

Board of Health Presentation

November 25, 2025

VACCINES & AUTISM

- Scientists have repeatedly found no link **between vaccines and autism.**
- There is no single, root cause of autism. A combination of factors is likely involved, like **genetics and environmental** influences.
- The increase in autism rates is likely due to **heightened awareness, improved screening and updated diagnostic criteria.**





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

DECEMBER 2025 LOCATIONS

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

**Wednesday,
December 10th**
3:30 - 6:30 PM
**Upper Central
Fieldhouse**
234 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
** By Appointment ONLY**

**Wednesday,
December 17th**
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



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SOMA Public
Health
Community
Resource Guide



NJ SNAP

Please use these QR Codes to access resources during this time.

Health Department: Collecting SOMA Resources For SNAP Recipients

To find SOMA restaurants offering assistance to SNAP recipients and to find local Food Drives (distribution and donation collection)



For more information, please contact
South Orange Health Department
sohealthdept@southorange.org



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<https://www.nj.gov/getcoverednj/>
<https://njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us/>



Nursing Update

Nursing Report - October

Reportable Diseases Investigated: 0

Health Screenings = 4

The New Jersey Department of Health continues to ensure that individuals 6 months of age and older have access to a COVID-19 vaccine for the 2025–2026 respiratory illness season.



Co-administration

COVID-19 vaccines may be administered at the same time as other commonly recommended vaccines, including those that provide protection against influenza; respiratory syncytial virus (RSV); tetanus, pertussis, and diphtheria (Tdap); and pneumococcal disease. The vaccines should be administered at different sites.

Types of COVID-19 Vaccines

1. mRNA vaccines

- o Moderna Brand:
SPIKEVAX for ages ≥ 6 months
mNEXSPIKE for ages ≥ 12 year
- o Pfizer Brand
COMIRNATY for ages ≥ 5 years

2. Protein subunit vaccine

- Novavax Brand
NUVAXOVID for ≥ 12 years

Recommendations

Everyone aged 6 through 23 months should be vaccinated. For children needing more than one dose to complete the series, all vaccine doses should be from the same manufacturer.

Everyone aged ≥ 19 years

Vaccination is especially important for people who:

- o Are moderately/severely immunocompromised
- o Have never received a COVID-19 vaccine
- o Are at high-risk of exposure to COVID-19 or who care for people at high-risk for severe COVID-19

Pregnancy and Lactation

COVID-19 vaccination during any trimester protects both the pregnant person and the infants ≤ 6 months from severe illness due to COVID-19.

Everyone who is pregnant should be vaccinated. Vaccination may occur in any trimester; vaccination at the earliest opportunity maximizes maternal and fetal health. Everyone who is planning pregnancy, is in the post-partum period, and who is lactating should be vaccinated.

To Learn more about the immunization schedule visit : [AAP.org/Immunization Schedule](https://AAP.org/ImmunizationSchedule)

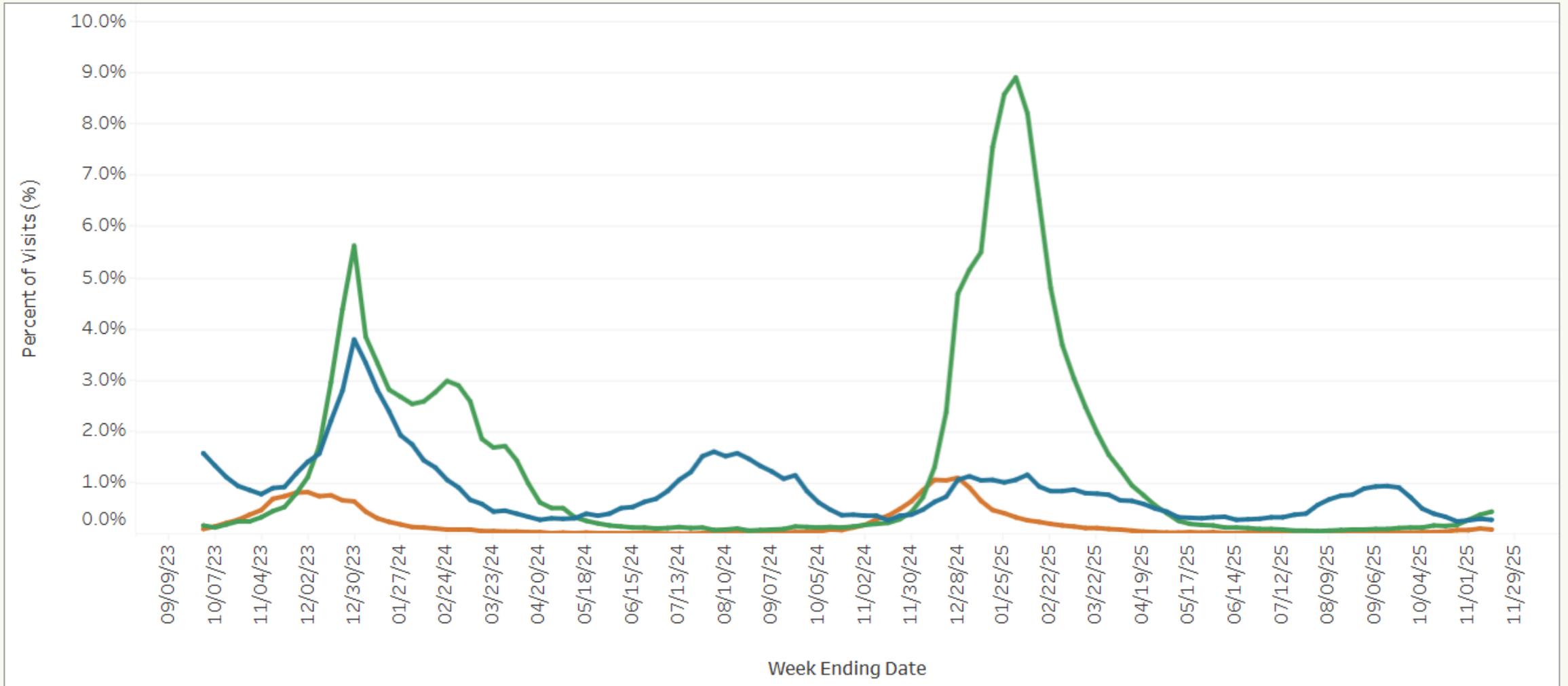
Emergency Department Visits

Start Date

End Date

9/30/2023

11/24/2025



Environmental Health Update

Environmental Health - **OCTOBER**

Inspections

- Restaurant inspections: 4
 - Pre-operation inspections: 3
 - Re-inspections: 2
 - Mobile Food Trucks:10
- Camp:0
- Complaints:3
- NOVs:6
- Summonses:0
- Animal Bites:1

Health Department Licenses:

- ✓ Retail Food Establishments (Restaurants)
- ✓ One Day Food Licenses (events/festivals)
- ✓ Vape Shops
- ✓ Body Art/ Tattoo Parlors
- ✓ Massage/ Spa
- ✓ Recreational Bathing (Pools)
- ✓ Childcare Centers
- ✓ Kennels
- ✓ Dogs, Cats and Chickens

Animal Control Update

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Animal Control Solutions Monthly Report: October 2025 South Orange

Total Calls: 19

Bite: 3

Enforcement: 1

Other: 1

Stray: 6

Stray Animals Impounded: 2

Wildlife: 8

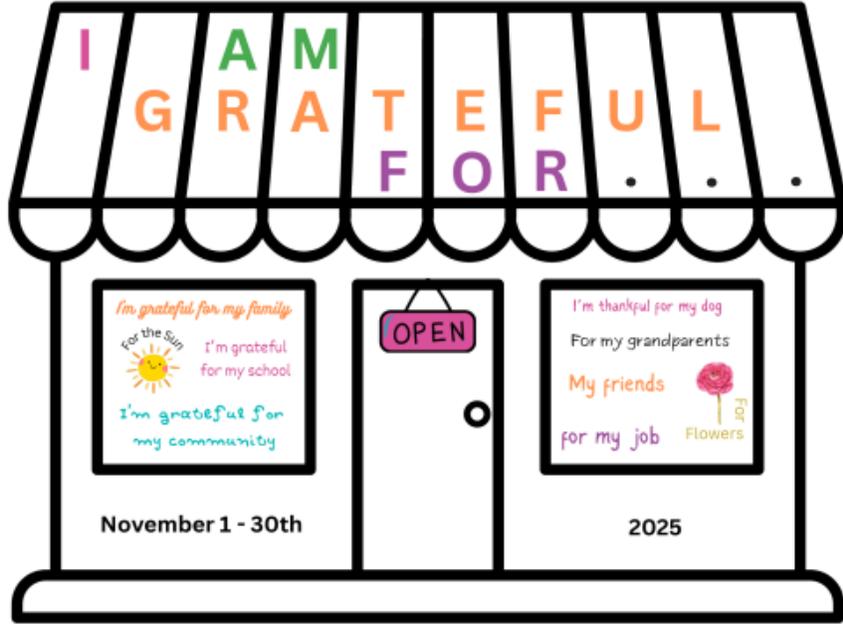
Social Services/Mental Health



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We invite **ALL** local businesses, hospitals, health centers, schools, gyms, colleges and universities, workplaces, restaurants, places of worship and libraries to be part of the **2025 Gratitude Graffiti Project!**



Bakes by Izzy
108 W South Orange Ave

Wildly Floral Co.
9 Scotland Rd

Three Birds Yoga Studio
18 S Orange Ave 3 2nd Floor

Little Brain Lab
76 W South Orange Ave

Fitness Studio
331 Valley St

Funky Fun Art
204 Irvington Ave



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**

