

# NEW JERSEY 2013

## LOCAL HEALTH REPORT

# Warren County Health Department



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# Meet the Warren County Health Department

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## What Does Your Health Department Do?

**Your local public health department protects and improves the health and well-being of your community, as well as the environmental resources upon which we all depend.**

Since 1900, the average lifespan of U.S. residents has increased by more than 30 years, with 25 years of this gain attributable to advances in public health, such as:

- Vaccination
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces
- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

Today, your local, county, regional, and state public health agencies continue to promote health and wellness across New Jersey.

### The Warren County Health Department (WCHD):

- Protects you from health threats. Your health department works to prevent disease outbreaks and makes sure the water you drink, the food you eat, and the air you breathe are all safe. We are also ready to respond to any health emergency — be it bioterrorism, SARS, West Nile Virus, or a new environmental hazard.
- Educates you and your neighbors about health issues. Your health department provides you with information that helps you make healthy decisions, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking, and washing your hands to protect yourself from communicable diseases. During a public health emergency, we also provide important alerts and warnings to protect your health.
- Provides healthy solutions. Your health department offers the preventive care you need to avoid disease and maintain your health. We provide flu shots for the elderly and help mothers get prenatal care to give their babies a healthy start. We also help provide children with regular check-ups, immunizations, and good nutrition to help them grow and learn.
- Advances community health. Your health department takes part in developing new policies and standards that address existing and emerging challenges to your community's health while enforcing a range of laws to help keep you safe. We work through research and staff training to maintain expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs.

# Warren County Health Department & You: Improving Health Together!

It is with pleasure that I present the 2013 Warren County Health Department Annual Report.

The Warren County Health Department works in many areas to protect our community from a wide range of public health threats such as tuberculosis, influenza and other communicable diseases. Health Department staff work to ensure that our drinking water remains safe and our food clean. The department's activities include identifying health risks; maintaining a safe and healthful environment; detecting, investigating and preventing the spread of disease; promoting healthy lifestyles; and informing the public on health issues.

We also participate in disaster planning and facilitate medical needs sheltering in the event of hurricanes or other disasters. The Health Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team responds to chemical spills throughout the county.

I would like to extend my thanks to our employees and partners for their tireless work to keep our county clean and healthy. It is a great privilege for me to serve as Warren County's Health Officer and I look forward to continuing to provide public health service our community. I look forward to hearing from and working with other residents to assure a healthier life in Warren County.

**Pete Summers**  
Health Officer

## WCHD Quick Facts

2013 by the numbers:

- 57 individuals employed
- 1,694 vaccinations provided to children and adults
- 923 inspections of food establishments conducted
- 15 CPR training sessions provided
- 94 HazMat emergency calls responded to

## Public Health, Personal Stories



PHNA Staff pose with the NJDOH Service Award for Best Vaccination Practices

On September 25, 2013, the Public Health Nursing Agency was honored with a Service Award from the NJ Department of Health for Best Vaccination Practices. The award was given to recognize the agencies unwavering commitment to safe administration, handling, and storage of vaccines, as well as high coverage rates.

# Staffing & Human Resources Summary

Fiscal Year Summary	2013 data
Number of Individual Employees	57
Number of Individual Contract Staff	24
Number of Individual Volunteers	105
Number of Contract Organizations	5
Total Number of Full-Time Equivalent Human Resources Available	57
FTEs of Individual Employees	38
FTEs of Individual Contract Staff	19

<sup>1</sup>Employees are individuals who are on the LHD's payroll and paid a set salary or hourly rate. This includes full-time, part-time, and casual/at-will/W-9 staff of the LHD.

<sup>1</sup> Contract staff are individual contractors or consultants who are not on the LHD's payroll, but who invoice or bill the LHD for services rendered on behalf of the LHD and are paid directly by the LHD as individuals (rather than as companies/organizations).

<sup>1</sup> Contract organizations are organizations that, under the terms of a contract, provide services on behalf of the LHD in exchange for payment, where the LHD pays the organization rather than directly compensating individual staff of the organization for their services.

## Did you know?

WCHD has more than 100 volunteers. These individuals help staff our HazMat Response Team and Medical Reserve Corps. In emergency situations, it is great to know we can count on community members to lend a helping hand.

# Annual Financial Summary

## Fiscal Year Summary

Revenue from County	\$2,849,449
Revenue from the State Department of Health	\$395,262
Revenue from other State Agencies	\$162,445
Revenue from grants (other than State of NJ)	\$4,000
Revenue from service and licensing fees	\$264,967
Revenue from fines for health & safety violations	\$32,010
All other revenue	\$2,980,271
% of revenue from Fees and Fines	4.44%
Total expenditures for T2Q1 through T2Q2	\$6,688,404
Budget for next fiscal year	\$6,608,000

## WCHD Community Spotlight



A popular community event each year in Warren County, the Farmer's Fair provides a perfect venue for reaching out to local citizens. At the 2013 fair, WCHD's Nursing Agency booth provided patrons with a crash-course in the dangers of high blood pressure. In addition to offering educational materials, nurses and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers were on site to provide free blood pressure screenings.

# Inquiries, Issues, and Complaint Investigations: Improving Community Quality of Life, Health, and Safety

- WCHD assists residents in the resolution of quality of life questions and concerns, as well as conducting investigations to prevent and correct (“abate”) conditions or uses of a properties that interfere with neighbors’ use or enjoyment of their own properties or endanger life, health or safety.

For more information or to report a community concern, contact WCHD at 908-475-7960

## Key Facts & Activities

## 2013 data

Number of contacts handled	317
Number of cases that required enforcement action (including, but not limited to: fines, notices of violation, and court summonses)	179

## WCHD Community Spotlight

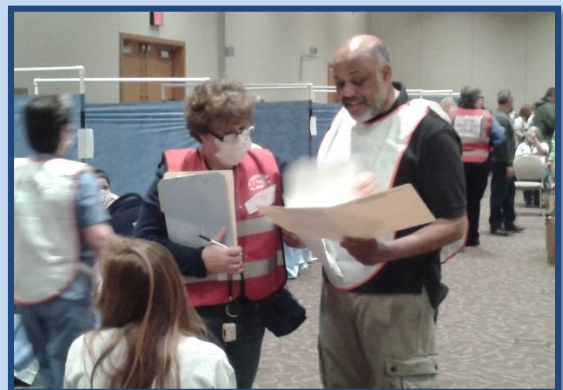
### The Medical Reserve Corps



The Warren County Medical Reserve Corps or "MRC" is part of a nationwide network of volunteers, both medical and non-medical, who are willing to serve their community during public health events. The mission of the MRC is to develop a prepared, trained workforce of volunteers to serve the citizens of New Jersey in the event of a public health emergency. In order to achieve this mission, volunteers receive trainings, practice in exercises, and participate in community events throughout the year. All volunteers perform duties as it relates to their specific training, interests, and skills. Such duties might include: direct patient care, vaccinations, administrative, clerical or reception, and translation services.

**Community Health Volunteers: 25**  
**Medical Professional Volunteers: 63**

If you are interested in volunteering with the Warren County MRC, visit [www.njmrc.nj.gov](http://www.njmrc.nj.gov) or contact Chris Hellwig, MRC Unit Coordinator at [chellwig@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:chellwig@co.warren.nj.us) or 908-475-7960



An MRC volunteer participates in the St. Luke's University Hospital's Alternate Care Site training exercise in 2013



# Emergency Preparedness and Response

• Local health departments monitor the community for infectious or communicable diseases, public health nursing and case investigation & disease outbreak prevention and mitigation, health education/ risk communication, partnerships with traditional and non-traditional emergency responders and the community-at-large, and environmental contamination mitigation post-event (natural or manmade disasters).

For more information, contact Sarah Shoemaker, Public Health Planner at [sshoemaker@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:sshoemaker@co.warren.nj.us) or 908-475-7960

WCHD has updated plans to respond to the following types of emergencies that involve:

- retail food safety
- multi-family housing
- the public water supply
- food-borne disease outbreaks
- hazardous material spills
- infectious disease outbreaks
- major natural disasters
- potential bioterrorism and radiological release events

## Hazardous Materials Response



HazMat responders in Level A protective suits

The Hazardous Materials Response team is managed by the health department and staffed by volunteers. In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and rescue squads, the WC HazMat Team responds to hazardous material emergencies, like fuel spills or other chemical leaks, throughout the county.

For more information, contact Tom Nigro, HazMat Responder at [tnigro@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:tnigro@co.warren.nj.us) or 908-475-7960

### Key Facts & Activities

### 2013 data

Number of HazMat Emergency Response calls	94
Number of HazMat Emergency Response drills	14

## Health Education and Promotion

- Health Education occurs throughout all local health department programs, with a focus on providing education and health promotion services that help the public make informed decisions about their health. Health education programs and activities help the community achieve a healthier lifestyle and promote healthy behaviors.

For more information, contact Chris Hellwig, Health Educator/Risk Communicator at [chellwig@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:chellwig@co.warren.nj.us) or 908-475-7960

In 2013, the WCHD Health Education Team conducted 15 CPR/AED training sessions with a total of 57 trainees. The Health Education Team also conducts “Right to Know” training, which includes blood-borne pathogens. Participants learn about common pathogens, proper hygiene procedures, as well as other workplace hazardous substances, such as asbestos.

Community Health Nurses provide inservice training to local preschools and daycare centers. These training sessions, for preschool and daycare staff, address topics such as flu, school exclusions (identifying which illnesses prohibit a student from being allowed in the classroom), medication administration, and lice. This year, staff members were also trained to use the different types of Epi-pens that students may need, including the new Auvi-Q device.

*“My staff and I educate the public. We do senior groups, school teachers, employees of some businesses, and a group home within the county. Some topics discussed this past year were emergency preparedness, hand washing & cough etiquette, communicable disease prevention, childhood diseases & immunizations, heat stroke prevention, lice & scabies... to name a few. We also educate individuals on chronic disease prevention and management.”*

*Helen Haydu, RN BSN, Assistant Nursing Supervisor*

### Key Facts & Activities

### 2013 data

Number of single-session educational events	1088
Number of multi-session educational events	2

## Individual Clinical Services

- As part of our mission to assure that all people have access to essential health services, local health departments provide a variety of individual, clinical services such as screenings and checkups, referrals to appropriate medical care, and primary medical care and follow-up.

WCHD's Personal Service Division also provides licensed home health visits by skilled nurses, physical therapists, occupational and speech therapists, and medical social workers. A registered dietician/nutritionist provides counseling in dietary/nutrition assessment and support. Certified home health aide services are provided under a contractual arrangement with two health care service firms.

The Special Child Health Services Case management unit provides coordinated comprehensive services for children and their families who have or are at risk of having long term chronic illness/conditions.

For more information, contact Public Health Nursing, Community Health Division at 908-689-6000

### Did you know?

Services for un/underinsured Warren County residents, including health screenings, immunizations for adults and children, and bloodwork, are offered at clinics held every

**Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and by appointment**

**Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency**

**162 East Washington Avenue Washington, NJ 07882**

**908-689-6000**

<b>Key Facts &amp; Activities</b>	<b>2013 data</b>
Number of home-based nursing visits provided	11,244
Number of individuals who received home nursing care from the health department	1,754
Number of children immunized to protect them from dangerous and deadly preventable diseases	407
Number of adults (age 18 and up) immunized to protect them from dangerous and deadly preventable diseases	1,099
Total number of immunizations provided by the LHD	1,694
Total number of health screenings provided by the LHD	805
Number of individuals screened for Hepatitis B	7
Number of individuals screened for Cardiovascular Disease	190
Number of individuals screened for Hypertension	172
Number of individuals screened for Diabetes	24
Number of individuals screened for Tuberculosis	249
Number of individuals screened for Vision	81

## Communicable Disease Control

- Many communicable diseases are reportable to the health department by law. Doctor's offices, schools, hospitals, laboratories, and individuals directly report cases of these diseases through various methods, including phone calls and a secure electronic database. WCHD nurses then reach out to individuals to determine where they may have contracted their illness and who else may have been exposed. In the event of a larger outbreak, such as flu in an elementary school, the WCHD works with a regional epidemiologist from the NJ Department of Health. Communicable disease investigation is an important part of keeping our entire community health. Early notification helps aids the health department in preventing further spread of illnesses.

## School Immunization Record Audits

- To ensure that our community schools and children are keeping kids healthy and safe from preventable disease, local health departments review immunization records of children within schools and childcare facilities.

For more information, contact Public Health Nursing, Community Health Division at 908-689-6000

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of Childcare / Pre-K facilities	55
Number of Childcare / Pre-K facilities audited by the health department	55
Number of Kindergarten facilities	20
Number of Kindergarten facilities audited by the health department	0
Number of Grade 1 facilities	20
Number of Grade 1 facilities audited by the health department	0
Number of Grade 6 facilities	25
Number of Grade 6 facilities audited by the health department	25
Number of High School facilities	7
Number of High School facilities whose transfer school records were audited by the health department	7

## Did you know?

The CDC issues vaccination guidelines for all stages of life, from infancy to adulthood.

Download immunization guideline charts from:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-schedule-easy-read.pdf>

The New Jersey Department of Health has additional rules for required vaccinations for children enrolled in schools and daycare facilities. For more information, log on to:

- [http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/vaccine\\_requirements\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/vaccine_requirements_brochure.pdf)

# Animal Care and Management: Kennels, Pet Shops, and Shelter / Pound Facilities

- WCHD inspects kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds to ensure that these facilities are operating in compliance with sanitation, safety, and animal welfare rules.

For more information, contact Cindy Beernink, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of licensed pet shop facilities	3
Number of licensed kennel facilities	20
Number of licensed shelter/pound facilities	5
Number of routine inspections conducted at Pet Shops	3
Number of routine inspections conducted at Kennels	20
Number of routine inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	25
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Pet Shops	2
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Kennels	5
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	2



## Animal Bites and Rabies Control

- Animal bites are reportable to WCHD. Pets that have bitten a human or come in contact with a wild animal are both subject to quarantine procedures.

For more information, contact Cindy Beernink, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us)

### Key Facts & Activities

### 2013 data

Number of incidents where an animal bit a human	314
Number of incidents where a rabid or suspected-rabid animal bit a domestic animal (pet / livestock)	20
Number of unimmunized domestic animals that were confined for rabies observation after biting a person or another animal	0*

\*In Warren County, all animals involved with a human bite or rabid-suspect bit incident are quarantined, regardless of vaccination status.

## Rabies Vaccination Clinics

- Each year, WCHD sponsors free rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats in all 22 municipalities.

For more information, contact Tracey Hess, Chief REHS at 908-475-7960 or [thess@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:thess@co.warren.nj.us)

### Key Facts & Activities

### 2013 data

Number of rabies vaccination clinics conducted by the health department	22
Number of pets vaccinated by the health department	2518

## WCHD Community Spotlight



Each year, veterinarians and veterinary staff from around the county help conduct free rabies clinics in each municipality. Open to all New Jersey residents, these clinics help keep our pets and communities safe through preventing the spread of this deadly disease. For more information on upcoming clinics, log on to:

[http://www.co.warren.nj.us/healthdept/Rabies\\_clinics.html](http://www.co.warren.nj.us/healthdept/Rabies_clinics.html)



# Outdoor Facility Supervision and Inspection: Campgrounds

- WCHD enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of campgrounds in order to protect the health and safety of consumers who patronize these facilities. Inspections cover areas including, but not limited to sampling drinking water, verifying open-burn permits for campfires, waste disposal, and overall cleanliness and safety of the facilities.

For more information, contact Chris McCormick at 908-475-7960 or [cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of licensed / approved public campground facilities	4
Number of unlicensed public campground facilities identified by the health department	0
Number of routine inspections	4



## Youth Camps

- The WCHD enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of youth camps in order to protect the health and safety of children who visit these facilities. Pre-operational inspections address areas such as general safety and sanitation, medical record keeping, licensure, food preparation, storage, and service, drinking water, and swimming facilities.

For more information, contact Chris McCormick at 908-475-7960 or [cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of pre-operational inspections of youth camp facilities	18

# Recreational Bathing Facilities

- WCHD conducts safety and sanitation inspections of public recreational bathing facilities (including swimming pools, lakes, rivers, streams, tidal bays, and ocean swimming facilities) to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and protect consumers who use these facilities from avoidable harm and danger.

For more information, contact Chris McCormick at 908-475-7960 or [cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cmccormick@co.warren.nj.us)

<b>Key Facts &amp; Activities</b>	<b>2013 data</b>
Number of licensed public recreational bathing facilities	53
Number of licensed year-round facilities	3
Number of licensed seasonal facilities	50
Number of public recreational bathing features of each type:	
Swimming / wading pools	44
Hot tubs / spas	2
Bathing beach - Lake	7
Number of routine inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	3
Seasonal facilities	50
Number of routine re-inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	3
Seasonal facilities	55
Number of individual features closed for health and safety violations, by type:	
Swimming / wading pools	0
Hot tubs / spas	1
Bathing beaches - Lakes	0
Number of public recreational bathing facilities closed for health and safety violations:	0
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	1



# Local Business Supervision and Inspection: Retail Food Establishment Safety

• WCHD inspects and regulates restaurants, grocery stores, and other retail food facilities to ensure compliance with safety and sanitation rules. WCHD also investigate and control disease outbreaks linked to retail food facilities.

For more information, contact Carol Schwar at 908-475-7960 or [cschwar@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cschwar@co.warren.nj.us)

<b>Key Facts &amp; Activities</b>	<b>2013 data</b>
Number of licensed food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	153
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	440
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	132
Mobile food establishments	22
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	195
Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	28
Number of pre-operational retail food establishment inspections conducted	41
Number of routine inspections for the following types of retail food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	152
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	479
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	132
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	141
Number of routine re-inspections for the following types of establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	5
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	49
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	44
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	2
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related investigations/inspections:	
Investigations	107
Number of establishments on which the health department had to take one or more enforcement actions	6

## Tanning Facility Safety

• WCHD enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of tanning facilities in order to protect the health and safety of consumers who patronize tanning facilities. Some of the NJDOH inspection criteria include the posting of warning signs, availability of protective eyewear, temperature regulation, records of staff training, and the use of FDA compliant sunlamps.

For more information, contact Kevin Cavotta, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [kcavotta@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:kcavotta@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of unregistered tanning facilities identified by the health department	1
Number of routine inspections of tanning facilities	5
Number of tanning facilities on which the health department had to take one or more enforcement actions	0

## Body Art, Tattoo, and Permanent Cosmetics Safety

• WCHD enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of body art establishments in order to protect the health and safety of consumers who patronize these facilities. Some of the NJDOH inspection criteria include the provision of handwashing facilities, proper disposal of sharps, personal protective equipment, sterilization procedures, and the provision of educational materials for aftercare to patrons.

For more information, contact Kevin Cavotta, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [kcavotta@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:kcavotta@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of licensed body art establishments	3
Number of routine inspections of licensed body art facilities conducted by the health department	2
Number of unlicensed body art operations that were identified	0



# Environmental Stewardship: Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems Safety

- WCHD conducts education, permitting, and inspections of low-volume residential and commercial onsite wastewater treatment systems (e.g., septic systems) to ensure that systems are designed, constructed, and maintained properly, thus improving New Jersey's water quality and protecting human health and the environment.

For more information, contact Cindy Beernink, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us)

<b>Key Facts &amp; Activities</b>	<b>2013 data</b>
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with installations of new systems	8
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with repairs to existing system	117
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with alterations to existing systems that don't expand the capacity of the system	120
Number of system construction permits issued for final authorization to proceed with alterations to existing systems to expand the capacity of the system	7
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of advanced wastewater pretreatment systems	4
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of commercial facility systems	0
Are required system construction inspections performed by the health department?	Yes, the health department performs these inspections.
Number of realty transfer system inspection reports reviewed	149
Number of systems identified as noncompliant as a result of review of realty transfer system inspection reports	63
Number of septic management program inspection reports reviewed by the health department	
Number of system investigations conducted by the health department	50
Number of system-related summonses to appear in court issued by health department	0

## Potable Wells and Drinking Water Safety

- WCHD also oversees the drilling of wells throughout the county to ensure the safety of residents' drink water. WCHD ensures that wells are being drilled to the proper depth and installed with the correct materials according to NJDOH guidelines, including the proper type of cement casing and pipes.

For more information, contact Cindy Beernink, REHS at 908-475-7960 or [cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:cbeernink@co.warren.nj.us)

Key Facts & Activities	2013 data
Number of potable well inspections conducted	35
Number of potable well certificates of compliance issued	22
Number of potable well investigations conducted	14
Number of potable well investigations where the health department determined well water to be hazardous to humans	0
Number of public water system complaints received	0

## Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control

- According to New Jersey law (N.J.A.C. §8:51A), all children are required to be screened for lead exposure. Every primary care provider and health care facility that provides care to children less than six years of age is required to comply with the law.

NJDOH recommends that all children should be screened for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age. Additionally, any child between three and six years of age who has never previously been screened and any child who is six months of age or older, and is exposed to a known or suspected lead hazard, should be screened.

WCHD PHNA is notified of positive lead screening tests by local laboratories. Nurses then investigate each case and work with the health inspectors to provide case management. This team works together with parents to address issues of further screening, sampling the environment, and lead abatement.

For more information, contact Public Health Nursing, Community Health Division at 908-689-6000

### Did you know?

Lead can disrupt the normal growth and development of a child's brain and central nervous system. The most common source of lead in New Jersey is paint that was used on the interior and exterior surfaces (such as porches, windows and door) of homes built before 1978.

For more information, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/newborn/lead.shtml>