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Annual Report

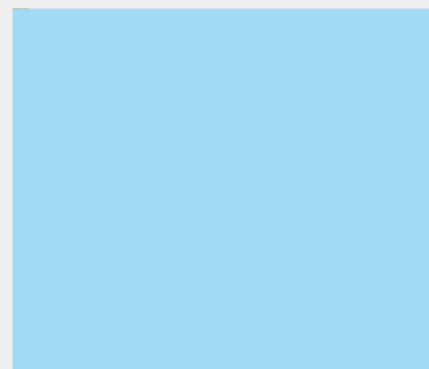


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MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR



Holly Funkhouser Cucuzzella,
DrPH, MCHES, HO

This year marked a return to full operations for all programs and services, as the widespread availability of COVID-19 home tests and vaccines enabled the Burlington County Health Department to refocus on delivering a comprehensive range of public health initiatives. We are excited to fully resume our services and see the community reconnect with the vital resources we provide to support health and well-being across all 40 municipalities.

The Community Nursing Program began offering finger-stick lead screenings for WIC clients in January, integrating this service into routine bloodwork. This initiative led to 526 children being screened for lead exposure, enabling early detection and intervention to mitigate harmful effects. The Communicable Disease Division expanded its sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic by adding

an additional weekly session, resulting in 41 more clinics compared to 2022 and significantly improving access to essential health services.

In March, the Weights and Measures Division collaborated with multiple agencies to shut down an illegally operating gas station. After nine months of investigations and court proceedings, the station reopened in compliance with regulations, underscoring the importance of inter-agency cooperation. This effort protects consumers by ensuring that businesses operate fairly and in accordance with the law, maintaining the integrity of services and goods in the community.

Later in the year, the Access to Reproductive Care and HIV Services (ARCH) program expanded its outreach efforts by partnering with law enforcement, community organizations, and other stakeholders to deliver Narcan training, wound care, harm reduction tools, mental health assessments, and referrals to treatment for those experiencing substance use disorders and homelessness. The program also provided essential cold-weather supplies, including blankets, gloves, and hats, to individuals in need.

December brought a meaningful collaboration with the Burlington County Public Library to host County-specific panels of the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Memorial Quilt, honoring 44 local residents lost to AIDS. This impactful display, unveiled during World AIDS Day, fostered awareness, healing, and reflection, while expanded HIV testing hours provided greater access to critical health services.

As we reflect on the progress of 2023, we are inspired by the community's renewed engagement with public health initiatives. Our dedicated team remains committed to fostering strong partnerships with schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations to meet the unique needs of our residents. Your input and involvement are vital to our success, and we encourage you to share your feedback as we continue working to protect and promote the health of our community.

In good health,

Holly

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Burlington County Health Department	
Section	Phone
Administration Health Education Preparedness & Response	609-265-5548
Animal Shelter	609-265-5073
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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	609-293-2842
Virtua Memorial Hospital	609-914-6000
Lourdes Medical Center	609-835-2900
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 Social 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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Burlington County	www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCountyNJ
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Burlington County Animal Shelter	www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCountyAnimalShelter
Twitter	@BurlCoNJ
Instagram	@BurlingtonCountyNJ
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JURISDICTIONS SERVED

Municipality	Population	Municipality	Population
Bass River Township	1,358*	Medford Lakes Borough	4,291
Beverly City	2,514	Moorestown Township	21,577
Bordentown City	4,021	Mount Holly Township	10,151
Bordentown Township	12,038	Mount Laurel Township	46,403
Burlington City	10,024	New Hanover Township	6,348
Burlington Township	24,108	North Hanover Township	8,007
Chesterfield Township	9,330	Palmyra Borough	7,489
Cinnaminson Township	17,506	Pemberton Borough	1,376
Delanco Township	4,827*	Pemberton Township	27,011
Delran Township	18,291	Riverside Township	8,056
Eastampton Township	6,438	Riverton Borough	2,781
Edgewater Park Township	8,986	Shamong Township	6,503
Evesham Township	48,441	Southampton Township	10,334
Fieldsboro Borough	538	Springfield Township	3,246*
Florence Township	12,895	Tabernacle Township	6,877
Hainesport Township	6,057	Washington Township	693*
Lumberton Township	12,886	Westampton Township	9,195
Mansfield Township	8,991	Willingboro Township	32,122
Maple Shade Township	20,088	Woodland Township	1,544*
Medford Township	25,000	Wrightstown Borough	722

Source:

U.S. Census Bureau, Population estimates, Jul 1, 2023 (V2023)

*U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Pub.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data - Burlington County

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	2023
Individual Employees	109	107
Individual Contract Staff	22	22
Individual Volunteers	953	953
Contract Organizations	4	6
Full-Time Equivalent Human Resources Available	119	118
FTEs of Individual Employees	100	99
FTEs of Individual Contract Staff	19	19

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.

In addition to these efforts, the Health Education section is also responsible for maintaining and updating the BCHD website, Facebook page, and the Burlington County Health App. These platforms serve as vital tools for sharing health education resources, promoting community programs, and providing up-to-date public health information.

The Health Education section also actively collaborates with coalitions, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, local businesses, and municipalities to share important health information, coordinate educational initiatives, and expand outreach efforts. These partnerships help strengthen community engagement and ensure that accurate, timely health information reaches a broad audience.

Through various partnerships, the Health Education section plays a key role in implementing the 2023 Burlington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This plan was developed based on findings from the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), conducted by BCHD and its public health partners. The CHNA identified key health challenges and priorities within the county, which guided the development of the CHIP. As a result, four public health focus areas were established as opportunities for improvement:

- **Equal Start – Women and Children’s Health:** Achieve equitable outcomes and support for all babies and people who give birth
- **Life Expectancy and Chronic Disease:** Achieve equitable life expectancy for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, zip code, insurance, income, gender, or language
- **Access to Care:** Achieve equitable access to care for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, zip code, insurance, income, gender, or language
- **Build Resilience:** Behavioral Health, Trauma, and Adverse Childhood Experiences: Foster community building opportunities designed for all ages in order to ameliorate the impact of traumatic events

Health education sessions focus on these priorities, along with other emerging health topics, ensuring that residents have access to the information and resources they need to make informed choices about their well-being.

Health Education Sessions	2022	2023
Presentations, health fairs, and events	28	47

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
- Investigation Elevated Blood Lead Levels
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Food-Borne Illness Outbreaks
- Pandemic Planning/Natural Disasters
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, And Explosive (CBRNE) Event

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)*.

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

Real-World Responses and Activations:	
2022	Flu Season
	- 981 vaccine doses administered
	COVID-19 Pandemic (testing & vaccination)
	- 19,688 tests administered
2023	- 2,917 vaccine doses administered
	MPOX
	- 23 Case investigations
	- 38 vaccine doses administered
2023	Flu Season
	- 850 vaccine doses administered
	COVID
	- 935 tests administered (closed 4/28/23)
2023	- 6,466 home tests distributed
	- 550 vaccine doses administered
	MPOX
	- 4 Case investigations
2023	- 4 vaccine doses administered

Exercises And Tests Conducted:	
2022	0 Exercises and tests due to real-world response (COVID-19 and Mpx)
2023	0 Exercises and tests due to real-world response (COVID-19 and Mpx)

Health Alert Network Messages Sent:	
NJDOH Generated	
2022	419
2023	333
BCHD Generated	
2022	159
2023	133

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	2022	2023
Total hours served	1,109	693.3
Approx. Economic benefit	\$47,895.15	\$26,594.47

MRC Membership	2022	2023
Professional members	626	626
Community health members	327	327

MRC Activities	Examples
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
2023	COVID Vaccination Static & Pop Up Clinics; Point in Time Homeless Count; Domestic Violence during Disaster Training. Multi-Agency Sheltering DAFN Exercise with CERT, DRCCs, Red Cross, NJ Department of Human Services, Burlington County OEM; Burlington County Farm Fair First Aid Tent & Vendor Table; monthly Burlington County Food Distribution; Point in time and targeted homeless outreach; Narcan training, CPR training; Community Fairs with BP checks and preparedness outreach; Vaccination and Observation at Flu Clinics



COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES

BCHD partners and contracts with Virtua Health 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
- Public Health Clinics (Flu, COVID, Childhood and Adult Immunizations, and STD)
- HIV Counseling and Testing in Correctional Facilities
- Emergency Preparedness (MRC)
- ARCH Nursing Services (Access to Reproductive Care and HIV Services)
- TB Case Management and contact investigations
- Child and Adolescent Health Services
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Improved Pregnancy Outcomes & Health Education Home Visits (paused)
- Pregnancy Testing
- Special Child Health Services

Special Child Health Services	2022	2023
New referrals	821	882
Discharges	705	751
Average active cases	445	521
Improved Pregnancy Outcomes		
Home visits conducted	2	N/A
Pregnancy tests conducted (% Positive)	0%	55.6%
Pregnancy tests performed	13	14
Tuberculosis (TB)		
Direct observation therapy (DOT) sessions	612	1,167
Active cases	12	10
Childhood Lead Program		
Lead Active Cases	47	35
Nursing Case Management Home Visits	78	59
Lead screenings	95	526
Correctional Facility HIV Testing	2022	2023
Inmates screened for HIV	0	237
Inmates tested for HIV	0	103

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The Communicable Disease Department protects community health by preventing, detecting, and managing infectious diseases. Through collaboration with schools, healthcare providers, and community partners, the department delivers programs that promote education, prevention, and timely intervention, reducing disease spread and enhancing public health resilience.

School Immunization Record Audits

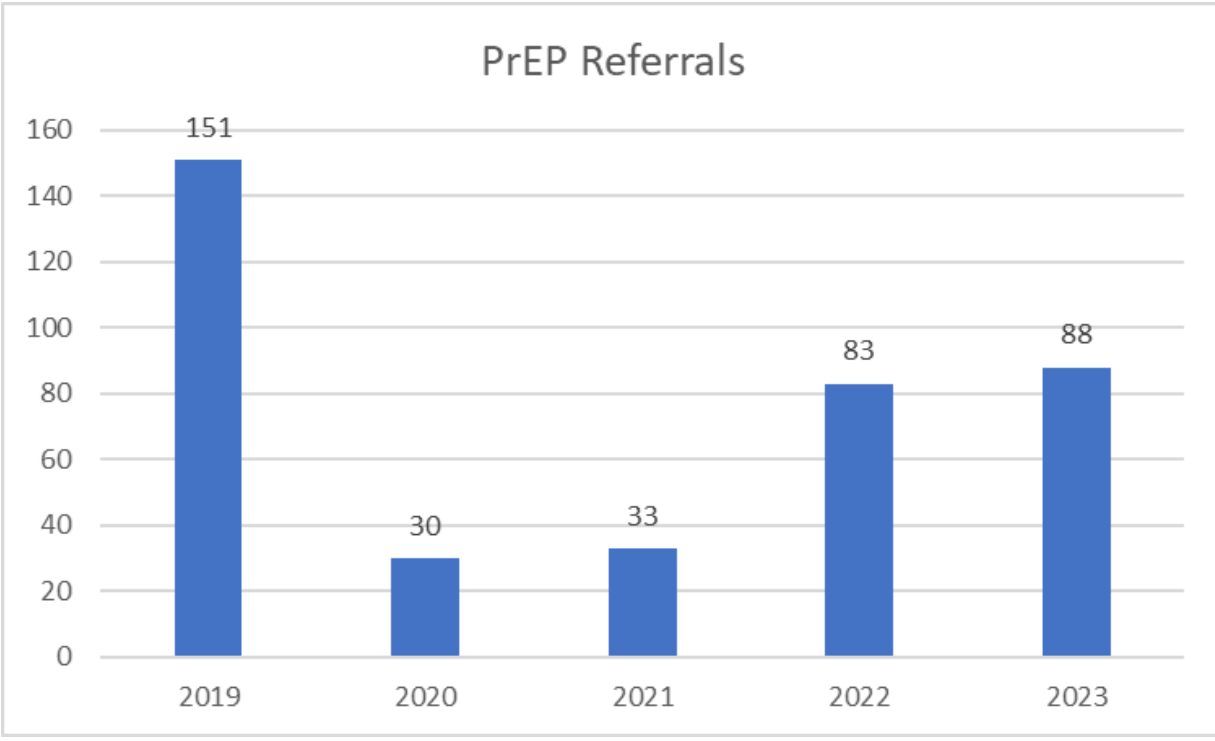
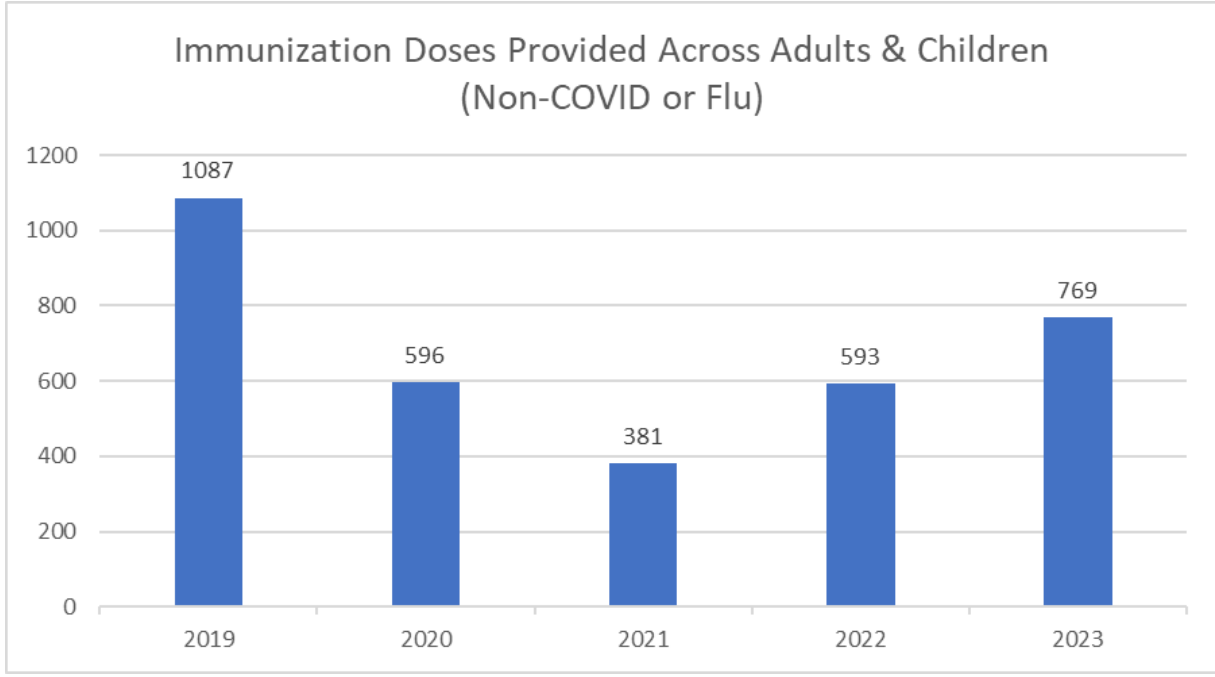
To ensure that Burlington County’s children remain safe from certain preventable diseases, BCHD works with local schools and childcare facilities to review the immunization records of their students.

School Immunization Record Audits	2022	2023
Childcare / Pre-K Facilities Audited	191	237
Kindergarten Facilities Audited	117	106
Grade 1 Facilities Audited	3	2
Grade 6 Facilities Audited	86	69
High School facilities whose transfer school records audited	31	25

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	2022	2023
Children who received immunizations (people)	186	227
Adults who received immunizations (people)	8	27
Individuals screened for Sexually Transmitted Infections (other than HIV/AIDS)	1,269	1517
Individuals screened for HIV/AIDS	693	1092
Clinic-based medical visits provided	2,156	2859



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. BCHD expanded its clinic services in 2023 to include an all-day clinic on Thursdays, in addition to daytime clinic on Tuesday and an evening clinic on Wednesdays. The charts below represent clients seen at the BCHD clinic, not the total number of STD cases in Burlington County.

STDs Clinic	2022	2023
Total clinics	111	152
Total clients visited	1,269	1517
Total male	751	894
Total Female	521	623

Number of Clients Diagnosed by Year	2022	2023
Chlamydia	82	86
Gonorrhea	46	59
Trichomoniasis	38	58
Syphilis	128	189
Genital Herpes	13	16

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. In 2023, the ARCH nurse practitioner began performing wound care for xylazine wounds and providing wound care kits to clients during expanded community outreach events in collaboration with the county’s Prosecutor’s Office and other community partners

Services	2022	2023
Clients seen	566	804
Clients successfully placed into treatment	9	11
individuals were provided with Narcan and the appropriate training	544	636

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

The WIC Program, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service and administered through the New Jersey Department of Health, offers essential support to income-eligible families. It provides nutrition and breastfeeding education, supplemental nutritious foods, and necessary healthcare referrals to pregnant, postpartum, and nursing women, and their children up to age five. In 2023, the program enhanced its healthcare initiatives by integrating routine lead screening into its services. This inclusion significantly increased the number of children screened for lead exposure, highlighting the program’s commitment to comprehensive child health care. Additionally, WIC continues to support the local farming community by offering dedicated benefits through the Farmer’s Market Program.

	2022	2023
Average Monthly Participation	3189	3698
% of eligible participants who enrolled	81.74%	72.59%
Food dollars redeemed in the county	\$2.5 million	43.5 million
Average Annual % of Exclusive Breastfeeding	25.95%	29.48%
Annual % of Partially Breastfeeding Participants	25.95%	34.63%

Top Referrals 2023	
Parent Link	3324
Dental Provider	465
211	135
Pediatric Primary Care	93
Health Care Provide	88

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	2022	2023
# of cases investigated	342	330
# of cases that required enforcement action	36	22
% of cases that required enforcement action	10.5%	6.7%

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	2022	2023
# of pre-operational inspections conducted	26	29
# of routine, operational re-inspections conducted	0	2
# of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigation conducted	0	1
Campgrounds		
# of inspections conducted	11	0*
# of complaints received	1	0

* Since the Campground code was renewed by the State of New Jersey in 2023, no campground inspections were conducted in 2023 year or will be in the future. They are no longer subject to inspection.

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.

	2022	2023
# of licensed year-round facilities	35	35
# of licensed seasonal facilities	164	183
Public recreational bathing features of each type:		
Swimming/wading pools	157	209
Hot tubs/spas	25	7
Aquatic recreation facilities, including spray parks	5	5
Bathing beach – lake	40	38
Pre-operational inspections of bathing facilities of:		
Year-round facilities	0	3
Seasonal Facilities	14	15
Routine inspections of bathing facilities of:		
Year-round facilities	35	25
Seasonal Facilities	162	181
Routine re-inspections of bathing facilities of:		
Year-round facilities	0	5
Seasonal Facilities	36	43
Non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of:		
Year-round facilities	0	0
Seasonal Facilities	0	1
# of individual features closed for health and safety violations:	0	1
# of public recreational bathing facilities closed for health and safety violations:	10	23
Year-round facilities	0	4
Seasonal Facilities	10	19

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.

	2022	2023
# of licensed establishments	26	32
# of routine, operational inspections	26	32
# of routine. Operational re-inspections	0	0
# of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigation	3	3
# of unlicensed establishments identified	2	2
# of body art. Tattoo, and permanent cosmetics injuries and illnesses reported	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	2022	2023
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	178	202
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	808	964
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	550	697
Mobile Food Establishments	178	161
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	109	171
Other - Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	12	13
Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	107	141
Number of pre-operational retail food establishment inspections conducted	107	111

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.

	2022	2023
# of unregistered tanning facilities identified by the Health Department	0	0
# of routine inspections of tanning facilities	14	16
# of routine re-inspections of tanning facilities	9	6
# of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of tanning	0	4
# of tanning facilities on which health department has to take one or more enforcement action	0	1

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	2023
# of public sewer system inspections conducted	10	6	0	0	0
# of wastewater disposal system	688	770	777	580	475
# of wastewater disposal system site inspections conducted	26	3	31	17	41
# of wastewater disposal system installation inspections conducted	709	677	767	580	475
# of complaints	112	72	80	64	59

Potable Water Control Program

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

	2022	2023
# of non-public water system plans reviewed	170	160
# of non-public water system installation inspections	56	125
# of Private Well Testing Act contacts	120	115
# of Private Well Testing Act samples collected	8	11
# of potable well investigations where the Health Department determined well water to be hazardous to humans	0	0

Water Pollution Control Program

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

SURFACE WATER	2022	2023
# of water samples collected	97	112

Air Pollution Control

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

	2022	2023
# of outdoor air pollution complaint investigations	11	21
# of re-inspections conducted	3	11
# of dry cleaner inspections conducted	14	13
# of spray booth inspections conducted	9	8
# of indoor air pollution complaint investigations	4	8
# of B-source facility inspections	122	119
# of vehicle idling enforcement actions	10	5

Noise Pollution Control

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

	2022	2023
# of complaints received	33	16
# of re-inspections completed	2	3

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.

	2022	2023
# of complaints received	30	31
# of spill or release investigations	13	32
# of emergency responses	26	34
# of re-inspections	47	39

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.

	2022	2023
# of major landfill inspections conducted	4	6
# of transfer station inspections conducted	14	9
# of compost facility inspections conducted	33	37
# of complaints received	14	38
# of waste flow investigations	44	11
# of convenience center inspections	60	77
# of farmland mulch site inspections	15	13
# of recycling center inspections	19	19
# of illegal dumping investigations	19	17
# of truck checks	38	57
# of container inspections conducted	66	69

Housing Maintenance Program

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

	2022	2023
# of individual dwelling inspections completed	261	198
# of violation notices given	16	13
# of individuals dwelling re-inspections conducted	335	351

Pesticide Control Program

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

	2022	2023
# of school inspections conducted	13	17
# of landscaper inspections conducted	19	13
# of bed bug complaints	5	8

Public Health Nuisance Program

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

	2022	2023
# of rodent complaints received	22	18
# of insect complaints received	6	2
# of noxious weed complaints received	1	1
# of trash & debris complaints received	41	13
# of miscellaneous complaints received	9	10
# of violation notices given	8	1
# of rodent complaint re-inspections	58	44
# of insect complaints re-inspections	11	3
# of noxious weed re-inspections	5	1
# of trash & debris re-inspections	94	42
# of number stagnant water complaint inspections conducted	56	25
# of miscellaneous re-inspections	11	21
# of stagnant water re-inspections	96	30
# of cat complaints received	6	2
# of cat complaints re-inspections	14	3

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.

	2022	2023
# of site visits conducted	13	20
# of outreach-phone calls	19	20
# of instances where material was distributed	14	25

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.

	2022	2023
# of complaints received for public smoking	0	2
# of complaints received related to sales	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.

	2022	2023
# of lead investigations conducted	18*	13
# of re-inspections conducted	7	5

*Pulled from Environmental Monthly Reports - Information updated from 2019-2022 Annual Report

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	2022	2023	Animal Bites	2022	2023
# of pets vaccinated at municipal clinics	2,154	3,185	# of incidents where an animal bit a human	701	714
# of pets vaccinated at county	646	584	# of incidents where a rabid or suspected rabid animal bit a domestic animal	8	21
Total pets vaccinated	2,800	3,769			

Kennels, pet shop, and shelters	2022	2023
# of licensed pet shop facilities	11	10
# of licensed kennel facilities	19	24
# of licensed shelter/pound facilities	1	2
# of pre-operational inspections conducted at Pet Shops	3	2
# of routine inspections conducted at Pet Shops	11	10
# of routine inspections conducted at Kennels	19	24
# of routine inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	1	2
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Pet Shops	4	2
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Kennels	3	1
# of routine re-inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	1	0
# of nonroutine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Pet shops	3	2
# of non-routine emergency & complaint related inspections conducted at Kennels	3	10
# of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	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	2022		2023	
	Sealed	Condemned	Sealed	Condemned
Scales = >1000	2,209	132	2,061	123
Pill Counters/ Cion Machines	202	1	207	2
Weight Kits	98	6	96	7
Length Measure Devices	147	0	153	0
Fuel Truck Meters (VTM)	98	4	93	1
Gas Station Meters	4,799	266	4,641	247
Gas Station Compliance	191	10	171	5
Timing Devices	1,152	126	1,099	100
Water Meters	1	2	1	1
Total # of Business Sites	1,626	-	1,339	-
Total Devices Inspected	9,444	-	9,861	-

Annual Investigations	2022	2023
Consumer Complaints	66	12
Price Verification Audits	90	41
Re-weigh Audit	17	21
Label Audits	30	5
Registration Inspections	15	81
Out of Business Inspections	89	28
Total	307	188

Annual Litigations	2022	2023
Price Verifications Audits	16	10
Re-weigh Audits	17	11
Label Audits	30	35
Registration Inspections	1	0
Gas Stations	2	0
Other	5	0
Total Litigations	71	56
Total Civil Penalties	\$7,050	\$15,500

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.


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%

Shelter Statistics 2023	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Intake				
Total Live Intake	1,354	2,351	43	3,772
Outcomes				
Adoptions	549	1,326	22	1,897
Transfers to other shelters or rescues	159	377	17	545
Returned to Owner	540	58	5	603
Euthanized	89	473	0	589
Died	10	107	1	118
Live Release Rate %	93%	79%	100%	84%

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	2022	2023
Drug related deaths	125	121
Homicides	15	2
Indigent Burials	3	13
Motor vehicle related deaths	60	36
Suicides	54	49
Case investigated cases	1,068	1,033




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Vision


**Working Together Today
for a Healthier Tomorrow**



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
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health and well-
being of
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Mission

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