



Division of Public Health Services

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Iain Watt, Director



Department of
**HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**



Division of Public Health Services

Mission

We protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of ALL people in New Hampshire through leadership, expertise, and partnership



- **Protect the health of all people and communities.**
 - Public health emergency preparedness and response
 - Surveillance and investigation of infectious diseases and environmental threats
 - Inspections - Food Establishments, Radiological Equipment
- **Target evidence-based strategies that we know will improve health.**
 - Development, implementation, and evaluation of effective programs and policies
- **Ensure comprehensive access to high value, effective, preventative-focused healthcare.**
 - Local public health capacity and infrastructure
 - Primary Care in underserved areas
 - Services to pregnant women and children
 - Routine childhood vaccines
- **Collect and analyze data about health status and community needs/assets.**
 - Disease prevalence and burden
 - Where to direct services
- **Improve health outcomes.**
 - Family support and prevention of adverse childhood experiences
 - Promotion of Quality Improvement and innovation



Organizational Overview



Director's Office /
Administration

Bureau of Family
Health and Nutrition

Bureau of Infectious
Disease Control

Bureau of Public
Health Protection

Bureau of Emergency
Preparedness,
Response, and
Recovery

Bureau of
Prevention and
Wellness

Bureau of Public
Health Statistics
and Informatics

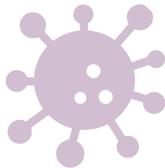
Public Health
Laboratories



Consistent Since 2018



Bureau of Laboratory Services



**Bureau of Infectious Disease
Control**

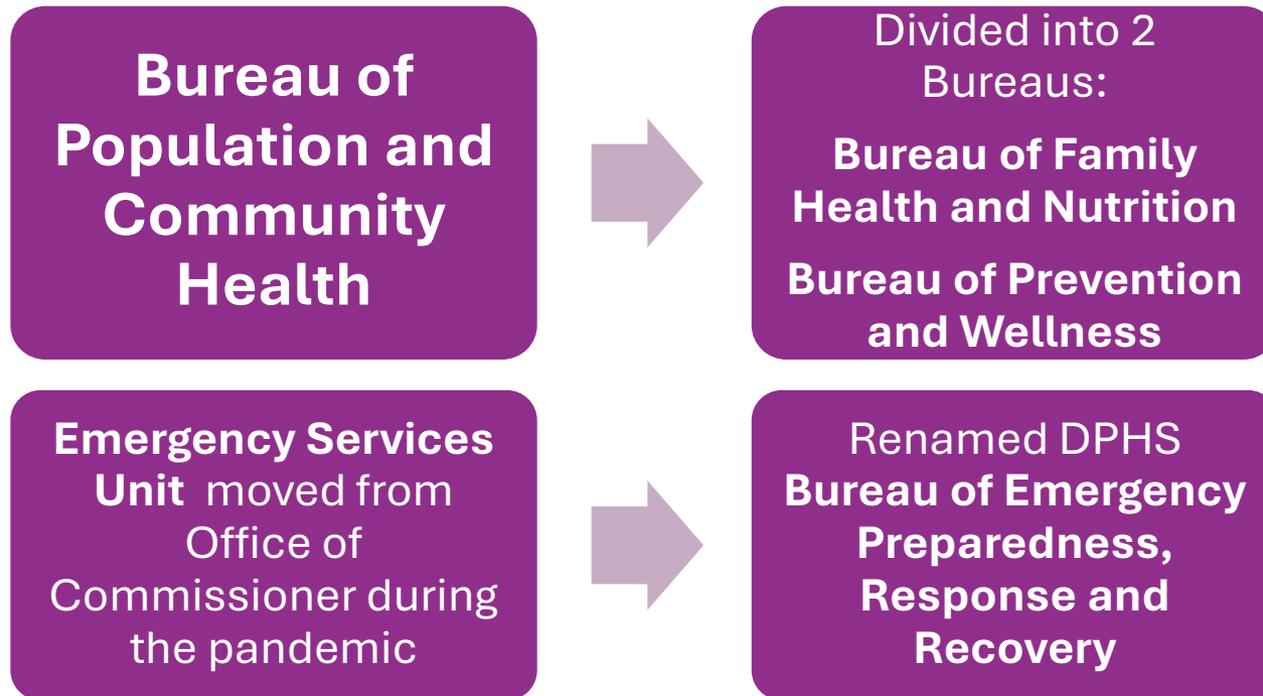


**Bureau of Public Health Statistics
and Informatics**



Bureau of Public Health Protection

Evolution Since 2018



What was reorganized?

The Bureau of Public Health Policy, Systems and Performance was eliminated, and programs were re-distributed



Office of Rural Health & Primary Care and State Loan Repayment were moved to **Bureau of Prevention and Wellness**

Therapeutic Cannabis, Quality Improvement, and the Legislative Liaison are now embedded under the **Deputy Director**

Which programs were re-aligned?

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) moved from Office of Professional Licensing and Certification



PDMP now embedded in **Bureau of Prevention and Wellness**

Comprehensive Child and Family Supports and Services (CFSS) & Family Resource Center Supports (FRC) moved from Division of Economic Supports



CFSS and FRC Supports now embedded in **Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition**



Key Budget Takeaways

\$137,000,000 Total Budget

- Only 18% General Funds

Breadth of Portfolio

- 50+ Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- 70+ Accounting Units

Dynamic and Data Driven

- Maintains core functions and addresses emergent issues
- Mix of temporary and permanent staff



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SFY24/25



•**Provided Comprehensive and Nationally Recognized Laboratory Services**

- Tested over 16,000 water samples (2024), including 2,500 from private wells, to ensure clean water for consumption and recreation
- Launched wastewater surveillance testing to monitor for respiratory disease prevalence in local communities
- Conducted food testing to maintain a safe food supply, including dairy and shellfish; identified elevated arsenic in apple juice that led to a recall of more than 14,000 cases of juice across 26 states



•**Delivered Oversight and Resources to Foster Safe Communities and Environments:**

- License ~6,000 businesses including restaurants, groceries, schools, dairies, and others; conduct more than 3,500 routine and licensing inspections each year to maintain a safe food supply for New Hampshire residents
- Processed over 28,000 blood lead level results for adults and children and provided case management services to impacted children and families
- Inspected more than 416 radiation machines (2024) and conducted associated registration activities
- Distributed 3,500 free tests (2024) to allow residents to test their homes for radon



•**Provided Programs and Supports to Strengthen Families and Minimize Referrals to Social Welfare Services**

- Partnered with agencies to provide more than 5,000 home visits for new families in 2024 to ensure healthy child and family development and minimize the likelihood of abuse and neglect
- Supported over 7,000 families in 2024 through engagements at Family Resource Centers, including over 1,000 children of incarcerated individuals, to provide education, guidance, and emotional support to families inside and outside of the child welfare system



Public Health Programs and Budget



Administration / Office of the Director

- Leads and supports seven bureaus and ~250 full-time authorized staff
- Includes rent and indirect cost for all of Public Health
- Includes Legislative Liaison, State Epidemiologist, and the Therapeutic Cannabis Program

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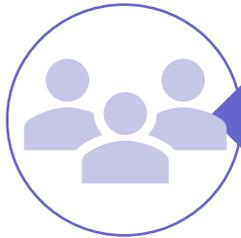


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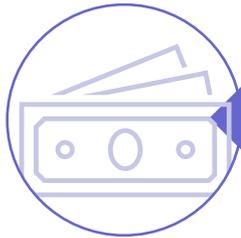
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9000-5110	OFFICE OF DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33% Federal funds, 57% General funds, 10% Other funds • Oversees the implementation of all public health programs across seven bureaus • Develops strategic direction and ensures that program delivery supports critical services and population health goals • Ensures appropriate execution of all statutory requirements of the Division of Public Health Services and its programs 	4	908	1
9000-8579	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% General funds 	N/A	909	N/A
9000-3899	THERAPEUTIC CANNABIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Other funds (Cannabis Registry ID Cards, ATC fees) • Processes applications and issues cannabis registry ID cards to eligible patients and caregivers • Maintains a confidential registry of qualifying patients, caregivers, and certifying medical providers 	2	909	2



Therapeutic Cannabis Program



~ 15,000 patients

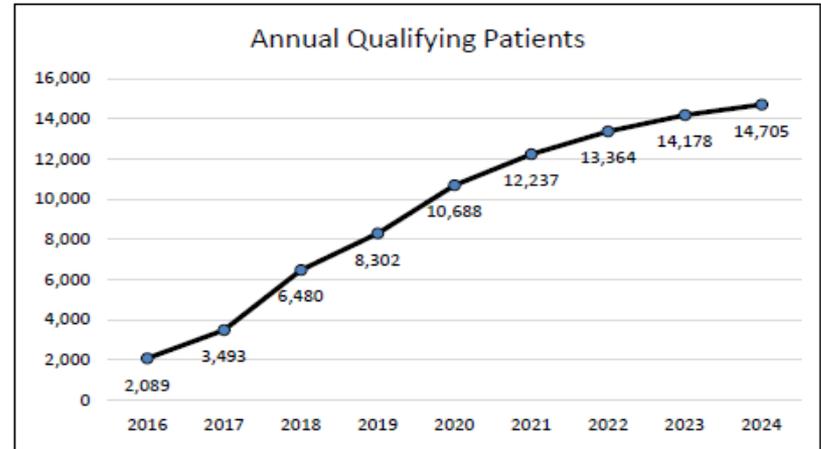


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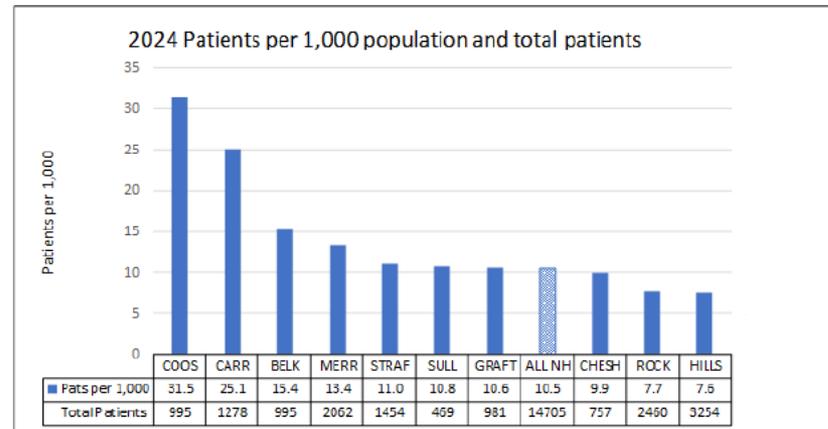
3 ATCs in 7 locations

Patient Growth, 2016-2024



Source: 2016-2024 TCP Registry Database

Qualifying Patients per 1,000 population, by County



Bureau of Public Health Statistics and Informatics (BPHSI)

- Serves as the public health statistics and informatics center for New Hampshire, responsible for collecting, integrating, analyzing, and disseminating timely and accurate health-related statistics to drive actions that improve community health
- Provides data stewardship for public health datasets, ensuring alignment with the Department's data governance and management strategies and adherence to privacy and confidentiality protections
- Establishes and maintains public health data integration and electronic reporting systems, including laboratory data, disease case reporting, syndromic surveillance, and other health data, and supports health systems data modernization and promotes interoperability

Chiahui Chawla, Bureau Chief



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9005-5262	INFORMATICS & HEALTH STATISTICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51% Federal funds, 45% General funds, 4% Other funds (Ryan White Pharmaceutical Rebates) Integrates, analyzes, and disseminates health-related statistics and datasets to improve community health Establishes and maintains health data integration and electronic reporting from healthcare facilities, commercial labs, and other jurisdictions 	10	911	4
9005-8667	BEHVL RK FACT SRVL SUR (BRFSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Administers voluntary and confidential telephone survey system of New Hampshire residents over the age of 18 regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services to measure population health trends over time 	1	912	N/A
9005-6671	CANCER REGISTRY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 79% Federal funds, 21% General funds Operates the statewide, population-based cancer surveillance system to collect data on cancer cases diagnosed or treated in NH 	1	912	N/A
9005-1628	STRENGTHEN PH INFRASTRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Supports public health workforce development, foundational capabilities for community collaboration, and health data system modernization 	0	913	6
9005-1629	YRBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Administers voluntary and anonymous survey of New Hampshire public high school students grade 9 to 12 every other year to measure health-related behaviors and experiences for identifying emerging issues and evaluating programs that support youth health 	0	914	N/A



Communicating Health Data



104

DATA REQUESTS

BPHSI received 104 data requests from DHHS programs and external users.



131

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

BPHSI completed or started onboarding 131 healthcare facilities into Electronic Case Reporting.



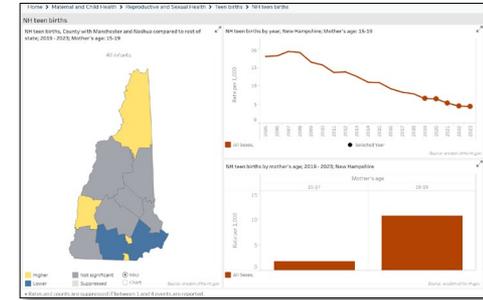
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DATA INDICATORS

BPHSI maintained 587 data visualizations and indicators on the DHHS Data Portal.

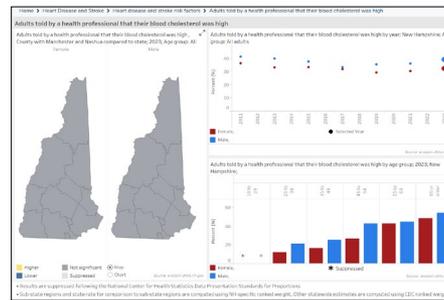
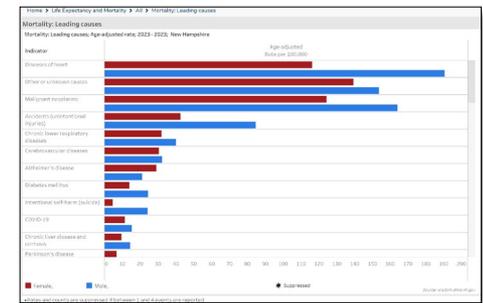
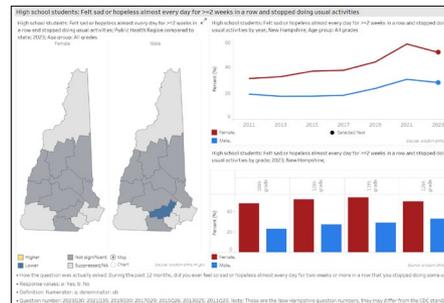
Maintains and Operates the DHHS Data Portal (formerly WISDOM)

- Includes data categorized into 8 health categories with 41 health related topics
- Provides access to 41 data sources and 587 dashboards



Coordinates Public Health Data Integration and Modernization

- Set up infrastructure and connection to receive messages for electronic case reporting (eCR) through APHL Informatics Messaging Services (AIMS)
- Capability for 119 notifiable conditions to be reported through electronic laboratory reporting (ELR); 10 hospitals, 1 public health lab, and 21 commercial labs onboarded



Bureau of Public Health Protection (BPHP)

- Assures public safety from environmental public health risks
- Protects the safety and security of the New Hampshire food supply and prevents foodborne illness and injuries through inspection, enforcement, and education
- Ensures the safe use of radiation machines and radioactive materials through registration, licensing, inspection, enforcement, and education
- Responsible for the collection and reporting of blood lead testing, coordination of nurse case management and environmental investigations for children with elevated blood lead levels, licensing of lead professionals, compliance, enforcement, and education and outreach
- Identifies and integrates environmental health data to track trends in health outcomes and environmental exposures and recommends public health actions to prevent or eliminate exposure to contaminants to improve public health

Michele Roberge, Bureau Chief



Bureau of Public Health Protection (BPHP)

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9015-5390	FOOD PROTECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% General funds, 25% Other funds (restaurant license fees, beverage & milk fees and shellfish fees) Conducts inspection, enforcement, and education and outreach to protect the safety and security of New Hampshire’s food supply Works with entities including retail establishments, such as groceries and restaurants, as well as dairies and other entities, including schools 	16	916	8
9015-5391	RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH FEES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (License/Registration fees) Executes licensure, inspection, enforcement, and education and outreach for radiation and radioactive materials 	12	917	10
9015-5399	LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MGT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (Waste disposal fees) Manages and safely disposes of low-level radioactive waste 	0	919	N/A
9015-5698	LEAD POISONING PREVENTION FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (License fees and fines) Implements and encourages lead paint removal and education activities 	0	919	N/A



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9015-6712	DES CC LEAD REMEDIATION PROG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Other funds (Dept of Environmental Svcs) • Supports lead in drinking water testing and remediation at childcare facilities and coordinates efforts across DHHS and NHDES • Provides education and outreach to childcare facilities and administers a grant program to support lead in drinking water remediation efforts 	0	920	N/A
9015-7964	LEAD PREVENTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62% Federal funds, 38% General funds • Administers the requirements in RSA 130-A, including oversight of the statewide blood lead data system and publishing of annual data report • Coordinates nurse case management and environmental inspections of rental housing where children with elevated blood lead levels reside • Licenses and certifies lead professionals that include inspectors, risk assessors, trainers, and contractors and conducts education and outreach concerning prevention and treatment of lea poisoning 	13	921	12
9015-7426	EPH TRACKING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Identifies and integrates environmental health data to track trends in health outcomes and environmental exposures • Conducts education and outreach activities to prevent exposure to environmental contaminants and improve public health 	3	923	15



Protecting Everyone's Health



28,000

LEAD TESTS

The Lead Program processed results for more than 28,000 blood lead level tests for children and adults.



3,500

RADON TESTS

The Radon Program distributed more than 3,500 FREE radon test kits to New Hampshire residents.



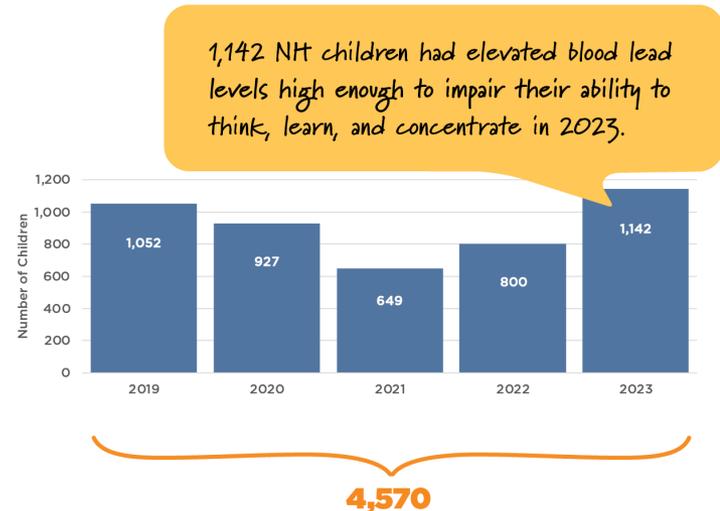
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INSPECTIONS

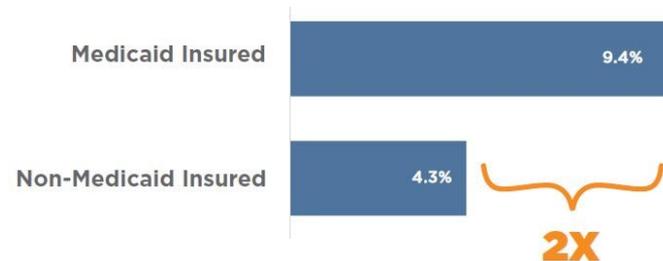
The Food Protection Program completed 2,676 routine inspections and 1,086 licensing inspections.

Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

- In 2023, 1,142 NH children had elevated blood lead levels high enough to impair their ability to think, learn, and concentrate
- Although pediatric blood lead testing rates have recovered to pre-pandemic levels, testing rates for 1- and 2-year-old children are still not meeting state requirements
- 1 in every 10 children insured by Medicaid who received testing had elevated blood lead levels, more than twice the rate of other New Hampshire children
- The most common source of exposure for young children in the US is lead paint and dust in older homes; at least 32,000 young children live in older housing units with lead paint in New Hampshire

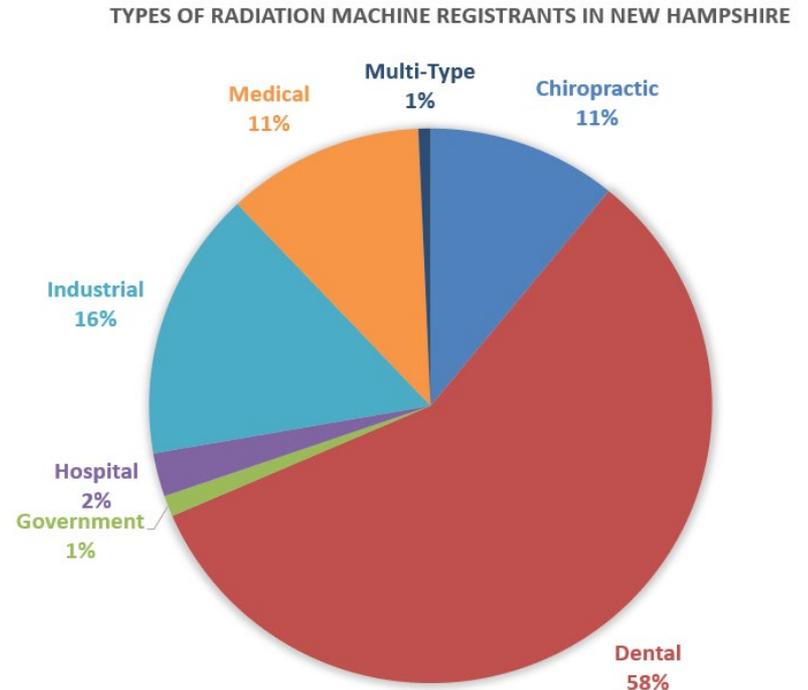


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This is more than two times the rate of other children.



Radiological Health

- New Hampshire is a Nuclear Regulatory Commission agreement state overseeing 65 Radioactive Material (RAM) Licensees including medical, veterinary, engineering, manufacturing, and distribution facilities
- 1,146 Radiation Machine Registrants, with a total of 5,113 machines
- In 2024, 416 compliance inspections of machines were completed - 72% of registrants met requirements; worked with the remaining 28% to achieve compliance
- DPHS responded to 12 radiological incidents of radioactive material found at non-licensed facilities in NH and 4 incidents reported by licensees
- RHS staff provide technical support for radiological emergency response preparedness through participation in emergency response planning activities and drills



Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition (BFHN)

- Provides comprehensive community and clinical services for women and children to assess, protect, and promote healthy family development
- Delivers family supports that strengthen the well-being of new parents and families through a range of services, including health education, parenting support, developmental screening, and connections to community resources designed to prevent entry into the child welfare system
- Administers the New Hampshire Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program to provide nutrition support and education for pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and preschool-aged children to promote healthy eating and family development

Courtney Keane, Interim Bureau Chief



Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition (BFHN)

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9020-0836	PREGNANCY RISK MONITORING SYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Collects self-reported data about experiences before, during, and after pregnancy to improve outcomes and reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity 	1	924	N/A
9020-2207	WIC FOOD REBATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Other funds (Formula rebates) • Receives formula rebates from Abbott Nutrition through a competitively bid contract; funds offset food cost expenses from the WIC program 	0	926	17
9020-4526	MCH DATA LINKAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Increases data capacity within the Title V MCH Block Grant program 	1	926	N/A
9020-5190	MATERNAL – CHILD HEALTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% Federal funds, 62% General funds ○ Increases access to quality preventative and primary care services for children and women of reproductive age ○ Provides support for community health centers, support for children with special health care needs, recruitment for behavioral healthcare providers across the state, and data analysis 	11	927	19



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9020-5240	NEWBORN SCREENING REVOL FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (newborn screening filter paper) Ensures all infants born in New Hampshire are screened for heritable conditions and receive immediate follow up 	1	928	21
9020-5260	WIC SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PRG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Provides services to 12,500 low-income pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children to age five Provides supplemental food package, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and health & social service referrals 	9	929	23
9020-5530	FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 54% Federal funds, 46% General funds Provides high quality sexual and reproductive health care through contracted health providers 	2	931	24
9020-7047	COMMUNITY COLLABORATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% General funds Serves families with children ages 0-18 by promoting positive parenting education, resource connections, child developmental, and maternal depression screening Includes the Comprehensive Family Support Services (CFSS) home visiting, Newborn Navigation, Kinship Navigation, Family Resource Centers, and Family Connections Center programs 	0	932	26



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9020-5896	<p>HOME VISITING FORMULA GNT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 81% Federal funds, 19% General funds Provides voluntary home visiting services for pregnant and newly parenting families based on the Healthy Families America evidence-based model Implements child welfare protocols and prioritizes high risk referrals received from DCYF 	3	933	28
9020-5906	<p>SUID CASE REGISTRY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Provides information and trainings to health professionals, childcare personnel, and others involved with children and families on Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) to reduce risks and promote safe sleeping environments 	0	934	N/A
9020-6048	<p>WIC INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Supports WIC technology infrastructure 	0	934	N/A
9020-1228	<p>POISON CONTROL CENTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% General Funds, 5% Other Funds (Dept of Safety) Provides a 24/7 Poison Prevention Call Center that serves New Hampshire, as well as poison prevention education to residents 	0	935	N/A



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9020-3386	<p>EARLY HEARING DET & INTERVTN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides birth facilities, midwives, and medical professionals trainings and resources on hearing screenings, follow up for infants who do not pass the hearing screen, and referral to early intervention if diagnosed with hearing loss 	1	936	N/A
9020-3387	<p>NEWBORN HEARING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides birth facilities, midwives, and medical professionals trainings and resources on hearing screenings, follow up for infants who do not pass the hearing screen, and referral to early intervention if diagnosed with hearing loss 	0	936	N/A
9020-3388	<p>RAPE PREVENT & EDUCATION (RPE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides age-appropriate prevention education to children in schools, ages 6 through 24 years, and primary prevention education to communities to improve safety in community environments and reduce sexual violence victimization rates and risk factors 	0	937	N/A
9020-7048	<p>PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides tele-consultation, training, technical assistance, and care coordination to pediatric primary care providers to diagnose, treat, and refer children and adolescents with behavioral health conditions 	0	938	N/A



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9020-3487	MATERNAL MORTALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Supports the NH Maternal Mortality Review Committee to identify all deaths of pregnant and postpartum women in New Hampshire and perform a comprehensive review by clinical subject matter experts to determine if the deaths were preventable and identify actions to prevent future maternal deaths 	0	939	N/A
9020-7423	SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Provides services to eligible low-income older adults (60+) that includes a monthly box of shelf-stable, nutritious foods and nutrition education 	0	939	N/A
9020-4301	NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Ensures all infants born in NH are screened for heritable conditions and ensures immediate follow up for abnormal results 	0	940	N/A
9020-4063	ALLNCE INNOV MAT HLTH-AIM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Reduces maternal mortality through implementation of Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Safety Bundles on substance use and perinatal mental health 	0	941	N/A



WIC Nutrition Program and Farmers Market

- The New Hampshire WIC program serves 12,500 participants statewide each month and 88% will be eligible for Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, including:
 - Infants 6 months to children 5 years old
 - All women who are pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding
- Each eligible participant will receive a \$30 benefit to use at farmers markets between July and October 2025
- Up to \$333,000 of State/Federal funds will go directly to New Hampshire farmers who participate

2024 by the Numbers

**10,638 FAMILIES, 16,712 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS,
AND \$9,784,265 IN HEALTHY FOODS**

During federal fiscal year 2024, the New Hampshire WIC program served 10,638 families and 16,712 unique individuals. WIC participants used their benefits to purchase \$9,784,265 in healthy foods.

**HEALTHY FOOD.
HEALTHY KID.
HAPPY MOM.**



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Division of Public Health Services
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Concord, NH 03301
1-800-WIC-4321
<https://dhs.nh.gov/00WICPROGRAM>

WIC Foods

January 2024



Newborn Screening Program

- Screen more than 98% of all infants born in New Hampshire for hearing and inheritable conditions
- In recent years, ~5% of infants who were screened for inheritable conditions had a presumptive positive result
- ~20% of those presumptive positive results were referred for diagnostics at a specialty office
- ~4% of infants who did not pass their hearing were referred for an audiological diagnostic evaluation

98%



98% OF INFANTS BORN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE RECEIVED A HEARING SCREEN



Early detection, diagnosis and intervention allow children to reach their full potential.



Family Support and Early Childhood Development



7,030
FAMILIES

16 Family Resource Centers supported 7,030 families across the state.



5,229
HOME VISITS

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program completed 5,229 home visits in 10 languages.

Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

New Hampshire families in every county participate in Healthy Families America home visiting programs.

National outcomes from the evidence-based *Healthy Families America (HFA)* model shows that HFA families:

- Have better birth outcomes
- 48% fewer infants born at low birthweight
- Receive more well child visits and developmental screenings
- Children are ready for and succeed in school
- More likely to have health insurance
- Parents are 5x more likely to enroll & participate in school and training
- Parents are better able to cope with stress and less likely to use alcohol and other substances

“HFA has impacted mine and my family’s life in so many ways. The most important impact from my point of view is that they have empowered me as a mother by helping me realize that I am capable and that I am human and am going to make mistakes; That what matters the most is I continue to try to improve myself as a parent and partner. They have equipped me with so many useful parenting techniques and strategies to utilize when I struggle with behaviors from my children, and with behaviors from myself as a parent. Thank you so much for being a part of my journey!!” – NH HFA parent participant

<https://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/HFA-Evidence-June-2024.pdf>

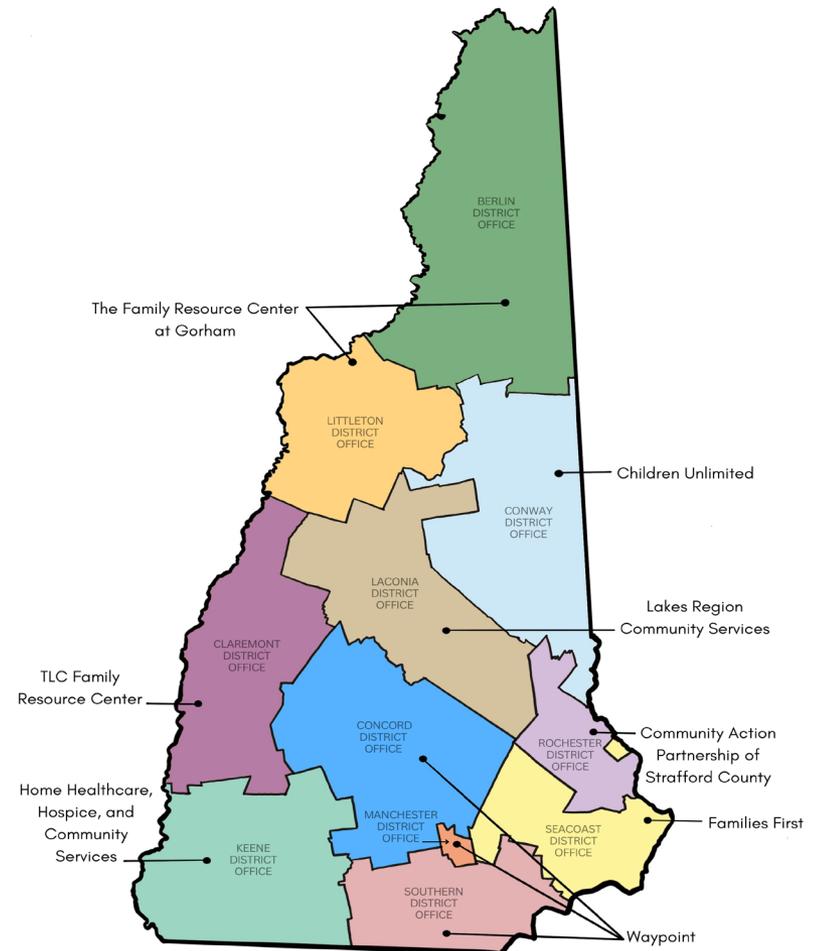


Comprehensive Family Support Services

Comprehensive Family Support Services (CFSS)

Supported by TANF, Administered by Public Health

- Community-based, voluntary, free home visiting program designed to provide preventative services for pregnant parents and families with children aged 0-18 years.
- Covering 11 District Offices and implemented by 8 Family Resource Center agencies statewide
- Evidence informed by recognized models and staff trained in curriculums such as:
 - [Growing Great Kids](#)
 - [Parents as Teachers](#)
 - [Positive Solutions for Families](#)



Comprehensive Family Support Services (CFSS)

In SFY2024, Comprehensive Family Support Services...

- Served **1,158** families and **2,856** individuals
- Engaged **228** fathers
- Received 1,571 referrals
- 641 referrals were made by DCYF (40% of total referrals).

Of families served...

- **373** were 2-parent households
- **1,022** (95%) were low income and TANF eligible

**Under 250% FPL*

CFSS and Child Protection (DCYF) Outcomes

Outcomes over time:

- Of 1,692 children discharged from CFSS in SFY21, **1,651 (97.6%) have had no founded abuse or neglect events** within 3 years of discharge
- Of 1,692 children discharged from CFSS in SFY21, 1,278 (76.3%) of those have not had an accepted investigation within 3 years of CFSS discharge
- Of 1,692 children discharged from CFSS in SFY21, 43 (2.5%) of those with an accepted investigation had a founded DCYF referral within 3 years of discharge (an investigation was completed and resulted in a founded event)



Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (BIDC)

- Identifies, investigates, monitors, and prevents infectious diseases including foodborne, arboviral, tick-borne, healthcare associated infections, and vaccine-preventable disease
- Ensures public health emergency response capacity for public health threats
- Partners with healthcare providers in the public and private sectors to ensure that children, adolescents, and adults receive appropriate immunizations

Colleen Smith, Bureau Chief



Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (BIDC)

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9025-2222	RYAN WHITE PART B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Provides access to affordable, high quality health care for HIV positive New Hampshire residents 	2	942	29
9025-2223	BOSTON EMA PART A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (City of Boston for EMA area clients) Covers the cost of HIV medications for clients 	0	943	N/A
9025-2229	PHARMACEUTICAL REBATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (provided by pharmaceutical companies for pharmaceuticals that the NH Ryan White CARE program has paid for on behalf of clients) Provides funding for core medical services such as AIDS Drug Assistance Program, health insurance premium & copay assistance, outpatient tests and visits, outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment, oral health care, home and community-based care, medical case management and supportive services 	5	944	31
9025-5170	DISEASE CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 59% Federal funds, 37% General funds, 4% Other Funds (Ryan White Pharmaceutical Rebates) Tracks and investigates infectious disease reports and outbreaks Provides consultation on infectious disease-related issues to healthcare providers, members of the public, and other organizations 	6	945	32



Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (BIDC)

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9025-5174	MOSQUITO CONTROL FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% General funds • Supports statewide testing of municipality-collected mosquitoes to detect arboviral diseases 	0	946	N/A
9025-5177	VACCINES – INSURERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Other funds (New Hampshire Vaccine Association) • Serves all children and adolescents in NH with vaccine access 	0	947	34
9025-5178	IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86% Federal funds, 14% General funds • Conducts ordering and inventory management of doses of immunizations procured on behalf of New Hampshire children each year • Provides education and training to healthcare provider offices in the state that administer state-supplied vaccine • Ensures operation of an Immunization Information System (IIS) to record immunizations administered by participating providers to individuals who opt into the system 	15	947	36
9025-5179	HOSP ACQUIRED INFECTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Conducts investigations into outbreaks, infection control breaches, drug diversion of injectable medications, antimicrobial resistance, and unusual organisms • Conducts infection prevention assessments within healthcare settings 	2	949	N/A



Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (BIDC)

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9025-7536	<p>STD/HIV PREVENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 88% Federal funds, 2% General funds, 10% Other funds (Ryan White Pharmaceutical Rebates) • Provides for funding for no cost STI and HIV testing at local health departments • Conducts investigation and monitoring of STIs and HIV reports made by healthcare providers and laboratories • Provides education on STI and HIV prevention and treatment to healthcare providers and the public 	9	950	37



Infectious Disease Investigation

- Responds to hundreds of outbreaks and thousands of infectious disease reports annually
- In Summer 2024, conducted three concurrent investigations with significant public exposures

Measles

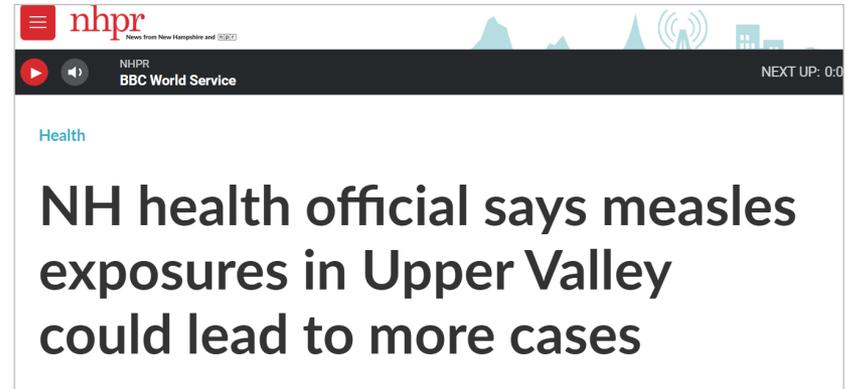
- 5 cases linked to outbreak from visitor to NH
- Over 300 contact investigations and public notifications conducted as part of prevention efforts

Legionnaire’s Disease

- 17 cases linked to outbreak associated with a contaminated cooling tower
- No new cases after mitigation steps taken at the cooling tower

Tuberculosis

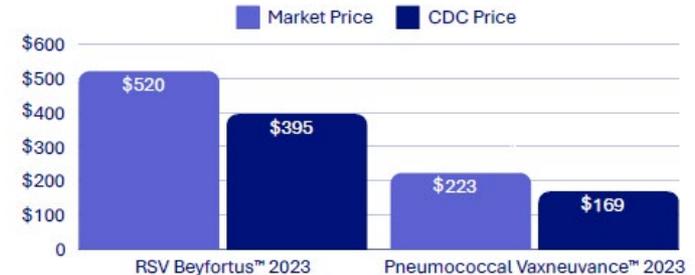
- 288 exposures identified, including 149 children at childcare
- Required follow up with those exposed to halt spread of active disease



New Hampshire Vaccine Association (NHVA)

- **HB524, currently passed out of committee, would repeal RSA 126Q**, established in 2002, which governs the New Hampshire Vaccine Association
- **Current system is efficient for all parties:** Public-private partnership engages more than 80 commercial insurers and third-party administrators, more than 220 pediatric and family care practices, NHID, and DHHS. Gives providers one stop access for vaccine purchase, increases buying power, and ensures robust accountability and minimal wastage.
- **Proposal would lead to higher costs for providers and less access for families:** Providers would face increased administrative and logistical burden to purchase and manage vaccine for patients based on insurance status
- **Transition generates State costs:** The Department estimates ~\$1m in initial costs for vaccine already obtained through existing structure. In addition, an estimated \$100-150k annual appropriation would support the Department to have vaccine available in the event of an outbreak

The NHVA funding mechanism allows DHHS to purchase immunizations at discounted CDC prices, saving insurers, group health plans, and the State money.



The NHVA does

- Set assessment rates for commercial payers
- Collect funds from commercial payers
- Transfer funds to the State, allowing DHHS to buy immunizations at CDC prices

The NHVA does not

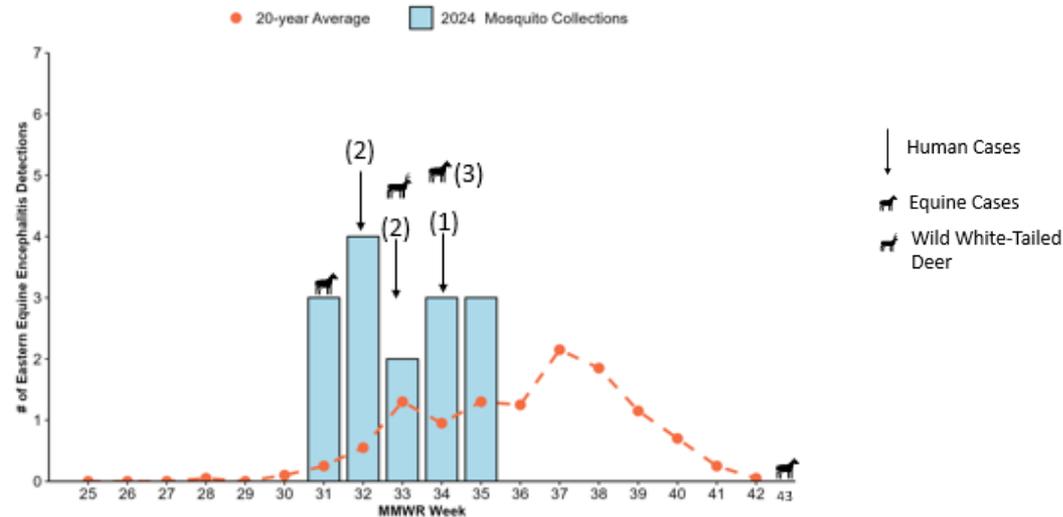
- Set immunization policy
- Receive State funds
- Determine which immunizations the State purchases



Arboviral Disease

- Summer 2024 saw increased arboviral detection and disease prevalence, including 5 human cases of EEE – first human case in New Hampshire since 2014
- Communities conduct disease surveillance via mosquito collection which are analyzed by the Public Health Laboratory and investigated by BIDC
- BIDC ensures communities and residents have information to make informed decisions about outdoor activity and mosquito spraying

2024 Eastern Equine Encephalitis NH Detections



Bureau of Laboratory Services (Public Health Laboratories)

- Conducts laboratory testing for disease prevention, control, and surveillance
- Operates as part of the national Food Emergency Response Network to ensure a safe food supply for the people of New Hampshire
- Provides testing in support of public water sources and recreation areas, private residents/wells, radiological monitoring, and pesticide testing via the Water Analysis Laboratory
- Engages with the Laboratory Response Network to respond to biological and chemical threats and emerging diseases

Fengxiang Gao, Bureau Chief



Bureau of Laboratory Services (PHL)

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
9030-1835	NH ELC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Provides laboratory testing to support infectious disease diagnostics, surveillance, outbreak investigations, and emergency response 	11	951	40
9030-1878	LAB EQUIPMENT FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (water testing fees) Supports the purchase or replacement of water lab equipment to conduct water testing of public water sources, private wells, state beaches, shellfish programs, and volunteer lake and river assessment programs 	0	952	N/A
9030-3063	ASSOCIATION OF PH LABS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (Association of Public Health Laboratory) Collaborates with APHL on projects related to training, laboratory quality, and laboratory safety 	0	953	N/A
9030-7966	PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4% Federal funds, 89% General funds, 7% Other funds (lab testing fees) Performs clinical and environmental laboratory testing including drinking water, food, emergency response, disease surveillance, external laboratory training, and quality improvement 	33	954	42



Bureau of Laboratory Services (PHL)

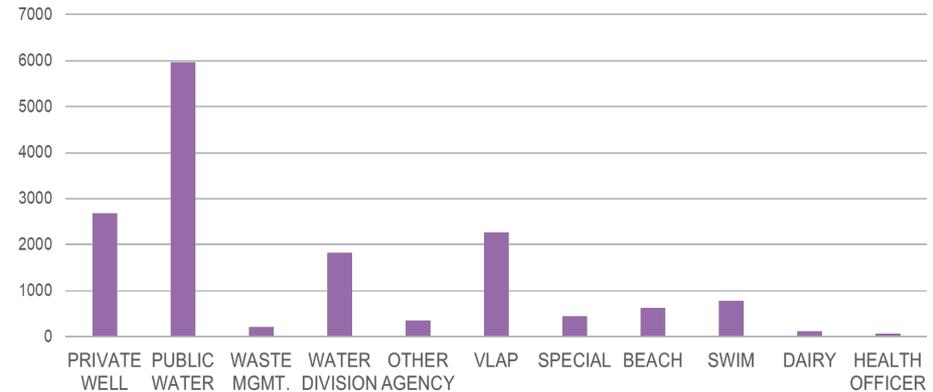
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9030-8087	PFAS LAB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Other funds (Dept of Environmental Svcs) Implements and conducts PFAS testing in drinking water for homeowner private wells, State special projects related to PFAS investigations, and compliance monitoring for public water systems 	N/A	955	44
9030-8276	FOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Conducts food sample testing and food defense preparedness in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, and radiochemistry 	4	956	45
9030-8280	BIOMONITORING GRANT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Conducts clinical and environmental laboratory testing for a wide range of chemicals, including heavy metals, pesticides, industrial chemicals, and emerging contaminants to identify potential health risks 	0	957	47



Water Analysis Laboratory Testing

- 16,376 water samples in total tested in SFY 2024, including 2,500 water samples from private wells
- 1,050 shellfish growing water samples tested
- 203 water samples tested for lead in schools

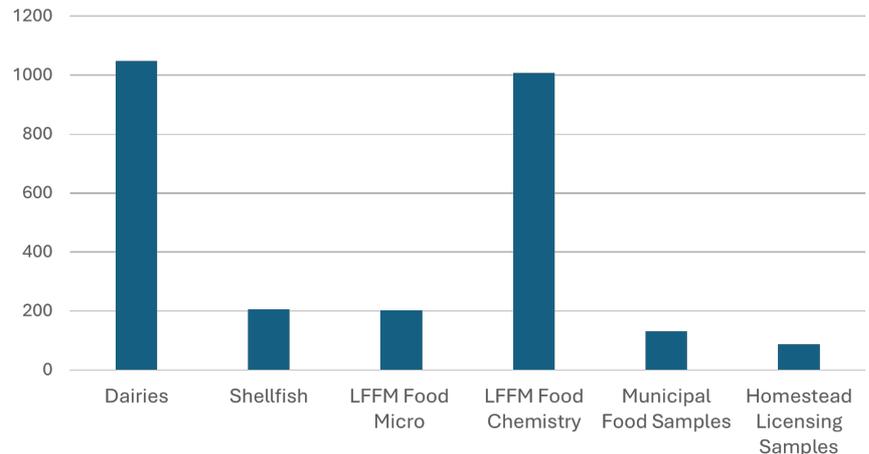
Total Water Samples Tested by Source SFY 24



Food testing

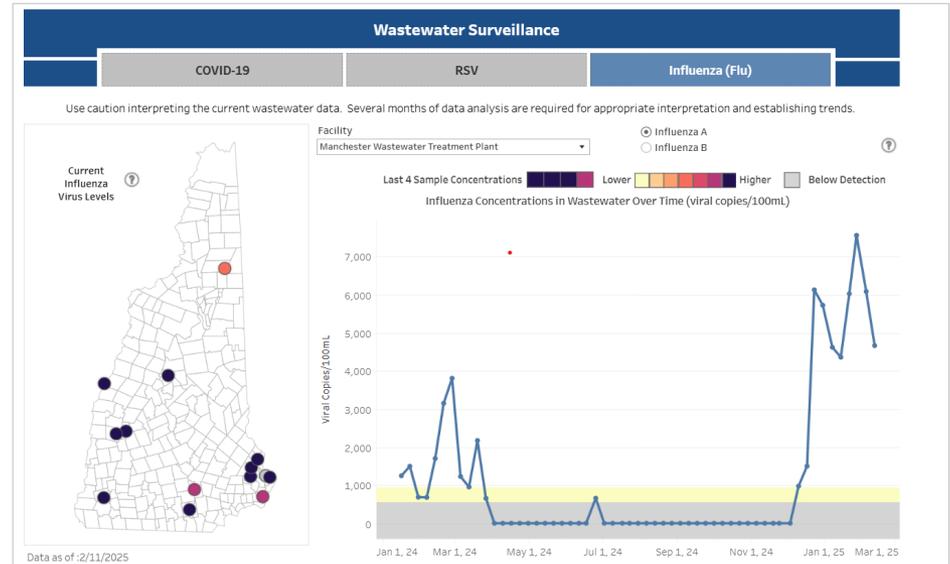
- Tested 1,550 samples for bacteria in SFY 2024
- Tested 1,008 samples in SFY24 for chemicals
- PHL identified food products with elevated chemical levels or bacterial contamination that triggered FDA recalls ensuring a safe local and national food supply

Food Samples Tested SFY2024



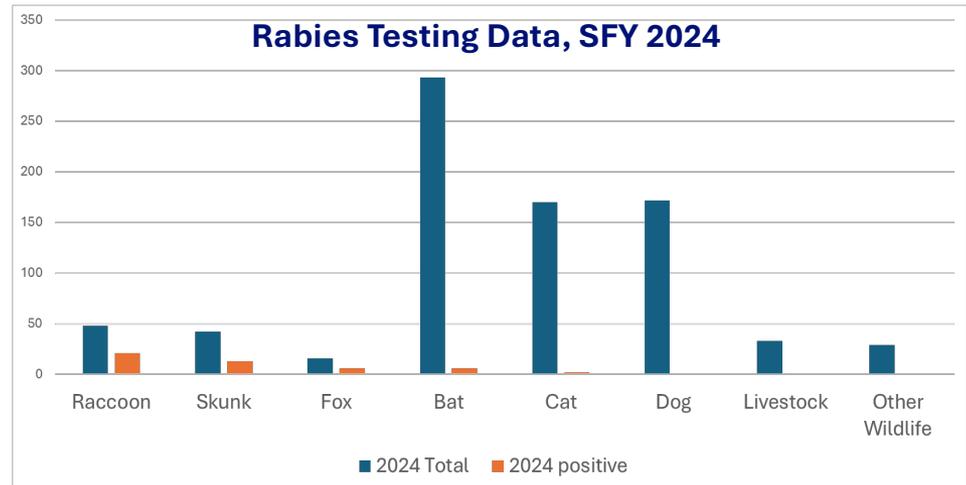
Wastewater Testing for Respiratory Viruses

- Program implemented in October 2022
- 14 wastewater treatment facilities tested weekly for RSV, Influenza, and COVID-19
- Data is published weekly on the DHHS Wastewater Monitoring Dashboard



Rabies Testing

- PHL tests wild or domestic mammal exhibiting signs compatible with rabies and that have potentially exposed a person, unvaccinated pet, or livestock
- 803 samples tested in SFY 2024; 49 tested positive



Bureau Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery (EPRR)

- Strengthens the state’s ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies or disasters with public health and healthcare implications
- Supports the healthcare system’s emergency response efforts in the event of medical surge events or supply chain disruptions
- Coordinates access to public health and healthcare training statewide
- Coordinates public health and medical volunteers to augment local organizations during emergencies and pre-planned large-scale events
- Disseminates emergency clinical information to healthcare providers

Stephanie Locke, Bureau Chief, EPRR



Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery (EPRR)

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9035-1112	HOMELAND SECURITY - REP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19% Federal funds, 65% General funds, 16% Other funds (Dept of Safety) Purchases equipment & trains technical experts to respond to radiological emergencies at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant 	3	960	N/A
9035-1113	HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Coordinates healthcare emergency preparedness & response for all New Hampshire hospitals and long-term care facilities during emergencies and disasters 	3	961	49
9035-1114	PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91% Federal funds, 9% General funds Coordinates state and local public health organizations during emergencies Contracts with the 13 Regional Public Health Networks to develop regional response plans for mass care and healthcare needs 	23	962	51
9035-1590	PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Federal funds Continuous award; the grant is unfunded until a specific response requires funding 	0	964	54



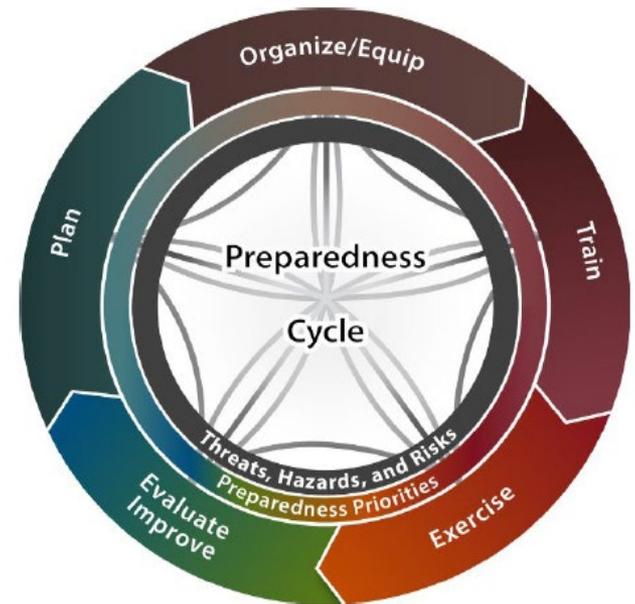
Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery (EPRR)

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9035-1591	RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Other funds (Dept of Safety) • Develops a qualified workforce capable of responding to a radiological emergency at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant 	3	965	N/A
9035-4302	NH MRC STRONG VOL PRGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Trains, develops, and deploys medical volunteers across New Hampshire’s public health and healthcare response 	0	966	N/A



Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)

- Staffing Emergency Support Function 6 (Mass Care, Housing & Human Services) and ESF 8 (Health & Medical) during State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations
- Maintaining the radiological emergency preparedness program
- Overseeing volunteer management
- Managing the Regional Public Health Networks
- Coordinating the Healthcare Coalition program
- Executing plan development (mass fatality, sheltering, etc.)
- Coordinating the statewide public health and healthcare training program & conducting statewide exercise cycles
- Managing the Strategic National Stockpile and Chempack Programs
- Managing the Department’s Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program
- Managing the public health and healthcare community preparedness and recovery programs
- Deploying Disaster Behavioral Health specialists to communities following a traumatic event



Activates Emergency-related Information Sharing

Coordinates Medical Surge Planning



Emergency Preparedness and Training



100

PEOPLE

EPRR trained 100 people on nerve agent antidote utilization and access.



137

VOLUNTEERS

EPRR trained 137 medical and public health volunteers at the all-hazard statewide volunteer conference.



535

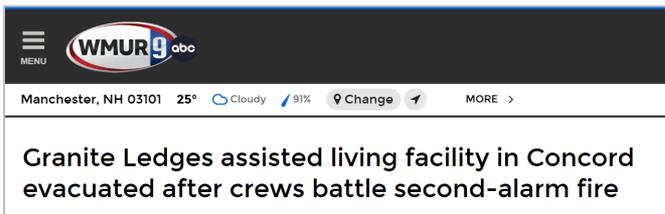
STATE STAFF

EPRR trained 535 State of New Hampshire staff in hands-only CPR and AED use.



Ready to Respond to Mass Casualty Events

- Deployed in response to fire at long term care facility in Concord housing more than 60 people, including 15 memory care residents
- Provided support to Concord Fire and Concord Hospital to ensure residents were accounted and cared for during fire fight
- Conduct reunification activities to ensure that families of people housed at the facility were informed and assured of status of family member
- Developed contingency plans for housing individuals in the event the facility was not available due to fire damage



61 people are back at Concord assisted living facility following fire; 13 mutual aid agencies called

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Bureau of Prevention and Wellness (BPAW)

- Enhances access to primary care services for New Hampshire residents
- Reduces chronic disease risk factors and improves healthy behaviors
- Addresses the unique healthcare needs of rural communities
- Improves access to screening, early detection, and management of chronic conditions
- Addresses opioid overdose by improving collection, analysis, and use of data

Whitney Hammond, Bureau Chief



Bureau of Prevention and Wellness (BPAW)

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9045-3222	CDC ORAL HEALTH GRANT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides support services to improve oral health in communities, enhance disease surveillance plans, and promote cavity prevention programs 	1	967	N/A
9045-3223	ORAL HLTH CAPACITY RURAL NH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46% Federal funds, 54% General funds • Provides education and other services to individuals across the lifespan to promote improved oral health 	1	968	N/A
9045-3224	TOBACCO PREVENTION & CESSATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% Federal funds, 35% General funds • Provides resources and quitting assistance to NH residents • Carries out statewide educational campaigns to raise awareness about nicotine addiction and treatment resources 	5	969	55
9045-3225	COMPREHENSIVE CANCER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94% Federal funds, 6% General funds • Provides cancer screening, diagnostic, and treatment services to low-income women 	6	970	57



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9045-3226	WISEWOMAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Provides clinical care through Federally Qualified Health Centers to low-income women who do not have health insurance or who have high out-of-pocket costs 	0	971	58
9045-3227	ARTHRITIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Supports community organizations to reach older adults with physical activity and falls prevention programming 	1	972	N/A
9045-3228	COMBINED CHRONIC DISEASE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Supports community health centers and other clinics to deliver diabetes and hypertension self-management services 	3	973	60
9045-3229	CHRONIC DISEASE - ASTHMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Supports Mobile Integrated Health Programs, providing in-home environmental assessments and asthma self-management education in rural communities 	3	974	N/A



Bureau of Prevention and Wellness (BPAW)

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9045-2792	HOSPITAL FLEX PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Improves the quality of care, financial stability, and operations at New Hampshire’s 13 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to better support the health of rural communities • Provides reimbursement for professional certification programs to enhance care standards 	2	975	N/A
9045-2793	SMALL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Conducts needs assessment for SHIP hospitals, provides Medicare billing and coding training for staff, and improves reimbursement processes 	0	976	N/A
9045-2794	RURAL HLTH & PRIMARY CARE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24% Federal funds, 56% General funds, 20% Other funds (JUA) • Supports multi-state workforce recruitment, manages programs such as the State Loan Repayment Program, oversees SLRP contracts, and provides technical assistance for rural health-related funding opportunities 	4	977	62
9045-3165	PREVENTIVE HEALTH BLOCK GRANT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 76% Federal funds, 24% General funds • Supports state and local programs aimed at improving health through disease prevention, health promotion, and preventive services, particularly for underserved populations 	9	978	64



Bureau of Prevention and Wellness (BPAW)

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9045-3166	PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46% Federal funds, 54% Other funds (Dept of Justice) • Delivers schedule II-IV controlled substance prescription history information to prescribers and pharmacists to inform safe prescribing practices, prevent unwanted drug interactions, drug diversion, substance misuse, and improve treatment outcomes 	3	979	65
9045-3167	OPIOID SURVEILLANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Collects, analyzes, and shares overdose data to guide targeted interventions and inform statewide prevention efforts 	1	981	67
9045-5681	NAT VIOLENT DEATH RPT SY-NVDRS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Federal funds • Compiles information from law enforcement reports and the Office of the Medical Examiner (OCME) and provides data to fatality review commissions 	0	982	N/A



Supporting Healthy Active Lives



**1,506
PEOPLE**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provided FREE cancer screening services to 1,506 people in New Hampshire.



**689
PEOPLE**

The Arthritis Program enrolled 689 adults in Arthritis Appropriate Evidence Based Programs.



**9,000
PEOPLE**

The Diabetes Program served more than 9,000 patients in 5 health systems through Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support programs.

Prevention Paying Off: But More to Do

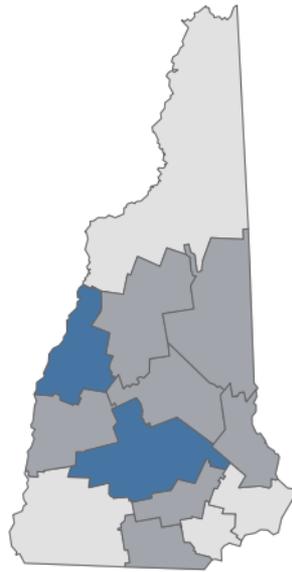
NH Health WISDOM
Connecting NH to Health Data



Used an electronic vapor product during the past 30 days

High school students: Used an electronic vapor product during the past 30 days; Public Health Region compared to state; 2023; Age group: All grades

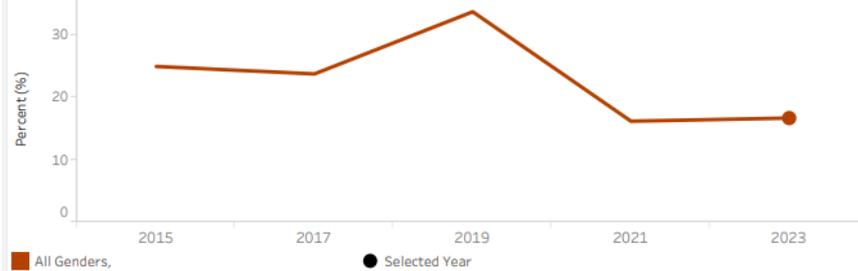
All Genders



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High school students: Used an electronic vapor product during the past 30 days by year; New Hampshire; Age group: All grades



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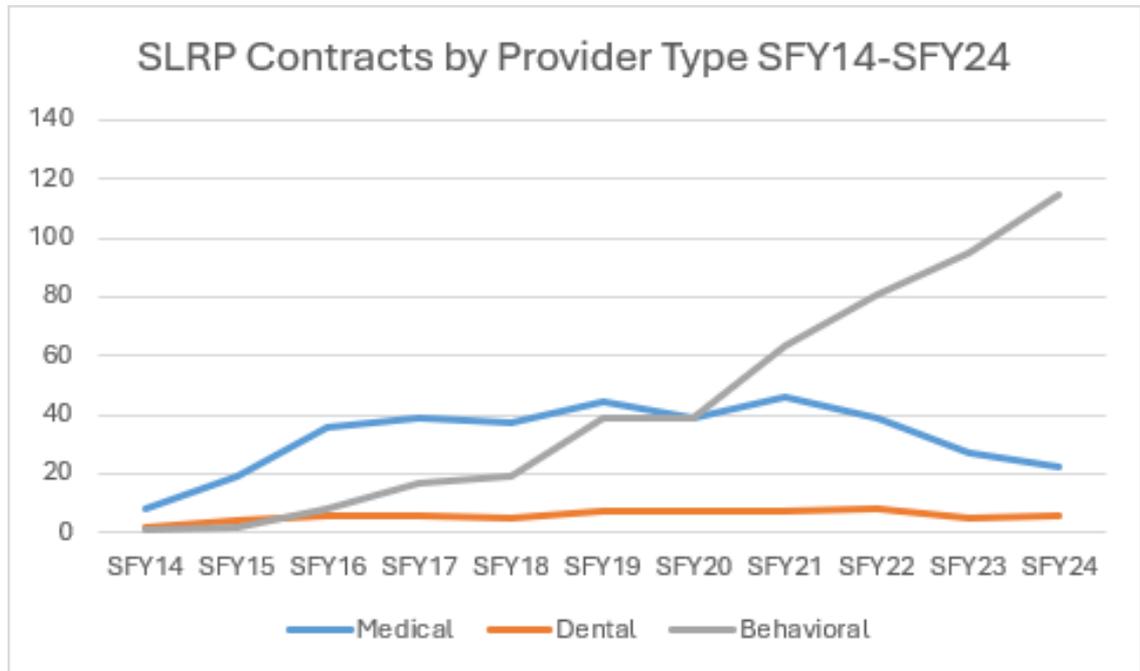
- How the question was actually asked: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product?
- Response values: a: 0 days; b: 1 or 2 days; c: 3 to 5 days; d: 6 to 9 days; e: 10 to 19 days; f: 20 to 29 days; g: All 30 days
- Definition: Numerator: bcdefg; denominator: abcdefg
- Question number: 2023Q43; 2021Q42; 2019Q38; 2017Q37; 2015Q37. Note: These are the New Hampshire question numbers, they may differ from the CDC standard question numbers.

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State Loan Repayment Program

- Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated areas lacking an adequate supply of primary healthcare providers
- 9 of 10 New Hampshire counties are partially or fully designated as Mental Health HPSAs
- Since the State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) expanded eligibility for Behavioral Health Under Supervision in 2020, the number of BH providers has grown sharply





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