

Board of Health Presentation

January 27, 2025



Senior Social Worker Update

Each older adult referred to the JFS Older Adult Case Manager can be:

- Assessed for need for assistance with activities of daily living, housing needs, food insecurity, access to medical care, social support system, and transportation needs.
- Offered ongoing case management and will provide referrals and linkage to resources, as needed.
- Provided with connections to community resources and entitlements such as SNAP, Meals on Wheels, Medicaid, JACC, home friend program, affordable housing resources, home care agencies, SHIP/Medicare counseling, local transportation, care consultation services, home modification services, and senior tax freeze information.
- Provided referrals to other services within JFS such as caregiver support programs, mental health counseling, Friendly Visiting, Tessie's Touch, SHIP/ Medicare counseling and support groups (<https://www.jfsmetrowest.org/older-adults/>)

JFS Senior Social Worker Report, Q3 July-September 2024

| Referrals Made to: | Transportation Resources | LTSS/JACC/ABD Program | Homecare Agencies | SNAP Office | SHIP Program | Affordable Housing Resources | SUMMIT TOWNS/Maplewood Senior Center/Baird Center | Essex County Division of Senior Services | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|-------|
| South Orange Older Adults | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | |

| Adult Protective Service | Senior Tax Freeze Program | Eldercare Attoumey/ Estate Planning | Homesharing Inc Agency | Geriatricians | Chrill Care | JFS Shop N Drop Program | Meels on Wheels | JFS Care Consultation Caregiver Services | Mental Health Resources | Other Resources | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 45 |

Identified Needs Include: Caregiver services, more services supporting aging in place, difficulty affording homecare services and lack of transportation options, lack of affordable housing / long wait times for senior housing units, more assistance to programs for affordable medical and long term care services, more awareness of available resources and social services.

JFS Senior Social Worker Report, Q4 October-December 2024

| Referrals Made to: | Transportation Resources | LTSS/JACC/ABD Program | Homecare Agencies | SNAP Office | SHIP Program | Affordable Housing Resources | SUMMIT TOWNS/Maplewood Senior Center/Baird Center | Essex County Division of Senior Services | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|-------|--|
| South Orange Older Adults | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Senior Tax Freeze Program | Eldercare Attorney/ Estate Planning | Homesharing Inc Agency | Chrill Care | JFS Shop N Drop Program | Meels on Wheels | JFS Care Consultation Caregiver Services | Mental Health Resources | Other Resources | Total | |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 32 | |

Identified Needs Include: Transportation- grocery shopping and medical appts, Assistance with SNAP, Senior Freeze and ANCHOR Program applications, Medicare enrollment, qualifying programs under NJ SAVE, financial assistance.

Communicable and Infectious Disease Update

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Clinic

Protect yourself and the people you love!

Wednesday,
December 18th
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The Baird Center
5 Mead St South Orange,
NJ 07079

Vaccination Information

- Flu vaccine available for adults 19+.
- **It is safe to get both your 2024/2025 Formula COVID and Flu vaccines at the same time!**
- Bring your insurance card to the appointment.

Registration

Call 973-325-2266 ext. 1040

Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.



COVID-19 Vaccines: 9

Flu Vaccines: 3

HIV Screenings: 5



"Getting vaccinated is the best defense against COVID, measles, and many other childhood diseases. We look forward to working with our partners in the Municipal Health Offices to reach the VFC program-eligible children and make sure they have access to the vaccines needed for school."



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.,
Essex County Executive

The Board of County Commissioners

And the Essex County Office of Public Health Management



Vaccine for Children Clinic Sites for February 2025

Wednesday February 5, 2025

3:30 - 6:30 PM

Essex County

Watsessing Park Community Center

38 Conger Street

Bloomfield, NJ 07003

All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required

Wednesday February 19, 2025

3:30 - 6:30 PM

Upper Central Fieldhouse

234 Lincoln Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050

NEW LOCATION

All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required

Wednesday February 26, 2025

3:30-6:30PM

Essex County

Bilal Beasley

Community Center

Directly across the street from

644 Lyons Avenue Irvington, NJ 07111

All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required



To schedule an appointment,
call 973-877-8456 or send an email to
vfc@essexcountynj.org

Putting Essex County's Health First



Nursing Report- December

Reportable Disease Investigated: 4

COVID-19 Homebound Doses: 1

Immunization Audits: 4

FREE HOMEBOUND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



The Maplewood Health Department is currently offering the Moderna (Spikevax 2024-2025) COVID-19 vaccinations for **homebound individuals in Maplewood and South Orange only.**

- Residents will be screened by the nurse for homebound eligibility. Doses are limited so homebound criteria is strict
- Homebound vaccinations are not available to caretakers of homebound residents
- FREE- insurance not needed

Contact the Township Nurse Anna Markarova to schedule yours:

973-762-8120 x 4300

AMarkarova@maplewoodnj.gov

Free COVID-19 Test Kits

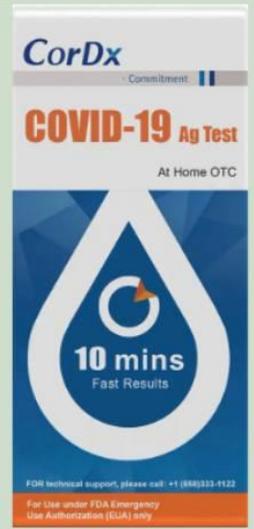
- As of late September 2024, residential households in the U.S are eligible for another order of 4 free at-home COVID-19 test kits from USPS.com
 - Each order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
 - Orders will ship free, starting September 30, 2024
- <https://Covidtest.gov>
- To order your COVID-19 test kits visit: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>
- **Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?**
Call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)).



MAPLEWOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We have FREE COVID-19 at home tests at Maplewood Town Hall

574 Valley Street, Maplewood
Pick up anytime 9-4:30 pm, M-F
2 Box Limit per Household
Exp 1/22/2025
Open to both Maplewood and South Orange residents



CorDx
Commitment II
COVID-19 Ag Test
At Home OTC
10 mins
Fast Results
For technical support, please call: +1 (888)333-4122
For Use under FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) only

Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update

- State agencies continue to aggressively monitor occurrences of H5N1 avian influenza in domestic and wild bird populations
- **While there have been recent confirmations of deaths in localized wild bird populations in parts of NJ, there have been no recent reports in domestic poultry or cattle and no human infections in the state**
 - Avian Influenza is suspected to have caused localized deaths of multiple wild birds, predominately snow geese and Canada geese, in parts of the state since the end of December
- The CDC has declared that the ongoing nationwide H5N1 outbreak is primarily an animal health issue that poses low risk to the health of the public
- **Currently, there are no confirmed human cases in NJ**

Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update cont.

- Three principal state agencies involved in monitoring and responding to Avian Influenza
 - **NJ Department of Environmental Protection:** If you encounter sick or dead wild birds report the finding to the DEP hotline at 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337)
 - **NJ Department of Health:** Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase, as expected for this time of the year. However, there are no reports of human novel influenza cases, including H5N1 bird flu, in NJ at this time
 - **NJ Department of Agriculture:** Sick or dead domestic birds should be reported to 609-671-6400)
- For more information on H5N1 visit: <https://www.nj.gov/H5N1>

Steps to Reduce Risk of Exposure to H5N1

- Avoid direct contact with wild birds; observe them from a distance
- Avoid unprotected contact with wild or domestic birds that appear sick or have died
- Only eat or drink milk or dairy products made from pasteurized milk and avoid feeding pets raw milk or dairy products. Raw (unpasteurized) milk or dairy products can contain germs that make people and pets sick
- Cook poultry, eggs, and beef to appropriate internal temperatures before consumption
- Take additional precautions, including wearing PPE if you may be in contact with infected or potentially infected birds, dairy cows, or other animals

Environmental Health

Environmental Health- December

- Restaurant inspections: 8
 - Pre-operation inspections: 0
 - Re-inspections: 0
 - Mobile Food Trucks: 0
- School inspections: 0
- Daycare inspections: 0
- Camps: 0
- Kennels: 0
- Complaints: 2
- NOVs: 2
- Summonses: 1

Animal Control Update

Animal Control Services 2024 report

Total Calls: 202

Bite: 39

Cruelty/Neglect: 3

Enforcement: 6

Other: 9

Seizure: 1

Stray: 46

Stray Animals Impounded: 36

Rescue Group: 18

Euthanasia: 2

Wildlife: 98



Animal Control Update- December 2024

Total Calls: 12

Bite: 3

Other: 1

Stray: 2

Stray Animals Impounded: 2

Wildlife: 6



NOW AVAILABLE



2025 South Orange Dog & Cat Licenses



\$17 FOR NEUTERED/SPAYED PETS

\$20 FOR NON-FIXED PETS

A \$20 LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED
AFTER 3/1/25

ACCORDING TO TOWN ORDINANCE
68-4: ANY PERSON WHO SHALL OWN,
KEEP OR HARBOR A DOG/CAT OF
LICENSING AGE SHALL, APPLY FOR
AND PROCURE FROM THE HEALTH
OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE A ONE-YEAR
LICENSE



[https://www.southorange.org/508/
Pet-Licenses](https://www.southorange.org/508/Pet-Licenses)

QUESTIONS?

Call 973-762-8120 ext 2006



Use this QR code or
link to register now

Social Services/ Mental Health

HOW DO I GET NJ FAMILY CARE HEALTH COVERAGE?

ANYONE CAN APPLY



WAYS TO APPLY

① Online at www.njfamilycare.org



② In-person at your County Social Service Agency



③ Call 1-800-701-0710 (TTY:711).
Translators available.



INFORMATION NEEDED



Your household members



Income

READ YOUR MAIL



Send in any extra information needed as soon as possible.



APPROVED?



Use your benefits!



DENIED?



Read your letter carefully for next steps.



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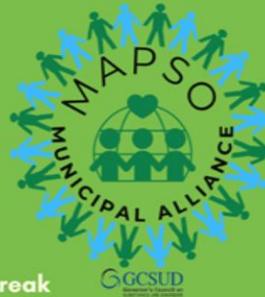
PARENTS WHO SPEND 15 MINUTES PER DAY WITH THEIR CHILD CAN IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING



South Orange
MIDDLE SCHOOL
"SOMS STRONG!"



drugfreenj.org/child-break/15-minute-child-break



GCSUD
Glen Rock, NJ



MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

Emergency
Services

911

Mental
Health
Crisis

988

Social
Services

211

Poison
Control

800-222-1222

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK



South Orange Police Department has a Permanent Drug Drop Box in their Lobby



**DISPOSE OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED
MEDICATION SAFELY**

**THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS A
PERMANENT DRUG DROP BOX
AVAILABLE IN THEIR LOBBY 24/7
201 SOUTH ORANGE AVE.**



**SAVE OUR STREAMS AND RIVERS:
Please do not throw medication in the sink
or toilet**

