Initial Home Visits (including asthma visits)	37	131	25	408
# of Revisits	8	38	10	132
# of Asthma Homes (initial)	9	26	3	55
# of Homes Approached	180	229	48	784

*Covers the calendar year (Jan. through Dec.), the HNP grant year is April-March.

Outreach/Training

- 6/2020 Canvassed Auble's MHP
- 6/2020 Canvassed Etna MHP
- 6/2020 Canvassed Bright Day MHP
- 6/2020 Canvassed Barrows Street, Groton
- 6/2020 Canvassed Main Street and East Main Street, Dryden
- 6/2020 Placed flyers in blue pantry throughout Tompkins County

Tobacco Free Tompkins

- The Town of Ithaca has adopted a tobacco-free property policy. Signs are being designed. The grant will pay for printing signs.
- Central NY Region contractors meeting; by Zoom. (6/30)
- No word yet on the status of tobacco grant budget (Year 2 of the current grant began July 1).

Media, Website, Social Media

- COVID-19 press releases and website updates

Emerging Leaders in Public Health (ELPH) Cohort III – Kresge Foundation/Batiste Leadership

- Regroup call with Batiste Leadership: restart the Strategic Planning Process for Fall 2020, focus on equity and structural racism. (6/30)
- Mental Health Subcommittee – update on status of the PH/MH merge, strategic planning process, website, communications. (6/16)
- Kresge grant extended to November 30, 2020

Training/Professional Development

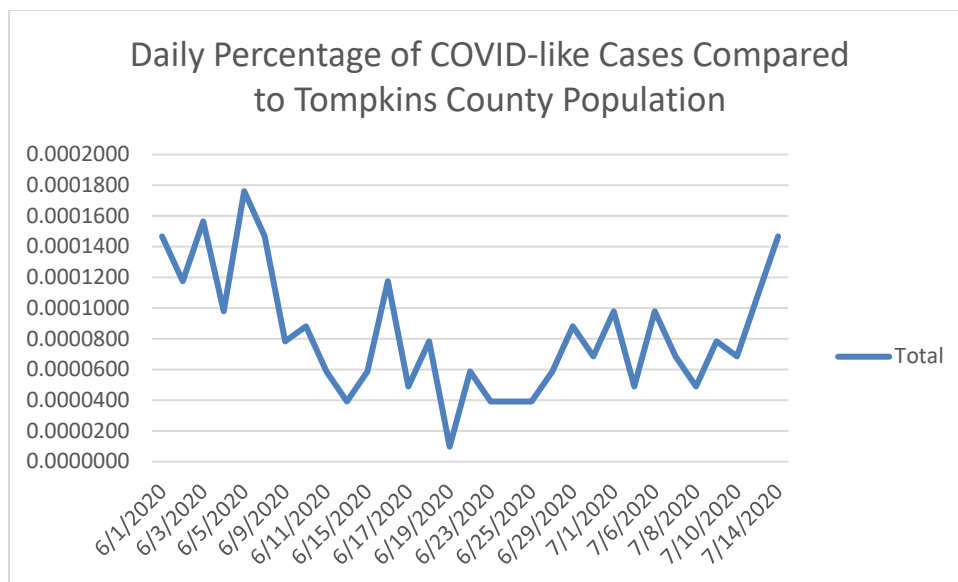
- COVID-19 and Health Equity: A Policy Platform and Voices from Health Departments, Human Impact Partners, webinar (6/4)
- Virtual Black Town Hall, in collaboration with Ithaca College and Office of Human Rights (6/11)
- Equity and Anti-Racism Strategy, Tompkins County – participated in discussion with County Department Heads about next steps for the County to address systemic racism (6/15)
- Kronos training: Workforce Ready, new timesheet system
- Immunizations during the Pandemic - .25 CE credit, Medscape

Medical Director’s Report
Board of Health
July 2020

Uptick in our COVID LIKE CASE SURVEILLANCE DATA (CLI) and our COVID positive cases. It is uncertain currently whether this trajectory is a harbinger, but it is of concern. (Recall that the primary care CLI case surveillance network is reporting the number of persons with symptoms which could be COVID daily).

Our CLI data showed a slight uptick a couple weeks ago which was followed by our COVID positive cases increasing. TCHD responded by public messaging reinforcing the importance of lowering people’s risk regarding two drivers of the disease: travel and failure to use face coverings, social distancing etc.

Here is the relevant CLI graph:



You can see that starting about 6/19 we saw a trend upward. The weekends of July 11 and 18 both had an increase in cases (about 4 per day) with intervening days being back to 0 or 1 or 2. Many of these are travelers but some are arising from gatherings where face coverings, social

distancing and other measures were not used or used incompletely. A few others have links to health care delivery services.

I have been using my weekly practitioner bulletins to encourage practitioners to keep a high index of suspicion and to reinforce our core public health messages. I have urged them to counsel patients to use face coverings and, for those who cannot use a covering, to consider that those persons are most likely to be in a high-risk target group. I have advocated our TCHD message that those patients should consider not going out into businesses and public spaces and should seek alternatives (e.g. delivery of goods they need).

A few weeks ago, the Governor strengthened the requirements regarding the use of masks. Businesses must now require patrons to use them on their premises. Penalties for failure to comply can be imposed.

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2020/07/16/emergency-measure-targets-ny-businesses-not-enforcing-mask-wearing/5449561002/>

The *Good News* is that we are gathering examples showing that face coverings work. NYSDOH reports a case in the Midwest in which 2 hairdressers in a salon were found to be COVID positive. Contact tracing revealed 139 persons at risk. Both hairdressers and all clients wore face coverings and took precautions – there were *NO positive tests* in those 139 clients – no transmission. Please use this real-life episode in your discussions with the public.

I have used examples from our case investigations to make points to our area practitioners about public health risks for them to use them as examples in counseling patients.

And about testing: Our case investigations have turned up a couple of instances in which laboratories fail to report positive test results to us which causes an unacceptable delay in case investigations, and others in which their turn around time is unacceptably long. Without exception these are private labs outside of our county.

We have had to address our concerns to WellNow and have continued concerns with Quest (which some systems use). With the national scene ramping up (and our anticipation that we will be drawn into it) it is no longer as acceptable to have turn around that is 5, 6 or more days. Nor is it acceptable for a lab to fail to report positives to the local health department in a timely manner. Delay in reporting positives translates to disease spread.

To guard against labs failing to report, I have urged practices to report their positives to us.

And further on testing: Efforts are being made to do more pooled testing in which up to 5 people have their samples combined into a single sample and that single sample is run. If it comes up positive, then the individuals who are in that pooled sample have their individual samples run to determine who is the positive person. This lowers cost, increases through-put and

decreases turn-around time. Further work is being done to validate saliva as a less invasive means of testing.

Cost is a frequent issue: NYS created testing sites are completely free to users; but the closest ones are in Binghamton and Onondaga County. They will test *anyone* for *any* reason and there is *no* charge to NYS residents.

CMC uses NYS approved indications for testing and hopes it will eventually be reimbursed. Insurers are billed. The overhead for testing is high enough that large volumes of unreimbursed tests are an issue. CMC has gone out on a limb by providing our outstanding testing capacity even while they are unsure when (or if) they will be reimbursed. We applaud CMC for enabling our County to have testing available at a volume not possible in so many other counties.

3rd party insurers limit their coverage for testing to medical indications. They mostly disallow testing done for employment reasons or *to control the pandemic*.

Work is going on at IC and CU to expand testing capability in collaboration with TCHD and CMC which should help.

Higher Education: Planning for the reopening of higher ed (which has been going on for many weeks) is still going on. Tentative plans have been made. Conference calls continue in which all the higher education institutions and Tompkins County Health Department's Public Health Director participate. Despite many town halls, media pieces, and presentations, public concern over the influx of students is significant. We have been answering questions as they come into us.

I have every confidence that our department is taking a principled, scientific stance regarding the reopening of this business segment. As we have seen the COVID situation evolves swiftly and plans that make sense when formulated may well need alteration as weeks go by. We are holding options open as the national and state situation unfolds.

Persistent COVID Positivity and Clinical Questions about COVID-19:

Questions and Answers: This reference is a well-organized succinct FAQ sheet.

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html#Patients-with-Persistent-or-Recurrent-Positive-Tests>

TC data shows that persons generally remain COVID positive for around 40 days, but many persist beyond that period (several more than 60 days and rarely 90 days and more) without clinical suggestion of reinfection.

Opioid Addiction and Overdose: The media has been featuring the unrelenting loss of life from overdoses recently. They are unrelenting (70,000 per year). Philadelphia has been the United States' leading contender to be the first location for a Supervised Injection Facility (SIF).

In February 2020 NPR reported: After a two-year battle, the Philadelphia nonprofit Safehouse says next week it will open the first space in the U.S. where people struggling with addiction can use opioids and other illegal drugs under the supervision of trained staff.

The Wednesday announcement comes one day after a U.S. district judge [issued a final ruling](#) declaring the facility does not violate federal drug laws. This solidified an [October decision](#), which was the first time a federal court has weighed in on the legality of a supervised injection facility, or what advocates call an overdose prevention site.

And then came Coronavirus and, what some say, were a series of missteps by Safehouse in working with the public to roll out the first SIF. Those factors prevented the opening and delayed further progress.

Then in June the Philadelphia Inquirer reported: Citing the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic and protests in response to the death of George Floyd, a federal judge on Wednesday pressed pause on his historic 2019 ruling that cleared the way for the nation's first supervised injection site to open in Philadelphia.

U.S. District Judge Gerald A. McHugh granted the Justice Department's request to issue a stay to [his finding last year](#) that such a site – where staff would provide medical supervision to people using drugs – would not violate federal law.

Earlier this month Krasner, the DA for Philadelphia, and Krinsky, exec. Dir. Of Fair and Just Prosecution, wrote in their Op Ed: On Monday, 85 criminal justice leaders joined in an amicus brief filed in the Third Circuit arguing that [Safehouse](#), a Philadelphia nonprofit organization seeking to open our nation's first overdose prevention site, doesn't violate the Controlled Substance Act, and provides a lifesaving service critical to public safety.

As the brief notes, the need for OPS is especially important in the context of COVID-19. Medical experts [caution](#) that these epidemics are “intersecting in ways that are additively deadly” and [predict](#) “an overdose surge will compound the COVID-19 pandemic if urgent action is not taken.” The brief comes after [a federal judge put Safehouse's plans on hold on June 24](#), citing the pandemic and ongoing protests surrounding the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police as evidence that Philly was “too frayed” for an overdose prevention site.

Larry Krasner is Philadelphia's District Attorney. Miriam Krinsky is the Executive Director of Fair and Just Prosecution.

So, as in so many things COVID, SIFs are being put on hold. The lesson is not that a SIF is not needed but that in rolling it out skill and transparent communication is needed with the community.

A recent July Sienna poll (<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Siena-poll-More-in-NY-touched-by-opioids-as-15413678.php>) found: Support for once-controversial, evidence-based treatment modalities also appears to be growing. 68 percent of survey-takers said they would support improving access to medications like methadone and buprenorphine, which have been shown to reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms. That is up from 60 percent in 2018. More people also support syringe exchange programs (63 percent, up from 59 percent in 2018).

More striking was the 7-point increase (41 to 48 percent) in people who say they would support funding for supervised injection sites. The sites — which allow people to use illicit drugs under trained, hygienic supervision — have reduced fatal overdoses and infectious disease spread in Canada, Europe and Australia but remain controversial.

Division for Community Health
July 28, 2020 Board of Health Meeting

Karen Bishop, Director of Community Health
June 2020 Report

COVID-19 –

- Throughout the month of June, COVID-19 response was the primary activity involving thorough case investigations, contact tracing, daily video chats with cases during their isolation period, daily phone call monitoring of persons on mandatory quarantine and calls/texts to persons on precautionary quarantine due to travel. Response activity operations continued 7 days per week utilizing nursing and support staff from multiple divisions within the department. Continued morning debrief meetings M-F with staff to assign tasks for the day and to update staff on NYSDOH guidance and/or protocol changes. Our response time to reported positive cases was immediate which allowed for timely contact tracing to minimize the spread of disease. All staff reported to work at the department Monday through Friday. Staff working on weekends were given the option to work remotely.
- As of July 21, the cumulative number of reported COVID-19 cases to date was 202 of which 170 recovered and were released from isolation.
- With the increasing number of affected states and associated travel restrictions, we have had travel associated cases reported.

Other activity –

- All other reportable communicable disease report investigations were responded to and completed.
- All home visits and in person committee/network meetings remained suspended. Telehealth visits were offered as able to MOMS and SafeCare clients.
- Immunization clinic service was reinstated on a trial basis on July 14 with very limited appointments. Clinic process and workflow were successful. However, with the increase in COVID-19 cases since July 14, clinic services were subsequently suspended.

Statistical Reports –

- Communicable disease reports for June – not attached.

WIC

- Staff continued working remotely successfully reaching participants via phone to provide nutrition education and to electronically issue benefits to their eWIC card. The USDA approved remote operations through September 30.

Children with Special Care Needs Division — (607) 274-6644

Children with Special Care Needs Highlights
June 2020

Staff Activities

General overview of program work

- Barb Wright, Michele Card, and Capri Prentice met with Greg Potter, ITS Director regarding options for obtaining parent signatures via DocuSign or software options. 6/4/20
- All CSCN staff participated in morning COVID 19 work. Two support staff and Director removed from COVID 19 work at this time.
- All CSCN nurses and 2 full time support staff continue daily COVID 19 meeting, some COVID work assigned during the week, still covering weekends as assigned.
- All CSCN nurses participated in CommCare Training
- CSCN staff meeting 6/15/20 and 6/29/20
- All Department Staff meeting 6/19/20

Staff Training

- New time card system-Koronas -all staff trained
- Diane Olden participated in Mindology Webinar—Relieving Anxiety in Children
- Erin Worsell attended Program Committee Meeting 6/30/20
- Margo participated in Zero to Three—State o Babies Annual Report Release Event on 6/11/20
- Margo Attended Cradle to Career Meeting 6/12/20

Division Managers

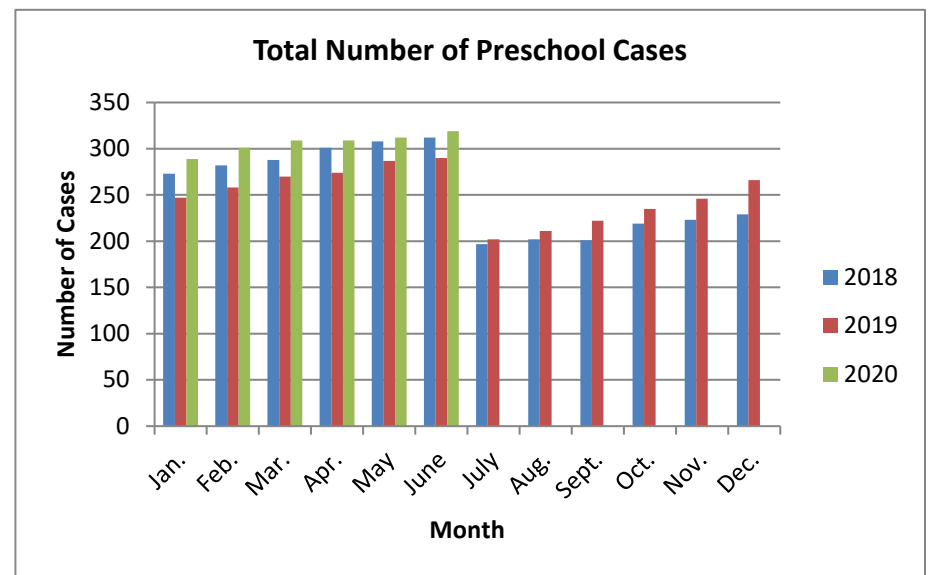
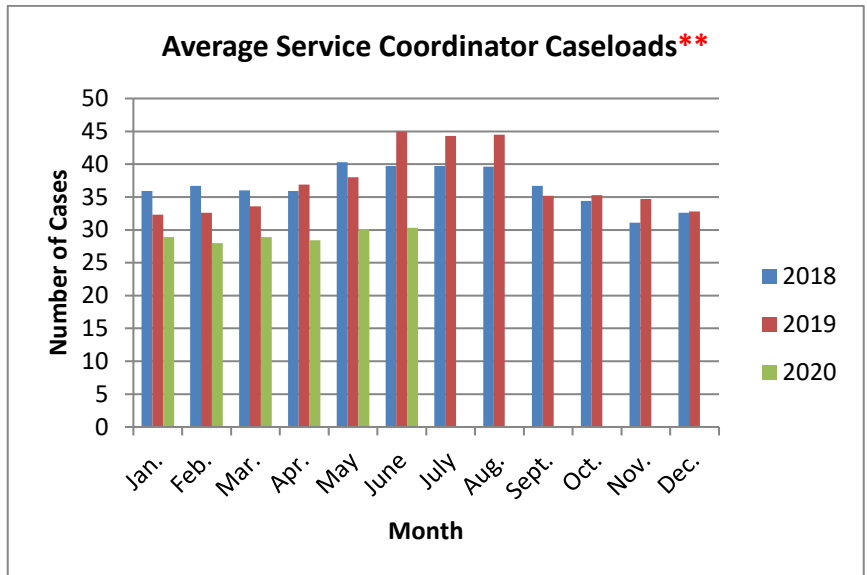
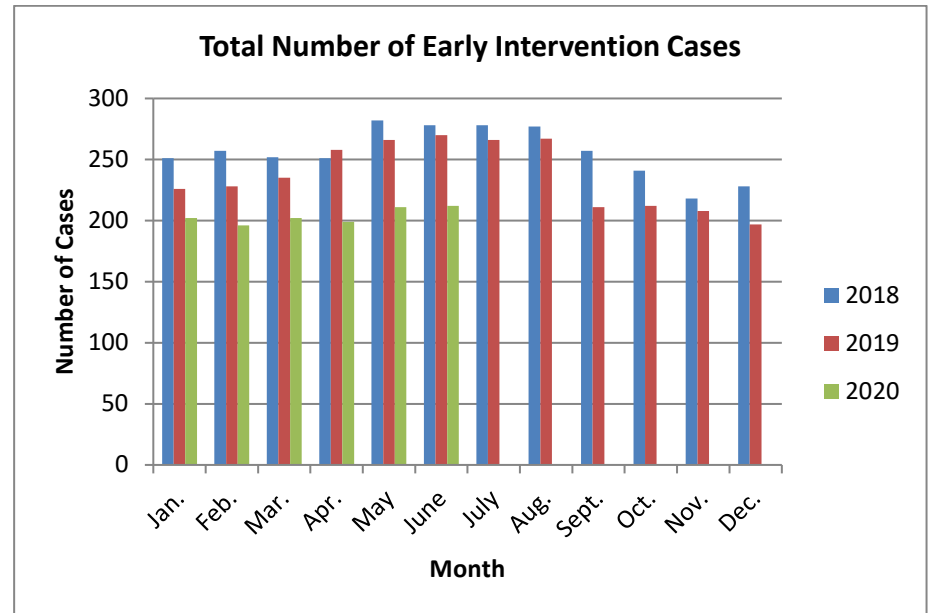
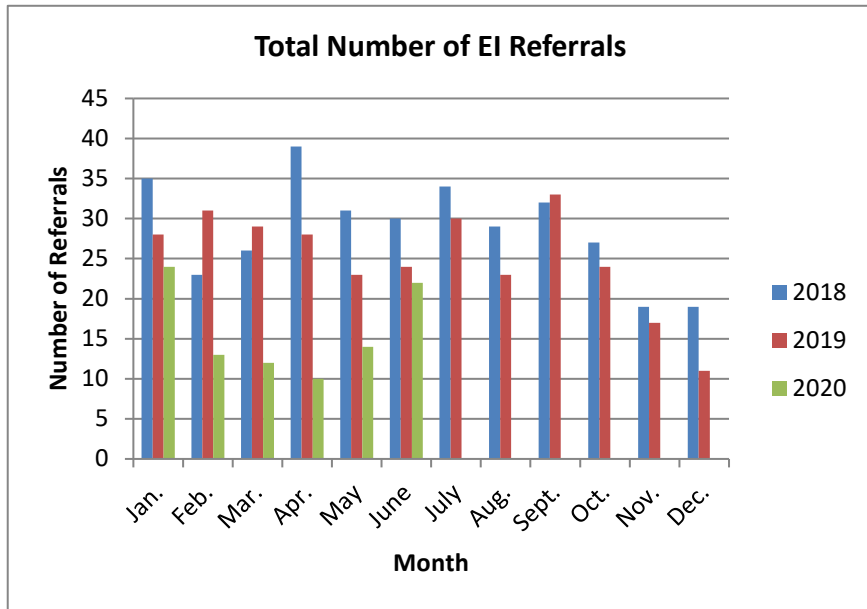
- Budget meeting Barb Wright and Deb Thomas
- Barb Wright and Cindy LaLonde participated in the Bureau of Early Intervention All County Conference Call on 6/18/20

Deb Thomas:

- Senior Leadership Meetings-Debrief meetings every Monday and Thursday to review current COVID 19 work and Program work.
- NYSED Zoom conference Central NY counties 6/25/20
- BOH meeting 6/23/20
- Early Childhood Collaborative Zoom meeting 6/1/20
- iCentral software conference call with Little Luke's Agency 6/30/20
- S2AY Network Zoom call 6/16/20, 6/22/20
- Meeting with Greg Potter, ITS Director regarding options for obtaining parent signatures via DocuSign or software options. 6/4/20
- Early Intervention Coordinating Council virtual meeting 6/10/20
- CPSE meetings for Newfield schools 6/11/20
- Bureau of Early Intervention All County Conference Call 6/18/20
- NYSED Central county conference call 6/25/20
- CSCN staff meeting on starting face to face visits 6/29/20
- Parent Zoom Chats regarding COVID changes for families 6/15/20 and 6/23/20

*** Parent Resource Zoom Chat is a new offering due to COVID 19 stress on families. Started by Deb Thomas with 2 staff at Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer families a venue to talk to each other, share their needs and get resources that are happening in out county due to COVID 19.
6/15/20 Zoom Chat was for free baby supplies with 2 speakers from the Child Development Council.
6/23/20 Zoom Chat was for food resources with a speaker from Cornell Cooperative Extension-Farm to School Coordinator.

Statistics Based on Calendar Year



**** Average Service Coordinator Caseloads showing decrease due to increase in fully oriented Ongoing Service Coordinators, until June 2019 when we experienced staff retirement and leave.**

**Children with Special Care Needs Division
Statistical Highlights 2020**

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Number of Program Referrals	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
Initial Concern/reason for referral:														
-- DSS Founded Case				1									1	10
-- Gestational Age													0	2
-- Gestational Age/Gross Motor													0	0
-- Global Delays													0	1
-- Hearing													0	2
-- Physical													0	
-- Feeding	1	3	1			2							7	17
-- Feeding & Gross Motor													0	4
-- Feeding & Social Emotional													0	1
-- Gross Motor	3	1	1	2	3	6							16	55
-- Gross Motor & Feeding													0	2
-- Gross Motor & Fine Motor													0	1
-- Fine Motor													0	1
-- Social Emotional	2	1											3	13
-- Social Emotional & Adaptive													0	0
-- Speech	13	7	8	5	7	13							53	164
-- Speech & Feeding													0	2
-- Speech & Fine Motor													0	1
-- Speech & Gross Motor	4				2	1							7	11
-- Speech & Sensory													0	0
-- Speech & Social Emotional	1			1									2	4
-- Speech, Feeding & Gross Motor		1											1	0
-- Adaptive													0	0
-- Adaptive/Sensory			1										1	1
-- Adaptive/Fine Motor													0	0
-- Qualifying Congenital / Medical Diagnosis			1	1	2								4	6
-- Other -- Birth Trauma													0	2
-- Maternal Drug Use													0	1
Total Number of Early Intervention Referrals	24	13	12	10	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	301

Caseloads	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
Total # of clients qualified and receiving svcs	176	186	186	189	199	197								
Total # of clients pending intake/qualification	26	10	16	10	12	15								
Total # qualified and pending	202	196	202	199	211	212								
Average # of Cases per Service Coordinator	28.9	28.0	28.9	28.4	30.1	30.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

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Family/Client visits	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
-- Intake visits	21	15	11	10	11	18								282
-- IFSP Meetings	26	33	20	28	36	27								424
-- Amendments	15	18	12	3	2	1								203
-- Core Evaluations	17	19	9	5	10	15								237
-- Supplemental Evaluations	3	6	6	2	2	3								54
-- EIOD visits	8	6	2	0	2	1								13
-- Observation Visits	43	45	26	0	4	38								518
-- CPSE meetings	6	9	0	1	3	2								78
-- Family Training/Team Meetings	0	3	1	0	0	0								16
-- Transition meetings	4	22	18	2	3	2								115
-- Other Visits	3	3	0	0	0	0								11
IFSPs and Amendments														
# of Individualized Family Service Plans Completed	26	33	16	28	36	27								418
# of Amendments to IFSPs Completed	17	19	14	7	15	21								254
Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed														
Children with Services Pending														
-- Feeding	1	3	2	2	2	2								
-- Nutrition	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Occupational Therapy	3	0	1	0	0	0								
-- Physical Therapy	2	3	4	0	4	4								
-- Social Work	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Special Education	3	3	0	1	1	2								
-- Speech Therapy	3	7	7	7	6	3								
# of Supplemental Evaluations Pending	24	23	10	25	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Type:														
-- Audiological	1	5	1	5	9	4								
-- Developmental Pediatrician	5	7	4	5	0	5								
-- Diagnostic Psychological	6	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Feeding	3	2	1	1	1	5								
-- Physical Therapy	2	1	2	1	1	1								
-- Speech	3	2	3	6	6	5								
-- Occupational Therapy	4	6	6	7	6	2								
-- Other	0	0	0	0	0	0								

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EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed (continued)	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
# of Supplemental Evaluations Completed	7	12	8	2	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	93
Type:														
-- Audiological	2	5	4	0	1	2								27
-- Diagnostic Psychological	3	0	0	0	0	1								9
-- Developmental Pediatrician	0	0	0	0	0	0								3
-- Feeding	0	2	0	0	0	0								11
-- Occupational Therapy	1	2	2	0	3	2								22
-- Physical Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0								9
-- Speech Therapy	1	3	2	2	1	1								12
-- Other	0	0	0	0	0	0								0
Diagnosed Conditions														
Autism Spectrum														
-- Children currently diagnosed:	2	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Children currently suspect:	13	15	14	14	14	5								
Children with 'Other' Diagnosis														
-- Athrogryposis	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Cerebral Palsy (CP)	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Cri Du Chat	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Cleft Lip/Palate	0	0	0	0	1	1								
-- Failure to Thrive	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Feeding Difficulties	24	26	33	23	21	27								
-- Food Protein Induced Enterocolitis Syndrom (FPIES)	0	0	1	0	1	1								
-- GERD	3	3	4	3	3	3								
-- Hearing Loss	3	4	4	4	3	3								
-- Hydrocephalus	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Hydronephrosis	0	0	0	0	0	1								
-- Hyper-IgD Syndrome	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Hypotonia	3	2	2	3	3	2								
-- Macrocephaly	0	2	0	0	0	0								
-- Noonan's Syndrome	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Osteogenesis Imperfecta	2	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Plagiocephaly	0	2	2	2	2	0								
-- Prematurity	12	14	12	11	8	7								
-- Plumonary Artery Stenosis	0	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Pyriform Aperture Stenosis w/ Hard Palate Cleft	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Spina Bifida	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Torticollis	2	2	2	2	2	2								

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EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Discharges	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
-- To CPSE	5	0	0	0	2	0							7	87
-- Aged out	1	1	0	0	1	2							5	14
-- Declined	5	0	2	0	5	4							16	46
-- Skilled out	1	0	0	2	0	1							4	37
-- Moved	1	0	3	1	4	6							15	24
-- Not Eligible	4	7	6	2	4	6							29	92
-- Other	0	1	0	0	3	0							4	14
Total Number of Discharges	17	9	11	5	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	314
Child Find														
Total # of Referrals	1	0	0	1	2	1							5	4
Total # of Children in Child Find	1	1	1	2	4	4								
Total # Transferred to Early Intervention	1	0	0	0	0								1	0
Total # of Discharges	6	0	0	0	0	1							7	9

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PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clients Qualified and Receiving Services	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
Children per School District														
-- Ithaca	139	143	144	144	148	149								
-- Dryden	57	60	62	63	62	65								
-- Groton	31	32	34	33	33	34								
-- Homer	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Lansing	22	23	23	23	24	24								
-- Newfield	28	28	30	30	30	30								
-- Trumansburg	10	13	14	14	13	15								
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Newark Valley	1	1	1	1	1	1								
-- Odessa-Montour	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Candor	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Moravia	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Cortland	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Total # of Qualified and Receiving Services	289	301	309	309	312	319	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Services Provided	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Services /Authorized by Discipline														
-- Speech Therapy (individual)	175	178	189	188	188	190								
-- Speech Therapy (group)	20	20	23	21	19	18								
-- Occupational Therapy (individual)	69	77	80	78	76	77								
-- Occupational Therapy (group)	1	1	0	0	0	0								
-- Physical Therapy (individual)	29	29	34	33	34	32								
-- Physical Therapy (group)	0	0	2	2	2	2								
-- Transportation														
-- Birnie Bus	29	28	28	27	26	26								
-- Dryden Central School District	4	6	6	6	6	6								
-- Ithaca City School District	41	39	39	39	40	40								
-- Parent	14	11	11	11	11	11								
-- Service Coordination	31	32	34	34	32	33								
-- Counseling (individual)	57	54	65	63	63	68								
-- 1:1 (Tuition Program) Aide	6	7	6	6	6	6								
-- Special Education Itinerate Teacher	33	32	37	37	39	42								
-- Parent Counseling	27	29	31	31	32	39								
-- Program Aide	0	0	0	0	0	1								
-- Teaching Assistant	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Audiological Services	4	4	4	4	4	4								
-- Teacher of the Deaf	3	3	3	3	3	3								
-- Music Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Nutrition	5	5	5	5	6	8								
-- Skilled Nursing	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Total # of children rcvg. home based related svcs.	204	218	226	227	229	236								

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PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Number of Children Served Per School District Attending Tuition Based Programs	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
-- Ithaca	45	44	44	44	46	46								
-- Dryden	43	23	23	23	22	22								
-- Groton	8	7	7	6	6	6								
-- Lansing	3	3	3	3	3	3								
-- Newfield	4	4	4	4	4	4								
-- Trumansburg	2	2	2	2	2	2								
-- Odessa-Montour	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- Moravia	0	0	0	0	0	0								
-- # attending Dryden Central School	8	8	8	8	8	8								
-- # attending Franziska Racker Centers	46	44	44	43	44	44								
-- # attending Ithaca City School District	31	31	31	31	31	31								
Total # attending Special Ed Integrated Tuition Progr.	85	83	83	82	83	83	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Municipal Representation Committee on Preschool Special Education	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020 Totals	2019 Totals
-- Ithaca	18	15	9	26	18	5							91	198
-- Candor	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0
-- Dryden	6	5	5	7	6	21							50	77
-- Groton	6	1	1	1	11	1							21	25
-- Homer	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	1
-- Lansing	2	0	3	0	2	0							7	18
-- Newfield	3	0	0	0	4	2							9	24
-- Trumansburg	0	1	0	1	1	3							6	14

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

June 2020

Outreach and Division News:

EH COVID-19 Activities: The COVID-19 pandemic continues to dominate Environmental Health activities as the Southern Tier Region moved from Phase 2 to Phase 4 during June. EH continues to be a primary contact in the county for NY Forward complaints both for general inquiries and complaints and for our regulated facilities. EH was kept more than occupied as NYS released NY Forward reopening guidance for child care and day camps; indoor and outdoor dining, personal care, hair youth sports, dentists, and graduations, among others, in addition to our efforts to respond to inquiries when guidance wasn't available. Our field activities also increased with pools, children's camps, and other operations opening. Public Health Technician Mike Robson started doing food service and other complaint field checks for COVID compliance.

The chart below provides an approximate number of inquiries (phone & email) received by the Environmental Health Division. Inquires include complaints (both from NYS PAUSE and direct complaints to the Health Department) regarding businesses and the public not adhering to social distancing, face covering mandate and other business-related operations. In addition, inquiries regarding assistance in development of safe practices and other guidance related to re-opening and/or COVID-19 restrictions are included in the totals.

Summary of Inquires and Complaint Received by the Environmental Health Division (May 16, 2020 through July 1, 2020)

	Shutdown (3/16 – 5/15) (55 days)	Reopening – Phase 1 (5/15 – 5/28) (14 days)	Reopening - Phase 2 (5/29 – 6/11) (14 days)	Reopening - Phase 3 (6/12- 6/25) (14 days)	Reopening - Phase 4 (6/26 – 7/6) (11 days)	Total (3/16 – 7/1) (104 days)
Approx. # of Inquiries	633	238	163	151	130	1,315
Key or New Topics	what can operate, how to operate	Gatherings more than 10 people, public and employees not wearing masks	Hair salons, restaurants, and sports facilities	Masks and social distancing, religious services	Masks and social distancing at businesses, large gatherings	
Industries Allowed to Operate	Only those Deemed Essential as Indicated by Empire State Develop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Agriculture • Curbside and In-store Retail • Manufacturing • Wholesale Trade • Higher Education Research • Bathing Beaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair Salons & Barber Shops • Offices • Real Estate • In-Store Retail • Vehicle Sales • Retail Rental, Repair and Cleaning • Outdoor Dining • Dentistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Dining • Personal Care such as tattoo facilities, massage therapy, and tanning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Day Camps • Higher Education • Low-Risk (Indoor and Outdoor) Arts & Entertainment • Media Production • Sports and Recreation 	

Hydrilla: Hydrilla was found in three different locations in the south end of Cayuga Lake in 2019. The southwest corner infestation, the patch off the shore of Stewart Park, and the Finger Lakes Marine Service marina will all be treated weekly with the herbicide Fluridone. These treatments began the week of June 22nd and will last for 10 weeks. As in previous years, water quality monitoring will take place and the results will be posted to the County website. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) will continue to fund and manage the application at the Stewart Park location, while the Hydrilla Local Task Force will do so for the southwest corner and marina locations.

Rabies: There were two confirmed case of rabies in June. A juvenile fox was found in Shindagin Forest and brought to the Janet Swanson Wildlife Center, where it was euthanized and submitted. It was confirmed positive by Wadsworth laboratory and all contacts were reviewed. All persons involved handled it appropriately and there were no exposures. A Pennsylvania kitten that had been attacked by a skunk at the end of May was seen multiple times at Cornell University Animal Hospital. When neurologic signs became apparent, the kitten was euthanized and confirmed positive. A review of all staff handling the kitten resulted in seven post exposure treatments.

Virtual Meetings and Conference Calls:

- Hydrilla Monthly Task Force: June 10 - Mik Kern
- Summer Programming Subgroup or Task Force: June 1, 4, 17 and 25 – René Borgella
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Coordination call with NYSDOH or internal: June 3 and 30 – René Borgella, Chris Laverack and/or Liz Cameron
- Diversity, Inclusion, Infusion Team: June 19 - René Borgella
- Workplace Climate Survey Team: June 11 – René Borgella
- TC Health & Communication Group Food Security Task Force: June 24 – René Borgella
- Office Conferences: none during June
- Rabies Post-Exposure Treatment meeting with Cayuga Medical Center (CMC): June 26 – Cynthia Mosher, Skip Parr, Liz Cameron, and staff from CHS and CMC.
- Vitals Coverage: June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 30 – Brenda Coyle
- Accela/ITS: June 2, 5, 9, 12, 29– Brenda Coyle, Greg Potter (ITS) and/or Liz Cameron
- County Staff Town Hall with Jason: June 5, 12, 19, 26 – interested EH staff
- EH Managers: June 1, 5, 8, 19, 30 - Skip Parr, Kristee Morgan, Adriel Shea, and Liz Cameron, and/or Brenda Coyle
- TCHD Briefings: June 1, 4, 8, 11, 22 – Liz Cameron with TCHD leadership
- TCHD All Staff Meeting: June 19
- Regional Control Room Calls: generally daily since May 11 - Skip Parr, Liz Cameron
- Statewide CEHD-CEH calls: every Tuesday during COVID – Skip Parr, Liz Cameron, Kristee Morgan, Adriel Shea, and/or Scott Freyburger

Training:

Kronos Training: All staff participated in Kronos Workforce Ready Training during June as we prepared to transfer from the current TimeForce software to Kronos for entering staff time.

Boil Water Orders

New:

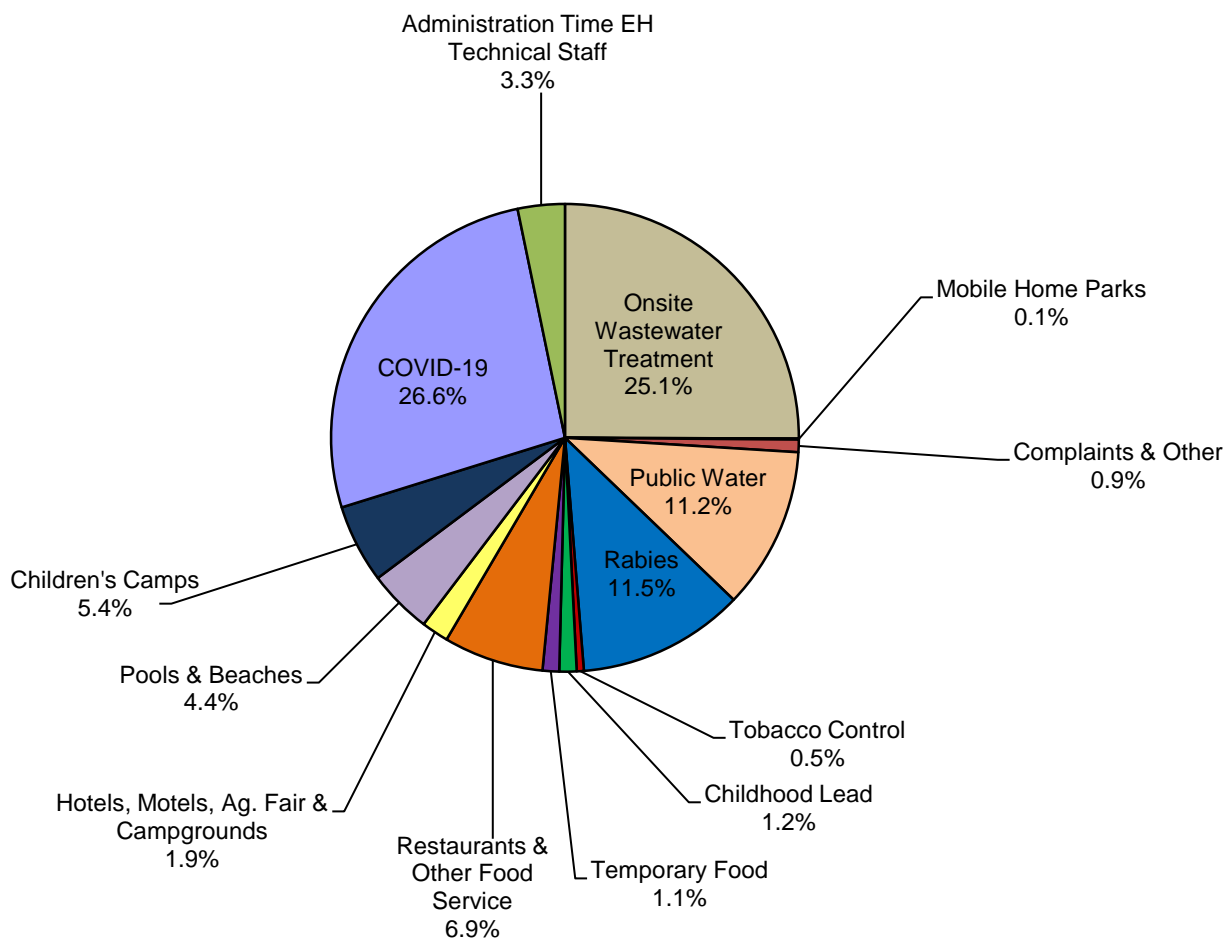
- None issued in June.

Continuing:

- The BWO issued on 10/25/19 remains in effect for Hanshaw Village Mobile Home Park, T-Dryden. Engineering plans have been received and reviewed by TCHD to address treatment issues with the system. The park has been given a deadline of April 15th to complete the required modifications to the system to release the BWO. The boil water order will remain in effect until modifications have been made.
- The BWO issued on 4/23/20 remains in effect for TOSA Apts, T-Dryden. BOH Orders require an engineering report to be submitted by 5/15/20.

EH Programs Overview:

Staff Time in Environmental Health Programs - June 2020



Division of Environmental Health
Summary of Activity (2020), cont'd

ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS)														
Permits Issued	16	11	13	17	15	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	227
New Construction/Conversions	12	8	6	3	8	15							52	113
Replacements	4	3	7	14	7	25							60	114
Completion Certificates Issued	25	15	5	6	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	183
New Construction/Conversions	13	7	2	3	6	5							36	85
Replacements	12	8	3	3	1	7							34	98
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS														
Realty Subdivisions	0	0	1	1	0	0							2	4
OWTS	1	3	0	1	2	1							8	30
Collector Sewer	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	1
Public Water Systems	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	4
Water Main Extension	0	1	0	1	1	0							3	6
Cross-Connection Control Devices	3	3	1	0	0	1							8	16
Other Water System Modification	0	1	0	0	0	0							1	4
Other Engineering Reviews	0	1	0	0	0	0							1	3
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM														
Potential Human Exposure Investigations	23	22	25	14	41	88							213	512
Human Post-X Treatments	1	3	3	1	7	36							51	115
Animal Specimens Tested	3	6	5	3	16	31							64	201
Animals Testing Positive	1	1	1	1	1	2							7	11
Rabies Clinics Offered	1	0	0	0	0	0							1	11
Dogs Vaccinated	91	0	0	0	0	0							91	643
Cats Vaccinated	52	0	0	0	0	0							52	439
Ferrets Vaccinated	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0
Pet Quarantine	0	1	0	0	0	0							1	3
CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM														
Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	1	3	0	0	3	2							9	3
Sites Inspected	0	4	0	0	0	0							4	4
Abatement Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0
Lead Assessments Sent	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	2
FOIL REQUESTS														
Total Received	4	3	3	6	5	2							23	44
ADOLESCENT TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACT (ATUPA) (61 Operations *) & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (CIAA)														
ATUPA (Adult & Minor) Compliance Checks	7	10	41	0	0	0							58	112
Violations	0	0	2	0	0	0							2	1
CIAA Complaints	0	0	1	0	0	0							1	2
COMPLAINTS - Facility & General/Nuisance														
Complaint Investigations Opened	7	13	6	3	1	3							33	115
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS														
Total Cases	5	4	0	0	4	1							14	41
Cases Related to FSE	2	3	0	0	0	0							5	28
BOH Penalties Assessed	\$5,000	\$1,900	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	\$3,000							\$11,300	\$30,100
BOH Penalties Collected	\$1,800	\$600	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,300							\$9,200	\$36,333
CUSTOMER SERVICE/SUPPORT														
Calls Received	637	544	1162	720	1161	1256							5480	n/a
Walk-In Customers	60	101	48	5	10	7							231	n/a
TCEH Emails Received	130	192	482	406	418	621							2249	n/a
Applications Processed	77	204	150	95	88	142							756	2119
Payment Receipts Processed	40	159	137	51	95	137							619	1526
Renewals/Billings Sent	264	41	22	140	2	0							469	825

* As of 1/1/2020

** Includes Pre-op, Inspection, Re-inspection, HAACP, Field Visits, Sanitary Surveys

Overview of Permitted Operations During COVID-19

Children's Camps: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges around operating and maintaining protective requirements many of the children's camps typically permitted by the Health Department did not operate this summer. Typically, the Environmental Health Division permits 31 children's camps. For 2020, only 6 of those camps will be operating. All 6 have developed appropriate COVID-19 safety plans and are familiar with guidance related to COVID-19 prevention. Many other programs within Tompkins County that are part of schools or operate as licensed daycares may also not be operating.

Campgrounds: At this time, the Environmental Health Division has issued permits to 7 of 8 permanent campgrounds. The eighth campground plans to operate and is working on developing plans for how they will do so during the pandemic. An additional four campgrounds associated with temporary events, 3 connected to the GrassRoots Festival, did not operate this summer due to restrictions on events and difficulty of holding a safe event at this time.

Pools and Beaches: The Environmental Health Division permits 60 pools (indoor and outdoor) and beaches annually. Currently, 19 of those facilities are not operating or have significantly delayed reopening due to the challenges of the pandemic. Indoor pools were required to close in March as part of Pause NY, because these facilities were closed for close to 3 months all needed pre-operational inspections conducted prior to reopening. Staff from Environmental Health are conducting these inspections as well as working on permitting and pre-operational inspections for outdoor pools and beaches. All facilities are required to develop COVID-19 safety plans and have been asked to submit them to the Health Department.

Temporary Food Permits: In 2019, for the month of June the Environmental Health Division issued 26 permits for temporary food events. Due to staffing limitations and the need to focus staff on COVID-19 related work, the Division of Environmental Health did not issue Temporary Food permits from mid-March through mid-June. By the end of June we had issued two permits. Because of the restrictions of the pandemic and the uncertainty of planning large events most festivals in Tompkins County were cancelled through the summer. Without these festivals much of the demand for temporary food permits was relieved.

Food Service Permits: Since mid-May the Environmental Health Division has issued 9 permits for new operations in Tompkins County. We have simultaneously become aware of about 17 previously permitted facilities who decided not to renew their permits to operate a food service this year in our County during the pandemic. Food Service Establishments that are operating are required to read and complete State guidance on food service and create a COVID-19 safety plan.

Mass Gathering: Typically the Environmental Health Division permits one mass gathering annually, the Grass Roots Festival. This year the festival decided to postpone their event until 2021. With this postponement there will be no mass gathering permits issued in 2020.

Food Program Detailed Report:

The following plans were approved this month:

- No plans approved in June

New permits were issued for the following facilities:

- No new permits were issued during June

Routine facility inspections are conducted to protect public health. The inspections are made without advance notice to ensure that food processes are adequate, safe, and meet code requirements. It is important to keep in mind that inspections are only a "snapshot" in the entire year of a facility's operation and they are not always reflective of the day-to-day operations and overall condition of the operation.

The results of food service establishment inspections conducted in Tompkins County can be viewed directly on the Environmental Health website (<http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh/food/index>). Inspections can be sorted to meet the needs of the viewer (by facility, date, etc.) by clicking on the column heading of interest. This is a valuable tool for easily providing information to the public.

Critical violations may involve one or more of the following: the condition of food (e.g. food that may be at improper temperatures on delivery or damaged by rodents), improper food cooking and storage temperatures (e.g. food cooked to and/or held at improper temperatures), improper food preparation practices (e.g. preparing ready-to-eat foods with bare hands), and water and/or sewage issues (e.g. low disinfection levels in the water system). These critical violations relate directly to factors that could lead to food related illness.

Critical Violations were found at the following food service establishments:

- No routine inspections performed in June

Childhood Lead Program Detailed Report:

CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM	June	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	TOTAL 2019
A: Active Cases (total referrals):				
A1: # of Children w/ BLL >19.9ug/dl	0	0	0	0
A2: # of Children w/ BLL 10-19.9ug/dl	0	0	0	5
A3: # of Children w/ BLL 5-9.9ug/dl	2	9	0	3
B: Total Environmental Inspections:				
B1: Due to A1	0	0	0	0
B2: Due to A2	0	0	0	0
B3: Due to A3	0	4	0	4
C: Hazards Found:				
C1: Due to B1	0	0	0	0
C2: Due to B2	0	0	0	0
C3: Due to B3	0	4	0	2
D: Abatements Completed:	0	0	0	0
E: Environmental Lead Assessment Sent:	0	0	0	2
F: Interim Controls Completed:	0	0	0	0
G: Complaints/Service Requests (w/o medical referral):	5	16	15	43
H: Samples Collected for Lab Analysis:				
- Paint	0	4	0	0
- Drinking Water	0	0	0	0
- Soil	0	1	0	1
- XRF	0	3	0	2
- Dust Wipes	0	3	0	2
- Other	0	0	0	0

Summary of Open BOH Enforcement Actions:

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
6/22/20	TOSA Apartments	Tony Busse	Public Water – Violation of BOH Orders	\$3,000	Submit engineering report and pay penalty by 8/15/20.	Monitoring Compliance
5/26/20	Jim's Mobile Home Park	Christine & Scott Cutter	Public Water – Violation of Monitoring Requirements	\$500 (paid)	Sample for disinfection byproducts and submit results by 9/7/20.	Monitoring Compliance
5/26/20	Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso	Riley Brewer	Public Water – Violation of Monitoring Requirements	\$400	Payment due 7/15/20.	Monitoring Compliance
5/26/20	Easy Wok	Easy Wok Restaurant Inc.	Food Service Establishment – Violation of BOH Orders	\$400	Training certificates due 7/15/20.	Monitoring Compliance

Reference materials related to anticipated Privilege of the Floor guest, Tony Busse.

From: [Adriel Shea](#)
To: [Tony realtor](#)
Cc: [Elizabeth Cameron](#); [Skip Parr](#)
Subject: RE: TOSA Properties
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:36:55 AM

Dear Mr. Busse,

Please know that the Tompkins County Board of Health's Resolution #EH EH-ENF-20-0016 adopted on June 23, 2020 is final. You need must continue to abide by the orders specified within the resolution. If you so choose, you may address the Board during Privilege of the Floor for up to 3 minutes during their next meeting, which is scheduled for July 28, 2020. You may also submit a written request (email is acceptable) that the Board revisit the resolution. You will need to provide a rationale for why they should consider your request.

By July 16, 2020, notify this department if you intend to speak to the Board (a Zoom link will then be provided) and/or submit your written request to revisit the resolution.

Respectfully,

Adriel Shea
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From: Tony realtor <tonyrealortn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 3:46 PM
To: tceh <tceh@tompkins-co.org>
Subject: TOSA Properties

This is a response to the Final resolution email regarding 1289 Ellis Hollow Rd.

I clearly had no clue what was going on. I received a draft resolution but thought everything was all set and the zoom meeting was to discuss future problem solving and current process.

I would like a chance to address each line item from the draft resolution.

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Whereas, TOSA Apartments failed to acknowledge receipt of the Boil Water Order or to communicate corrective actions to the TCHD and failed to implement all actions in order to release the Boil Water Order; **and**

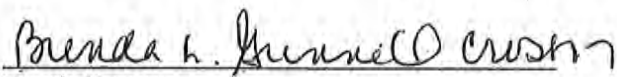
Whereas, on May 26, 2020, the Town of Dryden issued Notice of Violation #: 2020-013, stating that the plumbing system is creating a hazard to the occupants of the structure by reason of inadequate service; **and**

Whereas, as of June 8, 2020, the provisions of Board of Health Resolution #EH-ENF-20-0001 have not been met; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That Tony Busse, Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay the outstanding penalty of \$1,000 for previous violations, and an additional penalty of \$2,000 for these violations, for a total amount of \$3,000 **due by August 15, 2020; and**
2. To conspicuously post at all times boil water notices at each rental unit. The signs must be maintained until the Health Department has given written release that the signs can be removed; **and**
3. Notify the Health Department within 24 hours of a delivery of bulk water, **and**
4. Comply with all requirements and corrective actions of Health Department Boil Water Orders; **and**
5. Maintain acceptable free chlorine residuals **at all times** in the TOSA Apartments' Water Treatment System. The free chlorine residual in the water disinfection system must be at least 0.2 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and not more than 4.0 mg/l; **and**
6. Submit total coliform sample results for TOSA Apartments each quarter of operation **by the 10th day of the following month; and**
7. Submit completed monthly operation reports signed by a certified water treatment operator or qualified water treatment specialist for TOSA Apartments of daily free chlorine residual readings **by the 10th day of the following month** for every month **beginning March 10, 2020; and**
8. Collect the annual nitrate sample within the calendar year and submit the sample result to TCHD no later than the 15th of the following January; **and**
9. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the NYSSC; **and**
10. Submit an engineering report from a licensed professional engineer that evaluates water use, well yield, and water treatment system design. The report must propose corrective actions to ensure that the water system for TOSA Apartments meets the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code. The report must be submitted to the TCHD for approval **by August 15, 2020**. Complete the corrective actions **within 60 days** of the TCHD's approval of the report; **or**
11. **By August 15, 2020**, submit a plan for review and approval by TCHD that includes a timeline to permanently reduce both the number of units rented to four or less and the occupancy to sixteen persons or less.

This action was adopted by the Tompkins County Board of Health at its regular meeting on June 23, 2020.


for Frank Kruppa
Public Health Director

6/26/2020
Date



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Whereas, TOSA Apartments failed to acknowledge receipt of the Boil Water Order or to communicate corrective actions to the TCHD and failed to implement all actions in order to release the Boil Water Order; **and**

Whereas, on May 26, 2020, the Town of Dryden issued Notice of Violation #: 2020-013, stating that the plumbing system is creating a hazard to the occupants of the structure by reason of inadequate service; **and**

Whereas, as of June 8, 2020, the provisions of Board of Health Resolution #EH-ENF-20-0001 have not been met; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That Tony Busse, Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay the outstanding penalty of \$1,000 for previous violations, and an additional penalty of \$2,000 for these violations, for a total amount of \$3,000 **due by August 15, 2020; and**
2. To conspicuously post at all times boil water notices at each rental unit. The signs must be maintained until the Health Department has given written release that the signs can be removed; **and**
3. Notify the Health Department within 24 hours of a delivery of bulk water, **and**
4. Comply with all requirements and corrective actions of Health Department Boil Water Orders; **and**
5. Maintain acceptable free chlorine residuals **at all times** in the TOSA Apartments' Water Treatment System. The free chlorine residual in the water disinfection system must be at least 0.2 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and not more than 4.0 mg/l; **and**
6. Submit total coliform sample results for TOSA Apartments each quarter of operation **by the 10th day of the following month; and**
7. Submit completed monthly operation reports signed by a certified water treatment operator or qualified water treatment specialist for TOSA Apartments of daily free chlorine residual readings **by the 10th day of the following month** for every month **beginning March 10, 2020; and**
8. Collect the annual nitrate sample within the calendar year and submit the sample result to TCHD no later than the 15th of the following January; **and**
9. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the NYSSC; **and**
10. Submit an engineering report from a licensed professional engineer that evaluates water use, well yield, and water treatment system design. The report must propose corrective actions to ensure that the water system for TOSA Apartments meets the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code. The report must be submitted to the TCHD for approval **by August 15, 2020.** Complete the corrective actions **within 60 days** of the TCHD's approval of the report; **or**
11. **By August 15, 2020,** submit a plan for review and approval by TCHD that includes a timeline to permanently reduce both the number of units rented to four or less and the occupancy to sixteen persons or less.

This action was adopted by the Tompkins County Board of Health at its regular meeting on June 23, 2020.

Brenda L. Kruppa
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Public Health Director

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