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Mission

The mission of the Passaic County Department of Health is to serve our community through the delivery and promotion of services focused on improving and protecting the health of our residents and the environment.

We are committed to assuring the preservation, protection, and promotion of the health, well-being, and quality-of-life for Passaic County residents through partnerships that strengthen the public and environmental health infrastructure.

We believe in providing competent and caring leadership to diverse populations for the enhancement of Passaic County.

Bioterrorism Division

The purpose of the Passaic County Department of Health (PCDH) Bioterrorism division is to upgrade and integrate state and local public health's all-hazard preparations for and responses to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

These emergency preparedness and response efforts are intended to support federal initiatives, including the National Response Plan (NRP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

◆ **Epidemiology** ◆ *monitoring of disease in populations with the goal of containing outbreaks*

The Epidemiologist continuously monitors disease surveillance systems in order to detect and respond to potential bioterrorism incidents and public health emergencies in Passaic County at their earliest stages.



Working with local health departments and other partners in the response community, the Epidemiologist investigates any unusual incidences of infectious disease in the community and enforces measures to contain outbreaks.

The Epidemiologist also handles electronic reporting of all contagious and non-contagious diseases to the state health department and reviews any unusual disease happenings regularly.



◆**Health Education**◆ *promotion and development of community-based educational programs*

The Health Educator works with civic groups and schools to encourage interest and participation in activities that educate the public about general health issues as well as environmental and bioterrorism topics. Health educators also organize discussion groups about health-related topics, and work with the State Department of Health to develop publications and other educational materials for use in community health education efforts.

◆**Information Technology**◆ *co-ordination of technology improvements to assure a reliable working environment*

The IT Specialist manages networks, hardware, and software used by the Passaic County Health Department.



◆**LINCS Coordination**◆

generation of warnings to the response community about public health events and emergencies

The LINCS—**L**ocal **I**nformation **N**etwork **C**ommunication **S**ystem—and other technology, including electronic fax/email broadcasting, voice, and text-messaging capabilities, allows the LINCS Coordinator to easily send and receive emergency information to and from key partners and stakeholders during an emergency.

◆ **Partnership Coordination** ◆ *building relationships with key agencies to improve coordination of efforts on public and environmental health issues*



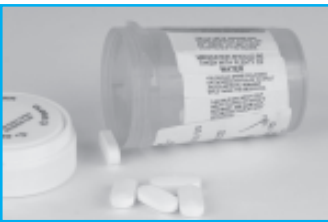
The Partnership Coordinator ensures that local health departments and the Passaic County Department of Health work together as part of the Governmental Public Health Partnership (GPHP) to fulfill the New

Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Practice Standards.

◆ **Planning** ◆ *reviewing and maintaining public health emergency management plans for essential public health and bioterrorism-related information affecting Passaic County and bordering counties*



The State Planner promotes the State Department of Health and Senior Services public health policies as part of emergency management planning and response



actions for natural and man-made disasters, and follows all administrative principles and procedures of the State of New Jersey and the State Department of Health and Senior Services.

As a key emergency response role, the planner remains available for activation on a 24/7 basis during any public health emergency.



◆ **Public Health Nursing** ◆ *identifying public health clinic sites to treat the general public in large-scale public health emergencies*

The Public Health Nurse plans and coordinates clinic exercises, and provides education and training to health and volunteer groups.

The Public Health Nurse also assists the PCDH Epidemiologist in disease investigations, and is responsible for coordinating and maintaining a Public Health Response Team (PHRT) that might be required for specific health tasks during an emergency.

◆ **Risk Communications** ◆

using crisis and emergency risk communication techniques to provide information that allows individuals, or entire communities, to make the best possible decisions about their well-being during emergencies



The Passaic County Health Department Risk Communicator works with the media through print, radio and television to encourage the public to choose the best possible actions or behaviors before, during and after health emergencies, thus minimizing health risks and encouraging a rapid recovery.

For all media inquiries, call 973-225-3638, or the main office number at 973-881-4396 to be put in touch with the communications office.

Passaic County Radio for Emergency Broadcasts: WFME 94.7 FM

CEHA Division

The County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) allows the Passaic County Department of Health (PCDH) Environmental Specialists to perform delegated inspections and investigations as agents of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and to pursue enforcement of environmental violations through the following service offerings:

◆ **Air Inspection** ◆ Specialists perform inspections of minor sources of air pollution to ensure that proper measures for air pollution control are being implemented. Minor air pollution sources include gasoline dispensing stations, auto body shops, dry cleaners, and “B” sources – boilers and emergency generators rated between 1 and 10 million BTU.



◆ **Air Investigation** ◆ Specialists respond to complaints of odors and dust that impact a property; inspectors are certified to detect and identify the source of air pollution.

◆ **Solid Waste Inspection** ◆ Specialists perform inspections of solid waste facilities, such as recycling facilities and transfer stations, to ensure that they are complying with operating requirements.

◆ **Solid Waste Investigation** ◆ Specialists respond to complaints of accumulations of solid waste and work with responsible parties to ensure that the waste is properly disposed.

◆ **Solid Waste Hauler Interview/Permit** ◆

The CEHA division interviews contractors to determine their qualifications for an exempt hauler permit.

◆**Emergency Response**◆ Specialists respond 24/7 to environmental incidents, including chemical spills and potential terrorist attacks. Inter-local agreements with response partners include the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Wayne and Clifton Fire Departments, and County Operations.

◆**Hazardous Materials Investigation**◆ Specialists investigate potential problems involving hazardous materials.

◆**Safe Drinking Water Inspection**◆ Specialists inspect facilities that use publicly accessible well water, and ensure that the water is tested regularly to prevent use of tainted water. Facilities inspected include restaurants, schools and office buildings.

Additionally, under the *Private Well Testing Act*, any residence for sale with a private well in New Jersey must have the well water tested. Reports to surrounding neighbors are made if the water is found to exceed safe drinking water standards while maintaining the confidentiality of the impacted property.



◆**Pesticide Control**◆ Specialists perform inspections to ensure that pesticides are applied by licensed individuals with proper safety precautions. Inspections are conducted on landscapers, apartment building management, schools, restaurants, and golf courses. Pesticide specialists also perform searches of retail stores for illegal pesticides.

◆**Noise Investigation**◆ Specialists respond to complaints, and measure sound levels to determine if the source of the noise above established permissible levels.



◆Underground Storage Tank Inspection◆

Specialists perform inspections of gasoline-dispensing facilities and other facilities with large regulated underground storage tanks to determine if the facility is in compliance with state regulations.

◆Geographic Information Systems (GIS)◆

displaying layers of mapping data (e.g. political boundaries, population density, roads, elevation, medical facilities, schools, flood areas, pollution sites, and West Nile Virus prevention efforts) in relation to collections of geographic objects (e.g. bodies of water, open space, mountains, etc.)



GIS is used to make more effective decisions in environmental/health/emergency response and bioterrorism preparedness matters by assisting providing multiple agencies, that include other business units in Passaic County, local health officials, law enforcement, and private entities a geographical display of health and other map data in Passaic County.

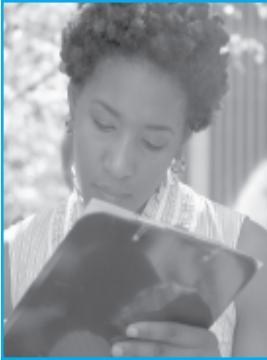


◆Industrial Hygiene◆

The Industrial Hygienist investigates potentially unsafe conditions in public buildings and maintains equipment for the Passaic County Department of Health.

Right to Know Division

protecting workers, community residents, and emergency response personnel from the hazardous chemicals produced, used, and stored by many industries, non-manufacturers, and governmental agencies



On August 29, 1983, New Jersey enacted the Worker and Community RTK Act.

With this law, workers learn of job-related health risks and ways to minimize their exposure. They can then make informed decisions about their working and living conditions.

The law also helps employers protect their employees, themselves, the public, and the environment by providing information to minimize health and safety problems caused by hazardous substances.

In a densely populated and heavily industrialized state like New Jersey, there are thousands of hazardous chemicals being used -- some of which are getting into our water, soil, and air. Workers and employers, under the RTK Act, can become educated about their concerns of the long and short-term effects of these chemicals.

The County's Worker and Community Right-To-Know (RTK) Program is under the direction of the Passaic County Department of Health (PCDH). For further information on job-related health risks or concerns, call the RTK office at 973-225-3651.

Mosquito Division

In 1906, and again in 1912, the New Jersey legislature under Title 26 - Health and Vital Statistics, passed laws creating mosquito control commissions, empowering them "to perform all acts which in its opinion may be necessary for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas or which will tend to exterminate mosquitoes within the county."



Under such laws, the Passaic County Mosquito Control Division employs an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) or Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) approach to control mosquitoes.

Education, source reduction, water management, stocking of mosquito-eating fish, and mosquito larval control are all utilized in an attempt to control mosquitoes before they reach the adult mosquito stage.

Although control of mosquitoes is most efficiently accomplished in the immature stages, conditions may require the use of adulticides (adult mosquito control pesticides). Adult mosquito control is a small portion of the division's entire mosquito control procedure, and is the final stage of our program after all other methods have been attempted.

For the Mosquito Adulticiding Spray Schedule:

Visit our website at www.pchd.org
or call the Adulticiding Hotline at
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