



Meeting Agenda

TCBOH Meeting April 23, 2024

12:00	I.	Call To Order	Dr. Christina Moylan, Board President
12:01	II.	Privilege Of The Floor	Anyone may address the Board. 3 minutes per person.
12:04	III.	Approval Of Minutes	Board Members
12:06	IV.	Financial Summary	Jeremy Porter, Fiscal Administrator
12:09	V.	Medical Director's Report	Dr. William Klepack, Medical Director
12:12	VI.	Commissioners Shared Report	Frank Kruppa, Whole Health Commissioner
12:15	VII.	Division Highlights Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Health (Rachel Buckwalter)• Health Promotion Program (Samantha Hillson)• Children with Special Care Needs (Jessica Clark Manderville)• Environmental Health (Elizabeth Cameron)

12:30 VIII. [New Business](#)

Environmental Health (EH) (15 mins.)

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

1. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0002 – Ithaca Press, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)
2. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0006 - Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso, Violations of Subparts 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Public Water) (5 mins.)

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Encampment Notice of Violations #EH-NOV-24-0010 & EH-NOV-24-0011 - Violation of Article IV of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code (Refuse Disposal) (5 mins.)

12:45 IX. [Other Actions](#)

1. Whole Health and Overdoses Presentation (20 mins.)

1:05 X. [Adjournment](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Tompkins County Board of Health
March 26, 2024
12:00 Noon
Rice Conference Room and via Zoom**

Present: Christina Moylan, Ph.D., President; Melissa Dhundale, MD, Vice-President; Edward Koppel, MD; Shawna Black; Susan Merkel; Samara Touchton; Andreia de Lima, MD; and Ravinder Kingra.

Staff: Frank Kruppa, Commissioner; Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Deputy Public Health Director; Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Services; Jeremy Porter, Fiscal Administrator; Elizabeth Cameron, Director of Environmental Health; Rachel Buckwalter, Director of Community Health; Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion Program; Jessica Clark Mandeville, Director of Children with Special Care Needs; and Karan Palazzo, LGU Administrative Assistant.

Excused:

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: None

Approval of January 23, 2024, Minutes: Mr. Kingra moved to approve January 23, 2024, minutes; second by Ms. Merkel. The vote to approve the January 23, 2024, meeting minutes as written was unanimously approved; the motion carried.

Financial Summary: Mr. Porter was greeted with a warm welcome of introductions by the Board in his initial financial summary report to the Board. Mr. Porter referred to the written report included in the packet with nothing to add.

Medical Director's Report and Discussion: Dr. Klepack was not present. On behalf of Dr. Klepack, Mr. Kruppa reported that Nassau County has identified a measles case.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa reported on the suspension of services at the Alcohol and Drug Council on February 26, 2024. The transitioning of clients to other care is complete and focuses on closing down the organization. Decisions are being made on all their funded services which include prevention, an outpatient clinic, and a detox/stabilization facility. Request for Proposals (RFP) will go out to find alternative providers. The County and OASAS are committed to getting the detox/stabilization facility open and the County envisions it to be a holistic model to include both mental health and substance use.

Dr. Dhundale asked that teens and youths be included in any expanded services for substance use. He will follow if youths 11-12 are included. Mr. Kruppa explained the RFP process.

Mr. Kruppa responded to a question on the 2024 budget noting that the biggest impact will be on early interventions with a proposed increase of 5% and then an additional 4% in *high-need areas*. He is unsure of what high-need areas are identified as but they were looking for an 11% increase vs. 9%.

The Opioid Settlement Funds RFP, through the Local Governing Unit (LGU), to provide wrap-around services for individuals who are active in the crisis system has closed. Catholic Charities was the selected vendor and is going through the legislature for approval.

The Outreach Worker Program RFP, which expanded to include not only the downtown area, but the entire county, has closed. The applications are under review and the program should be operational within a few months.

Release of 5-Year Unintentional Fatal Overdose Data - Data has been posted on the Opioid resource page of the Tompkins County Whole Health webpage [Unintentional Fatal Overdoses \(2019-2023\)](#). The data demonstrates trends and provides relevant demographic information about those who died from drug overdose during the last five years.

The Medical Examiner's data identified demographic data for those who unintentionally fatally overdosed as an immediate cause of death. The data shows yearly totals, the months in which deaths occurred, and include demographics such as age, race and ethnicity, education level, location of death, occupational status, marital status, veteran status, and hospitalizations within 2 months before death.

Mr. Kruppa highlighted the disproportionate number of Black Americans dying from opioid overdoses (18/100) 18% and only 8% of our total population with most having occupations as food service workers. The data allows for outreach and education around that workforce population. He hopes for a larger data project where the data is not controlled by the medical examiner and will include data that does not result in death. Without the resource capacity to take Protector Health Information (PHI), they will partner with Cayuga Health Partners.

Ms. Black voiced her concern about not being informed of unavailable resources to present data on how many people are dying of overdoses in the community. She believes resources can be obtained through the legislature to hire someone to look at the data, present the data, and who will have ideas and ways to reduce overdose deaths. She believes this Board must be more proactive.

Mr. Kruppa acknowledges her concerns and agrees that more needs to be done but notes that they do not have control over outside sources. Publicized information is not always accurate, and they seek to improve communication and messaging around drug-related issues despite a lack of access to data and other challenges. He contacted the State Office of Drug User Health who reported no spikes in their database in our community.

Mr. Kruppa answered a question on the availability of NARCAN which is available at CARS, REACH Medical, STAP, the Mental Health Clinic, and local pharmacies. It is important to use data to make

informed decisions about drug use and awareness and also how to effectively use the available data. Everyone is impacted.

Suggestions/Questions from the Board - How will we use more data and what other data is needed/missing; in what ways can the Board be more proactive; should an MHP be hired to handle overdose prevention; create informational/social media platforms; reach out to other counties; and what are the next steps? Ms. Black feels we must also include an educational factor and effective ongoing communication with law enforcement and the health department.

Mr. Kruppa expresses interest in the suggestions in consideration of the development of the budget.

Dr. Moylan suggested agenda topics about overdose data for next month's meeting: A reflection on how Public Health provides information and communication strategies; How can the Board be more proactive and helpful; and how the health department can position itself relative to providing information.

Division for Community Health (DCH) Report: Ms. Buckwalter had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. The CDC issued new guidance on COVID-19. She confirmed the measles case in Nassau County on an unvaccinated child who was not traveling. She noted that 95% of school-aged children are vaccinated.

DCH internally promoted a nurse to a senior nurse position and is looking to fill that current vacant nurse position. They still have one senior nurse position open.

Health Promotion Program Report: Ms. Hillson was not available.

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN) Report: Jessica Clarke Manderville, reported they are gathering data from providers regarding retention and recruitment. The New York State Billing System is transitioning to a new system in June 2024 which may cause some challenges.

Environmental Health Report: Ms. Cameron had nothing to add to her report.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Enforcement Actions:

Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-23-0027 - Pizza & Bones, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) – Dr. Dhundale moved to accept the friendly amendment; seconded by Dr. Koppel.

Ms. Cameron said this is a friendly amendment to change the date from May 15th to June 15th.

All were in favor of the friendly amendment to change the date from May 15th to June 15; the vote to approve was unanimous.

Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0001 - Argos Inn, Violations of Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Temporary Residence) – Ms. Merkel moved to accept the friendly amendment; seconded by Dr. de Lima.

Ms. Cameron said this is a friendly amendment to change the date from April 15th to May 15th.

All were in favor of the friendly amendment to change the date from April 15th to May 15; the vote to approve was unanimous.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 @ Noon.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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See following page

Tompkins County Financial Report for Public Health

Year: 24

Month: 3

Percentage of Year: **25.00%**

		Expenditures			Revenues			Local Share		
		Budget	Paid YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%	Budget	YTD	%
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,429,477	409,772	16.87%	700,176	20	0.00%	1,729,301	409,752	23.69%
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	584,417	77,742	13.30%	584,417	3,230	0.55%	0	74,512	
4015	VITAL RECORDS	86,719	12,432	14.34%	115,000	18,493	16.08%	-28,281	-6,061	21.43%
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,963,567	208,914	10.64%	584,002	26,031	4.46%	1,379,565	182,883	13.26%
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	196,787	29,647	15.07%	191,525	0		5,262	29,647	563.42%
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	2,052,743	195,413	9.52%	822,852	3,381	0.41%	1,229,891	192,032	15.61%
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2,204,379	309,496	14.04%	603,064	33,293	5.52%	1,601,315	276,203	17.25%
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	0	0		0	0		0	0	
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID				2,092,706	0		-2,092,706	0	
Non-Mandate		9,518,089	1,243,416	13.06%	5,693,742	84,448	1.48%	3,824,347	1,158,969	30.31%
2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,442,000	271,140	4.98%	3,450,000	24,020	0.70%	1,992,000	247,121	12.41%
4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	375,865	2,600	0.69%	0	0		375,865	2,600	0.69%
4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	503,000	55,532	11.04%	130,000	0		373,000	55,532	14.89%
Mandate		6,320,865	329,272	5.21%	3,580,000	24,020	0.67%	2,740,865	305,252	11.14%
Total Public Health		15,838,954	1,572,688	9.93%	9,273,742	108,467	1.17%	6,565,212	1,464,221	22.30%

BALANCES (Including Encumbrances)

		Available Budget	Revenues Needed			Available Budget	Revenues Needed
Non Mandate				Mandate			
4010	PH ADMINISTRATION	2,012,712	700,156	2960	PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATI	5,170,860	3,425,980
4012	WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN	488,621	581,188	4017	MEDICAL EXAMINER PROGRAM	304,932	0
4015	VITAL RECORDS	74,145	96,507	4054	EARLY INTERV (BIRTH-3)	447,469	130,000
4016	COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,748,724	557,971			5,923,260	3,555,980
4018	HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROG	167,049	191,525				
4047	PLNG. & COORD. OF C.S.N.	1,855,904	819,471	Total Public Health Balances			
4090	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	1,888,406	569,771			Available Budget	Revenues Needed
4092	PUB HLTH COVID SCHOOL GRN	0	0			14,158,821	9,165,275
4095	PUBLIC HEALTH STATE AID	0	2,092,706				
		8,235,561	5,609,294				

Comments: March includes payroll through March 16. Will begin processing first quarter grant claims in April. Closeout of 2023 financials is almost complete. Anticipate 2023 final financial report in April.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

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Community Engagement

PRESENTATION

On April 9th I delivered a presentation to a small audience at Lifelong regarding harm reduction, substance use disorder with reference to cannabis, and MRTA (the Marijuana Restitution and Taxation Act of 2021).

RECENT INTERVIEWS ON WHCU

- Measles – current concerns and strategies with a focus on vaccination
- Safety during the Total Eclipse

Communicable Disease Report

Notably Lyme disease continues to be reported at a higher incidence than prior years. My practitioner bulletins emphasize this and our public health messaging.

Reminder: RSV is a new addition to the report which is why zero cases show for prior years.

MEASLES

3 cases have been reported recently. The public is urged to ensure they are adequately vaccinated. If planning a trip internationally to a region with elevated measles risk, they should discuss preventive measures with their practitioner including vaccination of children under 12 months of age.

One case arose in an unvaccinated child acquired in the US with no international travel factors. The source of their infection remains unknown. Symptoms were fever, cough, conjunctivitis, and vomiting with the rash beginning in the region of the mouth and spreading downward and outward to the whole body. MMR had been refused on multiple occasions by the parents. This is the first case in NYS in which a resident was not related to travel. We tested many of the contacts of the index and found them to be immune. Others were born before 1957. No post-exposure prophylaxis was needed for these two groups. A total of 150 exposed individuals were uncovered by public health including some in healthcare locations. Postexposure prophylaxis was offered to susceptible contacts. One contact of that infected child has developed a fever and is being investigated as a secondary measles case. A [NYSDOH practitioner advisory](#) was sent out on 3/26/24.

Another case arose in a 10-month-old who traveled to Pakistan. Contacts have been traced by public health and postexposure prophylaxis has been given.

And another in an older individual was traced to an exposure in Chicago. This individual reported having had 2 MMRs.

These cases highlight the need to increase our vaccination rates in the general population, especially in young children. The target vaccination rate to prevent community spread is 95%. We are falling short of that goal as seen in the [NYS county map in the appendix](#).

My practitioner bulletins often highlight the need to keep our vaccination rates up.

INFLUENZA

As of April 9th: No further NYS pediatric deaths (total of 12 this season so far). A further decrease in cases is occurring but influenza is still widespread in 56 counties and NYC boroughs.

- 8,790 lab-confirmed flu cases, a 7% decrease from the prior week
- 44% Flu A
- 56% Flu B
- For the 20th consecutive week, it is widespread (flu cases were reported in 61 counties. 56 upstate, and all 5 boroughs of NYC)

The season is winding down but here is a **Caveat** – with the increase in the use of respiratory panels to detect disease it has become apparent that in spring/summer there is more flu around than was previously evident. In the [Appendix: Positive RSV lab results](#) by week, 2023-24

H1N1 IN LIVESTOCK AND AVIAN INFLUENZA

A continuing story. So far, there are no critical issues relating to human infection from animals.

Purchases off the web, internationally, and over the counter

The common denominator of these purchases is that they are not regulated by the FDA and their safety, and purity is not guaranteed. The risks to the public are many (e.g., bacterial/viral contamination, lead, and other toxic chemicals being in them). Here are two examples:

- Infection: Mycobacteria infection was acquired from a product purchased online.
- Lead poisoning: woman dies of lead exposure from a skin cream purchased internationally <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDC/DEOD/DCID/DCID/Pages/EIS/Alert-Hemorrhoid-Ointment-from-Vietnam.aspx#:~:text=A%20woman%20in%20Sacramento%20developed,Lead%20is%20toxic>

All treatments, and supplements purchased over the counter, by the web, or otherwise internationally should cause the purchaser to be wary and have a health professional look at the ingredients and comment on the wisdom of the purchase.

COMMISSIONER SHARED REPORT

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Whole Health Highlights

- We are preparing to launch our first CFTs (cross-functional teams) under the new Strategic Plan! These teams will be focused on topics such as internal efficiency, client needs, and communication. Currently, we're working on identifying Senior Leadership mentors and preparing the charter documents for each team. Stay tuned for more updates about the work these teams will be doing over the next few months!
- Whole Health staff recently gave a presentation to the Substance Use Subcommittee alongside some of our other community partners (including CARS and REACH). The presentation focused on our recently released data around Unintentional Overdose Fatalities, and featured a recap of funded Opioid Settlement projects as well as reviewed the community feedback collected by the OTF. Moving forward, we aim to continue this dialogue with the Subcommittee and other community partners as we work to enhance our data project with upstream indicators.

Shared Topics Update

Strategic Planning/Merger

CULTURE:

Align the organization around our shared mission and values-based culture to create an empowered, engaged, and cohesive team.

- Our DEIB Cross-functional Team finalized their recommendations for Senior Leadership after meeting regularly for over six months. Some of the top recommendations included developing a framework/commitment to DEIB as an organization, as well as exploring a standardized approach to demographic data collection. This team has worked very hard to help us really dig our hands into this complex, wide-reaching topic, and we're excited to see what these teams can do next!

COMMUNITY:

Strengthen the collaborative effort within Tompkins County to equitably impact individual and population health.

- Staff have been hard at work bringing our Community Health Improvement process (CHI Tompkins) to life! In late March, we hosted the first "Community Visioning" Event at TCPL, which had a great turnout of community members who shared their thoughts about "what makes a

healthy community". The "Community Visioning" events are a part of the Community Health Improvement Plan process.

CSB Update

- No report this month.

[Commissioner Report Appendix](#)

DIVISION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Highlights

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Summary of notable CD investigations in March:
 - Campylobacter: 1 case, 43 yo with a recurring abscess as well as systemic infection, not related to travel
 - Yersiniosis: 1 case, 68 yo with co-morbidities and symptom onset 6-7 weeks prior, followed by GI provider and needing medication, no hospitalization
 - Giardia: 1 case, 23 yo, with travel to three countries in S. America, required medication, no hospitalization
 - Strep Group A invasive: 2 cases: 1–76 yo, hospitalized, underlying co-morbidities, recovered. 2–5 yo, two ED visits and transfer to Upstate, recovered. Had the flu prior to this infection
 - Strep Group B Invasive: 1 case, resident of a nursing home, 83 yo with multiple co-morbidities, able to return to nursing home after 7-day hospital stay

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Planning is underway to provide two Covid vaccination clinics in April. There will be a clinic at Brookdale Memory Care on April 22nd and a clinic at McGraw House on April 25th. These organizations reached out to CHS due to having several residents who are homebound and do not have any other way to access Covid vaccination.
- CHS collaborated with the communications team to design ads which will run in Ithaca Teen and Ithaca Child publications in the upcoming months. These ads promote HPV vaccination and keeping up to date with routine vaccinations in preparation for back to school.

INFECTION CONTROL

- Rachel Buckwalter, Director of CHS, participated in an infection control training called “Project Firstline” in Corning on March 6th. The goal of this training was to “train the trainer” to educate community groups on the importance of infection control. The training included information on source control, ventilation, surface cleaning, emerging strains of Covid, and proper use of multi-dose vials to minimize contamination. This training was sponsored by NYSACHO and included use of a CDC approved curriculum.

ORAL HEALTH

- The Tompkins County Youth Oral Health survey is in its distribution phase and will close to the public on April 12th at 5 pm. Results from this survey will be analyzed and shared with BOH regarding dental care gaps in Tompkins County.
- Sagarika Vemprala, graduate public health fellow, presented a training to CHS nurses and community health workers at the CHS department meeting on March 21st. This training was titled “Promoting Oral Health in Home Visit Settings” and included teaching on brushing, flossing, nutrition, and fluoride use in pregnant women and young children, with the goal of preventing dental caries.

STAFFING

- Caryl Silberman was promoted to Senior Community Health Nurse and started her new position on April 1st. Congratulations Caryl! Caryl will be managing the communicable disease program and the Moms PLUS+ program.
- There are currently two vacancies within CHS. We are recruiting for a Community Health Nurse to fill Caryl’s vacated position and we are also recruiting for another Senior Community Health Nurse.

WIC

- In March we filled the vacant WIC clerk position. New WIC clerk Bea Ives started on March 18th.
- We served 438 individuals in the month of March. There were 34 new applicants to the program, of which 25 were successfully enrolled.

Program Updates

SAFECARE PROGRAM

- One family completed the SafeCare curriculum. This is a significant accomplishment as it means the family completed 18 home visits from a nurse over the course of six months and demonstrated mastery of skills that were taught.
- We received a new SafeCare referral from DSS and have started visits with this family.

MOMS PLUS+

- Moms PLUS+ nurses completed 44 home visits during the month of March and admitted 15 new clients to the program in March.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- 11 adults and 14 children were vaccinated in our on-site Friday immunization clinic during the month of March.
- VFC and VFA provider agreements were submitted to NYSDOH and were approved for the next year.

RABIES

- 8 rabies vaccinations were administered during the month of March. These were due to exposures to bats in people's homes.

LEAD

- The Lead Poisoning Prevention Network committee met on March 21st. The group collaborated on designing banners for display on buildings around the county that will educate the community on sources of lead and how to prevent lead poisoning. The group is also working on designing a rack card for distribution that will provide information on lead poisoning prevention.
- There are 13 children currently receiving nurse case management for elevated blood lead levels. There were no new admissions in the month of March.

HIV

- 3 HIV tests were performed at TCWH in March
- 1 HIV test was performed at STAP in March

[CHS Appendix](#)

- NYSDOH Communicable Disease Reports
- WIC Caseload table

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM

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Highlights

- The Health Planning Council held a community engagement meeting on March 11 where HiP Tompkins and CHI Tompkins (Community Health Improvement) presented overviews of these initiatives and opportunities for community members. This meeting also included a presentation about the Health Transformations Grant in partnership with Human Services Coalition and Cayuga Health.
- A Community Visioning event was held on March 22 during the Health Planning Council's Community Health and Access meeting. Community visioning is one of the first activities in the MAPP 2.0 process for community health improvement. Participants discussed two questions: who is in our community and if Tompkins County achieved health equity in 5 years, what would it look like? The Steering Committee plans to hold other events and some opportunities for passive input from the community (eg. at libraries).
- Participated in the Transportation Solutions stakeholder meeting to hear survey results and provide input.

STAFFING

- Vacancy in HiP Tompkins

Program Updates

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

- Attended private Well Repair webinar – consideration for incorporating this program into HNP for future grant year.
- Continued partnership with Tompkins Community Action. All 23 units have been supported by HNP services
- Continued Collaboration with Department of Planning and Sustainability for distribution of induction cooktops to HNP clients with asthma which cook with natural gas or propane
- HNP continues to receive many calls from the press release during Radon Action Awareness month/Radon Awareness Week

TOBACCO FREE TOMPKINS COUNTY

- "Save your breath for the things you love to do" campaign posters have now been distributed throughout the county.

- Posters are now hanging in Ithaca schools, Dryden schools and in community settings (Ithaca Youth Bureau, Tompkins County Public Library, Newfield library, GIAC, etc.)

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW) AND HIP TOMPKINS PROGRAMS

- Presentation at Health Planning Council on 3/11, highlighting the Community Action Board (CAB)
- Planning for CAB project with Dr. Nia Nunn – Sister Circle during Black Maternal Health Week

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) & COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

- Presentation at Health Planning Council and Community Health and Access meetings
- Subcommittees of the Steering Committee were decided on and in development: Data, Process, and Engagement
- Future Community Health Visioning in-person and virtual events and passive data collection (eg. poster and survey at libraries) in development.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Launch of Unintentional Fatal Overdose Data Dashboard (3/19/24), met with Overdose Prevention unit of NYS DOH
- Continued collaboration with Community Partners to support organizational efforts of annual “Better Together for Mental Health” community event (to be held May 11th, Stewart Park, 11am-3pm)
- Participated in POD Drill setup (3/15/24)
- Solar Eclipse planning, communication with libraries
- Development of lead awareness rack card and poster

HPP Appendix

- Opioids, Monthly overdose calls to 911
- CHWs
- HNP, Monthly Activity table
- COVID-19
- Media
 - [Press releases](#)
- Outreach and Training (all staff)
- Committee and Partnership Meetings

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CARE NEEDS

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Highlights

Staff Training:

- March 5th – Structural Racism conversation at TCWH
- EI Hub is set to Launch on June 3rd and will replace NYEIS for all EI billing and records sharing impacting the county, agencies, and all the EI providers. Staff have continued to access the Learning Management System (LMS) for trainings.
- March 14th Program Supervisors attended a Statewide EICC Meeting for updates on program and policies.

Program Updates

EARLY INTERVENTION

- Early Intervention Provider shortage continues and worsens with the EI Hub announcement. A few therapists have already stated that they will not be continuing with EI after the EI Hub is launched. Other counties are also seeing this trend.
- Budget to hire 2 Speech Therapist, 1 Special Instruction Teacher, 1 Physical Therapist, and .20 FTE shared Social Worker with Mental Health.
 - Currently the postings were re-opened.
 - There have been limited responses to the positions and it is currently under departmental discussion where to go from here.
 - A survey was sent out to all EI providers, current and past, for their rating of importance on how to sustain and possibly draw back therapists to the EIP with potential options provided by the county.
- Early Intervention experiencing wait lists for all specialties.
- Long wait list: Speech (45), Feeding (5), OT (14), PT (7), SI (24), SW (4)
- Referrals received March: 33
- EI referrals received today are not able to have a core evaluation done until July or August of 2024 as there are only 4 core slots available each week. NYS had a 45-day timeline from date of referral to evaluation date. We are outside this indicator for every case.

- We reached out to past agencies that had contracted with us for cores, one is interested and is looking at their availability.
- Currently serving 192 active/qualified children in Early Intervention. 6 Total Child Find Cases
- One position for a Community Health Nurse remains open.

[CSCN Appendix](#)

- Statistics based on Calendar Year
- Early Intervention Program statistical highlights
- Preschool Special Education Program statistical highlights

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Highlights

Notices of Violation (NOVs) for Part of the Ithaca Encampment Area:

On April 9, EH issued Notices of Violation to the City of Ithaca and Watco (who manages the railroad property) for the area between Taber Street and the railroad. EH has received multiple complaints about the encampment and investigated this situation. Considering the complexity of the situation, we limited the scope of the NOVs to this area where some of the most significant violations from a public and environmental health perspective have been observed. We met with the City and Watco prior to issuing the NOVs to discuss our concerns and the focus on this area and will continue to work with them as they address this issue. In accordance with the NOV, the City and Watco will need to submit a plan and timeline by May 10 to clean up the property. The cleanup is a very complicated undertaking. Some factors include campers that have been living in the area, there is no ready vehicular access, wet weather can preclude equipment access, there are multiple types of waste materials to be dealt with and, for material in the waterways, NYSDEC permits will be required. The NOV requires initial action to be taken within 30 days of approval of the plan and a timeline for full cleanup. The NOV also requires a plan for maintaining the area.

Falsified Water Sample Report:

On March 15, Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso/Brewer's Kitchen and Taproom, a regulated water supply and permitted restaurant, submitted a falsified laboratory report for water bacteriological samples. Brewer's handed Environmental Health Specialist Tom Palmer a laboratory report when Palmer was on-site inspecting their water system. Brewer's mentioned that they thought they had also done their annual nitrate sample. Later that day, EH reached out to Community Sciences Institute (CSI) laboratory to see if CSI had the nitrate report. During this conversation, CSI said they didn't have anything from Brew 22 after April 2023. The lab report that had been handed to Palmer was for a November water sample. We provided CSI with a copy of the lab report, who determined that the report had been falsified. CSI's letter to us is included in Resolution # EH-ENF-24-0006 on the April Board of Health agenda. As noted in the enforcement action, Brewer's submitted two additional lab reports that were also determined by CSI to be falsified.

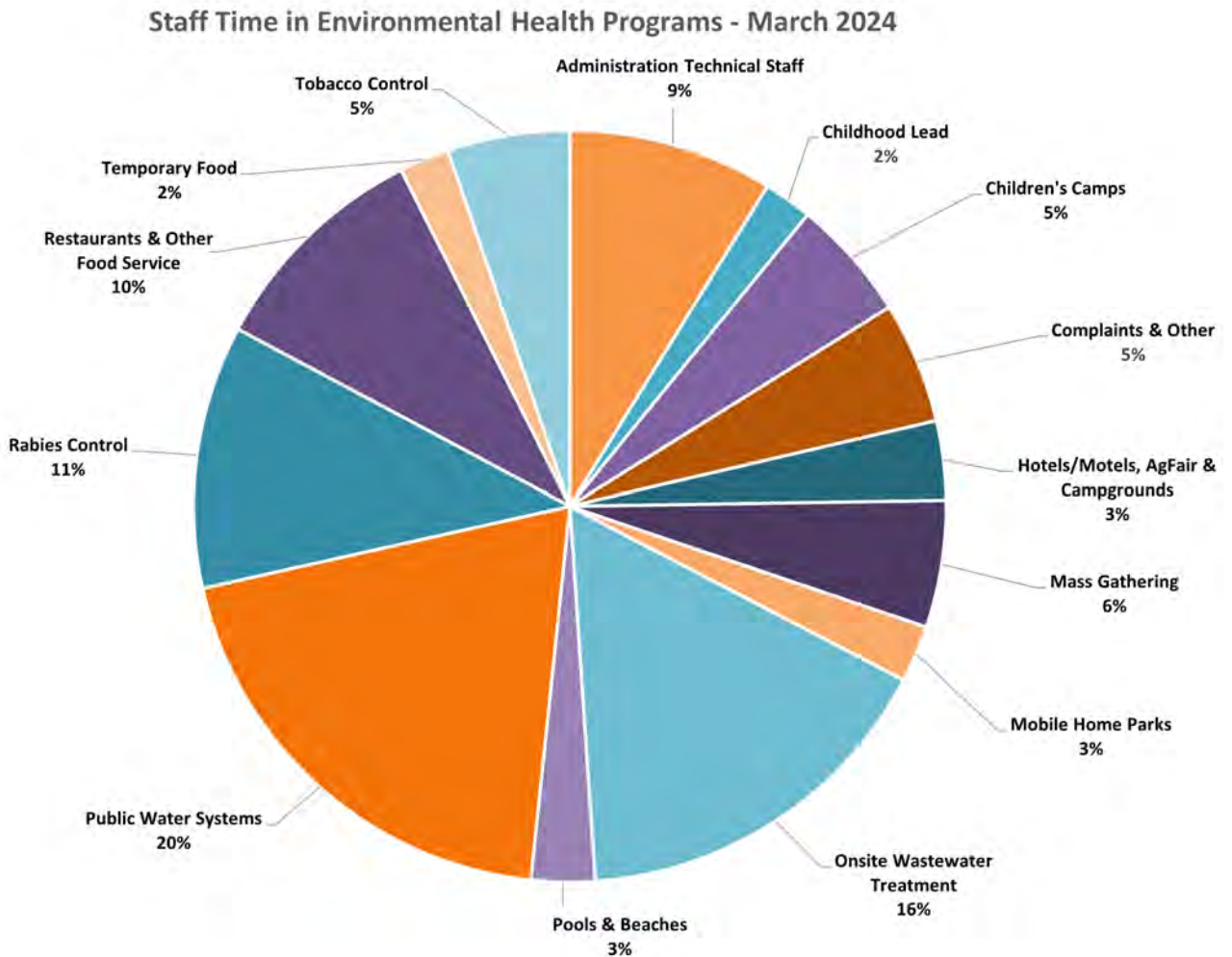
EH was informed that CSI submitted the falsified report to the NYSDOH Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP). EH then provided a copy of the falsified report and the CSI letter to our NYSDOH Regional Coordinator. The sections of the NYS Sanitary Code enforced by EH do not specifically address the falsification of laboratory reports; however, in Resolution # EH-ENF-24-0006, Brewer's is

cited for failing to exercise due care and diligence in the maintenance and supervision of their water system.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Environmental Health Specialist Cynthia Mosher has resigned. Her last day was Friday, March 29. On a more positive note, former Environmental Health Specialist Dillon Shults will be returning to EH starting April 29 to fill the vacancy. Dillon will be handling many of the programs that Cynthia had including the Rabies and Cooling Tower Programs. Welcome back, Dillon!

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY



Program Updates

Food Program

FSE INSPECTIONS

The [results of food service establishment inspections](#) conducted in Tompkins County can be viewed directly on the Environmental Health website. Inspections can be sorted to meet the needs of the viewer (by facility, date, etc.) by clicking on the column heading of interest.

PLANS APPROVED THIS PERIOD

- The Rook, C-Ithaca

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

- CMT Ithaca, C-Ithaca
- Juicy Shanty, Throughout Tompkins
- The Good Neighbor Grocery, V-Groton

Boil Water Orders (BWOs)

NEW

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Brew 22	3/14/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Submit satisfactory samples	BWO Released 4/2/2024; BOH action pending

ONGOING

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Dollar General North Lansing	02/08/2022	Operating without TCEH approval	Awaiting system approval	BOH action taken
Cayuga Nature Center	06/24/2022	Inadequate disinfection	Awaiting system approval	BOH action taken
Dollar General Freeville	3/11/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Restore adequate disinfection & submit satisfactory samples	NOV Issued

RELEASED

Facility Name	BWO Issued	Reason	Corrective Action	Status
Willow Glen Christian School	3/12/2024	Inadequate disinfection	Satisfactory samples received	BWO Released 3/15/2024

Little Creek MHP (2 sites only)	2/27/2024	Inadequate pressure	Adequate pressure restored & satisfactory samples received	BWO Released 3/22/2024
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Summary of Open BOH Enforcement Actions

Date of BOH Action	Facility	Owner/ Operator	Basis for Action	Penalty Assessed	Next BOH Order Deadline	Status
1/24/23	Ayra Convenience	Ayra Convenience Inc.	ATUPA - Sale of Prohibited Flavored Nicotine Product	\$5,750 (Paid \$5,500)	Payment of \$250 due 5/15/24	Payment Plan Offered
5/23/23	C&C/Chuck's	Chuck's Gas Mart, Inc.	ATUPA – Underage Sale of Tobacco Products	\$2,750	Awaiting Court Ruling	Awaiting Court Ruling
12/5/23	Applegate Park MHP	Joseph Giordano	Mobile Home Park – Violation of Board of Health Order	\$1725	Waived if requirements met	Monitoring Compliance
1/26/24	Holiday Inn Express Pool	Cassidy Fox	Swimming Pool – Violation of Board of Health Orders	\$800 (Paid 3/22/24)	Operator training certificate due 2/28/24	Awaiting training certificate
3/26/24	Pizza & Bones	Timothy Todi	Food Service Establishment – Repeat Critical Violations	\$200	Payment due 5/15/24	Awaiting Payment
3/26/24	Argos Inn	Avi Smith	Temporary Residence – Improper storage of flammables & volatile liquids	\$400	Payment due 5/15/24	Penalty paid – Monitoring Compliance

[EH Appendix](#)

- Summary of Activity

Board of Health
55 Brown Rd.
Ithaca. NY 14850

I have a question which I would like some help in understanding. I talked to a young lady on the phone and in the office when I came to apply for a permit for a septic system, and simply did not understand what she was explaining.

I was told by both Gaggle and the supervisor, Steve, that the permit fee was \$325.00 so I sent a check in that amount. Then received a phone call telling me it was \$525.00. I was told it was more because I had an outside contractor. Is that saying that the Board of Health will draw up plans? And if so, why isn't it cheaper since you didn't have to do that? When I asked that question, I was told that your supervisor had to look over it anyway. Is this telling me the fee is \$525.00 in either case?

An explanation would be greatly appreciated.

Virginia R. Fenton

Virginia R. Fenton
192 Asbury Rd.
Lansing, NY 14882

March 29, 2024

Virginia Fenton
192 Asbury Road
Lansing, NY 14882

RE: On-site Wastewater Treatment System Permit with Engineered Plans - 192 Asbury Road,
Town of Lansing

Dear Mrs. Fenton,

I am writing in response to your recent letter addressed to the Tompkins County Board of Health. Thank you for reaching out.

Attached, you will find the 2024 fee schedule for your reference (see page 2). Our fees are calculated based on the time spent by staff members on various types of office and field work required to generate a permit. It's important to note that approving a set of plans from an outside engineer and subsequently generating a permit generally requires more work compared to handling the work internally. This is because, as the engineer at Tompkins County Whole Health, I need to review the outside engineer's proposal thoroughly to ensure it meets all requirements.

Had we designed your system internally, the total cost for the permit would have been \$335. Our office is responsible for designing most of the sewage systems installed in this county, but we do not turn away designs submitted by outside engineers. If your contractor did not clarify this, I apologize for any confusion.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott Freyburger, P.E.
Public Health Engineer

Enclosure: 2024 Fee Schedule

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FACILITY: _____

OWNER: _____

2024 WATER SYSTEM OPERATING, ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT, & DEVELOPMENT FEES

On-Site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Construction Permit

New Construction/Conversion	\$450	<input type="checkbox"/>
w/ Engineer Plans; no Site Evaluation	\$325	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replacement System	\$335	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
⁵⁾ Permit Re-Design; New/Conversion/Replacement	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Septic Tank/Pump Chamber Replacement	\$105	<input type="checkbox"/>
⁵⁾ Holding Tank or ETU Permit Renewal	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>

OWTS Permit/Application Renewal or Transfer

⁵⁾ Permit Renewal (may be renewed 1x prior to expiration)	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/>
⁵⁾ Permit Transfer (prior to expiration)	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Renewal (may be renewed 1x prior to expiration)	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Transfer (prior to expiration)	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/>

OWTS Plan Review by Design Professional

0 – 499 gpd design rate	\$190	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
500 – 999 gpd design rate	\$230	<input type="checkbox"/>
1,000 – 1,999 gpd design rate	\$340	<input type="checkbox"/>
2,000+ gpd design rate	\$540	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other OWTS Modifications/Multiple Submissions	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holding Tank Initial Permit & Plan Review	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>

Collector Sewer - 6" & larger (DEC & Health Dept Projects)

< 5,000'	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>
≥ 5,000'	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>

Preliminary Development Review (where soil testing is required)

	\$400	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Preliminary Development fees are applied to the Realty Subdivision fee upon full plan submittal when submitted within 12 months)

Realty Subdivision Development Review

Plus \$12.50 per lot NYS filing fee	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add \$35 per lot with individual water	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add \$55 per lot with individual sewage	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(Subtract Preliminary Development fees paid)</i>	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Realty Subdivision Approval Renewal

\$200

⁵⁾ **Other Engineering Review**

\$160

Total Fess - Page 2

\$525

Preparer/Date: _____

pc: Support Staff

Water System Operating Fee

Community Water System (with sources)	
Groundwater System	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>
Surface Water System	\$1,800 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Community Water System (with sources)	\$105 <input type="checkbox"/>
Bottled/Bulk Haulers, Ice Plants	\$360 <input type="checkbox"/>

Water System Construction Permit & Plan Review

Community Water System (Part 5, NYSSC) < 100,000 gpd	\$450 <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Water System (Part 5, NYSSC) ≥ 100,000 gpd	\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Community Public Water System	\$210 <input type="checkbox"/>

Distribution Water Main - 6" or larger

< 5,000'	\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>
≥ 5,000'	\$400 <input type="checkbox"/>

Cross-Connection Control

\$200 plus \$50/device	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>
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Water Storage Tank > 500,000 gal

\$500

⁵⁾ **Other Water System Modification**

\$160

OTHER FEES

⁵⁾ Late Application/Water Fee	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>
⁵⁾ Additional Expedited Permit Processing Fee 7 days or less	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Waiver/Variance Request (Requiring Board of Health Action)	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>
Waiver from NYS Appendix 75-A (Unless due to TCHD Referral)	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>
Refund Request (within 6 months of receipt)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impact Statement Review	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>

(Where Tompkins County is the lead Agency fee assessed as allowed by 6NYCRR 617.7)

Notes:

- ¹⁾ A check mark indicates fee applies to your facility. Fees are additive for all operations.
- ²⁾ Checks should be made payable to: Tompkins County Health Department.
- ³⁾ There will be a \$20 service charge on all returned checks.
- ⁴⁾ Payment methods: check, cash, money order, or online w/credit card (Visa, MC, Discover).
- ⁵⁾ Fee may be waived at TCWH Environmental Health discretion.
- ⁶⁾ Plus \$80 per staff/hr for incident response, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

March 2024 Report | BOH Meeting April 23, 2024

Actions

Environmental Health

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

1. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0002 – Ithaca Press, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)
2. Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0006 - Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso, Violations of Subparts 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (Public Water) (5 mins.)

Find Enforcement Action Reports following this page

DISCUSSION:

1. Encampment Notice of Violations #EH-NOV-24-0010 & EH-NOV-24-0011 - Violation of Article IV of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code (Refuse Disposal) (5 mins.)

[New Business Appendix](#)

CERTIFIED, REGULAR, & ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 1, 2024

Jack Clausen
Ithaca Press LLC
967 E. State St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

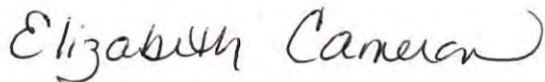
**Re: Tompkins County Board of Health Draft Resolution # EH-ENF-24-0002
Failure to maintain potentially hazardous foods below 45°F
Ithaca Press, C-Ithaca**

Dear Jack Clausen:

Thank you for signing the Stipulation Agreement on March 22, 2024, for Ithaca Press. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Resolution that the Tompkins County Board of Health will consider at its meeting on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024.**

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 via zoom, please contact Kristee Morgan or me at (607) 274-6688 at least one day before the meeting. If you plan to attend, 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 Report, and Case Summary

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DRAFT RESOLUTION # EH-ENF-24-0002

**Ithaca Press
Jack Clausen, Operator; Ithaca Press LLC., Owner
118 W. Green St.
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Whereas, the owner/operator of a Food Service Establishment must comply with the regulations established under Part 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, it is a critical violation of Part 14-1 of the NYSSC to fail to maintain potentially hazardous foods below 45°F during cold holding; **and**

Whereas, on October 25, 2023, and January 11, 2024, the Environmental Health Division (EH) observed critical violations of Subpart 14-1 of the NYSSC where potentially hazardous foods were observed at temperatures of 50°F and 52°F in cold holding; **and**

Whereas, Jack Clausen, Owner/Operator, signed a Stipulation Agreement with Whole Health Commissioners Orders on March 22, 2024, agreeing that Ithaca Press violated this provision of the New York State Sanitary Code and/or the Tom-pkins County Sanitary Code; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tom-pkins County Board of Health,
That Ithaca Press, LLC, Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$200 for these violations, due by **June 15, 2024**. (**Do Not** submit penalty payment until notified by the Tom-pkins County Environmental Health Division.); **and**
2. Maintain temperatures of potentially hazardous foods below 45°F in cold holding, **and**
3. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Code for Food Service Establishments.

STIPULATION AGREEMENT AND ORDERS # ENF-24-0002

Ithaca Press
Ian Armiger, Operator; Ithaca Press LLC., Owner
118 W. Green St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Jack Clausen

I, ~~Ian Armiger~~, as a representative for Ithaca Press, agree that on October 25, 2023, and January 11, 2024, Ithaca Press was in violation of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code for failing to keep potentially hazardous foods at temperatures below 45°F in cold holding.

I agree to pay a penalty not to exceed \$200 for this violation/these violations following adoption of a resolution by the Board of Health. (**Do not submit penalty payment until notified by the Tom-pkins County Environmental Health Division.**)

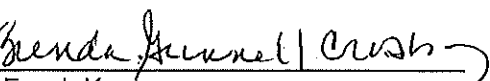
I also agree to comply with the following Orders when signed by the Tom-pkins County Whole Health Commissioner:

1. Maintain temperatures of potentially hazardous foods below 45°F in cold holding, and
2. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Code for Food Service Establishments.

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

Signed:  Date: 3/22/24

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

Signed:  Date: 3/22/2024
for Frank Kruppa
Whole Health Commissioner

Food Service Establishment Inspection Summary Report

Operation: ITHACA PRESS (ID: 887564)
Facility Name: ITHACA PRESS
Facility Code: 54-AL37 Facility Email: ian@ipressespresso.com
Facility Address: 118 West Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

To the Attention of:

Ian Armiger
ITHACA PRESS LLC
1179 Ellis Hollow Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: ian@ipressespresso.com

Inspection

Date: October 25, 2023 02:00 PM
Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Lexie Smith
Additional Email(s): kmorgan@tompkins-co.org;

Summary

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

Reinspection is Required

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

FOODS NOT PROTECTED FROM CONTAMINATION, TEMPERATURES NOT MEASURED.

ITEM # 2E WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). CRITICAL VIOLATION

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

Code Requirements: Accurate thermometers not available or used to evaluate potentially hazardous food temperatures during cooking, cooling, reheating and holding.

Inspector Findings: Observed no probe thermometer available or in use in food service area. Correction: Accurate probe-type thermometer must be available and used to evaluate potentially hazardous foods during holding and other processes.

IMPROPER COOLING AND REFRIGERATED STORAGE OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS.

ITEM # 5A WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). CRITICAL VIOLATION

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

Code Requirements: Potentially hazardous foods are not kept at or below 45°F during cold holding, except smoked fish not kept at or below 38°F during cold holding.

Inspector Findings: Observed one quart of dairy milk, one quart of almond milk and one quart of oat milk in under counter cooler to all be at 50 degrees F. Other items in cooler unit found to be under 45 degree F, indicating that issue is likely due to handling and not a problem with refrigeration unit. Interview with operator found that items are used regularly throughout the day and are in and out of the cooler frequently. Items voluntarily discarded by operator at time of inspection.

Correction: Potentially hazardous cold foods must be kept at or below 45 degrees F at all points of holding and service.

NO ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Comments: Part 1: One critical violation of Item #2E and one critical violation of Item #5A observed
Part 2: No violations observed

Reinspection required.



Inspector: Katherine Walker (kwalker@tompkins-co.org)



Received by: Lexie Smith



10/25/2023

Food Service Establishment Inspection Summary Report

Operation: ITHACA PRESS (ID: 887564)
Facility Name: ITHACA PRESS
Facility Code: 54-AL37 Facility Email: ian@ipressespresso.com
Facility Address: 118 West Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

To the Attention of:

Ian Armiger
ITHACA PRESS LLC
1179 Ellis Hollow Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: ian@ipressespresso.com

Re-Inspection

Date: January 11, 2024 11:00 AM
Inspector: Mikhail Kern (mkern@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Lexie Smith

Summary

Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 1
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 0

Reinspection is Required

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

IMPROPER COOLING AND REFRIGERATED STORAGE OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS.

ITEM # 5A WAS FOUND IN VIOLATION 1 TIME(S). CRITICAL VIOLATION

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

Code Requirements: Potentially hazardous foods are not kept at or below 45°F during cold holding, except smoked fish not kept at or below 38°F during cold holding.

Inspector Findings: Observed half full gallon of milk on counter at start of inspection, which was moved to underneath counter refrigerator during inspection. Temperature was measured at 52 degrees F. Correction: Potentially hazardous food must be kept below 45 degrees F at all times. Other items in refrigerator measured below 45 degrees F. Operator kept milk, which had been out for less than half an hour, in fridge for rapid chilling. Discussed strategies for maintaining temperature of milk products during busy periods, including ice baths, smaller quantities, and insulated containers.

NO ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection

Comments: Part 1: Critical violation of Item #5A observed.
Part 2: No violations observed.
Reinspection required. Enforcement to follow. Other violation corrected from previous inspection.



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



Received by: Lexie Smith



1/11/2023

CASE SUMMARY – FOR RESOLUTION # ENF-24-0002

**Ithaca Press
Ian Armiger, Operator; Ithaca Press, LLC., Owner
118 W. Green St., City of Ithaca
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Compiled on February 26, 2024

Date	Action
01/11/2024	Re-inspection by TCEH staff. Violations: See attached inspection report.
10/25/2023	Inspection by TCEH staff. Violations: See attached inspection report.
05/12/2022	Re-inspection by TCEH staff. Violations cited on 2/07/2022 were corrected. No additional violations observed.
02/07/2022	Inspection by TCEH staff. Refrigerated storage equipment not maintained to keep potentially hazardous foods below 45°F in cold holding.
03/17/2021	Inspection by TCEH staff. No critical violations observed.
01/28/2020	Inspection by TCEH staff. No critical violations observed.
02/28/2019	Inspection by TCEH staff. No critical violations observed.
03/08/2018	Inspection by TCEH staff. No critical violations observed.
03/25/2015	Permit to Operate issued for Ithaca Press

CERTIFIED, REGULAR, & ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 15, 2024

Riley Brewer
Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso
1384 Dryden Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Re: Tompkins County Board of Health Draft Resolution # ENF-24-0006
Violation of Board of Health Orders
Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso Public Water System, T-Dryden**

Dear Riley Brewer:

Thank you for signing the Stipulation Agreement on April 10, 2024, for Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Resolution that the Tompkins County Board of Health will consider at its meeting on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**.

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 via zoom, please contact Skip Parr or me at (607) 274-6688 at least one day before the meeting. If you plan to attend, 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 Report, Case Summary, Board of Health Orders ENF-21-0010, 3/18/24 CSI letter re falsified laboratory report, and Response from Brewer re falsified report

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DRAFT RESOLUTION # ENF-24-0006

**Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso
Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso LLC/Riley Brewer, Owner/Operator
1384 Dryden Road, T-Dryden
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Whereas, operators of public water systems are required to comply with Subpart 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso (Brew 22) is a public water system and is regulated as a food service establishment under Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code; **and**

Whereas, Subpart 5-1.51(b) of the NYSSC requires Brew 22 to submit quarterly total coliform sampling results and an annual nitrate sample result to Tompkins County Environmental Health (TCEH); **and**

Whereas, Subpart 5-1.30 of the NYSSC requires Brew 22 to ensure disinfection systems are operating as designed; **and**

Whereas, Subpart 5-1.71 requires an operator to exercise due care and diligence in the maintenance and supervision of the public water system; **and**

Whereas, on May 26, 2020, Tompkins County Board of Health Resolution #EH-ENF-20-0009 ordered Brew 22 to submit quarterly total coliform results, monthly operating reports and an annual nitrate sample as required by Subpart 5-1; **and**

Whereas, on September 8, 2021, Tompkins County Board of Health Resolution #EH-ENF-21-0010 ordered Brew 22 to submit quarterly total coliform results, monthly operating reports and an annual nitrate sample as required by Subpart 5-1; **and**

Whereas, TCEH did not receive total coliform sample results for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022, and did not receive total coliform sample results the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters total coliform sample result for 2021; **and**

Whereas, TCEH did not receive annual nitrate sample results for 2022 and 2023; **and**

Whereas, on March 14, 2024, TCEH performed a water system inspection at Brew 22 and observed the UV system was not properly functioning and TCEH issued a Boil Water Order; **and**

Whereas, on March 15, 2024, TCEH received a total coliform sample result submitted for compliance purposes with a collection date of November 2023; **and**

Whereas, on March 19, 2024, TCEH received a letter from the laboratory where the total coliform sample was reportedly analyzed, stating that the report was falsified; **and**

Whereas, on March 25, 2024, TCEH received total coliform sample results submitted for the release of the Boil Water Order issued on March 14, 2024. These laboratory reports were also determined to be falsified; **and**

Whereas, on March 26, 2024, TCEH received an email from Riley Brewer, operator of Brew 22, indicating that an employee was responsible for the falsified reports, and that individual had been terminated; **and**

Whereas, on March 28, and March 30, 2024, TCEH received two satisfactory total coliform samples for the release of the Boil Water Order; **and**

Whereas, on April 2, 2024, TCEH performed a follow-up inspection verifying proper operation of the UV system and the Boil Water Order was released; **and**

Whereas, Riley Brewer, Operator, signed a Stipulation Agreement with Whole Health Commissioners Orders on April 10, 2024, agreeing that Brew 22 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 Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso LLC, Owner, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$8,700 for these violations, due by **June 15, 2024**. (**Do Not** submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Environmental Health Division.); **and**
2. Contract with a NYSDOH Certified Water Operator to manage the ongoing operation of the Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso water system and provide the operator contact information to Tompkins County Environmental Health **by April 30, 2024; and**
3. Submit total coliform sample test results for each quarter of operation **by the 10th day of the following month; and**
4. Submit completed monthly operation reports of daily UV intensity readings **by the 10th day of the following month** for every month; **and**
5. Submit the 2024 annual nitrate sample result to Tompkins County Environmental Health by **April 30, 2024; and**
6. Beginning in 2025, submit the annual nitrate sample result by **January 10th of the following year; and**
7. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the NYSSC.

STIPULATION AGREEMENT AND ORDERS # EH-ENF-24-0006

**Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso
Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso LLC/Riley Brewer, Owner/Operator
1384 Dryden Road, T-Dryden
Ithaca, NY 14850**

I, Riley Brewer, as a representative for Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso LLC, agree that Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso is in violation of:

Subpart 5-1.23 & 1.30 for failure to monitor and maintain a public water system as cited on October 19, 2022, April 18, 2023, and October 19, 2023; and January 22, 2024; and

Subpart 5-1.30 for failure to operate the UV system as designed; and

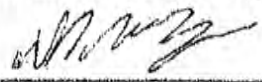
Subpart 5-1.71 for failure to exercise due care and diligence in the maintenance and supervision of a public water system; and

I agree to pay a penalty not to exceed \$8,700 for these violations following adoption of a resolution by the Board of Health. *(Do not submit penalty payment until notified by the Tompkins County Environmental Health Division.)*

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

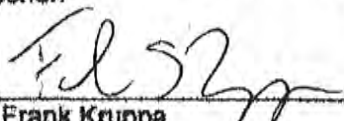
1. Contract with a NYSDOH Certified Water Operator to manage the ongoing operation of the Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso water system and provide the operator contact information to Tompkins County Environmental Health by **April 30, 2024; and**
2. Submit total coliform sample test results for each quarter of operation by the **10th day of the following month; and**
3. Submit completed monthly operation reports of daily UV intensity readings by the **10th day of the following month for every month; and**
4. Submit the 2024 annual nitrate sample result to Tompkins County Environmental Health by **April 30, 2024; and**
5. Beginning in 2025, submit the annual nitrate sample result by **January 10th of the following year; and**
6. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the NYSSC.

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

Signed:  _____

Date: 4/10/24

Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso is hereby ordered to comply with these Orders of the Whole Health Commissioner.

Signed:  _____
Frank Kruppa
Whole Health Commissioner

Date: 4/11/24

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TOMPKINS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
55 BROWN ROAD
Ithaca, NY 14850-0000
(607) 274-6688
TCEH@tompkins-co.org

Water System Field Compliance Inspection Summary Report

Operation: BREW 22 COFFEE & ESPRESSO PWS (ID: 1014118)
Facility Name: BREW 22 COFFEE & ESPRESSO
Facility Code: 54-AM38 Facility Email: riley@brewersithaca.com
Facility Address: 1384 Dryden Road, Dryden, NY 13053

To the Attention of:

Riley Brewer
BREW 22 COFFEE & EXPRESSO
1384 Dryden Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
Email: brew22coffee@gmail.com

Sanitary Survey

Date: March 14, 2024 03:35 PM
Inspector: Thomas Palmer (tpalmer@tompkins-co.org)
Responsible Person: Emailed To Operator
Additional Email(s): sparr@tompkins-co.org; kmorgan@tompkins-co.org

Summary

Number of Critical Violations Found: 2
Number of Other Violations Found: 1
Number of Deficiencies Found: 0

Reinspection is Required

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

CRITICAL VIOLATIONS FOUND

5-1.23(B): NOTIFY STATE WHEN DELIVERY OF WATER IS INTERRUPTED FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR HOU

Corrected at time of inspection? No

Inspector Findings: Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system controller was alarming at the time of the field visit. The alarms were for the flow sensor and UV bulb intensity sensor. After conversation with owner and reviewing the Owner's Manual, it was determined that the flow sensor was broken, causing the unit to not throttle power to the bulb based on flow.

The owner stated that a replacement part is on order and they are expecting it to arrive soon.

Advised operator that in the event that disinfection is interrupted or the UV unit is in disrepair for a period of time greater than 4 hours, Tompkins County Environmental Health must be notified within 24 hours.

5-1.30: CL AND UV EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING AS DESIGNED. UV IS WORKING, INDICATOR LIGHT IS "

Corrected at time of inspection? No

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Owner stated that a replacement flow sensor was on order. Boil water order was issued following the inspection.

OTHER NON-CRITICAL VIOLATIONS FOUND

5-1.72 (C) : COMPLETE DAILY RECORDS OF OPERATION OF A WATER SYSTEM AND SUBMIT COPY TO

Level of deficiency: Significant

Inspector Findings: At the time of the sanitary survey, the most recent Monthly Operating Report (MOR) that was submitted to Tompkins County Environmental Health was for July 2023, and the most recent Bacteriological sample result was submitted for Q2 2023.

Owner is advised that MOR's and sample results must be submitted to TCEH by the 10th of the month following the monitoring period. Spoke with owner at the time of the inspection via phone call. Owner stated they had conducted the sampling and believed they submitted results to TCEH. Inspector to meet with owner the following day to complete the sanitary survey and the owner stated they would bring sample results.

NO DEFICIENCIES REPORTED

Water System Information

Source Type: Ground,

Type of Disinfection: UV Light

Disinfection Waiver Issued? No

4-Log Treatment Installed? No

Coliform Surveillance Sample Collected? Yes

1) **Time:** 2:05 PM **Location:** Three-Bay CWT

UV Intensity Reading(s):

1) **UV Intensity:** Green (See Violation)

Water System Notes:

Comments: Part 1: Two critical items observed (5-1.23(b) & 5-1.30)
Part 2: One blue item observed. (5-1.72(c))
Part 3: No recommendations made.

Boil Water Order issued following inspection (see above violation).

Unable to complete full inspection as owner needed to be present to allow TCEH to observed the well located in the crawl space of the neighboring home. Owner will meet with TCEH the following day to finish sanitary survey.

Reinspection required.

CASE SUMMARY – FOR RESOLUTION # ENF-24-0006

**Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso
Brew 22 Coffee & Espresso LLC/Riley Brewer, Owner/Operator
1384 Dryden Road, T-Dryden
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Compiled on April 12, 2024

Date	Action
5/08/2020	After issuing a Stipulation Agreement, TCEH received nitrate sample collected by Brew 22 on 5/4/2020.
5/26/2020	Resolution EH-ENF-20-0009 was adopted by the BOH requiring submission of quarterly total coliform results, monthly operating reports and annual nitrate sample as required by Subpart 5-1. Action was taken for missing nitrate and quarterly total coliform sample results. \$400 penalty was assessed.
2/17/2021	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 2/10/2021.
9/8/2021	Resolution EH-ENF-21-0010 was adopted by the BOH requiring submission of quarterly total coliform (TC) results, monthly operating reports and annual nitrate sample as required by Subpart 5-1. Action was taken for missing nitrate and quarterly total coliform sample results. \$600 penalty was assessed.
11/9/2021	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 10/20/2021.
12/6/2021	TCEH collected surveillance TC sample.
1/28/2022	2022 sample schedule sent via mail to Brew 22 by TCEH.
4/11/2022	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 4/6/2022.
5/4/2022	TCEH collected surveillance TC sample.
6/16/2022	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 6/15/2022.
10/19/2022	Notice of Violation sent by TCEH for missing 3 rd Quarter TC sample.
2022	All MORs received by TCEH except for September.
1/24/2023	2023 Sample schedule sent via mail to Brew 22 by TCEH.
4/18/2023	Notice of Violation sent by TCEH for missing 1 st Quarter TC sample.
5/9/2023	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 4/25/2023.
10/19/2023	Notice of Violation sent by TCEH for missing 3 rd Quarter TC sample.
11/8/2023	Sanitary Survey conducted by TCEH and report cited significant deficiency for monitoring and reporting.
2023	TCEH received MORs for months January – April, June, and July. All other months not received.
1/22/2024	Notice of Violation sent by TCEH for missing 4 th Quarter TC sample and annual nitrate sample.
1/30/2024	2024 Sample schedule sent via mail to Brew 22 by TCEH.
3/14/2024	Sanitary survey conducted by TCEH. The UV system alarm was going off at time of inspection. Boil Water Order issued by TCEH.
3/15/2024	Follow-up visit by TCEH. UV system appeared to be functioning as designed. Staff received a hard copy of a TC sample from owner reportedly collected by Brew 22 on 11/20/2023. Sample deemed to be falsified by laboratory (Sample was never received by the lab).
3/18/204	TCEH received letter from the laboratory where the sample from 11/20/23 was reportedly analyzed stating that the certified water test report was falsified.

03/25/2024	TCEH received TC sample reportedly collected by Brew 22 on 3/20/2024 @ 9:02 am for BWO release. Sample deemed to be falsified by laboratory (Sample was never received by the lab).
3/25/2024	TCEH received TC sample reportedly collected by Brew 22 on 3/20/2024 @ 1:20 pm for BWO release. Sample deemed to be falsified by laboratory (Samples were never received by the lab). TCEH notified Riley Brewer that last 3 water reports were determined to be falsified. Owner sent email indicating that an employee was altering old reports and keeping the money for the analysis. Email stated employee was terminated.
3/26/24	Riley Brewer sent additional email providing additional information regarding the firing of the employee and stating that additional samples were being collected.
3/28/2024	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 3/26/2024.
3/30/2024	TCEH received TC sample collected by Brew 22 on 3/27/2024.
2024	TCEH received no MORs for January and February.
4/2/2024	Follow-up inspection by TCEH and BWO released
4/3/2024	TCEH sent stipulation agreement to Brew 22 and scheduled office conference for April 10, 2024.
4/10/2024	TCEH received signed stipulation agreement from Brew 22.



Frank Kruppa
Public Health Director
55 Brown Road
Ithaca, NY 14850-1247

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RESOLUTION EH-ENF-21-0010 FOR

**Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso
Riley Brewer, Owner/Operator
1384 Dryden Road, T-Dryden
Ithaca, NY 14850**

Whereas, operators of public water systems are required to comply with Subpart 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code (NYSSC); **and**

Whereas, Brew 22 Coffee and Espresso (Brew 22) is a public water system and is regulated as food service establishment Subpart 14-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code; **and**

Whereas, Subpart 5-1.51(b) of the NYSSC requires Brew 22 to submit quarterly total coliform sampling results and an annual nitrate sample result to the Tompkins County Health Department (TCHD); **and**

Whereas, on May 26, 2020, Tompkins County Board of Health Resolution #ENF-20-0009 ordered Riley Brewer to submit total coliform sample results for each quarter of operation by the 10th day of the following month; **and**

Whereas, the TCHD did not receive total coliform sample results for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2020, and has not receive the 2nd quarter total coliform sample result for 2021; **and**

Whereas, Brew 22 has not paid the annual water system operating fee of \$105, and the associated late fee of \$50 for not submitting the water fee by the deadline of March 31, 2021; **and**

Whereas, Brew 22 has violated these provisions off the New York State Sanitary Code and the provisions of Board of Health Resolution #EH-ENF-20-0009; **now therefore be it**

**Resolved, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health,
That Riley Brewer, Owner/Operator, is ordered to:**

1. Pay a penalty of \$600 for these violations, **due by November 15, 2021; and**
2. Pay the annual water system operating fee and late fee in the amount of \$155 due by November 15, 2021 (*Received by TCHD on 9/3/21*); **and**
3. Submit total coliform sample results for each quarter of operation **by the 10th day of the following month; and**
4. Submit completed monthly operation reports for the UV treatment system **by the 10th day of the following month** for every month; **and**
5. Beginning in 2021, submit the annual nitrate sample result by **January 10th of the following year; and**
6. Comply with all the requirements of Subpart 5-1 of the NYSSC.

This action was adopted by the Tompkins County Board of Health at its regular meeting on September 28, 2021.

Frank Kruppa
Frank Kruppa
Public Health Director

10/4/21
Date

Tompkins County Health Department
Environmental Health Division
55 Brown Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

3/18/2024

Attn: Tom Palmer

Re: Falsified certified water test report

Dear Tom,

We have reviewed the report included on page 3 and have identified the items below that lead us to conclude that the report submitted by Riley Brewer with a sampling date of 11/20/23 is a forgery. A certified water test was issued to Mr. Brewer on 10/21/21, Sample ID# I-3960, (included on page 4) and was altered to create the forgery dated 11/20/23. Furthermore, we did not receive a sample from Mr. Brewer on 11/20/23. Our records indicate that in 2023, we received one sample for Tc/E. coli for 1384 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, NY, and the report was issued on 4/26/23 for sample ID# I-4753. We can provide supporting documentation if requested.

1. Date was changed to 11/20/2023, time was not changed.
2. Date was changed to 11/20/2023, time was not changed.
3. The amount paid reflects the 2021 credit card prices for a 3-day rush report. Prices increased in 2023 to \$58.71.
4. Sample Lab ID: I-4598 is a unique identifier that does not match item #5 and was assigned to a sample received on 12/20/2022 for 36 German Cross Rd. The client was not Riley Brewer.
5. Report ID: Gen Pub – 13382, I-3960 is a unique internal identifier and was assigned to the sample submitted by Mr. Brewer on 10/21/21.
6. Test Method for E. coli, 40CFR141.2(f)6v-MI Agar/SM 9222 was changed in April 2023 to 40 CFR141.21(f)6v-MI Agar/SM 18-20 92.
7. The Tc/E coli test time of 3:40 is incorrect. Lab documentation shows the test time 3:20 PM.
8. Footnote designation is missing. Incorrect report format.
9. Incorrect report format.
10. Stephen Penningroth retired in 2022. His signature was replaced by the succeeding Technical Director, Noah Mark.
11. Reports cannot be issued on the same day a sample is submitted. Bacteria testing requires 24 hours to complete.
12. The address in the footer was updated in 2022 when Dr. Penningroth retired.



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Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for clarification.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Noah Mark'.

Noah Mark, Technical Director

Phone/Fax 607-257-6606
info@communityscience.org

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95 Brown Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850



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Test Report

Client: Riley Brewer 1384 Dryden Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850	Received 11/15/2023 Tompkins County Environmental Health	Sample matrix: Drinking Water Date & time sampled: 11/20/2023, 9:02 AM Sampled by: Riley Brewer Sampling location: 1384 Dryden Rd. Ithaca, NY. Kitchen. Date and time received: 11/20/2023, 9:20 AM
Receipt: \$56.65	Client Code: Gen Pub	Sample Lab ID: I-4598

Project Code: Lab Report ID: Gen Pub-13382, I-3960

Test Methods: <TC/E.coli>40 CFR141.21(f)6v-MI Agar/SM 22 9222 A,B

Test For	Allowed Level*	Reporting Limit	Result†	Units	Test Date, Time	Additional Information
Total Coliform	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present/Absent	11/20/2023, 3:40 PM	
E.coli	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present/Absent	11/20/2023, 3:40 PM	

*Upper limit allowed for public water supplies regulated by NYS Dept. of Health.

Reporting limit is set by the standard method and/or by historical data of laboratory performance.
† Results that exceed the Allowed Level are listed in bold.

Result applies only to sample listed above and not to any other samples.

Sample was received on ice: Yes.

Additional Information: None.

Report prepared by: Stephen Penningroth Date: 11/20/2023

Stephen Penningroth, Executive Director

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Test Report

Table with client information (Riley Brewer, 1384 Dryden Rd, Ithaca, NY) and sample details (matrix: Drinking Water, date: 10/20/2021, 9:02 AM, location: 1384 Dryden Rd. Kitchen, receipt: \$56.65).

Client Code: Gen Pub Sample Lab ID: I-3960
Project Code: Lab Report ID: Gen Pub-13382, I-3960
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Table with 7 columns: Test For, Allowed Level*, Reporting Limit‡, Result¹, Units, Test Date, Time, Additional Information. Rows include Total Coliform and E.coli, both with 'Absent' results.

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Sample was received on ice: Yes.

Additional Information: None.

Report prepared by: Stephen Penningroth, Executive Director Date: 10/25/2021

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To whom it may concern,

On Monday March 25th I received a call from the Tompkins County Health Department after submitting two water sampling reports that were provided to me after having an employee drop these tests of for sampling.

I then received a call from Skip Parr, notifying me that these reports were altered, and not accurate for the samples I had instructed to be delivered.

As I was visiting my sister in Charleston, I arrived back in town the afternoon of March 25th and asked about these reports.

Back in November, we had a new employee start who had made us aware of some health issues he faced, but we had brought him on anyway as we felt he would be a good fit, and he needed employment. During these first few weeks, an offer was made that he could drop a November water sample off for us as he was working a very limited schedule due to his health and could use the extra funds to do the running around and emailing me the reports for submittal.

His health continued to decline, and as he was only working around 5-8 hours per week, I figured allowing him to deliver the samples to remove our boil water notice would get some extra money in his pocket and help me out as I was getting ready to head out of town and visit my sister.

As it turns out, an old report dated from 2022 was altered three total times, and these water samples did not get to the lab at all. The roughly \$72 per test was pocketed, and I am assuming we honestly would not have caught on unless an individual at the health department realized the issues. These forms were readily available in our email, as I have always saved any water testing report in a single folder for easy access.

While this employee was terminated, and access to our email account (Brew22coffee@gmail.com) removed, I do however take full responsibility for this incident, with something of importance such as water samples, this absolutely should have been a process I performed myself to ensure chain of custody, but at the same time, I did not think altering a form was a possibility.

Delivered Electronically

April 9, 2024

Deb Mohlenhoff
City Manager
108 E. Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Re: Notice of Violation # EH-NOV-24-0010
Violation of Article IV (Refuse Disposal) of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code
500700-73.-8-1 City of Ithaca**

Dear Manager Mohlenhoff:

Tompkins County Environmental Health (TCEH) has received multiple complaints and has witnessed conditions on property you own in the area bounded by Six Mile Creek, the railroad tracks, the Cayuga Lake flood control channel and Cecil Malone Drive (Tax Map #500700-73.-8-1). The refuse cited in complaints and observed by TCEH in this general area includes trash; garbage; shopping carts, discarded bicycles, and other metal objects; sharps (hypodermic needles); propane canisters; and the remains of various fires. This refuse is a public health nuisance and/or hazard and is a violation of Article IV of the Tompkins County Sanitary Code (TCSC).

The purpose of TCSC Article IV – Refuse Disposal - is to *“protect public health and the environment by avoiding public health nuisances and public health hazards caused by refuse accumulation, collection, and disposal.”* Specific requirements include:

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b. On every premise there shall be adequate containers (S-4.01a2) to accumulate refuse and so placed and maintained as to not create a nuisance.

And

§ S-4.04. Disposal.

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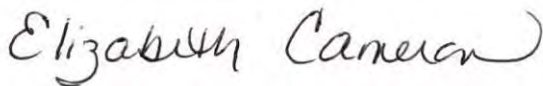
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Because of the multiple property owners and the multiple involved agencies and organizations, we encourage a coordinated response.

The refuse needs to be removed in the timeframe denoted in the plan and as approved by TCEH and with initial action no longer than 30 days after TCEH approval.

Please contact me by phone at 607-274-6688 or by email at lcameron@tompkins-co.org if you have questions or if you would like to set up an individual or combined property owner meeting.

Sincerely,



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

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Delivered Electronically

April 9, 2024

Laura Anne McNichol
SVP, Chief Sustainability Office
Watco
315 W 3rd St
Pittsburg, KS 667692

**Re: Notice of Violation # EH-NOV-24-0011
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APPENDIX

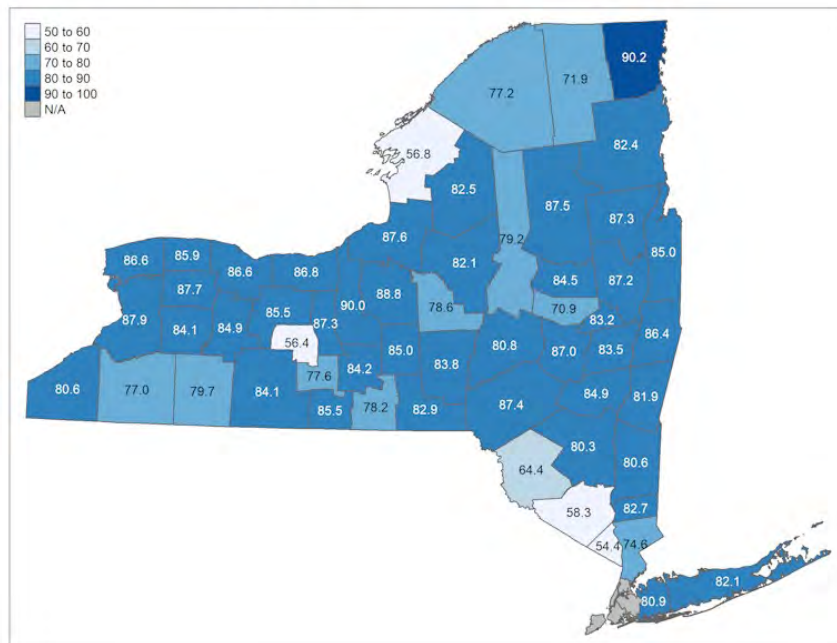
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Medical Director’s Report

Measles

MMR Vaccination Rates by County

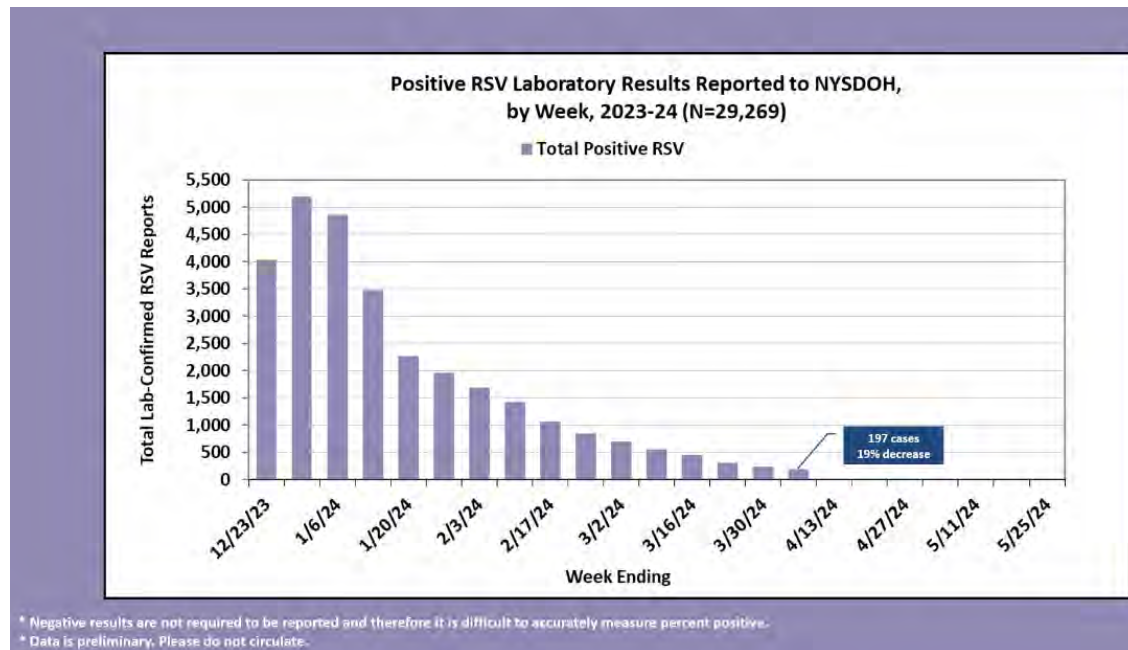
Receipt of 1 MMR dose by 2 years of age



- advisory with pictures of rash:
https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles/providers/docs/2024-02-15_health_advisory.pdf

My practitioner bulletins often highlight the need to keep our vaccination rates up.

Influenza



Community Health Services

WIC CASELOAD DATA FFY 2024

TCWH WIC Program	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	AVG.
Target Caseload	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	
Participation	1129	1131	1134	1146	1138	1121							1133
% Caseload Served	85.53%	85.68%	85.91%	86.82%	86.21%	84.92%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			51.51%
% Change Per Month	1.27%	0.15%	0.23%	0.91%	-0.61%	-1.29%	-84.92%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			-8.43%
Total Eligibles	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	2226	
% Eligibles Served	50.72%	50.81%	50.94%	51.48%	51.12%	50.36%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			30.54%
% Change Per Month	0.85%	0.09%	0.13%	0.54%	-0.36%	-0.76%	-50.36%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			-4.99%
Enrolled	1229	1216	1210	1208	1200	1197							1210

NYSDOH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS

- See following pages.

N.Y.S. Department of Health
Division of Epidemiology
Communicable Disease Monthly Report*, DATE: 02APR24
Rates are defined as: Cases/100,000 population/Month

County=TOMPKINS Month=March

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
ANAPLASMOSIS**	0	0.0	2	23.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	1	11.9	3	35.6	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9
COVID-19	66	783.7	365	4334.1	1308	15532	424	5034.7	699	8300.2
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	0	0.0	1	11.9	2	23.7	0	0.0	1	11.9
CYCLOSPORA	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	1	11.9	0	0.0	2	23.7	1	11.9	1	11.9
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	2	23.7	1	11.9
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	1	11.9	1	11.9	2	23.7	3	35.6	2	23.7
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	229	2719.2	8	95.0	31	368.1	0	0.0	13	154.4
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	38	451.2	2	23.7	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9
LEGIONELLOSIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9	1	11.9
LYME DISEASE** ****	34	403.7	17	201.9	14	166.2	0	0.0	10	118.7
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	15	178.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9	1	11.9	1	11.9
STREP,GROUP A INVASIVE	2	23.7	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
STREP,GROUP B INVASIVE	1	11.9	0	0.0	2	23.7	1	11.9	1	11.9
STREP PNEUMONIAE,INVASIVE**	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9	1	11.9
TUBERCULOSIS***	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
YERSINIOSIS**	1	11.9	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	1	11.9	0	0.0	7	83.1	2	23.7	3	35.6
- P&S SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	47.5	1	11.9	2	23.7
- EARLY LATENT**	1	11.9	0	0.0	2	23.7	1	11.9	1	11.9
- LATE LATENT**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	6	71.2	13	154.4	9	106.9	19	225.6	14	166.2
- GONORRHEA	6	71.2	13	154.4	9	106.9	19	225.6	14	166.2
CHLAMYDIA	18	213.7	32	380.0	48	570.0	32	380.0	37	439.4

*Based on month case created, or December for cases created in Jan/Feb of following year

**Confirmed and Probable cases counted

***Not official number

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Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
AMEBIASIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ANAPLASMOSIS**	1	4.0	116	459.1	66	261.2	86	340.4	89	352.3
BABESIOSIS**	0	0.0	34	134.6	11	43.5	20	79.2	22	87.1
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS**	4	15.8	26	102.9	28	110.8	19	75.2	24	95.0
CHIKUNGUNYA**	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
COVID-19	546	2161.1	2751	10889	16048	63520	9626	38101	9475	37503
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**	0	0.0	7	27.7	11	43.5	14	55.4	11	43.5
CYCLOSPORA	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
DENGUE FEVER**	1	4.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ECOLI SHIGA TOXIN**	0	0.0	4	15.8	3	11.9	6	23.7	4	15.8
EHRlichiosis (CHAFEENSIS)**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EHRlichiosis (EWINGII)**	0	0.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	1	4.0
ENCEPHALITIS, ARBO**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ENCEPHALITIS, OTHER	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0
GIARDIASIS	5	19.8	14	55.4	13	51.5	15	59.4	14	55.4
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, NOT TYPE B	1	4.0	1	4.0	4	15.8	0	0.0	2	7.9
HEPATITIS A	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	7	27.7	3	11.9
HEPATITIS B,ACUTE	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HEPATITIS B,CHRONIC**	4	15.8	10	39.6	15	59.4	18	71.2	14	55.4
HEPATITIS C,ACUTE**	1	4.0	5	19.8	4	15.8	3	11.9	4	15.8
HEPATITIS C,CHRONIC**	5	19.8	22	87.1	20	79.2	30	118.7	24	95.0
HEPATITIS C,PERINATAL	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0
HERPES INF, INFANT =< 60 DAYS	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Disease	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
INFLUENZA A, LAB CONFIRMED	834	3301.1	251	993.5	1341	5307.8	265	1048.9	619	2450.1
INFLUENZA B, LAB CONFIRMED	93	368.1	31	122.7	11	43.5	6	23.7	16	63.3
INFLUENZA UNSPECIFIED, LAB CONFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	11.9	1	4.0	1	4.0
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	4.0	15	59.4	6	23.7	3	11.9	8	31.7
LISTERIOSIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LYME DISEASE** ****	95	376.0	415	1642.6	265	1048.9	44	174.2	241	953.9
MALARIA	0	0.0	2	7.9	3	11.9	0	0.0	2	7.9
MONKEYPOX	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	11.9	0	0.0	1	4.0
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS	154	609.6	64	253.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	83.1
ROCKY MTN SPOT FEVER**	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SALMONELLOSIS**	3	11.9	12	47.5	20	79.2	13	51.5	15	59.4
S.PARATYPHI	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SHIGELLOSIS**	2	7.9	1	4.0	2	7.9	1	4.0	1	4.0
STREP,GROUP A INVASIVE	6	23.7	11	43.5	5	19.8	3	11.9	6	23.7
STREP,GROUP B INVASIVE	1	4.0	1	4.0	6	23.7	10	39.6	6	23.7
STREP PNEUMONIAE,INVASIVE**	2	7.9	3	11.9	8	31.7	4	15.8	5	19.8
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME,STREPTOCOCCAL**	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TUBERCULOSIS***	0	0.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0
TYPHOID FEVER	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VIBRIO - NON 01 CHOLERA**	0	0.0	3	11.9	2	7.9	1	4.0	2	7.9
YERSINIOSIS**	2	7.9	1	4.0	6	23.7	1	4.0	3	11.9
SYPHILIS TOTAL.....	2	7.9	12	47.5	34	134.6	24	95.0	23	91.0
- P&S SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	63.3	7	27.7	8	31.7
- EARLY LATENT**	2	7.9	6	23.7	15	59.4	11	43.5	11	43.5
- LATE LATENT**	0	0.0	6	23.7	2	7.9	6	23.7	5	19.8
- CONGENITAL SYPHILIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

	2024		2023		2022		2021		Ave (2021-2023)	
Disease	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate	Freq	Rate
GONORRHEA TOTAL.....	17	67.3	120	475.0	109	431.4	142	562.1	124	490.8
- GONORRHEA	17	67.3	120	475.0	109	431.4	142	562.1	124	490.8
CHLAMYDIA	72	285.0	328	1298.3	377	1492.2	337	1333.9	347	1373.5

*Based on month case created, or December for cases created in Jan/Feb of following year

**Confirmed and Probable cases counted; Campylobacter confirmed and suspect

***Not official number

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Health Promotion Program

Opioids

911 CALL REPORTS

All calls that come into Tompkins County's 9-1-1 center are coded based on the type of 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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DEC	29	16	23	43	9	
JAN	24	30	20	16	31	17
FEB	16	35	19	19	45	14
MAR	34	24	23	17	35	41

CHWs

	March 2024 Enrolled Clients	YTD 2024
HiP Tompkins	40	47
General CHW Program	8	8

TRAININGS & OUTREACH

- Active Communities Tool training (3/4/24)
- MH Adult First Aid (3/12)
- Project for Public Spaces – Connect the Dots – Community Engagement training (3/5, 3/7)
- The Role of the Community Birth Worker in Nurturing Parent-Infant Relationships (3/6)
- Discussion with REACH medical (3/7)
- Care Team Presentation (3/13)
- Discussion with CCE– Family and Community Development Program (3/14)
- Discussion with Child Development Council – TP3 and FSS Programs (3/14)
- PICHC DMIS System Webinar (3/20)
- Talks at 12: Laura Bellows (3/21)
- Impact of Doulas on Maternal and Child Health Outcomes (3/27)

HNP

MONTHLY STATS

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM	March 2024	YTD 2024	March 2023	TOTAL 2023
# of Initial Home Visits (including asthma visits)	36	85	14	252
# of Revisits	0	14	0	56
# of Asthma Homes (initial)	3	9	3	45
# of Homes Approached	0	69	6	530

OUTREACH & TRAINING

- Health Planning Council Advisory Board Meeting: Community Engagement Event
- Let's Talk: Community Health & Wellness with Adrian Western, Cayuga Health
- HNP Lunch & Learn Presentation with Cayuga Medical Center Staff
- Structural Racism Conversation cont'd
- Equity Foundations Webinar
- Let's Talk: Community Health & Wellness with Adrian Western, Cayuga Health
- HNP Private Well Repair Pilot Program Webinar
- CARE Presentation/Training
- National Poison Prevention Week: Storing Products Safely at Home Webinar
- Working Together to Achieve Health Equity Webinar
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Network Meeting (LPPN)

COVID-19

- Changes to CDC Isolation Guidance (3/1/24), now includes COVID-19 with other Respiratory Illness Guidance (such as Flu, RSV). No longer requires a 5-day isolation period.
- Additional COVID-19 vaccine dose recommended for adults 65+ (3/7/24)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Promotion of CHS “Tompkins County Youth Oral Health” Survey
- Continued Awareness Re: Lead Contaminated Cinnamon/Products
- Event promotion:
 - (3/11/24) Health Planning Council's Community Engagement Event (GIAC)
 - (3/19/24) “Working Together to Achieve Health Equity” Film/Panel (Cinemapolis)
 - (3/21/24) “Compassion Corner” (Human Services Coalition Tioga Place Bldg.)
 - (3/22/24) CHA/CHIP “Community Visioning for Health” Event (TCPL)
- Highlighting awareness for March:
 - National Nutrition Month
 - (3/6/24) International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant Day
 - (3/12/24) Registered Dietician Appreciation Day

PRESS RELEASES

- [COVID-19 Update: CDC Updates Isolation Guidance for COVID-19 Infections](#) (3/1/24)
- [Health Alert: Whole Health Releases Updated 2023 Drug Related Death Data, Urges Community to Take Overdose Prevention Steps](#) (3/4/24)
- [COVID-19 Update: Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Recommended for Older Adults, Immunocompromised](#) (3/7/24)
- [Health Alert: TCEH Seeks Information About a Dog Bite on Highland Ave \(City of Ithaca\)](#) (3/12/24)
- [Whole Health Releases 5-Year Unintentional Fatal Overdose Data](#) (3/19/24)
- [Health Alert: Prepare for the Solar Eclipse \(April 8, 2024\)](#) (3/21/24)

Outreach & Training

Conducted by Health Promotion, PH Fellows, CSCN, and Mental Health staff

OUTREACH

- Poet’s Landing, Community Resource Fair (Dryden) (3/11/24)
- Groton Resource Hub, Groton Public Library (3/12/24; 3/19/24; 3/26/24)
- Syracuse University Falk College School of Sport & Human Dynamics, Internship & Career Fair (3/27/24)
- West Village Community Resource Fair (City of Ithaca) (3/28/24)
- Conifer/Overlook Apartments Resource Fair (Ithaca) (3/29/24)

TRAINING

- Project for Public Spaces Conference: An Introduction to Inclusive & Equitable Community Engagement (3/5/24 & 3/7/24)
- NYSACHO Webinar: Harm Reduction as a Game-Changing System of Care (3/12/24)
- RAVE SIREN Refresher Session (3/13/24)

Committee and Partnership Meetings

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
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 Cmte.	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	In partnership with the Sophie Fund	Monthly
Immunization Coalition	Quarterly meeting, updates about COVID-19 vaccine and discussion/feedback, youth vaccination promo	Quarterly
Lead Poisoning Prevention Network	Quarterly meeting, review lead cases, prevention, new regulation	Quarterly
Cayuga Health Data Governance Committee	Oversight/advisory committee for the health equity team at Cayuga Health, 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 breastfeeding/ chestfeeding in Tompkins County, and to protect, promote, & support the rights of families to achieve their infant feeding goals.	Monthly

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN)

- Statistical Highlights (See following pages.)

**Children with Special Care Needs Division
Statistical Highlights 2024
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

Number of Program Referrals	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
Initial Concern/reason for referral:															
-- DSS Founded Case														0	
-- Gestational Age														2	6
-- Gestational Age/Gross Motor			1											0	2
-- Global Delays														0	1
-- Hearing		2											2	1	2
-- Physical													0	0	0
-- Feeding	1	1											2	30	17
-- Feeding & Gross Motor													0	4	10
-- Feeding & Social Emotional													0	1	4
-- Gross Motor	5	4	1										10	48	40
-- Gross Motor & Fine Motor													0	5	9
-- Gross Motor, Speech & Social Emotional													1	2	4
Gross Motor, Speech& Hearing	1												1	0	
-- Fine Motor													0	0	2
-- Social Emotional		2											2	5	3
-- Social Emotional & Adaptive													0	5	1
-- Speech	6	9	16										31	110	129
-- Speech & Cognitive			1										1	1	0
-- Speech & Feeding													0	3	3
-- Speech & Fine Motor													0	2	2
-- Speech & Gross Motor		3											3	13	10
-- Speech & Hearing													0	4	5
-- Speech & Sensory			2										2	0	0
-- Speech & Social Emotional	2	1											3	6	11
-- Speech, Feeding & Gross Motor													0	2	0
-- Adaptive													0	0	0
-- Adaptive/Sensory													0	3	2
-- Adaptive/Fine Motor													0	3	0
-- Qualifying Congenital / Medical Diagnosis													0	8	3
-- Other -- Birth Trauma													0	3	0
-- Overall Development	1	1											2		
-- Sensory, Safety, Motor	1												1		
-- Child in Foster Care	1												1		
-- Maternal Drug Use		1											1	4	0
Total # of CYSHCN Referrals	0	0											0	13	23
Total # of Information and Referalls (I&R)	0	0											0	100	48
Total # of Child Find Referrals	1	0											1	7	54
Total Number of CSCN ProgramReferrals	19	25	21	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0		385	391

Caseloads													
Total # of clients worked with during this month	176	177	192										
Average # of Cases per Full Time Service Coordinator	25.14	25.29	27.43										

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Billable Expenses/Visits	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Intake visits	11	18	17										46	225	241
-- IFSP Meetings													0	303	261
-- Initial IFSP	1		2										3		
-- Core Evaluations	8	7	11										26	191	221
-- Core Evaluations with IFSP	6	6	3										15		
-- Supplemental Evaluations	1	1	2										4	54	50
-- Supplemental Evaluations with Amendment	2	1	1										4		
-- Observation Visits	14	36	33										83	290	314
-- IFSP Change Visit	1	2	1										4		
-- IFSP Review Visit	17	17	21										55		
-- CPSE meetings	9	5	9										23	63	57
-- SC Discuss	16	20	26										62	88	
-- SC Visits	10	11	9										30		
-- Family Training/Team Meetings													0	3	2
-- Phone Call	182	190	155										527		
-- OSC-Transfer Chart to OSC	3	3	3										9		
-- Transition meetings	1	15	7										23	47	38
-- Home Visit for Signature	2	2	3										7		
															1184
Services and Evaluations Pending & Completed															
Children with Services Pending(Needs List)															
-- Feeding	7	7	7										21	67	42
-- Nutrition	0	0	0										0	0	0
-- Occupational Therapy	12	11	12										35	57	18
-- Physical Therapy	8	8	8										24	0	62
-- Social Work	4	4	4										12	55	13
-- Special Education	22	21	22										65	0	106
-- Speech Therapy	41	46	48										135	478	486
															727

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Discharges	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- To CPSE	14		2										16	65	59
-- Aged out	2	4											6	30	15
-- Skilled out	1	3											4	27	27
-- Moved	1	0											1	13	27
-- Not Eligible/DNQ	5	6	5										16	62	79
-- Family Refused/Unable to Locate	2	4	3										9	36	1
--Child Deceased	0	0											0	1	1
Total Number of Discharges	25	17	10										52	234	44
															252
Child Find															
Total # of Referrals	2	0	0										2	6	53
Total # of Children in Child Find	6	6	6										6	79	
Total # Transferred to Early Intervention	0	0	0										0	2	14
Total # of Discharges	0	0	0										0	17	32

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clients Qualified and Receiving Services	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec				
Children per School District																
-- Ithaca	136	143	152													
-- Dryden	35	38	42													
-- Newfield	20	21	21													
-- Groton	31	33	35													
-- Moravia	0	0	0													
-- Lansing	24	28	28													
-- Trumansburg	13	15	18													
-- Cortland	0	0	0													
-- Homer	0	0	0													
-- Odessa-Montour	1	1	1													
-- Spencer VanEtten	1	1	1													
-- Candor	2	2	2													
-- Newark Valley	0	0	0													
Total # of Qualified and Receiving Services	263	282	300	0	0	0	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)	153	163	187													
-- Speech Therapy (group)	25	25	37													
-- Occupational Therapy (individual)	52	54	57													
-- Occupational Therapy (group)	1	1	1													
-- Physical Therapy (individual)	23	28	30													
-- Physical Therapy (group)	0	2	2													
-- Transportation	59	62	62													
-- Birnie Bus	16	16	16													
-- Dryden Central School District	2	2	2													
-- Ithaca City School District	35	38	38													
-- Parent	6	6	6													
-- Counseling	29	27	32													
-- Parent Counseling	26	27	29													
-- Service Coordination	15	15	15													
-- Assistive Technology	0	0	0													
-- Special Ed Itinerate Teacher (SEIT)	30	31	33													
-- 1:1 Tuition Aide (CB)	5	6	6													
-- Audiological Services	0	0	0													
-- Nutrition (OTHER)	0	0	0													
-- Teacher of the Deaf	0	0	0													
-- 1:1 Aide	2	2	4													
-- 1:1 Teacher Assistant	0	0	0													
-- Music Therapy	0	0	0													
-- Teacher of Visually Impaired	0	0	0													
Total # of children rcvg. home based related svcs.	199	217	235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	38	39	39													
-- Dryden	10	10	10													
-- Newfield	3	3	3													
-- Lansing	2	2	2													
-- Moravia	0	0	0													
--Groton	3	3	3													
-- Cortland	0	0	0													
--Newark Valley	0	0	0													
-- Trumansburg	7	7	7													
-- Homer	0	0	0													
-- Odessa Montour	0	0	0													
-- Spencer -Van Etten	0	0	1													
--Candor	1	1														

-- # attending Franziska Racker Centers	30	30	30												
-- # attending Ithaca City School District	29	30	30												
-- # attending Dryden Central School	3	3	3												
-- # attending South Seneca School District	2	2	2												
Total # attending Special Ed Integrated Tuition Progr.	64	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
-- Ithaca	18	17	25										60	225	219
-- Candor	0	1	0										1	2	1
-- Dryden	7	3	8										18	53	64
-- Groton	3	4	16										23	43	50
-- Homer	0	0	0										0	0	2
-- Lansing	1	4	4										9	22	23
-- Newfield	3	0	0										3	26	19
-- Trumansburg	0	3	3										6	13	26
-- Spencer VanEtten	0	1	0										1	1	1
-- Moravia	0	0	0										0	1	1
Total CPSE Meetings Attended	32	33	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	386	390

Environmental Health

- Summary of Activity (See following pages.)

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2023 Totals
FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM - Restaurants & Other Food Service														
Permitted Operations (535 Permitted Operations*)														
Inspections**	53	57	83										193	828
Critical Violations	5	1	28										34	170
Other Violations	30	18	38										86	359
Plans Approved	1	3	1										5	14
Complaints Received	2	4	2										8	55
Temporary FSE (150 Estimated Operations*)														
Permits Issued	1	2	7										10	163
Inspections**	0	0	5										5	94
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	24
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	12
MOBILE HOME PARKS (39 Permitted Operations, 2019 Lots*)														
Inspections**	0	4	4										8	17
Critical Violations	0	0	1										1	6
Other Violations	1	6	3										10	59
Complaints Received	0	2	0										2	14
TEMPORARY RESIDENCES - Hotels & Motels (35 Permitted Operations, 2241 Rooms*)														
Inspections**	1	0	0										1	45
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	41
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	54
Complaints Received	1	0	0										1	8
MASS GATHERING (Fingerlakes GrassRoots Festival)														
Inspections**	0	0	0										0	10
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	7
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	46
Complaints Received	0	0	0										0	0
MIGRANT FARM WORKER HOUSING (1 Operation)														
Inspections**	0	1	0										1	2
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	0
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	0
Complaint Investigations	0	0	0										0	0
CAMPGROUNDS & AGRICULTURAL FAIRGROUNDS (9 Operations, 595 Sites*)														
Inspections**	0	0	0										0	20
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	0
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	18
Complaints Received	0	0	0										0	0
CHILDREN'S CAMPS (28 Operations)														
Inspections**	0	0	0										0	57
Critical Violations	0	0	0										0	4
Other Violations	0	0	0										0	0
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0	0										0	0
Complaints Received	0	0	0										0	0
SWIMMING POOLS & BATHING BEACHES - (50 Operations*)														
Inspections**	1	7	9										17	88
Critical Violations	0	2	1										3	10
Other Violations	0	9	3										12	60
Injury/Illness Investigations	0	0	0										0	0
Complaints Received	0	0	0										0	0
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS (PWS) 88 Community PWS, 63 Other PWS*														
Inspections**	5	6	21										32	83
Boil Water Orders Issued	2	2	3										7	7
Complaints Received	1	0	0										1	1

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2023 Totals
ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS)														
Permits Issued	12	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	232
New Construction/Conversions	7	9	5										21	111
Replacements	5	7	12										24	121
Completion Certificates Issued	8	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	190
New Construction/Conversions	3	3	3										9	73
Replacements	5	7	7										19	117
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS														
Realty Subdivisions	0	0	0										0	1
OWTS	5	3	8										16	34
Collector Sewer	0	0	0										0	0
Public Water Systems	2	0	0										2	4
Water Main Extension	0	0	0										0	5
Cross-Connection Control Devices	2	0	2										4	5
Other Water System Modification	0	0	1										1	2
Other Engineering Reviews	0	0	0										0	0
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM														
Potential Human Exposure Investigations	30	23	20										73	581
Human Post-X Treatments	4	5	1										10	186
Animal Specimens Tested	12	5	4										21	255
Animals Testing Positive	0	0	0										0	19
Rabies Clinics Offered	1	0	0										1	5
Dogs Vaccinated	101	0	0										101	458
Cats Vaccinated	66	0	0										66	301
Ferrets Vaccinated	2	0	0										2	10
Pet Quarantine	0	0	0										0	9
CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM														
# of New EH Referrals w/ Elevated BLL	1	0	0										1	7
# of EH Investigations Initiated	1	0	0										1	6
# of Home Assessments Performed	0	1	0										1	9
# of Notice of Demands Sent	0	1	0										1	3
Lead Calls/Inquires Received by EH	0	0	0										0	9
FOIL REQUESTS														
Total Received	5	1	4										10	51
ADOLESCENT TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACT (ATUPA) (65 Operations *) & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (CIAA)														
ATUPA (Adult & Minor) Compliance Checks	24	29	7										60	112
Violations	0	2	2										4	1
CIAA Complaints	0	0	0										0	0
COMPLAINTS - General/Nuisance														
Complaint Investigations Opened	2	4	1										7	120
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS														
Total Cases	2	0	2										4	35
Cases Related to FSE	0	0	1										1	13
BOH Penalties Assessed	\$800	\$0	\$600										\$1,400	\$79,000
BOH Penalties Collected	\$1,300	\$500	\$1,700										\$3,500	\$54,050
CUSTOMER SERVICE/SUPPORT														
Calls Received	410	425	537										1372	6449
Walk-In Customers	15	21	28										64	416
TCEH Emails Received	355	372	501										1228	4807
Applications Processed	90	127	194										411	1769
Payment Receipts Processed	55	101	169										325	1331
Renewals/Billings Sent	120	19	183										322	951

* As of 1/1/2024

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

New Business

- New Business item.