

Board of Health Presentation

April 28, 2025



April is World Autism Month

1 in 31 children
in the U.S. have autism
1 in 45 adults in
the U.S. have autism



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Only 1 in 5
people with
disabilities, including
those with autism,
are employed.



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Over 75% of
autistic adults live
with their parents
or family members.



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Our mission is to create healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes for Black mamas so they can thrive in motherhood.

Our Why

Established in 2018, the Perinatal Health Equity Initiative (PHEI) is a grassroots nonprofit organization that seeks to address the inequities in maternal health outcomes for Black women and infants. In New Jersey, Black women are 7-8x more likely to die from pregnancy related complications. **92% of all of those deaths were found to be preventable.** Additionally, Black women are more likely to experience disrespectful care, traumatic birth experiences, c-sections, and preterm births. Black women deserve safe, equitable, **quality** care at every stage of pregnancy, birth and postpartum period.

How We Are Different

We are a Black women led organization that approaches maternal health utilizing a reproductive and birth justice lens. We provide culturally congruent care that honors Black culture and centers the mother and the infant. Our work is designed to create a safe place for Black families, that is free from racism and bias. The programs and services at PHEI are designed using both research and community voice. Our goal is to stand in the gap between inequitable and optimal maternity care, while further highlighting the joy in the birthing experience.

Our Impact

Families Served

1000+

Lactation Support visits

300+

Peer support members

786

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Our Approach



Direct Service

- Clinical breastfeeding support
- Preeclampsia management
- Mothers in Bloom



Support

- SWB peer breastfeeding support group.
- Butterfly Fund
- D.O.P.E Mamas mental support



Education & Training

- Then Came Baby
- Breastfeeding in Color
- Professional Development



Policy & Advocacy

- Birth Equity Coalition



Research

- Community based participatory research
- Training and technical support



Mamas in Bloom

About the Program

Mamas in Bloom is a culturally responsive program designed to improve pregnancy, birth, and infant outcomes in Black and Brown families in Essex and Union County NJ. All mothers are eligible regardless of income. Families can enroll at any point during their pregnancy and are provided with wraparound support for the first 6 months after delivery. The program combines education, advocacy, and clinical care provided by our team of nurses and community health workers and lactation providers. Families are contacted at scheduled points during their pregnancy and postpartum journey to provide education, support and resources. **Additional support is provided for families with preeclampsia/ hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and diabetes.** We recognize that different families need different levels of support. We are open to providing support to families as needed outside the parameters of this program.

Program Goals

- Zero preventable maternal deaths
- Delivery at 39+ weeks
- Vaginal birth
- Breastfeeding initiation and continuation
- Reduced hospital readmission
- Adherence to pediatric visit schedule
- Early recognition of postpartum complications
- All newborns celebrate their first birthday
- Positive birth experiences
- Improve attendance at prenatal/postnatal visits

Support provided

- High risk perinatal case management
- Transition to parenthood
- NICU support
- Childbirth prep
- Breastfeeding support
- Transportation to appointments
- Maternal and infant essentials (car seats, diapers, clothing, cribs, etc)
- Connection to community resources and support (housing support, food insecurity, disability)

How to refer

You can refer a family to our services 1 of 3 ways

1. Fill out a referral form on our website www.perinatalequity.org/mamasinbloom
2. Speak to a team member 862-298-2812
3. Email us at info@perinatalequity.org

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ZUFALL
HEALTH

COMMUNITY
HEALTH
CENTERS

MONTHLY ZUFALL HEALTH VISIT AT THE THE BAIRD CENTER

Second Friday of Each Month

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The Baird Center
5 Mead St South Orange, NJ 07079



4/11/25: 12 people
were provided
information at the Baird

Free Services Available



Health insurance
enrollment information



Information about our
affordable medical,
dental, and behavioral
health services



Quarterly
Free COVID
FLU Vaccines



Quarterly
Free HIV Screenings

Visit one of Zuffall Health's offices for
a FREE, confidential HIV test and get a gift card.

Vaccine 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**

zufallhealth.org



MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

Emergency

911

- Fire
- Severe injury or medical problem
- Criminal activity
- Life threatening situation

Mental Health Crisis

988

- Suicidal thoughts
- Emotional distress
- Concern for a friend or family member
- Substance misuse

CALL + TEXT CHAT

Social Services

211

- Food
- Housing
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare services
- Transportation
- Legal services
- Counseling & Support

Poison Control

800-222-1222

Poison exposure from:

- Medications
- Household cleaners
- Plants
- Bites/Stings
- Lead
- Pesticides
- Recreational drugs

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.



MAPLEWOOD
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Communicable and Infectious Disease Update

Nursing Report- March

Reportable Diseases Investigated: 3

Immunization Audits: 13

National Measles Update

U.S. Cases in 2025

Total confirmed cases
884

Age

Under 5 years: **266 (30%)**
5-19 years: **338 (38%)**
20+ years: **261 (30%)**
Age unknown: **19 (2%)**

Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated or Unknown: **97%**
One MMR dose: **1%**
Two MMR doses: **2%**

U.S. Hospitalizations in 2025

11%

11% of cases hospitalized (94 of 884).

Percent of Age Group Hospitalized

Under 5 years: **20% (53 of 266)**

5-19 years: **7% (22 of 338)**

20+ years: **7% (17 of 261)**

Age unknown: **11% (2 of 19)**

U.S. Deaths in 2025

3

There has been 3 confirmed deaths from measles



Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Vaccines Offered: DTap, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Men B, TD, Tdap, Flu, Meningo Conj MCV4, PCV20, IPV, HPV9, Varicella, MMR, COVID-19

MAY 2025 LOCATIONS

Wednesday, May 7th
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Essex County
Watsessing Park
Community Center
38 Conger Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
** By Appointment ONLY**

Wednesday, May 14th
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Upper Central
Fieldhouse
234 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
** By Appointment ONLY**

Wednesday, May 21st
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Essex County
Bilal Beasley
Community Center
Directly across the street from
644 Lyons Avenue Irvington, NJ 07111
** By Appointment ONLY**

Eligibility requirements: Medicaid eligible, NJ FamilyCare Plan A eligible, uninsured, American Indian or Alaskan Native. Available to children through age 18.

Vaccines for Children are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 973-877-8456 or email vfc@essexcountynj.org



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
The Board of County Commissioners
The Essex County Office of Public Health Management
Putting Essex County's Health First



Vacunas Para Niños (VFC)

Vacunas ofrecidas: DTap, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Meningococo B, TD, Tdap, Gripe, Meningococo MCV4, PCV20, IPV, HPV9, Varicela, MMR, COVID-19

UBICACIONES DE MAYO DE 2025

Miércoles 7 de Mayo
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Essex County
Watsessing Park
Community Center
Calle Conger 38
Bloomfield, Nueva Jersey 07003
** SOLO CON CITA PREVIA**

Miércoles 14 de Mayo
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Upper Central
Fieldhouse
Avenida Lincoln 234
Orange, Nueva Jersey 07050
** SOLO CON CITA PREVIA**

Miércoles 21 de Mayo
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Essex County
Bilal Beasley
Community Center
Justo al otro lado de la calle de
644 Lyons Avenue Irvington, NJ 07111
** SOLO CON CITA PREVIA**

Requisitos de elegibilidad: elegible para Medicaid, elegible para el Plan NJ FamilyCare A, sin seguro médico, indígena estadounidense o nativo de Alaska. Disponible para menores de 18 años.

Las vacunas para niños están disponibles solo con cita previa. Para programar una cita, llame al 973-877-8456 o envíe un correo electrónico a vfc@essexcountynj.org

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Vaksen pou Timoun yo disponib sou randevou sèlman. Pou orè yon randevou rele 973-877-8456 oswa imèl vfc@essexcountynj.org

Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update

Current situation

National situation summary

Person-to-person spread

NONE

There is no known person-to-person spread at this time.

Current public health risk

LOW

The current public health risk is Low.

Cases in the U.S.

70 cases

Deaths in U.S.

1 cases

National Total Cases: 70

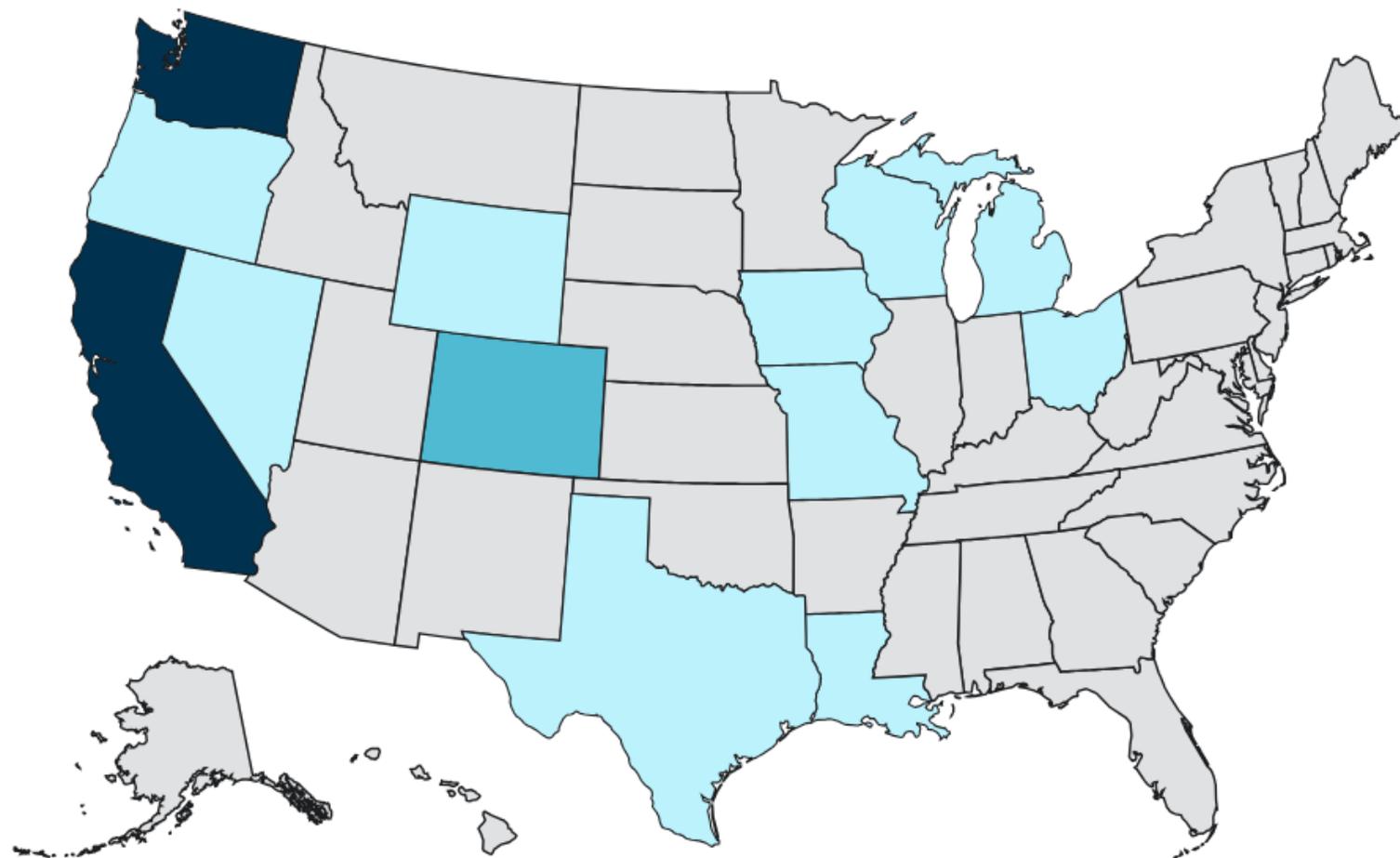
Cases	Exposure Source
41	Dairy Herds (Cattle)*
24	Poultry Farms and Culling Operations*
2	Other Animal Exposure†
3	Exposure Source Unknown‡

NOTE: One additional case was previously detected in a poultry worker in Colorado in 2022. Louisiana reported the first H5 bird flu death in the U.S.

*Exposure Associated with Commercial Agriculture and Related Operations

†Exposure was related to other animals such as backyard flocks, wild birds, or other mammals

‡Exposure source was not able to be identified



Total cases



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>

Environmental Health

Environmental Health- March

Restaurant inspections: 7

- Pre-operation inspections: 0
- Re-inspections: 0
- Mobile Food Trucks: 0
- School inspections: 0
- Daycare inspections: 1
- Camps: 0
- Complaints: 6
- NOVs: 9
- Summonses: 2



Animal Control Update

Animal Control Update- March 2025

Total Calls: 13

Cruelty/Neglect: 2

Enforcement: 1

Other: 3

Wildlife: 7



Animal Resources

Please call Animal Control Solutions during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30 am-4 pm) at (908) 722-1271

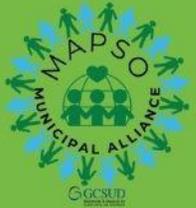
- Lost or injured domestic animals
- Dog/ cat bites or other injuries
- Dead animal pick up on public roadways
- Animal emergencies
 - If it is an animal emergency after hours, please call South Orange Police Department: (973) 378-7799.

If it is a question about wildlife, please refer to the NJ Fish and Wildlife website: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/need-help-with-wildlife/>

Social Services/ Mental Health

PARENTS WHO SPEND 15 MINUTES PER DAY

WITH THEIR CHILD CAN IMPROVE
THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

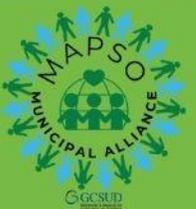


More info: drugfreenj.org/drugfacts/



PADRES QUE DEDICAN 15 MINUTOS AL DÍA

A SUS HIJOS PUEDEN CONTRIBUIR
A MEJORAR SU SALUD Y BIENESTAR



Más información / plis enfòmasyon:
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