

2019-2022 Annual Report

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Burlington County
Health Department

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Herbert Conaway, MD



Thank you for reviewing the Burlington County Health Department's 2019-2022 Annual Report, which encompasses a period marked by the profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. During these challenging times, the pandemic became a central focus, and significantly shaped our operations and priorities.

In the face of this unprecedented crisis, our staff demonstrated exceptional resilience and flexibility. The COVID-19 response became an integral part of our efforts, demanding dedicated attention, swift adaptations to our strategies and resources to ensure that the health and well-being of the community were upheld on all fronts.

Amidst the challenges, our long-standing partnership with Virtua Health proved invaluable, providing nurse professionals who power many of our department's direct care initiatives. Working collaboratively with Virtua Health, the state and local government, Burlington County opened the state's second mega vaccination site and delivered critical vaccinations to more than 300,000 individuals aged 6 months and older.

Collaborations with community partners also became even more crucial during this time, as we worked together to address the unique public health needs arising from the pandemic. Schools, healthcare providers, faith-based communities, and other stakeholders united in the fight against COVID-19, exemplifying the spirit of solidarity and collective responsibility. We also collaborated with various agencies to confront the broader addictions crisis, recognizing the impact of the pandemic on mental health and substance abuse.

Health education empowered individuals with accurate COVID-19 information, while our staff provided vital guidance to help people safeguard their health. In addition, our Medical Reserve Corp volunteers devoted countless hours serving and protecting the county operating our call centers, assisting with contact tracing, administering nasal swab tests, and acting as vaccinators and support staff at pop up vaccination clinics and the mega site.

In the midst of battling the pandemic, the department fearlessly addressed other public health concerns including childhood lead exposure and communicable diseases such as Mpox. We remained dedicated to consumer protection by ensuring that gas pumps and grocery scales were accurate. What's more, we kept pace with inspections of food establishments, housing, recreational bathing facilities, and sensitive environmental resources to ensure public safety. Our child and maternal health services stood strong providing education, training, and nutritional support to vulnerable children and families. Despite challenges, such as an infant formula shortage, our dedicated team at WIC worked tirelessly to assist clients in finding the necessary formula to meet the nutritional needs of the infants. In the face of adversity, the health department's resolute commitment to enhancing community health and well-being remained unwavering on all fronts.

As we move forward, we are deeply grateful for the continued support and involvement of our community. Your input and cooperation have been invaluable in helping us navigate the challenges posed by the pandemic and the ever-changing public health landscape. Together, we will build on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, fortify our preparedness, and continue working towards a healthier and more resilient Burlington County.

In good health,

Herbert Conaway, MD
Director, Burlington County Health Department

PREFACE

In the wake of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Burlington County Health Department faced extraordinary challenges that tested the very core of its resilience and adaptability. As health department presents the 2019-2022 annual report, as it reflects on the profound impact the pandemic had on our department and the communities the health department serves. This report is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of the staff, who courageously responded to the crisis while maintaining their steadfast focus on delivering essential everyday services. Despite the overwhelming demands, the health department embraced innovations and implemented new procedures to navigate these uncharted waters, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community remained the highest priority throughout this turbulent period. This report not only highlights the multifaceted response to the pandemic but also celebrates the tireless efforts that transformed adversity into an opportunity to forge a stronger, more prepared health department for the challenges that lie ahead.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Burlington County Health Department	
Section	Phone
Administration Health Education Preparedness & Response	609-265-5548
Animal Shelter	609-265-5073
Communicable Disease HIV Testing STD Clinic	609-265-5533
Environmental & Consumer Health	609-265-5515
Virtua Community Nursing Services	609-914-8550
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	609-267-4304
After Hours & Holidays (Central Communications)	609-267-8300

Other Important Contacts	
Agency	Phone
Deborah Heart & Lung Center	609-893-6610
Virtua Memorial Hospital	609-914-6000
Lourdes Medical Center	609-747-9200
South Jersey Family Medicine	609-386-0775
Virtua Community Nursing Services	609-914-8550
CONTACT Help Line	856-234-8888
Burlington County Human Services	609-265-5545
New Jersey Poison Control	800-222-1222
Board of School Services	609-261-1000
Meals on Wheels	609-702-7053
Veteran's Services	609-265-5008
Sheriff's Department	609-265-5127
Department of Resource Conservation	856-642-3850

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Website	www.co.burlington.nj.us/health
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Burlington County	www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCountyNJ
Burlington County Health Department	www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCountyHealthDepartment
Burlington County Animal Shelter	www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCountyAnimalShelter
Twitter	@BurlCoNJ
Instagram	@BurlingtonCountyNJ
Email	BCHD@co.burlington.nj.us

JURISDICTIONS SERVED

Municipality	Population	Municipality	Population
Bass River Township	1,358	Medford Lakes Borough	4,265
Beverly City	2,509	Moorestown Township	21,363
Bordentown City	4,000	Mount Holly Township	10,008
Bordentown Township	11,798	Mount Laurel Township	44,658
Burlington City	9,786	New Hanover Township	2,702
Burlington Township	24,012	North Hanover Township	7,971
Chesterfield Township	7,881	Palmyra Borough	7,446
Cinnaminson Township	17,071	Pemberton Borough	1,375
Delanco Township	4,827	Pemberton Township	27,005
Delran Township	17,889	Riverside Township	8,019
Eastampton Township	6,195	Riverton Borough	2,765
Edgewater Park Township	8,946	Shamong Township	6,462
Evesham Township	46,839	Southampton Township	10,324
Fieldsboro Borough	527	Springfield Township	3,246
Florence Township	12,830	Tabernacle Township	6,777
Hainesport Township	6,040	Washington Township	693
Lumberton Township	12,819	Westampton Township	9,132
Mansfield Township	8,899	Willingboro Township	32,009
Maple Shade Township	20,009	Woodland Township	1,544
Medford Township	24,507	Wrightstown Borough	724

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data

Re-allocated based on New Jersey P.L. 2019 c.385

ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Section provides the organizational structure and management necessary to effectively run the Burlington County Health Department.

Management and leadership functions include:

- Finance
- Public Information
- Recordkeeping
- Personnel
- Planning
- Training
- Inter-Government Liaison
- Resolutions and Transmittals

The Health Officer, Holly Cucuzzella, DrPH, MCHES, HO serves the county and the 40 municipalities within Burlington County in all matters concerning public health, oversees the performance of all duties necessary to satisfy and enforce federal, state, and local public health regulations. The Administrative Staff performs the many services that keep BCHD running efficiently. Their jobs require knowledge of New Jersey Public Health Practice Standards, statutes, regulations, local ordinances, worker’s compensation, disability, and union obligations. Administration also works to obtain the necessary financial support for the Health Department to perform its tasks. Administration staff complete grant applications as well as monitor and report on grant expenditures and activities. They also prepare the annual budget and plan for emergencies and future public health needs.

Staffing & Human Resources	2022
Individual Employees	109
Individual Contract Staff	22
Individual Volunteers	953
Contract Organizations	4
Full-Time Equivalent Human Resources Available	119
FTEs of Individual Employees	100
FTEs of Individual Contract Staff	19

**Data from 2019-2021 is unavailable due to the COVID-19 wavier of the Local Health Report.

WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH DO?

The Burlington County Health Department (BCHD) 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
- Safer and healthier foods
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Safer workplaces
- Family planning
- Control of infectious diseases
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Decline in deaths from heart disease and stroke
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

Today, BCHD, along with our sister agencies across New Jersey continue to promote health and wellness.

The Burlington County Health Department...

- **Protects you from health threats.** BCHD 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, Ebola, Zika Virus, rabies, or a new environmental hazard.
- **Educates you and your neighbors about health issues.** BCHD 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.** BCHD offers the preventive care you need to avoid disease and maintain your health. We provide flu shots for all county residents and help mothers get prenatal care to give their babies a healthy start. We also help provide eligible children and adults with immunizations and help low income families get the good nutrition needed to help them grow and learn through the Women, Infants, and Children program.
- **Advances community health.** BCHD 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.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education occurs throughout all 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.

The BCHD Health Education section encourages residents to get and stay healthy through seminars, presentations, exercise classes, workshops and outreach events conducted throughout the county all year long. County residents and agencies can request presentations, materials, and screenings from BCHD on a large variety of public health topics by contacting the Health Department.

The Health Education section is also responsible for implementing the Burlington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). In 2016, BCHD and its public health partners completed the latest Community Health Needs Assessment. The four public health areas that were identified as areas of opportunity in the county are: 1) Reducing obesity and overweight populations, 2) Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases, 3) Reducing smoking while pregnant, and 4) Increasing prescription drug take back programs. Health education sessions focus on these priorities, along with other trending health topics.

Health Education Sessions	2019	2020	2021	2022
Presentations, health fairs, and events	72	8	3	28
Sites where fitness programs were conducted	2	0	N/A	N/A
Community fitness program conducted	6	0	N/A	N/A

The Burlington County Health Department’s Health Education Section:

- Conducts outreach with local schools
- Maintains BCHD website
- Conducts outreach with local health care providers
- Conducts outreach with local businesses
- Shares current information with the municipalities and other county departments
- Conducts outreach with local faith-based organizations
- Shares information and produces content for social media
- Conducts outreach with local childcare providers
- Broadcasts information via radio
- Conducts outreach with other local organizations
- Disseminates information via print newspapers/newsletters
- Offers free fitness programs to county residents through our Health Starts Here program
- Disseminates information via online newspapers/newsletters

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

BCHD is charged with the responsibility to identify, prevent, and respond to any public health threats that may affect Burlington County residents, visitors, and businesses. The Public Health Preparedness and Response section works with staff across the entire department to ensure that BCHD is ready to respond to any public health hazard by continuously maintaining response plans to respond to the following types of urgent or emergent public health situations:

- Public Information/Crisis Communication
- Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Retail Food Safety Hazards
- Hazardous Material Spills/Events
- Public Water Supply Hazards
- Raw Sewage Spills
- Multi-Family Housing Hazards
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Food-Borne Illness Outbreaks
- Pandemic Planning/Natural Disasters
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, And Explosive (CBRNE) Events

In addition to the preparedness and response situations outlined above, BCHD receives funding from NJDOH to enable the department to fulfill the functions and core public health response capabilities delineated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Exercises And Tests Conducted:	
2019	<p>4 Exercises and tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCMRC Point of Distribution Full Scale Exercise Training for MRC and CERT • Mt. Laurel Point of Distribution (POD) full scale exercise (Flu Clinic) • Tabernacle POD full scale exercise (Flu Clinic) • Regional (Burlington Township, Florence Township, and Burlington City) POD full scale exercise (Flu Clinic)
2020	<p>11 Exercise and tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florence POD Flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • County Employee Flu Shot Clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Tabernacle POD flu clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise Medford POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Moorestown POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Willingboro POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Browns Mills POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Mount Laurel POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Lumberton POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise • Two (2) Emergency Services Training Services POD flu shot clinic/COVID-19 mass vaccination exercise
2021	<p>0 Exercises and tests due to real-world response</p>
2022	<p>0 Exercises and tests due to real-world response</p>

Real-World Responses and Activations:	
2019	Flu Season - 1,529 vaccine doses administered
2020	Flu Season - 1,315 vaccine doses administered COVID-19 Pandemic (testing & vaccination) - 29,465 tests administered - 422 vaccine doses administered
2021	Flu Season - 913 vaccine doses administered COVID-19 Pandemic (testing & vaccination) - 32,104 tests administered - 29,957 vaccine doses administered
2022	Flu Season - 981 vaccine doses administered COVID-19 Pandemic (testing & vaccination) - 19,688 tests administered - 2,917 vaccine doses administered MPOX - 23 Case investigations - 38 vaccine doses administered

Health Alert Network Messages Sent:	
NJDOH Generated	
2019	212
2020	339
2021	353
2022	419
BCHD Generated	
2019	123
2020	111
2021	133
2022	159



Public Health Preparedness Capabilities:

1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. Emergency Operations Coordination
4. Emergency Public Information and Warning
5. Fatality Management
6. Information Sharing
7. Mass Care
8. Medical Countermeasures Dispensing
9. Medical Materiel Management and Distribution
10. Medical Surge
11. Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions
12. Public Health Laboratory Testing
13. Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
14. Responder Safety and Health
15. Volunteer Management

BURLINGTON COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national organization of trained volunteers interested in public health, who are ready to serve in the event of a public health emergency or during community health events. Members consist of nurses, physicians, pharmacists, translators, social workers, clerks, paramedics/EMTs, veterinarians, and many more. BCHD utilizes its MRC members throughout the year. Members participated in clinics, trainings, and emergency response exercises. BCHD is always looking for additional MRC members. For more information, visit: www.co.burlington.nj.us/1068/Medical-Reserve-Corps.

Community Benefit	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total hours served	870	7,894.38	3,448.50	1,109
Approx. Economic benefit	\$23,116.04	\$255,887.54	\$153,420.73	\$47,895.15

MRC Membership	2019	2020	2021	2022
Professional members	384	461	618	626
Community health members	146	231	322	327

MRC Activities	Examples
2019	Seasonal Flu Clinic Support; First Aid Station Support; Clerical and Registration Assistance at Childhood Immunization Clinics and STD Clinics; Blood Pressure Screenings; Health Fairs; POD Exercises; Bleeding Control; Tourniquet Training
2020	Child Immunization Clerical Assistance; STD Clinic Clerical Assistance & Support; Point in Time Homeless Count; Narcan Training; COVID Call Center; COVID Testing; COVID Mass Vaccination; Seasonal Flu Clinic Support; POD Exercises
2021	COVID Mass Vaccination; Seasonal Flu Clinic Support; First Aid Station Support; Point in Time Homeless Count; CPR Training; Afghan Repatriation Vaccination Administration and Support at Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst
2022	COVID Mega Site Vaccinations; COVID Vaccination Static & Pop Up Clinics; Point in Time Homeless Count; Basic ASL (American Sign Language) Training. Multi-Agency Sheltering Exercise by the Red Cross; Burlington County Farm Fair First Aid Tent & Vendor Table; Burlington County Food Distribution; Placed Flags and Flowers on Graves for Veterans Day at Lakeview Memorial; Vaccination and Observation at Flu Clinics



COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES

BCHD partners and contracts with Virtua Health System to provide health promotion services to Burlington County residents. The nurses and staff in the Community Nursing Services work closely with all the sections of the Health Department to support the following services:

- Adult Health Services
- Special Child Health Services
- Child and Adolescent Health Services
- Public Health Clinics
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- HIV Testing
- School Immunization Audits
- Tuberculosis Control
- Pregnancy Testing, Improved Pregnancy Outcomes, and Health Education Home Visits
- Access to Reproductive Care and HIV Services (ARCH) Program

Special Child Health Services	2019	2020	2021	2022
New referrals	963	731	730	821
Discharges	N/A	337	130	705
Active cases	973	3,902	4,146	5,337
Improved Pregnancy Outcomes	2019	2020	2021	2022
Home visits conducted	236	132	8	2
Pregnancy tests conducted (% Positive)	56%	80%	0%	0%
Tuberculosis (TB)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Direct observation therapy (DOT) sessions	1,074	1,011	1,261	612
Childhood Lead Program	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lead Active Cases	37	28	46	47
Nursing Home Visits/Home inspections	103	52	49	78
Correctional Facility HIV Testing	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inmates screened for HIV	757	156	0	0

School Immunization Record Audits

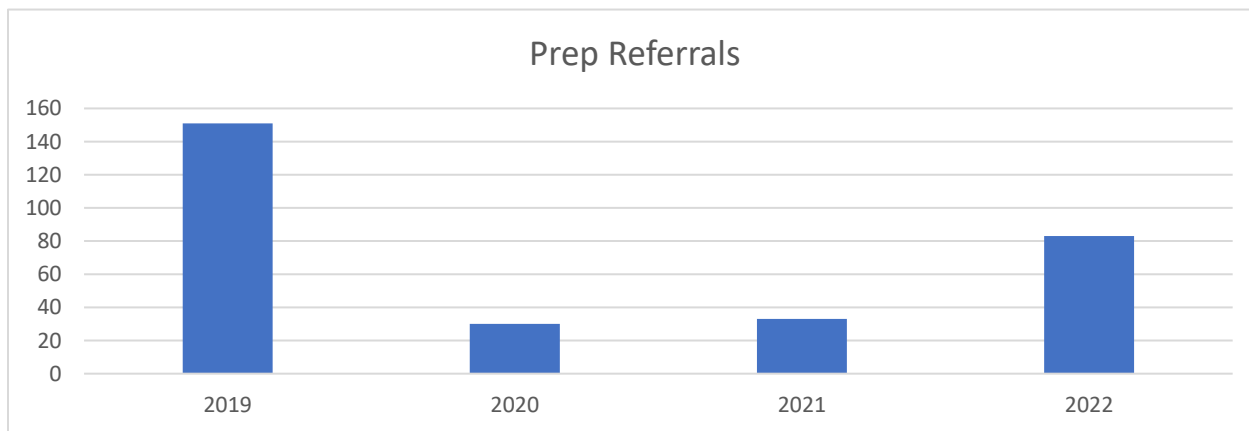
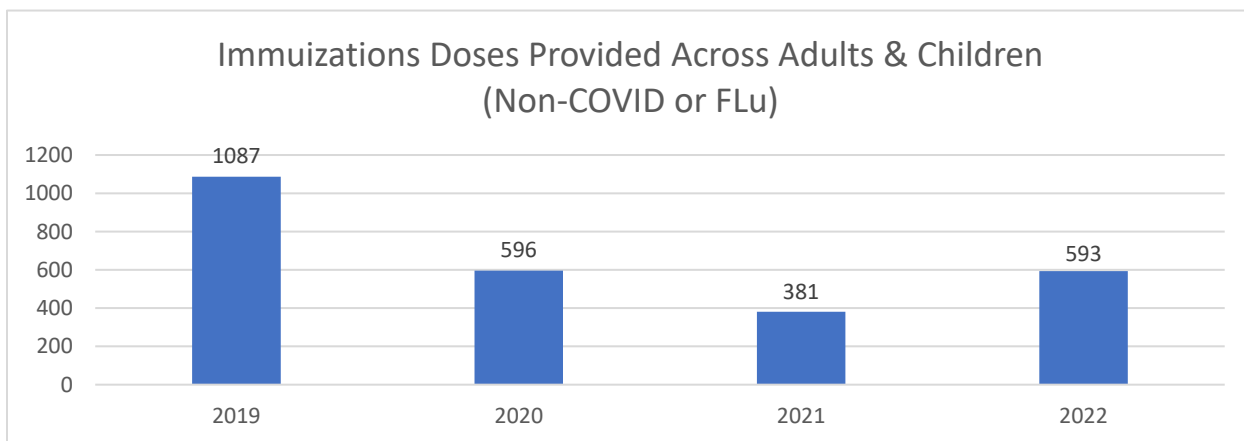
To ensure that Burlington County’s children remain safe from certain preventable diseases, BCHD works with local schools and childcare facilities to review the immunization records of their students.

School Immunization Record Audits	2019	2020	2021	2022
Childcare / Pre-K Facilities Audited	184	157	69	191
Kindergarten Facilities Audited	130	123	133	117
Grade 1 Facilities Audited	3	7	9	3
Grade 6 Facilities Audited	81	76	89	86
High School facilities whose transfer school records audited	18	0	3	31

Clinical Services

In addition to the services highlighted in the Community Nursing Service section, the Health Department provides certain basic health services to the county’s residents. These services include immunizations, screenings, and treatment for certain diseases. The healthcare services that BCHD conducts are provided to qualifying county residents at no cost. The healthcare services provided at the Health Department are intended to promote wellness and health education, identify diseases and illnesses, and provide treatment or referrals for treatment. The overarching goal is to encourage and support the development of more healthful lifestyle choices.

Clinical Services	2019	2020	2021	2022
Children who received immunizations (people)	234	141	131	186
Adults who received immunizations (people)	364	160	11	8
Individuals screened for Sexually Transmitted Infections (other than HIV/AIDS)	1,965	524	564	1,269
Individuals screened for HIV/AIDS	2,406	562	407	693
Clinic-based medical visits provided	4,969	1,387	1,113	2,156



Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

Testing and treatment are provided free of charge weekly throughout the year at the BCHD clinic. Clients are tested for gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, herpes, and syphilis. HIV testing is also offered. All clients receive counseling, and education about prevention. There have been significant increases in chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis cases since 2013. The charts below represent clients seen at the BCHD clinic, not the total number of STD cases in Burlington County.

STDs Clinic	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total clinics	96	44	48	111
Total clients visited	2,122	614	563	1,269
Total male	1,231	399	338	751
Total Female	891	215	225	521

Number of Clients Diagnosed by Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Chlamydia	112	38	32	82
Gonorrhea	68	16	17	46
Trichomoniasis	58	10	16	38
Syphilis	78	30	56	128
Genital Herpes	20	2	3	13

The ARCH (Access to Reproductive Care and HIV Services) Program

The ARCH program began seeing clients in July 2018. It was established in response to the opioid epidemic. Individuals with a substance use disorder or their partners can be tested for STDs, HIV, and Hepatitis. The ARCH nurse practitioner also counsel’s clients about reducing the spread of communicable disease, provides resources for detox and rehabilitation, and offers vaccinations. Access to Narcan and training on the proper use of Narcan are also an integral part of the program.

Services	2019	2020	2021	2022
Clients seen & tested	449	257	426	566
Clients successfully placed into treatment	6	27	37	9
individuals were provided with Narcan and the appropriate training	248	193	382	544

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

The WIC Program supports income eligible families by providing supplemental nutrition to pregnant, postpartum, and nursing women, along with their children up to age five. This program is made possible through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service via the New Jersey Department of Health. The WIC Program supports our valuable local farming community with dedicated benefits through the Farmer's Market Program.

In 2022, New Jersey WIC switched to electronic benefits, significantly improving efficiency and accountability for program participants. This innovative method of benefit dissemination has been well received and appreciated by recipients. The shift to electronic benefits has become especially beneficial in addressing inflationary pressures impacting the costs of essential items such as fruits, vegetables, and infant formula.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Participants enrollment	40,488	40,824	44,052	37,911
% of eligible participants who enrolled	80.3	78.25	76.32	81.74
Food dollars redeemed in the county	2.4 million	2.4 million	2.3 million	2.5 million

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER HEALTH

BCHD assists residents to resolve certain quality of life issues by investigating, preventing, and correcting conditions or uses of a property that may interfere with residents’ use and/or enjoyment of their own properties or that may endanger the environment, or the life, health, or safety of subject property owners, their renters or their neighbors.

Investigation	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of cases investigated	360	327	291	342
# of cases that required enforcement action	7	5	10	36
% of cases that required enforcement action	1.9%	1.5%	3.4%	10.5%

The environmental and consumer health section is responsible for the following programs:

- Air Pollution Control Program
- Public Health Nuisance Program
- Body Art Program
- Public Recreational Bathing Program
- Campground/Youth Camp Program
- Retail Food Program
- Childhood Lead Program
- Right to Know Program
- Hazardous Material Program
- Solid Waste Pollution Control Program
- Housing Maintenance Program
- Tanning Program
- Noise Control Program
- Wastewater Control Program
- Pesticide Program
- Water Pollution Control Program

Campground/Youth Camp Program

The Health Department enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of camps in Burlington County to protect the health and safety of those who make use of these facilities.

Youth Camps	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of pre-operational inspections conducted	25	20	23	26
# of routine, operational re-inspections conducted	0	1	1	0
# of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigation conducted	0	0	1	0
Campgrounds	-	-	-	-
# of inspections conducted	9	9	9	11
# of complaints received	0	0	0	1

Public Recreational Bathing Program

BCHD conducts safety and sanitation inspections of public recreational bathing facilities to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and protect consumers who use these facilities from avoidable harm and danger.

Licensed public recreational bathing facilities	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of licensed year-round facilities	43	43	43	35
# of licensed seasonal facilities	187	187	188	164
Public recreational bathing features of each type:				
Swimming/wading pools	232	232	232	157
Hot tubs/spas	25	25	25	25
Aquatic recreation facilities, including spray parks	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Bathing beach – lake	38	38	38	40
Pre-operational inspections of bathing facilities of:				
Year-round facilities	0	0	0	0
Seasonal Facilities	12	2	10	14
Routine inspections of bathing facilities of:				
Year-round facilities	38	23	14	35
Seasonal Facilities	193	107	164	162
Routine re-inspections of bathing facilities of:				
Year-round facilities	12	5	2	0
Seasonal Facilities	52	8	34	36
Non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of:				
Year-round facilities	1	0	0	0
Seasonal Facilities	0	0	0	0
# of individual features closed for health and safety violations:	2	2	2	0
# of public recreational bathing facilities closed for health and safety violations:	26	7	14	10
Year-round facilities	6	5	3	0
Seasonal Facilities	20	3	13	10

Body Art Program

The Health Department inspects tattoo, piercing, and permanent cosmetic facilities throughout Burlington County to ensure proper sanitation and safety standards are being followed.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of licensed establishments	21	20	23	26
# of routine, operational inspections	21	20	23	26
# of routine. Operational re-inspections	1	0	3	0
# of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigation	6	0	0	3
# of unlicensed establishments identified	0	0	0	2
# of body art. Tattoo, and permanent cosmetics injuries and illnesses reported	0	0	0	0

Retail Food Program

BCHD inspects and regulates restaurants, grocery stores, and other retail food facilities to ensure compliance with safety and sanitation rules. The Retail Food Program staff work closely with the Communicable Disease Section to investigate and control disease outbreaks linked to retail food facilities.

# of licensed food establishments	2019	2020	2021	2022
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	204	65	198	178
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	1,011	581	960	808
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	616	463	643	550
Mobile Food Establishments	128	57	89	178
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	93	41	76	109
Other - Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	15	10	14	12

Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	102	155	128	107
Number of pre-operational retail food establishment inspections conducted	86	74	76	107

Tanning Program

BCHD 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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of unregistered tanning facilities identified by the Health Department	0	0	0	0
# of routine inspections of tanning facilities	19	12	13	14
# of routine re-inspections of tanning facilities	3	2	4	9
# of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of tanning	1	3	2	0
# of tanning facilities on which health department has to take one or more enforcement action	0	1	0	0

Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems

The Health Department 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 Burlington County’s water quality and protecting the health of residents as well as the environment.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of public sewer system inspections conducted	10	6	0	0
# of wastewater disposal system	688	770	777	580
# of wastewater disposal system site inspections conducted	26	3	31	17
# of wastewater disposal system installation inspections conducted	709	677	767	580
# of complaints	112	72	80	64

Potable Water Control Program

BCHD conducts inspections and investigations to ensure drinking water is safe and meets standards.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of non-public water system plans reviewed	84	49	71	170
# of non-public water system installation inspections	68	78	73	56
# of Private Well Testing Act contacts	28	31	29	120
# of Private Well Testing Act samples collected	53	13	25	8
# of potable well investigations where the Health Department determined well water to be hazardous to humans	0	0	0	0

Water Pollution Control Program

BCHD protects surface and ground waters from illegal discharges by inspecting, sampling and investigating complaints.

SURFACE WATER	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of water samples collected	134	73	122	97
GROUNDWATER				
Underground storage tank inspections	NA	NA	NA	NA
Underground storage tank re-inspections	NA	NA	NA	NA

Air Pollution Control

BCHD conducts inspections of facilities within the county that are sources of air contaminants. Additionally, staff investigates complaints that are received.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of outdoor air pollution complaint investigations	16	13	12	11
# of re-inspections conducted	6	6	16	3
# of dry cleaner inspections conducted	9	15	14	14
# of spray booth inspections conducted	1	2	1	9
# of indoor air pollution complaint investigations	8	3	1	4
# of B-source facility inspections	123	148	137	122
# of vehicle idling enforcement actions	1	2	11	10

Noise Pollution Control

BCHD conducts noise pollution investigations and inspections throughout the year based on complaints received.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of complaints received	14	5	22	33
# of re-inspections completed	3	2	1	2

Solid Waste Control

BCHD is responsible for inspecting and enforcement of solid waste handling and disposal, litter control and inspection of facilities such as landfills, compost facilities, resource recovery facilities and solid waste transfer stations. Additionally, staff routinely monitors recycling centers, convenience centers, and farmland mulch sites.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of major landfill inspections conducted	6	6	6	4
# of transfer station inspections conducted	18	14	20	14
# of compost facility inspections conducted	44	37	44	33
# of complaints received	10	14	7	14
# of waste flow investigations	26	24	48	44
# of convenience center inspections	75	71	80	60
# of farmland mulch site inspections	19	15	15	15
# of recycling center inspections	18	17	16	19
# of illegal dumping investigations	31	24	46	19
# of truck checks	86	80	86	38
# of container inspections conducted	111	78	103	66

Hazardous Waste Control Program

BCHD responds to and helps mitigate hazardous material incidents that impact the environment and the public's health within Burlington County. Cleanup after an incident is monitored for compliance with regulations and best remedial practices.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of complaints received	82	62	63	30
# of spill or release investigations	27	19	13	13
# of emergency responses	49	27	45	26
# of re-inspections	76	30	75	47

Housing Maintenance Program

The Health Department enforces certain municipalities’ local housing codes and ordinances to ensure safe and healthy housing for county residents.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of individual dwelling inspections completed	287	163	226	261
# of violation notices given	25	10	12	16
# of individuals dwelling re-inspections conducted	302	108	334	335

Public Health Nuisance Program

BCHD conducts investigations into quality of life complaints that pose a nuisance to county residents.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of rodent complaints received	11	23	9	22
# of insect complaints received	62	13	11	6
# of noxious weed complaints received	3	4	1	1
# of trash & debris complaints received	37	15	27	41
# of miscellaneous complaints received	23	25	3	9
# of violation notices given	12	3	0	8
# of rodent complaint re-inspections	55	27	24	58
# of insect complaints re-inspections	373	87	11	11
# of noxious weed re-inspections	10	9	0	5
# of trash & debris re-inspections	83	63	85	94
# of number stagnant water complaint inspections conducted	7	28	48	56
# of miscellaneous re-inspections	54	34	11	11
# of stagnant water re-inspections	54	28	75	96
# of cat complaints received	12	7	30	6
# of cat complaints re-inspections	235	89	117	14

Pesticide Control Program

BCHD performs routine inspections and investigates complaints on the use and handling of pesticides.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of school inspections conducted	9	10	14	13
# of landscaper inspections conducted	30	76	40	19
# of bed bug complaints	12	2	14	5

Right To Know Program

The Health Department conducts surveys of workplaces through Burlington County to ensure employers follow the New Jersey Right to Know law which requires businesses to properly label chemicals, train employees, keep a log of the chemicals, and post information.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of site visits conducted	29	34	21	13
# of outreach-phone calls	23	12	14	19
# of instances where material was distributed	20	20	10	14

Tobacco Program

The Health Department conducts investigations relating to the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act, which bans smoking, including electronic smoking devices, in public and certain workplaces.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of complaints received for public smoking	6	1	1	0
# of complaints received related to sales	1	0	0	0

Lead Poisoning Control Program

BCHD performs lead inspections and investigations to identify homes that may have lead based paint and/or other sources of lead when a child’s blood lead level is reported to be elevated.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of lead investigations conducted	36	27	53	49
# of re-inspections conducted	32	21	12	7

Rabies Control Program

The Burlington County Health Department inspects kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds to ensure that these facilities are operating in compliance with sanitation, safety, and animal welfare rules.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of pets vaccinated at municipal clinics	799	152	480	2,154
# of pets vaccinated at county	3,604	2,413	798	646
Total pets vaccinated	4,403	2,565	1,278	2,800

ANIMAL BITES	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of incidents where an animal bit a human	803	649	507	701
# of incidents where a rabid or suspected rabid animal bit a domestic animal	43	29	14	8

Kennels, pet shop, and shelters	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of licensed pet shop facilities	9	6	14	11
# of licensed kennel facilities	31	21	21	19
# of licensed shelter/pound facilities	1	1	1	1
# of pre-operational inspections conducted at Pet Shops	2	0	0	3
# of routine inspections conducted at Pet Shops	9	6	14	11
# of routine inspections conducted at Kennels	31	21	21	19
# of routine inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	1	1	1	1
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Pet Shops	6	1	14	4
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Kennels	22	0	2	3
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0	0	0	1
# of nonroutine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Pet shops	19	9	2	3
# of non-routine emergency & complaint related inspections conducted at Kennels	8	3	15	3
# of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0	0	0	0

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The Health Department is responsible for testing and certifying all weighing, measuring, and counting devices in commercial use throughout Burlington County by enforcing the New Jersey Weights and Measures law. This is to ensure consumers in the county get what they pay for.

Annual Inspection	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Sealed	Condemned	Sealed	Condemned	Sealed	Condemned	Sealed	Condemned
Scales = >1000	2,337	119	2,191	138	2,219	75	2,209	132
Pill Counters/ Cion Machines	197	0	175	11	197	1	202	1
Weight Kits	115	1	103	2	100	3	98	6
Length Measure Devices	179	0	155	4	156	0	147	0
Fuel Truck Meters (VTM)	97	10	98	3	86	0	98	4
Gas Station Meters	4,858	389	4,885	314	5,145	285	4,799	266
Gas Station Compliance	186	4	182	18	182	18	191	10
Timing Devices	1,233	52	1,147	98	1,158	105	1,152	126
Water Meters	3	0	4	0	3	0	1	2
Total # of Business Sites	1,758	-	1,428	-	1,631	-	1,626	-
Total Devices Inspected	9,780	-	9,528	-	9,733	-	9,444	-

Annual Investigations	2019	2020	2021	2022
Consumer Complaints	18	32	103	66
Price Verification Audits	89	45	74	90
Re-weigh Audit	62	21	25	17
Label Audits	63	36	15	30
Registration Inspections	28	24	17	15
Out of Business Inspections	105	73	29	89
Total	465	231	263	307

Annual Litigations	2019	2020	2021	2022
Price Verifications Audits	45	9	10	16
Re-weigh Audits	270	72	23	17
Label Audits	177	36	15	30
Registration Inspections	2	2	2	1
Gas Stations	10	2	0	2
Other	2	0	0	5
Total Litigations	506	121	50	71
Total Civil Penalties	\$93,700.00	\$29,638.00	\$4,086.00	\$7,050.00

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

The Health Department also houses the Burlington County Medical Examiner's Office. The ME's office conducts medico-legal death investigations so that the forensic pathologist may determine the decedents' cause and manner of death. The investigations entail collection and recovery of the decedents, recovery and collection of forensic and physical evidence that may include the victims' personal effects. The ME's Office also provides assistance to help with the identification of those decedents.

Investigations	2019	2020	2021	2022
Drug related deaths	156	131	130	125
Homicides	11	10	13	15
Indigent Burials	7	7	12	3
Motor vehicle related deaths	37	46	43	60
Suicides	45	37	43	54
Case investigated cases	1,029	1,153	1,078	1,068

BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Burlington County Health Shelter (BCAS) operates as the sole animal shelter for all 40 municipalities within Burlington County. Providing essential services, BCAS offers accommodation, routine veterinary care, facilitates adoptions, spays/neuters, and vaccinations for stray domestic animals. It also serves as the rabies control point under the Burlington County Health Department. In collaboration with the health department, BCAS ensures the provision of animal shelter services to meet the needs of our shared constituents. As an open intake shelter, BCAS accommodates stray, surrendered, and abused domestic animals, working closely with rescues, other shelters, and county residents to find loving homes for the animals in its care.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Facebook Views	N/A	159,000	788,000	2,553,627

Shelter Statistics 2019	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Intake				
Total Live Intake	1,617	3,402	114	5,133
Outcomes				
Adoptions	749	1,909	17	2,675
Transfers to other shelters or rescues	175	337	16	528
Returned to Owner	558	84	11	653
Euthanized	108	885	59	1,052
Died	6	165	12	183
Live Release Rate %	93%	74%	48% (mainly wildlife)	79%

Shelter Statistics 2020	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Intake				
Total Live Intake	855	1,969	42	2,866
Outcomes				
Adoptions	399	1,311	13	1,723
Transfers to other shelters or rescues	120	111	2	1,723
Returned to Owner	327	57	1	385
Euthanized	52	439	25	516
Died	2	80	2	84
Live Release Rate %	94%	78%	60%	82%

Shelter Statistics 2021	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Intake				
Total Live Intake	991	2,048	73	3,112
Outcomes				
Adoptions	413	1,182	8	1,603
Transfers to other shelters or rescues	138	243	18	399
Returned to Owner	380	96	2	478
Euthanized	43	380	16	439
Died	12	81	2	95
Live Release Rate %	96%	82%	78%	86%

Shelter Statistics 2022	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Intake				
Total Live Intake	1,084	2,188	39	3,311
Outcomes				
Adoptions	454	1,264	9	1,727
Transfers to other shelters or rescues	82	256	25	363
Returned to Owner	451	65	3	519
Euthanized	63	645	0	708
Died	5	109	2	116
Live Release Rate %	94%	71%	100%	79%

Working Together Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

Vision

- Teamwork**
working efficiently through coordinated efforts with the common goal of public health
- Compassion**
exercising consideration, humanity and respect for the diverse residents of Burlington County
- Dedication**
commitment to protecting the health and well-being of Burlington County

Mission

Providing Public Health Services to Burlington County through Education, Prevention and Protection

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