

AGENDA
Tompkins County Board of Health
Rice Conference Room
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
12:00 Noon

Live Stream at Tompkins County YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkpJNVbpLLbEbhoDbTIEgSQ>

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 March 28, 2023, Minutes (2 mins.)

12:06 IV. Financial Summary (9 mins.)

12:15 V. Reports (15 mins.)

Administration

Health Promotion Program

Medical Director's Report

Division for Community Health

Children with Special Care Needs

County Attorney's Report

Environmental Health

CSB Report

12:30 VI. New Business

12:30 Environmental Health (EH) (5 mins.)

Enforcement Actions:

1. Resolution #EH-ENF-22-0055 – Holiday Inn Express Ithaca, C-Ithaca, Repeat Critical Violations of Subpart 6-1 of New York State Sanitary Code (Pool) (5 mins.)

12:40 Administration

12:40 Adjournment

Tompkins County Board of Health
March 28, 2023
12:00 Noon
Rice Conference Room and via Zoom

Present: Christina Moylan, Ph.D., President; Melissa Dhundale, MD, Vice-President; Susan Merkel; Shawna Black and Andreia De Lima, MD

Staff: Elizabeth Cameron, Director of Environmental Health; Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Public Health Administrator; Rachel Buckwalter, Director of Community Health; Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion Program; Dr. William Klepack, Medical Director; Deb Thomas, Director of Children with Special Care Needs; Frank Kruppa, Whole Health Commissioner; Zoe Lincoln, Whole Health Planner; and Karan Palazzo, LGU Administrative Assistant.

Excused: Edward Koppel, MD; Samara Touchton; and Ravinder Kingra

Guests: None.

Call to Order: Dr. Moylan called the regular meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) to order at noon.

Privilege of the Floor: Dr. Andreia De Lima was welcomed to the Board as the newest member replacing Dr. Evelyn. Dr. De Lima, Chief Medical Officer at Cayuga Medical Center introduced herself and was excited to be a member of the Board.

Approval of February 28, 2023, Minutes: Ms. Merkel moved to approve February 28, 2023, minutes, second by Dr. Dhundale; all were in favor as written.

Financial Summary: Mr. Kruppa reported on Ms. Grinnell Crosby's behalf and shared that staff continues to work to close the books for the 2022 fiscal year.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa reported that searches and interviews for several county-wide positions in Administration including a director of finance and a homeless housing coordinator are moving forward in the hiring process. Internal outreach and education around Tompkins County Whole Health continue with SharePoint playing a major role in communication.

Mr. Kruppa said that the State lowered the lead levels, and more investigations must be done. No funding is associated with these added costs for investigations and TCWH is calling on local officials to advocate for funding.

Health Promotion Program Report: Ms. Hillson had nothing to add to her written report. She reported that training opportunities are available for the Trauma-Informed Care Series and the Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaborative (PICHC) which was highlighted in her report.

Medical Director's Report and Discussion: Dr. Klepack reported that the governor has legislation proposing significant penalties for illegal cannabis sales and pulling licenses for illegal operations. He referenced his report included in the package on COVID about the data of clinical evidence which proves

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that vaccination is beneficial. He reported that Influenza is less prevalent and is now regional. Dr. Klepack noted that March is the anniversary of Dr. Robert Koch announcing the discovery of tuberculosis in 1882.

Dr. Klepack's response to illegal marijuana sales when asked how to report illegal marijuana sales was "Reports of illegal marijuana sales can be made to the health department and will be forwarded to the Office of Cannabis Management or directly by the person to the Office of Cannabis Management. "

Mr. Kruppa gave an update on masking. He said he intends to remove the masking requirement at the healthcare facilities if we still are below high after next week's measures.

Division for Community Health (DCH) Report: Ms. Buckwalter had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. She highlighted that a case of malaria and typhoid was reported last month. The case was travel-related and did not spread to the community. Ms. Buckwalter gave a presentation to Ithaca College's Physician Assistant students regarding the role of Public Health in managing TB..

Children with Special Care Needs Report: Ms. Thomas had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. She reported that a speech therapist was hired and the advocacy work regarding the pay increases is currently in the governor's office.

County Attorney's Report: Mr. Troy was not available.

Community Mental Health Services Board (CSB) Report: Mr. Kruppa reported on Ms. Ayers-Friedlander's behalf. The CSB discussed the \$800,000 opioid settlement funds coming to the Local Governing Unit (LGU) Mental Hygiene Law. Funding allocations target monies for wraparound services related to those who unnecessarily end up in the ER. The plan is to have additional wraparound services quickly available upon discharge. The plan was sent to the State for approval.

Environmental Health Report: Ms. Cameron reported that Breanna Walsh was hired provisionally for the Administrative Assistant III position. She noted the press release of a **non-rabid** fox in the community.

Dr. Moylan wanted to discuss the presentation of information to the BOH that is consumable to the BOH and also useful for the health department staff. She provided topics for the staff to consider:

- The most effective way of communicating to the BOH about principal issues
- Guidance moving forward in an integrated way of the integration of TCWH
- What information should the Board be provided and what is the Board's responsibility with the information

Ms. Black suggested monthly overdose data. Mr. Kruppa said the overdose data can be reported monthly, but the deaths are reported every six months due to privacy reasons. Ms. Black accepted verbal reporting.

It was decided that the perspectives from both the Board and Health Department staff will work over the next few months on the presentation of monthly information to the Board.

Dr. Moylan asked for clarification noted in EH's summary report of enforcement actions where Dream Vape is operating under a new LLC. Ms. Cameron explained that it appears that the Dream Vape location had a license issued under a different name from June 2022 to December 2022 during EH's enforcement. Dream Vape's license was revoked because of the violations while another license was in place for the same location. EH was told by NYSDOH not to go by the name of the store on the outside of the building, which

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complicates EH's enforcement. Ms. Black believes that the County Attorney, Bill Troy, should be made aware of this.

Mr. Kruppa shared that Tompkins County is not the only County facing this issue and things will probably get worse, especially with the proposed increase in penalties. Ms. Cameron and the EH staff are spending vast amounts of resources to manage and follow it. He will reach out to Bill Troy. Ms. Cameron said it can be complicated since the licenses are issued at the State level. Mr. Kruppa believes that extra enforcement funding is part of the governor's proposal and Tobacco and Firearms will be responsible for enforcement.

Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0001 – Cayuga Café, C-Ithaca, Violation of Subpart 14-1 of New York State Sanitary Code for Operating without a Permit (Food) – Ms. Merkel moved to accept the motion as written; seconded by Ms. Black.

Ms. Cameron explained that this was a case where Cayuga Café was operating without a permit. EH proposes a fine of \$500.

The vote to approve the revised resolution as written was unanimous.

Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0003 – Old Mexico, C-Ithaca, Violations of Board of Health Orders and Subpart 14-1 of New York State Sanitary Code (Food) – Dr. Dhundale moved to accept the resolution as written; seconded by Ms. Merkel.

Ms. Cameron confirmed that there were no language barriers and both inspectors spoke Spanish. EH previously provided them with signs in Spanish that were still in view during the inspection. EH proposes a penalty of \$800.

The vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0004 – U Tea, C-Ithaca, Repeat Critical Violations of Subpart 14-1 of New York State Sanitary Code (Food) – Ms. Merkel moved to accept the resolution as written; seconded by Dr. Dhundale.

Ms. Cameron confirmed that there were no language barriers. EH proposes a fine of \$200.

The vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

Administration:

Administrative Actions:

Resolution in Support of New York State Governor's Life-Saving Tobacco Control Measures – Ms. Black moved to support the resolution of New York State Governor's Life-Saving Tobacco Control Measures; seconded by Dr. Moylan.

Ms. Black stated that she learned that the governor's budget proposed outlawing flavored tobacco products and adding a dollar (\$1) to the sales tax for all cigarette packages this past January. She knows of a program called Reality Check based in Portland, Oregon where they have Public Relations campaigns to reduce and end vaping in public schools. She reached out to NYS Senator, Lea Webb, and NYS Assemblymember Anna Kelles. Ms. Black feels that the detriment to our community and the damage that is happening to our young people outweighs any stigmas and understands the equity side of the argument. She brings forth this resolution with information and data from Tompkins County. Ms. Black asked the Board for their thoughts or edits on the resolution.

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Dr. Moylan referenced the consistency of wording for Black and African American. She also noted changing accidents to unintentional injuries and clarification on the 2023/2024 executive budget.

Mr. Kruppa believes it would be more impactful to telephone elected officials, especially those who have a personal relationship with Assemblymember Anna Kelles.

The vote to approve the resolution with friendly amendments was unanimous.

Public Health Director Reappointment – Moylan asked for preferences in consideration of the reappointment of the Public Health Director

Ms. Merkel moved to recommend Mr. Frank Kruppa for reappointment as the Public Health Director for an additional six years; seconded by Dr. Dhundale.

All were in favor of the reappointment of Mr. Frank Kruppa; it was unanimous.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th, 2022 @ Noon.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Tompkins County Financial Report for Public Health

Year: 23

Month: 3

Percentage of Year: 25.00%		Expenditures			Revenues			Local Share		
		Budget	Paid YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,633,517	341,459	12.97%	841,489	0		1,792,028	341,459	19.05%
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	550,969	86,398	15.68%	550,969	28,354	5.15%	0	58,044	
4015	VITAL RECORDS	84,888	10,314	12.15%	115,000	20,684	17.99%	-30,112	-10,370	34.44%
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	2,001,693	253,466	12.66%	648,382	73,563	11.35%	1,353,311	179,903	13.29%
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	199,000	19,132	9.61%	199,000	0		0	19,132	
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	1,545,385	241,910	15.65%	524,224	51,825	9.89%	1,021,161	190,085	18.61%
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2,152,414	262,415	12.19%	577,595	33,043	5.72%	1,574,819	229,372	14.56%
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	1,000,000	0		1,000,000	0		0	0	
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID				1,948,168	0		-1,948,168	0	
Non-Mandate		10,167,865	1,215,092	11.95%	6,404,827	207,469	3.24%	3,763,039	1,007,623	26.78%
2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,942,000	137,021	2.31%	3,760,000	7,843	0.21%	2,182,000	129,178	5.92%
4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	375,865	20,467	5.45%	0	0		375,865	20,467	5.45%
4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	641,000	84,254	13.14%	312,620	0		328,380	84,254	25.66%
Mandate		6,958,865	241,742	3.47%	4,072,620	7,843	0.19%	2,886,245	233,899	8.10%
Total Public Health		17,126,730	1,456,834	8.51%	10,477,447	215,312	2.06%	6,649,284	1,241,522	18.67%

BALANCES (Including Encumbrances)

Non Mandate		Available Budget	Revenues Needed	Mandate		Available Budget	Revenues Needed
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,279,038	841,489	2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,804,979	3,752,157
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	444,221	522,614	4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	188,732	0
4015	VITAL RECORDS	74,574	94,316	4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	556,746	312,620
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,730,068	574,819			6,550,457	4,064,777
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	175,419	199,000				
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	1,292,308	472,399				
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	1,854,561	544,552				
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	1,000,000	1,000,000				
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID	0	1,948,168				
		8,850,188	6,197,357				

Total Public Health Balances	
<u>Available Budget</u>	<u>Revenues Needed</u>
15,400,645	10,262,134

Comments: Expenditures are down due to when payrolls fall, and contracts are still in process. This report includes payroll through March 18. Revenues also remain low, several programs receive revenue during a particular time of year (flu) or on a quarterly basis (food permits for example). Caseloads are down in the MOMS+ program. Staff are continuing outreach activities for this program.

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM – April 2023

March 2023 Report

Samantha Hillson, Director, PIO
Ted Schiele, Planner/ Evaluator
Diana Crouch, Healthy Neighborhoods Education Coordinator
Shannon Alvord, Communications Coordinator
Ambra Munlyn, Health Educator
Emma Abbey, Community Health Worker Supervisor
Mara Schwartz, Tenzin Aaya, and Shae Jewell, Community Health Workers
Deidre Gallow, Administrative Assistant

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

- Family Health Community Café - March 4, at TC Public Library was a success in collaboration with Mama’s Comfort Camp.

Shared Programs and Department-wide Issues:

Opioids

- All calls that come into Tompkins County's 9-1-1 center are coded based on the type of the emergency. To help direct the call, the dispatcher assigns each a “Nature.” The Department of Emergency Response (DoER) sends the monthly totals to Whole Health for calls coded as “Overdose/Poisoning,” and these are posted in graphic form [on the WH website](#). A 3-month summary is shown below.

Total 911 calls per month that are Nature coded as "Overdose/
Poisoning." Source: DoER.

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
FEB	23	16	35	19	19	45
MAR	31	34	24	23	17	35
APR	33	24	12	21	34	

Strategic Plan Implementation:

- Cross-Functional Teams:
 - Integration of Services Team: Planning for video production of Whole Health services, internal use (how to make referrals, etc.)
 - Planning for a new CFT to work on a DEIB (Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging) plan and evaluation for the Department.
- HPP working with programs on brochure updates/redesign with Whole Health branding
- Participating in Academic Health Department planning with institutions of higher education

Community Health Worker Initiative (CHWs)

- Community Health Workers: continue to work with community partners who have similar roles, or plans for similar roles, including Cayuga Health, CCE, REACH Medical, and HSC; community outreach.
- Ongoing training and shadowing opportunities.

PICHC (Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaborative)

- Training, learning, and making community connections
- Community Action Board update: initial meeting with community partners, working on process to include community members/clients with lived experience, compensation will be provided.

CHW Training in March 2023:

- Coordinate Training with Human Services Coalition
- Lifelong Impact of adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
- Mental Health First Aid
- DEI and Psychological Safety: The Future of the Workforce is Empowerment

CHW Outreach events in March 2023:

- Family Health Community Café
- Dryden Library
- Lansing Library
- Groton Library

COVID-19

- Mask Requirement for Public Health/Mental Health buildings lifted on March 28th, county community transmission level remaining moderate over multiple weeks. Masks are now optional at both Green Street and Brown Road.
- Continued mask and test kit distribution

Community Health Assessment (CHA) & Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) 2022-2024

- The Updated CHA/CHIP is available on the [website](#).
- The CHA/CHIP Steering Committee will shift to bi-monthly meeting to support the workgroups both individually and collectively through consultation, feedback, and community networking.
- March Presentations:
 - March 13: Community Conversation: Getting to the Root of Health Equity (GIAC)
 - March 20: TC Legislature Health & Human Services Committee

Healthy Neighborhoods Program

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM	MARCH 2023	YTD 2023	March 2022	TOTAL 2022*
# of Initial Home Visits (including asthma visits)	14	48	15	219
# of Revisits	0	0	1	16
# of Asthma Homes (initial)	3	4	4	42
# of Homes Approached	6	11	3	392

- HNP staff continues to receive calls requesting information regard indoor air quality, radon, mold and mildew, bed bug infestations, etc.
- Outreach at Various Food Pantries within Tompkins County
- Participated in Getting to the Root of Health Equity: A Community Conversation
- Lead Poisoning Prevention (LPP) internal staff meeting
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Network Meeting

Tobacco Free Tompkins

- Panel at Ithaca High School,
- Coalition for Healthy Youth

Media, Website, Social Media

- Social Media focus on COVID-19, tick prevention, rabies/bite prevention
- On-going updates to website
- Working with Whole Health programs on revisions to brochures

Press Releases in March 2023:

- [March 2, 2023](#): Opportunities to Serve on the Tompkins County Community Services Board
- [March 23, 2023](#): Health Alert: Environmental Health Seeks Information About Two Separate Dog Bite Incidents
- [March 24, 2023](#): Health Alert: Statement Regarding Fall Creek/Newman Golf Course Area Fox Sightings

Training/Professional Development

- Erica Marx, Design for Transformation: Create Engaging Online Events by Using a Coaching Framework
- Renee Hetich, Lifelong Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
- Zoe Lincoln, Deaths of Despair: The Opioid and Suicide Epidemic: How Public Health and Mental Health Can Make a Difference
- CCSI (Deb Salamone): Understanding Toxic Stress and How it Impacts Work in Public Health and Mental Health
- PHCC: When and How to Respond to Public Health Misinformation
- Getting to the Root of Health Equity: A Community Conversation
- Addiction & Health Equity: Meeting People Where They Are
- Developmental and Health Consideration for Children with a History of Trauma and Toxic Stress
- Next Steps in the Struggle for Reproductive Rights

Committee and Partnership Meetings (Appendix)

Group, Organization	Activity/Purpose	Date
CATCHI Working Group (Coordinated Approach to Community Health Integration)	Combines Social Determinants of Health, CHW initiative and Childhood Nutrition Collaborative into one working group.	monthly
Healthcare Career Expo Planning Committee	A collaboration of TC depts (Whole Health, Workforce, Youth Services), Cayuga Health, community partners, higher ed and TST-BOCES to	monthly

	plan biennial Healthcare Career Expo for area high schoolers (Expo Date: Nov. 20, 2023)	
Long Term Care Committee	Planning and sharing resources for long-term care in the community.	quarterly
Health Planning Council	Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Hillson reappointed as Secretary and Co-Chair of Community Health and Access Cte	Bi-monthly
Community Health and Access Committee	Sub-committee of the HPC. Focus on telehealth, maternal health, etc.	quarterly
COFA Advisory Board	Updates and Age Friendly	quarterly
Suicide Prevention Coalition	Revival of this coalition, new leadership, strategic planning process	monthly
Immunization Coalition	Quarterly meeting, updates about COVID-19 vaccine and discussion/feedback, youth vaccination promotion	quarterly
Lead Poisoning Prevention Network	Quarterly meeting, review lead cases, prevention, new regulation	quarterly
Cayuga Health Data Governance Committee	Oversight/advisory committee for the Cayuga Health health equity team, focus on data collection for health equity, We Ask Because we Care campaign.	quarterly
TC Cancer Screening Working Group	Regular meeting	monthly
Aging Services Network	Regular meeting	monthly
Homeless & Housing Taskforce	Regular meeting	Bi-monthly
PICHC Partners Meeting	Weekly meeting to discuss community health worker roles, align program design, collaborate w/community partners	weekly
PICHC State Call	Monthly meeting for PICHC programs in NYS	monthly
LATCH: Lactation Alliance for Tompkins County Health	Monthly meeting of community partners/stakeholders. Mission: To protect, promote, & support breast-feeding/ chestfeeding in Tompkins County, and to protect, promote, & support the rights of families to achieve their infant feeding goals.	monthly

**Medical Director's Report
William Klepack, MD
April 2023**

This past month has seen some decline in Covid cases and deaths although they remain at unacceptably high rates. I draw your attention to my practitioner bulletins which each of you on the Board has received via email as I have released them.

This month my weekly Wednesday 7 40 am interviews with Mr. Joe Salzone of WHCU have been on the topics of bed bugs, National Public Health Week, and an update on Masking.

Regarding masking

You will recall that a review published in the Cochrane Review led to widespread media coverage which missed the essential point of the review. A previous Board report of mine covered the points relevant to the subject. When scientific inquiry is reported by the media it is not uncommon for such mistaken interpretations to happen. A media that is used to reporting on hard facts (e.g. so and so nation invaded such and such a one) has little background to understand the scientific method and the cautionary terms that couch a study's findings. Now from the Review itself, we have an official statement that seeks to undo the harm that has been done.

The Cochrane Review '[Physical interventions to interrupt or reduce the spread of respiratory viruses](#)' was published in January 2023. Karla Soares-Weiser, Editor-in-Chief of the Cochrane Library, has now responded on behalf of Cochrane and released this statement on March 10th, 2023:

Many commentators have claimed that a recently-updated Cochrane Review shows that 'masks don't work', which is an inaccurate and misleading interpretation.

*It would be accurate to say that the review examined whether interventions to promote mask-wearing help to slow the spread of respiratory viruses, and that the results were inconclusive. **Given the limitations in the primary evidence, the review is not able to address the question of whether mask-wearing itself reduces people's risk of contracting or spreading respiratory viruses.***

The review authors are clear on the limitations in the abstract: 'The high risk of bias in the trials, variation in outcome measurement, and relatively low adherence with the interventions during the studies hamper drawing firm conclusions.' Adherence in this context refers to the number of people who actually wore the provided masks when encouraged to do so as part of the intervention. For example, in the most heavily weighted trial of interventions to promote community mask-wearing, 42.3% of people in the intervention arm wore masks compared to 13.3% of those in the control arm.

The original Plain Language Summary for this review stated that 'We are uncertain whether wearing masks or N95/P2 respirators helps to slow the spread of respiratory viruses based on the studies we assessed.' This wording was open to misinterpretation, for which we apologize. While scientific evidence is never immune to misinterpretation, we take responsibility for not making the wording clearer from the outset. We are engaging with

the review authors with the aim of updating the Plain Language Summary and abstract to make clear that the review looked at whether interventions to promote mask-wearing help to slow the spread of respiratory viruses.

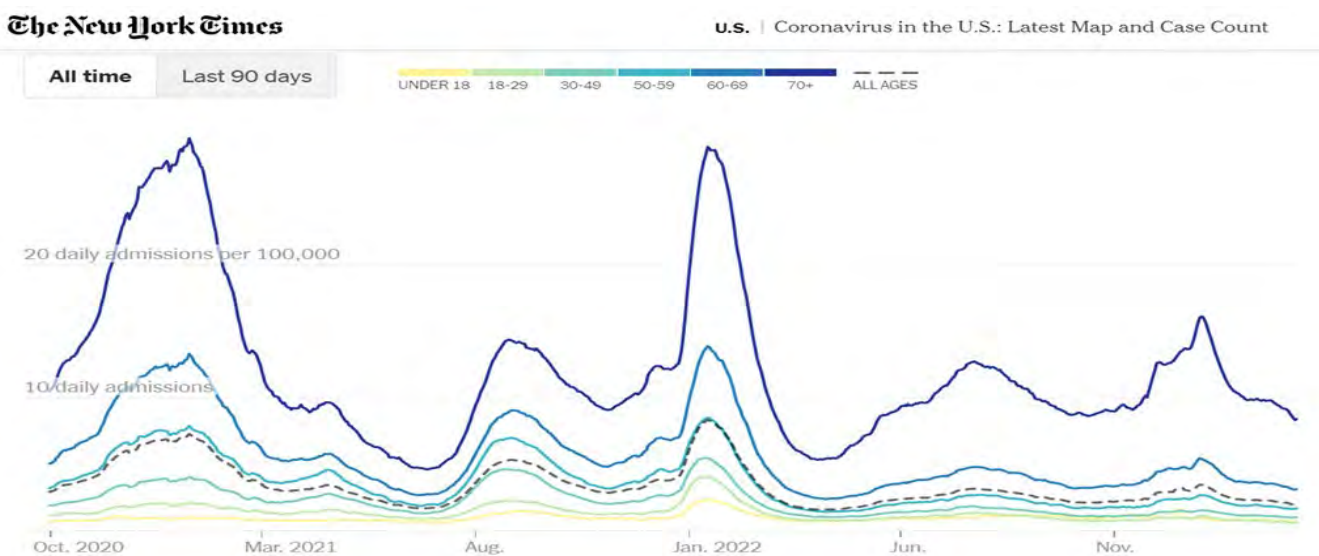
Such a statement is unlikely to gain the attention that the original coverage did. However, we now have a statement from Cochrane itself that we can quote. To be clear, masks are still a primary strategy to prevent becoming infected.

The Covid numbers:

The following from <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html>

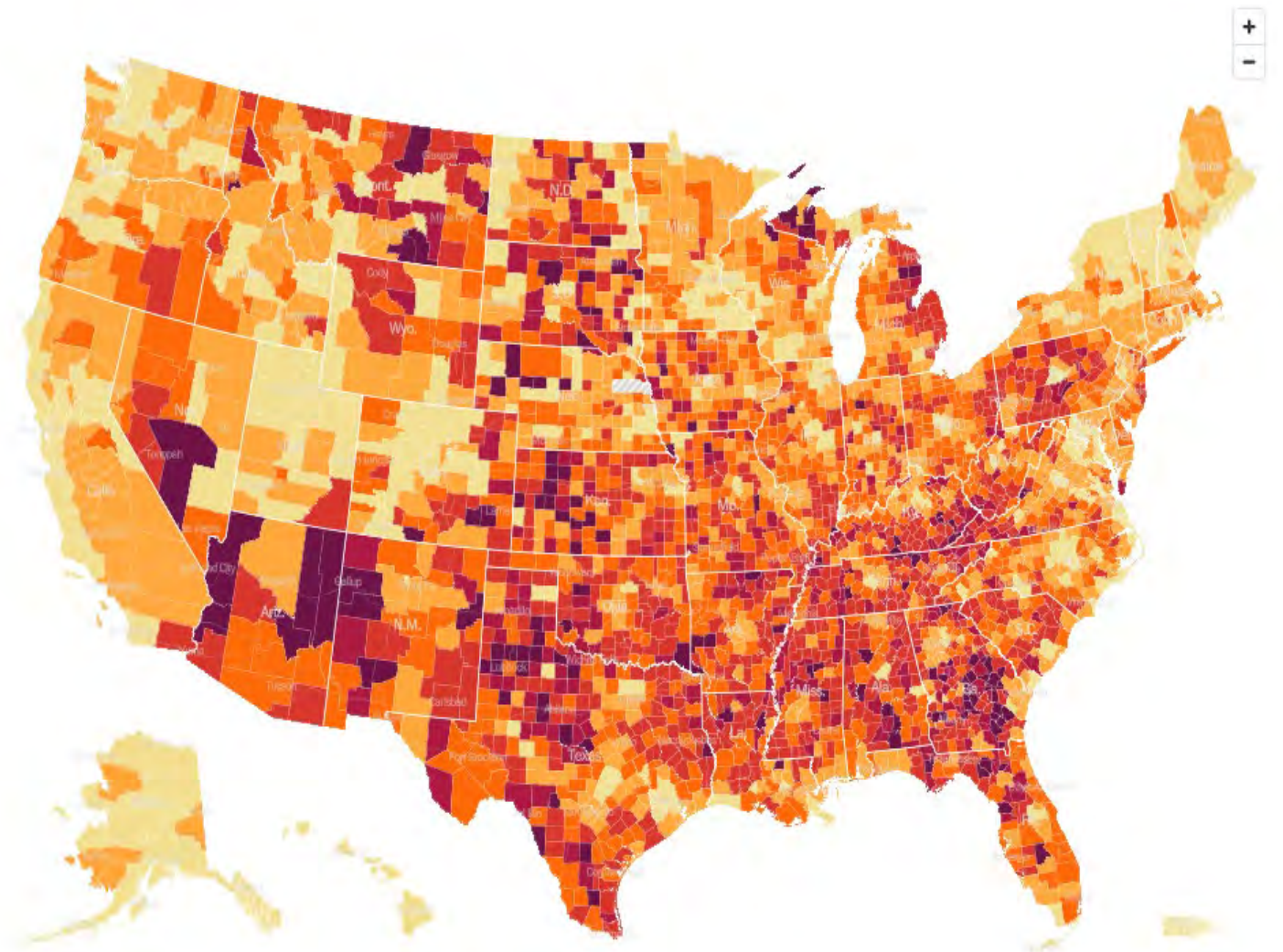


If this continues with the same death rate, we will have 93,075 more deaths in the coming year. The coming few months bear close watching. This graph would seem to predict a new wave should come then.



Comment: The periodicity of the waves in the past year would seem to imply that. Unless our booster of last fall or the behavior of people causes a change. It is not predicted that a new and improved booster will become available until next fall.

Here is where the deaths are occurring:



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Communicable Disease Reports year to date

I have selected a few entries which have been of interest to us. Fortunately, no red flags are showing. This is the time of year that we emphasize tick precautions in our media releases.

Disease	2023		2022		2021		2020		Ave (2020-2022)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
LYME DISEASE** ****	79	309.3	369	1444.5	44	172.2	37	144.8	150	587.2
MONKEYPOX	0	0.0	3	11.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.9
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	2	7.8	34	133.1	24	94.0	20	78.3	26	101.8
- P&S SYPHILIS	1	3.9	16	62.6	7	27.4	8	31.3	10	39.1
- EARLY LATENT	0	0.0	15	58.7	11	43.1	8	31.3	11	43.1
- LATE LATENT	1	3.9	2	7.8	6	23.5	4	15.7	4	15.7
- CONGENITAL SYPHILIS	0	0.0	1	3.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Status of Mifepristone As you are aware the courts are dueling over the societal issue of abortion using the abolition of this drug as a means to secure control over the topic in situations where individual states are unable to adequately coerce their population to comply with state-based legislation. Unfortunately, the debate is not spoken about in those terms. Politicians are attempting to disparage this chemical on medical grounds that are unfounded. More in line with their vocation, they are also addressing the administrative process that led to its FDA approval so many decades ago.

At risk is damage to the already battered reputation of the FDA, that of the Supreme Court, and the injury and deaths that are likely to occur amongst women who will use dangerous methods to achieve what modern medicine is prevented from giving them.

Useful links for the Board and the public:

If you have a stockpile of COVID tests in your medicine cabinet, they've extended expiration dates again. Use this link to check:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests>

President Biden signed a law declaring the NATIONAL emergency of COVID over. The PUBLIC HEALTH emergency is still set to expire in May. Here is a fairly complete list of changes that will occur either starting today or in a month:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf>

**Division for Community Health
April 25th, 2023 Board of Health meeting
March 2023 monthly report**

By Jess Clark Manderville, Senior Community Health Nurse, Celeste Rakovich, Senior Community Health Nurse and Michelle Hall, WIC director

Communicable Disease:

- **COVID:** Throughout the month of March the CDC COVID transmission levels have stayed below high, resulting in lifting the mask requirements in both TCWH buildings. Moderna monovalent vaccines for ages 6-11 and ages 12 and are set to expire in early April. Ordering for these two products ended March 12, 2023. The same product may not be available to complete the primary series for some individuals. In this case, a different COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to complete the primary series at a minimum interval of 28 days from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose. CHS nurses continue to provide guidance to healthcare facilities and community members on Covid as needed.
- **Flu:** Flu continues to be widespread in New York State and Tompkins County during the month of March. CHS nurses continue to encourage flu vaccine and education regarding illness. Flu vaccine is being offered during out Friday on-site immunization clinics and our monthly homebound clinic. We have begun to prepare for the 2023-2024 flu season. Flu vaccine was ordered in March and preparations for off-site clinics have started.
- **Other Communicable Diseases:**
 - **Acute Hep C:** 1 case reported in March. Spoke with provider and confirmed client began treatment and has follow up appointments scheduled. Provider will attempt to finish the interview and send info to us to complete the investigation.
 - **Salmonellosis:** 1 case reported in March. Client ill for about a month with diarrhea with no travel noted. Unsure of source but client reported eating an uncooked ground chicken meatball. Treated with an antibiotic.

- **Campylobacteriosis:** Three total cases in March which included a vet student working with animals with diarrhea, a child lost to follow up and a client with unknown source of infection, possibly food borne.
- **Strep Group A Invasive:** Two cases reported in the month of March. One was a child who was hospitalized for treatment, and an elderly person who was also hospitalized for treatment.
- **Anaplasmosis:** Two confirmed cases reported in March. An elderly person needing hospitalization and another elderly person who did not need to be hospitalized. Both reported pulling ticks off in February.
- **E-coli Shigatoxin:** 1 case reported in a graduate student with no hospitalization, no travel, unsure of exposure.

SafeCare Program:

- We currently have three families enrolled in SafeCare. Collaboration with DSS is ongoing to increase referrals to this program.

Maternal Child Health:

- Moms PLUS+ received 42 referrals in March that lead to 20 new admissions. The program is seeing referrals from several sources including Cayuga Birthplace, WIC, OBGYN Associates of Ithaca, self-referrals, Child Development Council, Children’s Hospital, and pediatric offices.
- A Community Café was held at the TCPL on March 4th in partnership with Mama’s Comfort Camp and Community Health Workers from the PICHC program. A panel discussion was held that covered the topics of health equity and what is “helpful help.” This is our first Community Café--we hope to continue these events to spread the word about our programs in the community.

Immunization Clinics:

- There were 30 clients vaccinated in the month of March during our regular Friday on-site clinic. There were 11 children vaccinated, 8 adults vaccinated, 9 TST’s placed and two appointments for rabies vaccine.

- Senior Community Health Nurse Jess Clark Manderville and Community Health Nurse Rachel Fried attended the NYSDOH Annual Statewide Immunization Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY on March 28th-29th. They were able to network with other county immunization programs and receive up to date training on a variety of topics.
- The demand for homebound immunizations is slowing. We did not immunize anyone in March. There are two clients scheduled for April.

Rabies:

- There were 4 individuals who received rabies post exposure prophylaxis treatment in March—these were due to a mix of other wildlife and bat exposures. EH continues to authorize treatment that is followed up by CHS for care coordination.
- We are working with CMC ER to ensure correct administration for HRIG and vaccine placement for Rabies clients.

Lead:

- There was one new admission to the Lead Program for March and no discharges. A network meeting was held on March 16th with Environmental Health, Healthy Neighborhoods, Community Health Services, and other community partners.

HIV:

- There was one HIV anonymous test performed in March. We continue to have a nurse at STAP downtown Ithaca weekly to offer free anonymous testing to anyone. Testing is also available at the Whole Health department on Brown Rd by appointment only.

Staffing:

- CHS has two open community health nurse positions currently. We have completed interviews with several nurse candidates and will have more updates to share next month.

**BOH Report- Tompkins County WIC Program
April 2023**

Caseload Data:

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Participation	1073	1092	1121	1123	1127	1158
Enrollment	1173	1156	1182	1198	1202	1228
Participation/Enrollment	91.47%	94.46%	94.84%	93.74%	93.76%	94.30%
Part/Target Caseload	71.53%	72.80%	74.73%	74.87%	75.13%	77.20%

Total participants seen in February: 489
Appointment show rate: 98%

Total participants seen in March: 509
Appointment show rate: 95%

Program Highlights

1. Program caseload continues to increase. The program is serving 52 % of the eligible population in Tompkins County. This is an increase of 4% since October 2022.
2. In effort to remove barriers to participation, the NYS WIC Program has partnered with “wichealth” (<https://www.wichealth.org>) to offer WIC families an online nutrition education (NE) option instead of an in- person visit. The NE is centered around the needs of WIC participants. Starting April 1st, Tompkins County WIC program started offering online NE to participants as an option based on each participant’s desire and ability to participate. This online option is currently available in English and Spanish.
3. In April, the WIC staff member and WIC intern created a Tik Tok account in effort to promote the program and reach families that use different social media platforms.
wic_tompkinscounty
4. All WIC staff will attend the 44th Annual WIC Association of NYS virtual conference April 18th -20th.

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Disease	2023		2022		2021		2020		Ave (2020-2022)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
ANAPLASMOSIS**	2	23.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	3	35.2	1	11.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
COVID-19	367	4310.0	1308	15361	425	4991.2	81	951.3	605	7105.1
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	1	11.7	2	23.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.7
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS A	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.7	0	0.0
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	0	0.0	1	11.7	2	23.5	1	11.7	1	11.7
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LYME DISEASE** ****	33	387.6	14	164.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	58.7
MALARIA	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.7	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	1	11.7	1	11.7	1	11.7	0	0.0	1	11.7
STREP,GROUP A INVASIVE	1	11.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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- P&S SYPHILIS	0	0.0	4	47.0	1	11.7	0	0.0	2	23.5
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Children with Special Care Needs Division — (607) 274-6644

Children with Special Care Needs Highlights March 2023

Staff Activities

Staff Group Trainings-

- A Way of Being Live Training
- Deaths of Despair- the Opioid crisis
- ACES
- Trauma informed Practices with impact of childhood trauma
- Solving Employee Drama

Committees/Meetings

- CSCN Staff meeting-3/21/23
- Early Childhood Collaborative meetings once a month with community partners.
- Collaborative Solutions Network meeting regarding the new Systems of Core initiative.
- 3 CSCN staff participating in Strategic Planning Cross Functional Team meetings.
- Collaborative meetings with DSS, CHS, MH and CSCN- training focused once a month.

Program Work:

Early Intervention

- Early Intervention experiencing wait lists for speech services, Special Instruction Teachers, and Social Work services. Long wait list for Speech (approximately 30+)
- 1 Service Coordinator out on medical leave and 1 vacant position
- Completed 6 interviews for the vacant position.
- Development of a Child Find program completed by software company- CSCN to build forms and checklists to finish.
- Currently serving 208 active/qualified children in Early Intervention

Preschool

- Currently serving 195 children in Preschool Special Education with 57 in special integrated classrooms

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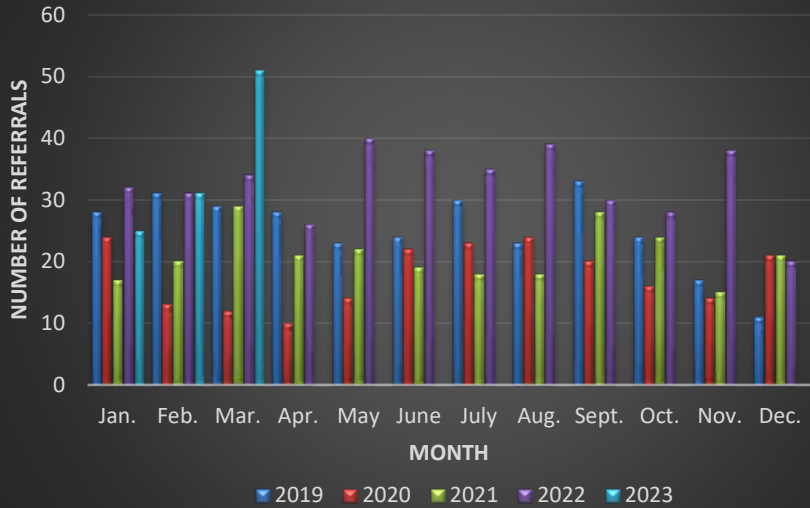
- Monthly meetings with Regional Support Centers for work on Social Media platforms, website development, developing a resource Guide, development of promotional materials, development of a resource library, and a new family survey for the program.
- Increased referrals to this program for high needs children with medical needs, referrals to OPWDD, Health homes and other needs.

CSCN Director Program work:

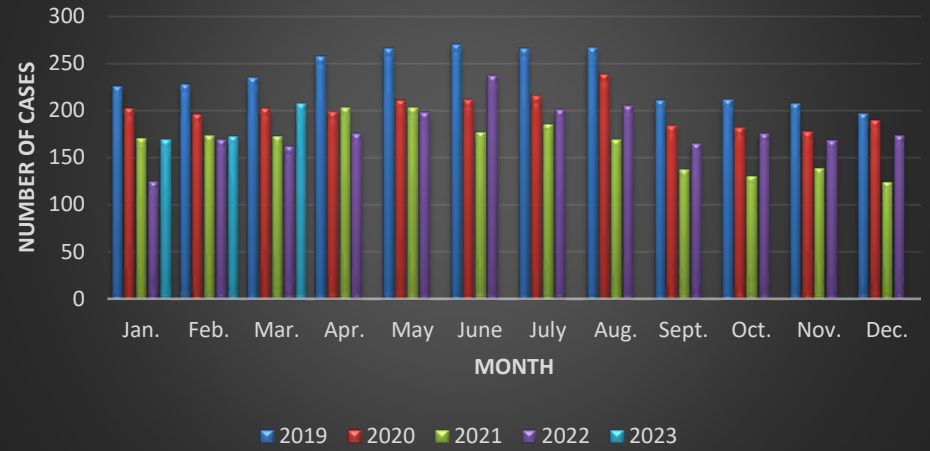
- Meetings include a statewide EI Fiscal work group mtgs, statewide Maternal Child Committee mtg, Strategic Planning meetings with SR Leadership on Integrating Children's services, Early Intervention Coordinating Council mtg, Sr Leadership mtgs every 2 weeks, Preschool software meetings, Preschool Chairperson meeting, EI software mtg, and CYSHCN regional meetings on social media use, advertising, outreach support, and collaboration meetings.
- Chair of monthly Early Childhood Development Collaborative-mtg every month
- Participating in development of chart work for a third Cross Functional Team focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion work with other Sr Leadership staff. (DEIB) Met with consultant from Cornell, Jerel Ezell to support this Cross Functional Team development.
- Development work with the Fiscal Administrator and CSCN Administrative Coordinator to collaborate on shared supervision processes with the merger of PH and MH. Developed a new streamlined way to record staff activity time for better reporting and less support staff time.
- Planning for a table event at Ithaca mall on 4/1/23 from 3:00 -5:00pm for Early Childhood and pregnancy resources with 4 other agencies. To celebrate *the Week of the Child* and opening of The Family Reading Partnership "Nook" and the Toy Library in the mall. Cancelled due to requirements of the mall insurance forms and agreements.
- Started mandate budget work and meetings with fiscal administrator.
- Participated in the All-County Conference call for Early Intervention.

Statistics Based on Calendar Year 2019-2023

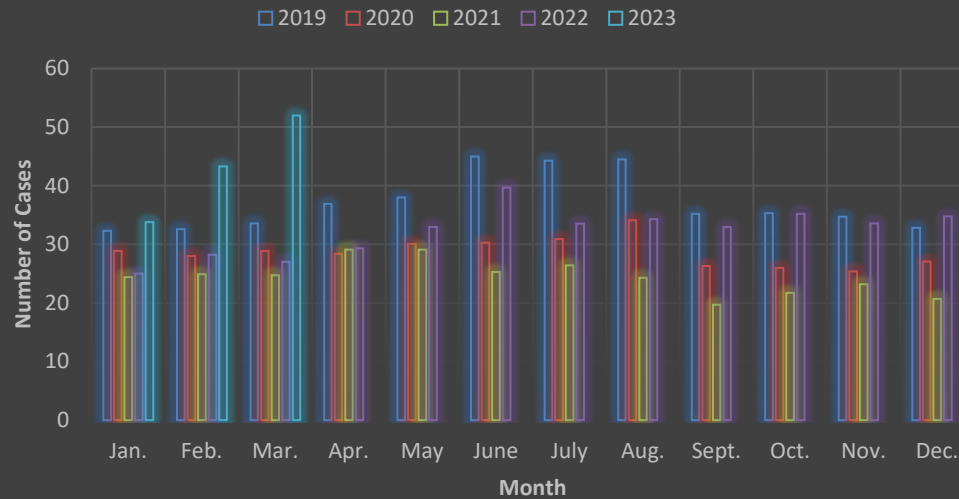
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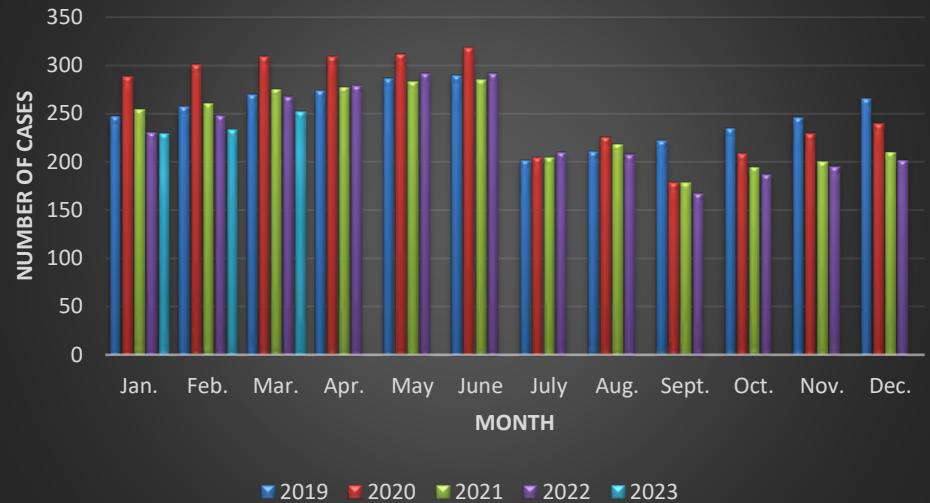
Total Number of Early Intervention Cases



Average Service Coordinator Caseloads**



Total Number of Preschool Cases



****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.**

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Family/Client visits	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Intake visits	13	18	29										60	241
-- IFSP Meetings	31	15	33										79	261
-- Core Evaluations	18	11	20										49	221
-- Supplemental Evaluations	2	5	6										13	50
-- Observation Visits	24	16	22										62	314
-- CPSE meetings	6	2	6										14	57
-- Family Training/Team Meetings	0	0	1										1	2
-- Transition meetings	5	9	6										20	38
														1184
Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed														
Children with Services Pending(Needs List)														
-- Feeding	1	3	2										6	42
-- Nutrition	0	0	0										0	0
-- Occupational Therapy	4	3	3										10	18
-- Physical Therapy	6	7	5										0	62
-- Social Work	5	3	4										12	13
-- Special Education	11	11	16										0	106
-- Speech Therapy	46	41	31										118	486
													0	727

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Discharges	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- To CPSE	7	1	1										9	59
-- Aged out	3	2	4										9	15
-- Skilled out	2	1	0										3	27
-- Moved	0	2	0										2	27
-- Not Eligible/DNQ	4	4	6										14	79
-- Family Refused/Unable to Locate	2	5	2										9	1
--Child Deceased	0	0	1										1	1
Total Number of Discharges	18	15	14										47	44
														252
Child Find														
Total # of Referrals	0	0	0										0	53
Total # of Children in Child Find	9	8	8										25	
													0	
Total # Transferred to Early Intervention	0	0	0										0	14
Total # of Discharges	10	1	0										11	32

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		
-- Ithaca	32	30	31											
-- Dryden	11	10	9											
-- Groton	4	4	4											
-- Lansing	5	5	5											
-- Newfield	2	0	2											
-- Trumansburg	7	7	6											
-- Odessa-Montour	0	0	0											
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0											
-- Moravia	0	0	0											
-- # attending Dryden Central School	6	5	4											
-- # attending Franziska Racker Centers	30	33	32											
-- # attending Ithaca City School District	25	21	21											
Total # attending Special Ed Integrated Tuition Progr.	61	59	57											

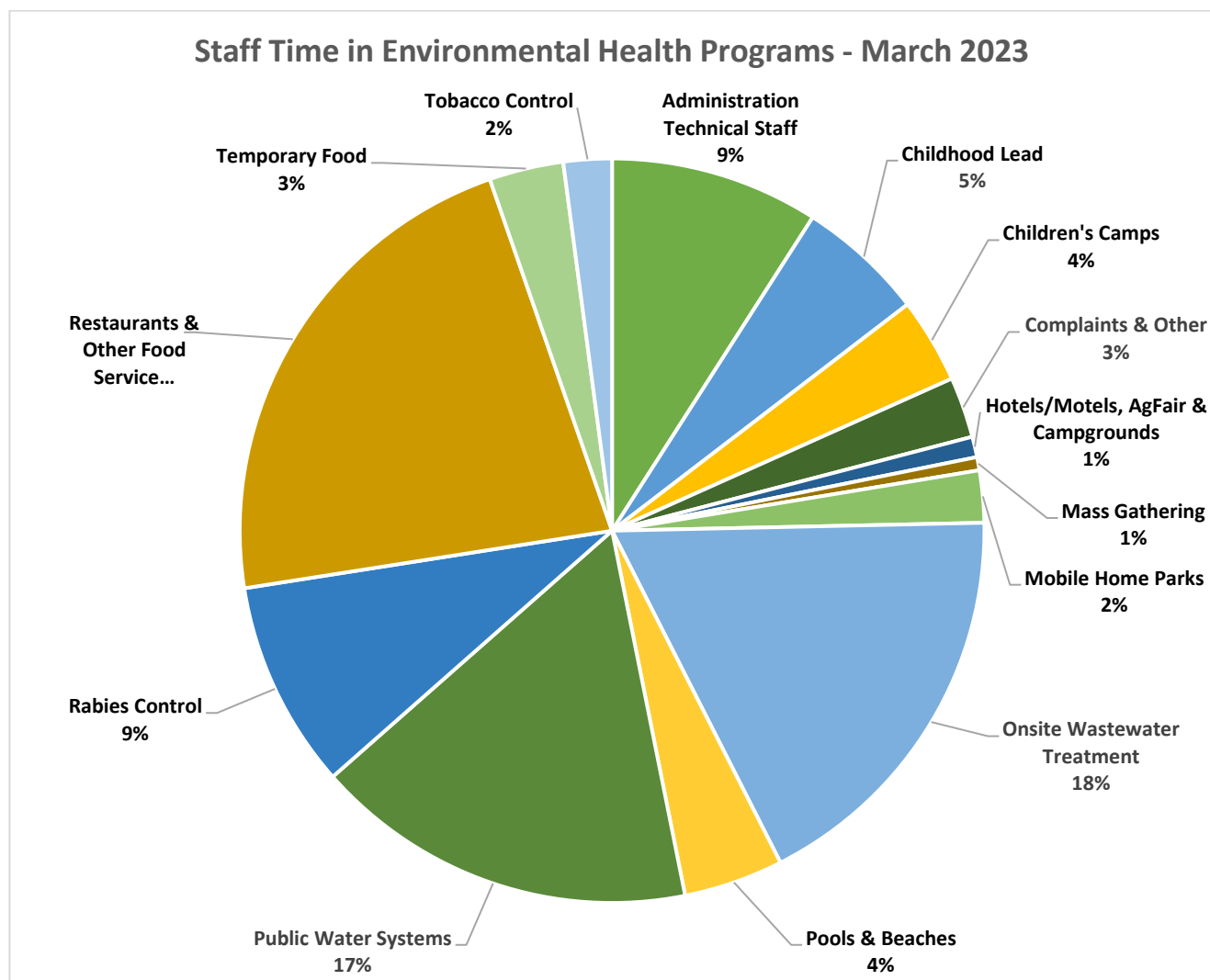
Municipal Representation Committee on Preschool Special Education													2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Ithaca	22	12	35										69	219
-- Candor	0	0	0										0	1
-- Dryden	9	2	8										19	64
-- Groton	4	0	12										16	50
-- Homer	0	0	0										0	2
-- Lansing	1	0	2										3	23
-- Newfield	3	0	1										4	19
-- Trumansburg	0	2	3										5	26
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	0	0										0	1
-- Moravia	0	0	0										0	1
Total CPSE Meetings Attended	39	16	61										116	390

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS March 2023

EH Programs Overview:



Division of Environmental Health
Summary of Activity (2023)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2022 Totals
ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS)														
<i>Permits Issued</i>	13	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	193
New Construction/Conversions	2	8	7										17	99
Replacements	11	4	12										27	94
<i>Completion Certificates Issued</i>	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	152
New Construction/Conversions	4	1	1										6	74
Replacements	2	4	7										13	78
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS														
Realty Subdivisions	0	0	1										1	3
OWTS	1	1	2										4	23
Collector Sewer	0	0	0										0	6
Public Water Systems	1	0	0										1	5
Water Main Extension	0	0	0										0	9
Cross-Connection Control Devices	0	0	1										1	12
Other Water System Modification	0	0	0										0	5
Other Engineering Reviews	0	0	0										0	7
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM														
Potential Human Exposure Investigations	22	21	38										81	530
Human Post-X Treatments	3	4	5										12	163
Animal Specimens Tested	8	6	24										38	177
Animals Testing Positive	2	0	1										3	10
Rabies Clinics Offered	1	0	0										1	5
Dogs Vaccinated	85	0	0										85	382
Cats Vaccinated	74	0	0										74	281
Ferrets Vaccinated	3	0	0										3	2
Pet Quarantine	2	0	0										2	4
CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM														
# of New EH Referrals w/ Elevated BLL	1	0	0										1	11
# of EH Investigations Initiated	1	0	0										1	11
# of Home Assessments Performed	1	0	1										2	8
# of Notice of Demands Sent	0	0	0										0	4
Lead Calls/Inquires Received by EH	2	1	3										6	16
FOIL REQUESTS														
Total Received	3	2	8										13	46
ADOLESCENT TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACT (ATUPA) (65 Operations *) & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (CIAA)														
ATUPA (Adult & Minor) Compliance Checks	15	14	42										71	127
Violations	1	0	0										1	19
CIAA Complaints	0	0	0										0	3
COMPLAINTS - General/Nuisance														
Complaint Investigations Opened	7	7	5										19	52
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS														
Total Cases	8	4	3										15	43
Cases Related to FSE	0	0	3										3	19
BOH Penalties Assessed	\$49,525	\$5,700	\$1,500										\$56,725	\$123,600
BOH Penalties Collected	\$5,500	\$1,000	\$9,850										\$16,350	\$40,500
CUSTOMER SERVICE/SUPPORT														
Calls Received	499	441	645										1585	8359
Walk-In Customers	9	37	38										84	463
TCEH Emails Received	404	355	382										1141	5181
Applications Processed	83	125	179										387	1575
Payment Receipts Processed	49	97	156										302	1258
Renewals/Billings Sent	114	34	209										357	841

* As of 1/1/2022

** Includes Pre-op, Inspection, Re-inspection, HAACP, Sanitary Surveys (Doesn't include Co-Inspector/Field Visits)

Food Program Detailed Report:

The results of food service establishment inspections conducted in Tompkins County can be viewed directly on the Environmental Health website (<https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh/food#fsetable>). Inspections can be sorted to meet the needs of the viewer (by facility, date, etc.) by clicking on the column heading of interest.

The following plans were approved this period:

- Gimme Coffee @ Greenstar Collegetown, C-Ithaca

New permits were issued for the following facilities:

- Best Sweats Food Truck, Throughout Tompkins
- BRGR Hub, C-Ithaca
- Corner Brew, V-Dryden
- Wally's Wings & Things (Caterer), Throughout Tompkins

Boil Water Orders (BWOs):

Ongoing:

- In February 2022, a BWO was issued to Dollar General in North Lansing for operating a water system with TCHD approval. Enforcement action is pending.

Summary of Open BOH Enforcement Actions

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
3/28/23	Cayuga Café	Timothy Gammons	Food Service Establishment – Operating without a Permit	\$500	5/15/23	Monitoring Compliance
3/28/23	Old Mexico	357 Elmira Rd. LLC	Food Service Establishment – Violation of Board of Health Orders	\$800	5/15/23	Monitoring Compliance
3/28/23	U Tea	U Tea Corp.	Food Service Establishment – Repeat Critical Violations	\$200	5/15/23	Monitoring Compliance
2/28/23	North Applegate Apts	Gary Fischer	Public Water Supply – Modification of Water System Without Approval	\$1,600	Payment due 4/14/23	Monitoring Compliance
2/28/23	Benjamin Hill Heights MHP	MJD Good Neighbors, LLC	Mobile Home Park – Failure to Maintain Continuous Water Pressure	\$500 (waived if deadline met)	Complete modifications to water system as approved due 3/31/23	Monitoring Compliance
1/24/23	Applegate Park MHP	Joseph Giordano	Mobile Home Park – Operating without a Permit and Public Water Monitoring and Reporting Violations	\$475	Partial Payment due 3/15/23	Monitoring Compliance
1/24/23	Ithaca Convenience	Ithaca Convenience LLC	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$6,250 (Paid \$1250)	Payment due 4/14/23	Payment Plan Offered
1/24/23	Cayuga Smoke Shop	Cayuga Smoke Shop Inc.	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$9,250 (paid \$3,650)	Payment due 5/15/23	Payment Plan Offered
1/24/23	Ayra Convenience	Ayra Convenience Inc.	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$5,750	Payment due 3/15/23	Monitoring Compliance

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
1/24/23	Commons Market	J&C Wells, Inc.	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$4,250 (Paid \$1,850)	Payment due 5/15/23	Payment Plan Offered
1/24/23	Jason's Grocery & Deil	Jason Burnham	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$1,950	Payment due 3/15/23	Monitoring Compliance
12/6/22	Casper's Kitchen	Kevin Griffin	Food Service Establishment – Repeat Critical Violations	\$400	Payment due 1/13/23	Late Penalty Letter Pending
12/6/22	Newfield Estates MHP	Newfield Estates MHP, LLC	Mobile Home Park – Operating without a Permit	\$400	Payment due 1/13/23	Late Penalty Letter Pending
10/25/22	Dream Vape & Smoke	Dream Vape & Smoke LLC.	ATUPA Retailer- Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product and Sale of Nicotine to Person Under 21	\$71,500	Payment due 12/15/22	Referral to Collections Pending. Facility operating under a new LLC.
6/28/22	Dream Vape & Smoke	Dream Vape & Smoke LLC.	ATUPA Retailer- Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product and Sale of Nicotine to Person Under 21	\$2500	Payment due 8/15/22	Referral to Collections Pending. Facility operating under a new LLC.
6/28/22	TOSA Apartments	Tony Busse	Public Water Supply - Violation of Board of Health Orders for Failure to Maintain Disinfection and to Adhere to Monitoring Requirements	\$1500	Payment due 8/15/22	Late penalty notice sent.

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April 10, 2023

Cassidy Fox
Ithaca Hotels, LLC
371 Elmira Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

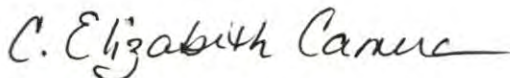
**Re: Tompkins County Board of Health Draft Resolution # EH-ENF-22-0055
Holiday Inn Express Pool, C-Ithaca**

Dear Cassidy Fox:

Thank you for signing the Stipulation Agreement on March 20, 2023, for the Holiday Inn Express's Pool. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Resolution that the Tompkins County Board of Health will consider at its meeting on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**.

You or a representative has the right to speak to the Board for a few minutes prior to them taking action. If you wish to speak to the Board in person or by zoom, please contact Kristee Morgan or me at (607) 274-6688 by Friday, April 21, 2023. If you plan to attend in person, please arrive by 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Sincerely,



C. Elizabeth Cameron, P.E.
Director of Environmental Health

Enclosures: Draft Resolution, Stipulation Agreement and Orders, Inspection Reports

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ec: Tompkins County Board of Health (via; Karan Palazzo, TCWH)
CEO C-Ithaca; Rich John, TC Legislature; TCWH: Elizabeth Cameron, P.E., Director of Environmental Health; Frank Kruppa, Whole Health Commissioner; Brenda Crosby, Deputy Public Health Director; Kristee Morgan; Mik Kern; Kate Walker, Skip Parr; Brenda Coyle
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Draft Resolution # EH-ENF-22-0055

**Holiday Inn Express Pool
Ithaca Hotels, LLC, Owner; Cassidy Fox, Manager
371 Elmira Rd., C-Ithaca, Ithaca, NY 14850**

Whereas, the owner/operator of a Swimming Pool must comply with the regulations established under Part 6-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, it is a critical violation of Part 6-1 of the NYSSC to fail to maintain a minimum chlorine level in the pool of 0.6 mg/l up to a pH of 7.8 and a minimum of 1.5 mg/l for a pH between 7.8 and 8.2; **and**

Whereas, on March 10, 2022, and December 19, 2022, the Environmental Health Division (EHD) observed critical violations of Subpart 6-1 of the NYSSC where there was a failure to provide the minimum disinfection residuals in the pool; **and**

Whereas, on March 10, 2022, the Holiday Inn Express was instructed to contact Environmental Health prior to reopening the pool to receive approval; **and**

Whereas, on December 19, 2022, the Holiday Inn Express pool was observed to be in operation without having first received approval from Environmental Health; **and**

Whereas, Anthony Pitts, Operator, signed a Stipulation Agreement with Whole Health Commissioner's Orders on March 20, 2023, agreeing that Holiday Inn Express violated these provisions of the New York State Sanitary Code; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That Ithaca Hotels, LLC. Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$400 for these violations, due by **June 15, 2023 (Do Not** submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Division of Environmental Health); **and**
2. Provide monthly logs to the Environmental Health Division by the 10th day of the following month showing that facility personnel with knowledge about pool operations is on premises at all times the pool is in use and conducting at least one visual check daily, prior to operation/use. The visual check shall confirm the pool is in compliance, including safety equipment and water quality. The personnel must sign the log and record the time of inspection and number of persons using the pool. The first log must be submitted by **April 10, 2023; and**
3. Provide proof of repair or replacement of the pool's acid feeder and flow meter to the Environmental Health Division by **April 31, 2023; and**
4. Maintain the chlorine level of the pool at 0.6 mg/l up to a pH of 7.8 and at a minimum of 1.5 mg/l for a pH between 7.8 and 8.2; **and**

5. Complete Monthly Operating Reports for the pool documenting chlorine and pH levels at least three times a day. Submit reports to the Environmental Health Division by the 10th day of the following month; **and**
6. Maintain skimmers so that they are properly working at all times; **and**
7. Provide an accurate pool chemistry test kit and tablets; **and**
8. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 6-1 of the NY State Code for Swimming Pools.



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REVISED STIPULATION AGREEMENT AND ORDERS # EH-ENF-22-0055

Holiday Inn Express Pool

Ithaca Hotels, LLC, Owner; Cassidy Fox, Manager
371 Elmira Rd., C-Ithaca, Ithaca, NY 14850

I, Cassidy Fox, as a representative for Holiday Inn Express, agree that on March 10, 2022, and December 19, 2022, the Holiday Inn Express was in violation of Subpart 6-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for failure to maintain the minimum disinfection levels for the swimming pool.

I agree to pay a penalty not to exceed \$400 for these violations following adoption of a resolution by the Board of Health. *(Do not submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Whole Health Department.)*

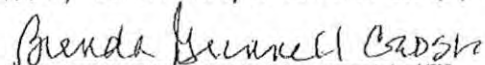
I also agree to comply with the following Orders when signed by the Tompkins County Whole Health Commissioner:

1. Provide monthly logs to the Environmental Health Division by the 10th day of the following month showing that facility personnel with knowledge about pool operations is on premises at all times the pool is in use and conducting at least one visual check daily, prior to operation/use. The visual check shall confirm the pool is in compliance, including safety equipment and water quality. The personnel must sign the log and record the time of inspection and number of persons using the pool. The first log must be submitted by **March 10, 2023; and**
2. Provide proof of repair or replacement of the pool's acid feeder and flow meter to the Environmental Health Division by **March 31, 2023; and**
3. Maintain the chlorine level of the pool at 0.6 mg/l up to a pH of 7.8 and at a minimum of 1.5 mg/l for a pH between 7.8 and 8.2; **and**
4. Complete Monthly Operating Reports for the pool documenting chlorine and pH levels at least three times a day. Submit reports to the Environmental Health Division by the 10th day of the following month; **and**
5. Maintain skimmers so that they are properly working at all times; **and**
6. Provide an accurate pool chemistry test kit and tablets; **and**
7. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 6-1 of the NY State Code for Swimming Pools.

I understand this agreement is offered as an alternative to a formal administrative hearing and that Ithaca Hotels, LLC is subject to further action if I fail to comply with the orders.

Signed:  Date: 3-20-23

Ithaca Hotels, LLC is hereby ordered to comply with these Orders of the Whole Health Commissioner.

Signed:  Date: 3/21/23
for Frank Kruppa
Whole Health Commissioner

Diversity Through Inclusion

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CASE SUMMARY – FOR RESOLUTION # EH-ENF-22-0055

**Holiday Inn Express Pool
Cassidy Fox, Operator; Ithaca Hotels, LLC, Owner
371 Elmira Road, C-Ithaca
Ithaca, NY 14850**

December 2022 - Swimming Pool

Date	Action
01/31/2023	Pre-Operational inspection by TCEH. Disinfection level was satisfactory, pool was allowed to open for use.
12/19/2022	Inspection by TCEH. Violation: See attached inspection report
03/11/2022	Field visit by TCEH. Pool observed to be closed, minimum disinfection level was not restored. Operator informed that pool could not reopen until approved by TCEH. See attached inspection report.
03/10/2022	Re-inspection by TCEH. Violation: See attached inspection report.
02/15/2022	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited, several non-critical items cited.
04/08/2021	Re-inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
03/10/2021	Inspection by TCEH. Violation: Minimum disinfection level was not provided.
01/23/2020	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
11/17/2019	Re-inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
07/25/2019	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
03/12/2019	Re-inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
03/04/2019	Inspection by TCEH. Violation: Minimum disinfection level was not provided.
03/22/2018	Re-inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
01/25/2018	Inspection by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
04/03/2017	Field Visit by TCEH. No critical violations cited.
01/06/2017	Inspection by TCEH. Violation: Filtration and disinfection equipment were not in continuous operation.
10/28/2016	Permit to operate Holiday Inn Express Pool issued to Ithaca Hotels, LLC.

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Swimming Pool Inspection Summary Report

Operation: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS POOL (ID: 946086)
Facility Name: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ITHACA
Facility Code: 54-0637 Facility Email: hieithaca@yahoo.com
Facility Address: 371 Elmira Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

To the Attention of:

Cassidy Fox
ITHACA HOTELS, LLC
371 Elmira Rd
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Email: hieithaca@yahoo.com

Inspection

Date: February 15, 2022 04:05 PM
Inspector: Mikhail Kern (mkern@tomkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Anthony Pitts
Additional Email(s): cassidy.hiex@yahoo.com

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found:	0
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected:	0
Number of Other Violations Found:	7

Reinspection is not Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

NO PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED

RECORDS/SIGNS

ITEM #19 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Operation Records Maintained - Submitted {6-1.21(c)}

Inspector Findings: Monthly Operating Reports (MORs) not submitted every month and were not available at time of inspection.
Correction: MORs must be submitted by the 10th of the following month and must be available on site.
Operator intends to email MORs to inspector.

POOL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ITEM #23 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Lifesaving Equipment Adequate/Accessible, Lifeguard Chairs {6-1.23(b)}

Inspector Findings: Observed both ring buoys without ropes attached.
Correction: ring buoys must have attached ropes to facilitate rescue.
Operator intends to reattach ropes.

POOL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ITEM #36 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Overflow System/ Skimmer - Weirs, Valves, Baskets Maintained {6-1.10(g), (h)}

Inspector Findings: Observed skimmer weir nearest to hallway not freely floating. No foam observed to allow for floating.
Correction: Weirs must be able to freely float in order to pull water adequately.
Operator intends to replace foam.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #46 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Filters Properly Operated, Maintained; Flow Meter Maintained {6-1.10(a), 6-1.11(b)}

Inspector Findings: Flow meter observed not functioning. Correction: Flow meter must be maintained in order to verify adequate turnover rate.
Operator intends to replace flow meter.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #47 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Chemical Feed Equipment Operated/Maintained {6-1.11(c)(1), (2), (d), 6-1.10(a), (b)}

Inspector Findings: Acid feeder not observed to be functioning or maintained.
Correction: Equipment must be maintained in proper working order.
pH measured within acceptable range. Operator intends to clean and refill acid feeder.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #49 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Chemicals Approved, Proper Storage/Handling/Labeling {6-1.11(c)(1)-(4), (d)}

Inspector Findings: Observed muriatic acid and sodium bisulfate stored next to chlorine products.
Correction: Acid and chlorine products must be stored in such a way to prevent possible mixing.
Operator moved acid to other side of filter room.

SUPERVISION/STAFF

ITEM #54 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Qualified Pool Operator on Duty {6-1.2(l), 6-1.21(a), (b)}

Inspector Findings: No knowledgeable pool operator present at start of inspection.
Correction: Knowledgeable pool operator must be present at all times that the pool is open to ensure safe operation of pool.
Manager was called in for inspection. Discussed training other staff in pool operation.

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Supervision Level at Time of Inspection: IV
Temporary Residence / Campground: Yes

Water Chemistry

Disinfectant: Chlorine

Free Cl/Br (mg/L) 3.7 Combined Cl (mg/L) 0.75
pH 8.1

Comments: Part 1: No critical violations observed.
Part 2: Violations observed of Items 19, 23, 36, 46, 47, 49, and 54 observed.
No reinspection required.



Inspector: Mikhail Kern (mkern@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Anthony Pitts

Swimming Pool Inspection Summary Report

Operation: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS POOL (ID: 946086)
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To the Attention of:

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Re-Inspection

Date: March 10, 2022 10:15 AM
Inspector: Michael Robson (mrobson@tom-pkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Anthony Pitts
Additional Email(s): frontdesk.hiex@yahoo.com

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found:	1
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected:	1
Number of Other Violations Found:	2

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM # 2 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Minimum Disinfectant Residual Provided {6-1.4(b)(2)}

Inspector Findings: Free chlorine measured at .59 mg/L. with a pH of 8.0

Correction: Free chlorine must be maintained at .6 mg/L up to a pH of 7.8. When pH is between 7.8 and 8.2, free chlorine must be maintained at a minimum of 1.5 mg/L.

Operator closed pool until minimum disinfection is established and rechecked by TCHD staff.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #46 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Filters Properly Operated, Maintained; Flow Meter Maintained {6-1.10(a), 6-1.11(b)}

Inspector Findings: Flow meter not functioning.

Correction: Flow meter must be properly maintained and in working order.

Operator indicated that a new flow meter has been ordered, but not yet received.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #47 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Chemical Feed Equipment Operated/Maintained {6-1.11(c)(1), (2), (d), 6-1.10(a), (b)}

Inspector Findings: Acid feeder still not functioning since last inspection.

Correction: Equipment must be properly maintained and in working order.

Operator indicated that service has been scheduled for the acid feeder.

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Supervision Level at Time of Inspection: IV
Temporary Residence / Campground: Yes

Water Chemistry Disinfectant: Chlorine

Free Cl/Br (mg/L) .59 Combined Cl (mg/L) .18
pH 8.0

Comments: Part 1: One critical violation of item 2.

Part 2: One violation each of items 46 and 47.

Reinspection Required.



Inspector: Michael Robson (mrobson@tomkins-co.org)



Received by: Anthony Pitts

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Re-Inspection

Date: December 19, 2022 10:25 AM
Inspector: Mikhail Kern (mkern@tom-pkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Anthony Pitts
Additional Email(s): frontdeskithex@yahoo.com; kmorgan@tom-pkins-co.org

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found:	2
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected:	0
Number of Other Violations Found:	5

Reinspection is Required

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM # 2 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Minimum Disinfectant Residual Provided {6-1.4(b)(2)}

Inspector Findings: Chlorine level in pool measured at 0.48ppm with a pH of 8.3.
Correction: Free chlorine must be maintained at .6 mg/L up to a pH of 7.8. When pH is between 7.8 and 8.2, free chlorine must be maintained at a minimum of 1.5 mg/L.
Operator closed pool until minimum disinfection is established and rechecked by TCHD staff.

PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

ITEM #15 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Part or parts of the item were observed to be in violation which were corrected at the time of inspection.

Code Requirements: Other {6-1.4(b)(17)}

Inspector Findings: No knowledgeable pool operator present at start of inspection. Repeat violation from February inspection.
Correction: Knowledgeable pool operator must be present at all times that the pool is open to ensure safe operation of pool.
Pool operator arrived towards the end of the inspection.

POOL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ITEM #23 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Lifesaving Equipment Adequate/Accessible, Lifeguard Chairs {6-1.23(b)}

Inspector Findings: Observed ring buoy nearest road without ropes attached.
Correction: ring buoys must have attached ropes to facilitate rescue.

POOL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ITEM #36 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Overflow System/ Skimmer - Weirs, Valves, Baskets Maintained {6-1.10(g), (h)}

Inspector Findings: Observed skimmer weir nearest to hallway not freely floating. No foam observed to allow for floating.
Correction: Weirs must be able to freely float in order to pull water adequately.
Repeated violations can upgrade this to a critical violation.

POOL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ITEM #39 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Test Kits/Testing - Adequate {6-1.11(c)(5)}

Inspector Findings: Observed OTO colorimeter and test tablets.
Correction: DPD test tablets and colorimeter must be used to measure chlorine accurately.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #46 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Filters Properly Operated, Maintained; Flow Meter Maintained {6-1.10(a), 6-1.11(b)}

Inspector Findings: Flow meter observed not functioning.
Correction: Flow meter must be maintained in order to verify adequate turnover rate.
Repeated violations can upgrade this to a critical violation.

FILTER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

ITEM #47 WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S).

All or parts of the item are violations.

Code Requirements: Chemical Feed Equipment Operated/Maintained {6-1.11(c)(1), (2), (d), 6-1.10(a), (b)}

Inspector Findings: Acid feeder not observed to be functioning or maintained.
Correction: Equipment must be maintained in proper working order.
Repeated violations can upgrade this to a critical violation.

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Supervision Level at Time of Inspection: IV


Temporary Residence / Campground: Yes

Water Chemistry

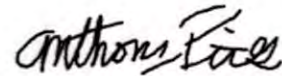
Disinfectant: Chlorine

Free Cl/Br (mg/L) 0.48 Combined Cl (mg/L) 0.0
pH 8.3



Comments: Part 1: Critical violations observed of Items 2 and 15.
Part 2: Violations observed of 23, 36, 39, 46, and 47.
Item 49 corrected from previous inspection. Emergency phone observed in working order.
Reinspection required. Pool to remain closed. Please call Heath Department at 607-274-6688 to further discuss reopening.
Enforcement to follow.



Inspector: Mikhail Kern (mkern@tom-pkins-co.org)



Received by: Anthony Pitts

Photo	Caption
	<p>Chlorinator Off</p>
	<p>Acid Feeder Error</p>