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FREEHOLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dear Resident,

I am very pleased to present the 2007 Annual Report of the Freehold Health Department. Often times, the roles and services that the Health Department provides are overshadowed by more visible entities within Government, and it is increasingly difficult for us to compete for resources, as we can not take credit for efficient snow removal, recreational facilities or traffic safety. However, without Public Health, citizens would be threatened by the spread of communicable diseases, poor sanitation, contaminated drinking water, poor air quality, and other countless emerging threats. Whereas, health care providers play a vital role in managing *individual* health, public health identifies and monitors health problems and priorities for at-risk populations, formulates and enforces policies that address emerging health issues and provides access to cost-effective healthcare including health promotion, disease prevention and follow-up evaluation.

Historically, public health programs and preventative reforms have always been challenged by public, economic and political sectors. Imagine the very sanitation practices, that we now take for granted, took decades to implement because of formidable opposition from society through out the years. Today, in the 21st century, we are equally challenged with an epidemic of chronic diseases and a relative misunderstanding by our society of the importance of individual medical treatment compared with population-based prevention programs; over emphasis on healthcare reform and managed care systems threatens to erode the institution of public health. Yes, we need more affordable healthcare, but imagine resolving the healthcare crisis by usurping the needs and costs of individual treatment via the adoption of healthy living practices, as 75% of chronic diseases are preventable! The concepts of public health prevention are simple – it is the mindset of society that gives us our greatest challenge.

I urge you to read through this document and discover all that we do, paying particular attention to the variety of low cost services that we provide to the residents of Freehold Township, Freehold Borough and Upper Freehold Township. Despite the economic challenges, our job is to be responsive to your needs and committed to assuring healthy living conditions that promote a high quality of life within an exceptionally healthy community.

Sincerely,

Claudette Cowie, BS, RN, Chairman
Freehold Township Board of Health

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What is Public Health?



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WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

The Freehold Health Department and the three Boards of Health are governed by the Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in New Jersey, N.J.A.C. 8:52. Inherent duties and responsibilities are summarized in the three Core Public Health Functions and the Ten Essential Public Health Services.

CORE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS

- Assess and monitor the health of communities and at-risk populations to identify health problems and priorities.
- Formulate public policies with community and government leaders to address local and national public health problems and priorities.
- Provide all populations with access and appropriate and cost-effective care, including health promotion, disease prevention and follow-up evaluation.

TEN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems in the community.
3. Inform, educate and empower people regarding health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce the laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and ensure healthcare when it is otherwise unavailable.
8. Ensure a competent local public health system and a competent personal healthcare workforce.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research innovative solutions to health problems.

Administration



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MISSION & VALUES

MISSION

The mission of the Freehold Health Department is to assure the provision of an array of public health services to the residents of Freehold Township, Freehold Borough and Upper Freehold Township, thereby, protecting and promoting the physical and mental health of citizens and preventing disease and injury. In addition, the Health Department builds local public health capacity via cooperative agreements and collaboratives with community partners to protect and improve the health of area wide residents and to ensure its capability to respond to public health emergencies.

VALUES

- We strive to bring honesty, commitment and consistency to the work that we perform.
- We want fairness, compassion and patience to be the hallmark of our services.
- We want our “customers” to see us as knowledgeable, compassionate, courteous, accommodating and efficient.
- Organizationally, we find value in resolving problems, helping people and seeing a return on our investment of time and effort.
- In management, we look for fairness, loyalty, connectedness, consistency and approachability.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Board of Health's primary responsibility is to protect the health of the citizens and to guard against the spread of contagious diseases. Other than the Township Committee, the Board of Health is one of only two bodies that have the authority to adopt policy and pass ordinances relating to their specific activities. The Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health, N.J.A.C. 8:52, adopted in February 2003, designates specific activities to be performed by all Boards of Health. The 16 subchapters address Essential Public Health Services, public health practice, administration, staff competencies, nursing, health education and performance evaluation.

The Boards of Health oversee the Freehold Health Department, which enforces policies and provides services as deemed necessary by the Boards.



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

STAFF



- Margaret Jahn, MS, MPH**..... **Director**
Licensed Health Officer, A-544
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-1647
- Jeffrey Palatini, BS**..... **Principal REHS**
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-1434
- Julie Kramer, BS, MPH**..... **REHS**
Licensed Health Officer, A-491
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-1357
- Ken Walls, BS**..... **Senior REHS (P/T)**
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-1439
- Lee Westcott, BS**..... **Senior REHS (P/T)**
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-1758
- Christine Whitehead, BS** **REHS**
Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist, B-2067
- Robert Jordan, PhD**..... **Research Analyst**
- Jennifer Marziale, BS** **Research Assistant**
- Andrea Trozzi** **Admin Assistant**
Certified Municipal Registrar, CMR2689

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



ADMINISTRATION

- ✓ Health Department purchased an animal licensing software program from Cityview that functions with the current municipal data system to manage licensing, complaints and fiscal reporting related to animal and rabies control.
- ✓ Program goals and objectives were developed for many of the public health programs (i.e., Food Surveillance, Youth Camp Safety, etc.).
- ✓ Health Department was asked to pilot the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Performance Evaluation Instrument and undergo an audit for compliance with N.J.A.C. 8:52, The Public Health Practice Standards for Local Boards of Health in New Jersey.

COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ The County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was completed and presented to the public in May.
- ✓ A contract was developed and executed with the Paul McGuire Clinic to provide public health clinic services to the uninsured.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & PLANNING

- ✓ Pandemic Influenza Plan was developed for each municipality to coordinate and guide local public health response during a pandemic outbreak.
- ✓ An interoperability box was purchased to facilitate communications across different radio frequencies during a declared emergency. In addition, the Department purchased four hand-held radios for emergency communications among health department staff.
- ✓ Health Department staff participated in tabletop Operation E.S.C.A.P.E. with LRN (Laboratory Response Network) Partners in Preparedness.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- ✓ A new more comprehensive Food Safety Code was promulgated by NJDHSS. Inspectors successfully implemented the new program which included a mass education outreach to all food establishments.
- ✓ Staff worked with the Upper Freehold Township Board of Health to develop an Ordinance for the registration of homeowners using advanced septic technologies.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)



HEALTH EDUCATION/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

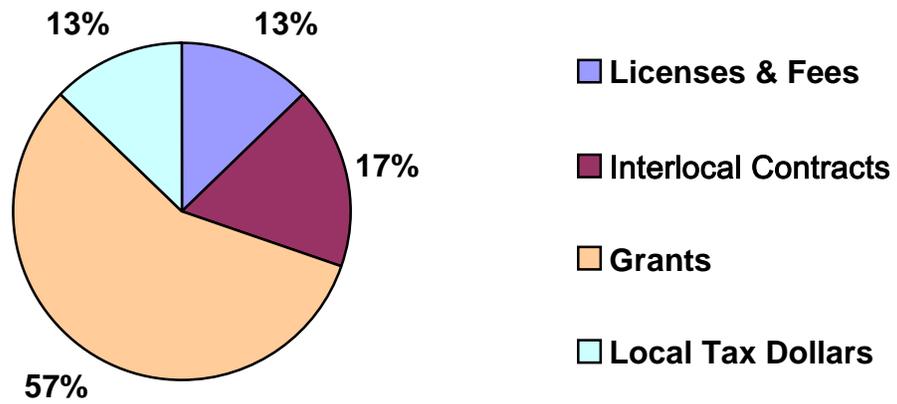
- ✓ Margaret Jahn presented during the Freehold Township Board of Education parent meeting regarding MRSA skin infections.
- ✓ Margaret Jahn presented to Monmouth County professionals from schools, police, and municipal alliances titled “Better Use of Data.”

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

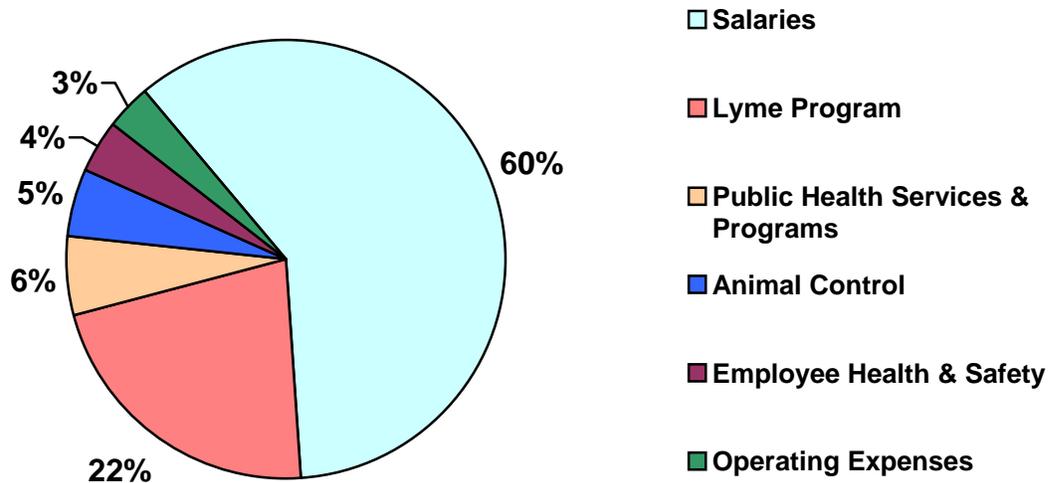
- ✓ Principal REHS, Jeff Palatini, completed a leadership program at the Public Health Leadership Institute for Emergency Response.
- ✓ Health Officer, Margaret Jahn, received a scholarship to the North East Public Health Leadership Institute.

2007 FISCAL YEAR

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



Services



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SERVICES PROVIDED

Adult immunizations (flu and pneumonia)
Air pollution complaints
Animal bite and quarantine enforcement
Assurance of safe drinking water
Bioterrorism and emergency response
Board of Health training, communication and meeting administration
Body art facility inspections
Campground inspections
Certification inspections of wells and septic systems for resales
Child care center inspections
Childhood lead poisoning investigations and abatement enforcement
Community health education
Community health fairs
Control of insect vectors of disease
Control of rodent vectors of disease
Coordination of animal control services
Coordination of child and maternal health programs
Dog and cat licensing
Educating the public
Emergency response (24 hrs per day, 7 days per week)
Enforcement of state and local regulations
Environmental complaint investigation
Food and beverage vending machine inspections
Food-borne illness outbreak investigations
Hazardous material incidence response
Infectious disease reporting and investigation



SERVICES PROVIDED (cont)

Laboratory sampling of food, potable wells and surface waters for safety & quality
Local Emergency Planning Committee participant
Lyme disease ecology research
NJ Family Care information and referrals
Noise control
Occupational health complaint investigations and referrals
Ordinance and policy recommendations
Pet shop and kennel inspections
Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) program
Public health nuisance complaint investigations
Public pool and spa inspection and enforcement
Rabies inoculation clinics
Radon testing and education
Referral to needed services
Retail food establishment inspections, training and plan review
Right to Know (RTK) program
School immunization audits
Septic system installation plan review and inspections
Site plan and subdivision reviews for local planning and zoning boards
Soil and site evaluation for septic systems
Tobacco Age of Sale enforcement and inspections
Tuberculosis follow-up
Youth camp safety inspections



PARTNERSHIPS



CLINIC SERVICES



Local boards of health must assure access and linkages to needed healthcare and preventative healthcare services for socially disadvantaged populations. Both Freehold Township and Freehold Borough provide clinic services to the uninsured via an agreement with the **Paul McGuire Family Health Center**. Services include health promotion for infants and children, assistance in the prevention and control of communicable diseases, maintenance of health and wellness of the uninsured, as well as health promotion.

2007

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SERVED

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
Infants & Preschool Children	41
Immunizations	21
ADULT HEALTH – CANCER	
Cervical Cancer Screening	47
Breast Cancer Education	5
Individuals Referred & Diagnosed	3
ADULT HEALTH - OTHER	
Diabetes Risk Assessments	143
Cerebrovascular Disease Assessments	143

PARTNERSHIPS



HEALTH PROMOTION



The Freehold Health Department maintains a contract agreement with **CentraState Healthcare System** to assist in providing comprehensive health education and promotion programs to the residents of the greater Freehold area. All programs are overseen by the Director of the Health Awareness Center, and are culturally and linguistically appropriate based on area demographics and population served.

2007

ESTIMATED SUMMARY OF AREA RESIDENTS SERVED

PROGRAM	FREEHOLD TWP. AND BORO	UPPER FREEHOLD
Substance Abuse Prevention	1055	730
Smoking Prevention	1180	525
Nutrition Awareness	1975	855
Accident & Injury Prevention	1625	590
Physical Fitness	608	154
General Health Education	975	635
Diabetes Education	273	85
Glucose Screenings	228	80

PARTNERSHIPS



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING



Preventative health services that incorporate public health nursing practice are provided by the **Visiting Nurses Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ)**. Nursing services provide integrated support to the operations of the Freehold Health Department and to the delivery of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. Public health nursing activities include programs and interventions that relate to the uninsured, underinsured, immigrant, indigent and other vulnerable populations for all three municipalities.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SERVED

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
Children Screened for Lead	1
Total Childhood Lead Visits	93*
Prenatal & Postpartum Visits	2
Total Public Health Visits	11*
Women Referred to Health Dept.	81
Women Referred Out (WIC etc.)	2
ADULT HEALTH – CANCER	
Cervical Cancer Screening	69
Breast Cancer Education	69
Colo-rectal Cancer Education	1
Individuals Referred	6
ADULT HEALTH - OTHER	
Cardiovascular Disease Assessments	381
Adults Screened	160
Direct Observational Therapy	2

* Duplicative

Activities



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ACTIVITY SUMMARY

ACTIVITY	FT	FB	UT	TOTAL
Camp Inspections	4	-	-	4
Consultations	24	8	8	40
Emergency Response	9	1	-	10
Environmental Complaints	20	5	6	31
Env. Complaints Follow-up	16	2	4	22
Foodborne Outbreaks	2	-	1	3
Food Complaints	48	24	1	73
Food Inspections	205	100	22	327
Food Plan Review	14	3	-	17
Food Pre-opening Inspections	42	21	6	69
Food Re-inspections	29	24	1	54
Immunization Audits	25	6	0	31
Immunization Re-audits	6	4	-	10
Kennel Inspections	6	-	1	7
Lead Inspections/ Consultation	1	43	6	50
Misc. Inspections	15	9	4	28
Nuisance Complaints	55	14	9	78
Nuisance Follow-up	37	22	4	63
Pool Inspections	23	1	1	25
Pool Plan Review	1	-	1	2
Pool Pre-opening Inspections	29	2	1	32
Pool Re-inspections	9	1	1	11
Septic Checks	41	2	94	137
Septic Consultations	3	-	15	18
Septic Inspections	108	-	179	287
Septic Compliances Issued	16	-	30	46

ACTIVITY	FT	FB	UT	TOTAL
Septic Permits Issued	13	1	22	36
Septic Plan Review	21	1	44	66
Septic Re-inspection	4	-	28	32
Septic Repair	7	-	8	15
Septic Tank Inspection	24	-	53	77
Soils Evaluation	14	1	42	57
Subdiv & Site Plan Review	17	0	13	30
TASE Inspections	20	10	-	30
Well Complaint	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	908	305	606	1,819

COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

COMPLAINT	FREEHOLD TWP	FREEHOLD BOROUGH	UPPER FREEHOLD	TOTAL
FOOD	53	6	1	60
GARBAGE	8	15	-	23
MISC NUISANCE	30	9	1	40
SEPTIC/SEWAGE	16	1	3	20
RODENT	11	4	-	15
CATS	45	15	-	60
DOGS	40	12	2	54
ANIMAL	15	3	-	18
INSECT	8	7	-	15
INDOOR AIR	5	-	-	5
WATER POLLUTION	2	-	-	2
WELL WATER POLLUTION	2	-	3	5
LEAD	2	2	-	4
WEED/POISON IVY	1	1	-	2
HAZARDOUS WASTE	2	2	-	4
AIR POLLUTION	2	3	-	5
MOLD	7	2	-	9
SUMMONSES ISSUED	12	-	-	12
FOOD BORNE ILLNESS INVESTIGATIONS	3	1	1	5
TOTAL	264	83	11	358

ANIMAL CONTROL

WESTERN MONMOUTH ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITY

Dog Complaint	9
Dog at Large	44
Dead Dog Pick Up	1
Injured and/or Sick Dog	5
Dog Pick Up Calls	15
Number of Dogs Picked Up	26
Cat Complaints	19
Dead Cat Pick Up	4
Injured and/or Sick Cat	13
Cat Pick Up Calls	46
Number of Cats Picked Up	75
Cat Trap	92
Cat Bites	1
Quarantine	2
Farm Animals	2
Wild Animals	66
Rabies Control - No Human Exposure	14
Rabies Control – Human Exposure	1



Western Monmouth Animal Control Contract: \$ 52,577

SPCA and/or Boarding Costs: \$ 10,285

Rabies Control

ANIMAL BITE INVESTIGATIONS

<u>EXPOSURES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Dog	42
Cat	17
Bat	10
Raccoon	10
Other	7
Total	86



DOG LICENSING

1-Year Licenses Issued:	928
3-Year Licenses Issued:	555
Total:	1483

TESTS FOR RABIES

Total Referred:	24
# Positive:	5
# Negative:	19



RABIES CLINICS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
January	Dogs	198
	Cats	8
November	Dogs	23
	Cats	15
TOTAL		244

INFLUENZA CLINIC

The Freehold Health Department offers flu and pneumococcal vaccines to residents of Freehold Township, Freehold Borough and Upper Freehold Township at various clinics throughout the communities. Shots are administered free to individuals age 65 and older and at a minimal cost to those under age. Nurses from the Visiting Nurses Association of Central Jersey are contracted to administer the vaccines.

2007 RESIDENTS RECEIVING VACCINATIONS

MUNICIPALITY	DOSES OF INFLUENZA	DOSES OF PNEUMOCOCCAL
Freehold Township	365	12
Freehold Borough	67	8
Upper Freehold Township	232	13
TOTAL	664	33



Lyme Disease Program



The Freehold Tick-borne Diseases Program has been on the forefront of efforts to understand and prevent Lyme disease and other emerging tick-borne illness for over 15 years. From initial research on the ecology of Lyme disease, the program has expanded to disease risk assessment, education, and the development of integrated tick management strategies.

2007 Accomplishments

Research

- Completed and published a three-year study that developed and tested the first integrated pest management (IPM) approach to the control of ticks involved in the transmission of Lyme disease and several other tick-borne illnesses.
- Completed and published a four-year study of the effects of sustained reduction of white-tailed deer numbers on the abundance of deer ticks in a residential area.
- Completed a three-year study that assessed the effectiveness and non-target effects of non-traditional tick control in forest environments.

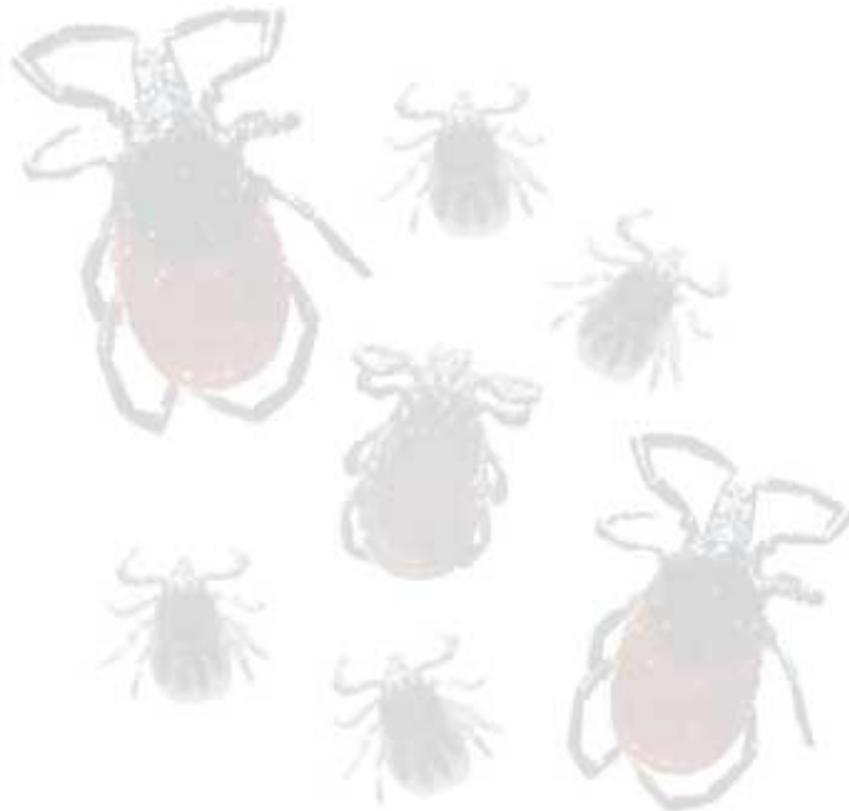
Education and Outreach

- Developed a comprehensive web page on the Township Internet site that offers a centralized, comprehensive reference on tick-borne disease ecology and control. The web page (<http://www.twp.freehold.nj.us/tbde/default.asp>) is a new initiative

to enhance online communication about protecting yourself and your family from tick-borne disease clearly and accurately in easy-to-read language.

Downloadable publications offer detailed information on tick ecology and management.

- Developed and distributed a technical manual entitled **Assessment and Management of Vector Tick Populations In New Jersey: A Guide for Pest Management Professionals, Land Managers, and Public Health Officials** that provides detailed information on the ecology and control tick populations, including an overview of the tick-borne diseases of New Jersey.



Statistics



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VITAL STATISTICS



MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF RESIDENT BIRTHS	NUMBER OF RESIDENT DEATHS
Freehold Township	368	231
Freehold Borough	262	87
Upper Freehold Township	58	32
TOTAL	688	350

CAUSES OF DEATH REPORED ON DEATH CERTIFICATES

CAUSES OF DEATH	FREEHOLD TWP	FREEHOLD BORO	UPPER FREEHOLD	TOTAL
Accidental	7	0	1	8
Alzheimer's	17	1	1	19
Cancer (all sites)	48	12	9	69
Cardiovascular	60	17	10	87
COPD / Other Resp	52	6	2	60
Diabetes	2	0	0	2
Sepsis	13	2	0	15
Other/ Unknown	32	49*	9	90
TOTAL	231	87	32	350

* Numbers are skewed due to illegible death record

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

FREEHOLD AREA

Summary of Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System Freehold Health Department, 2006 - 2007

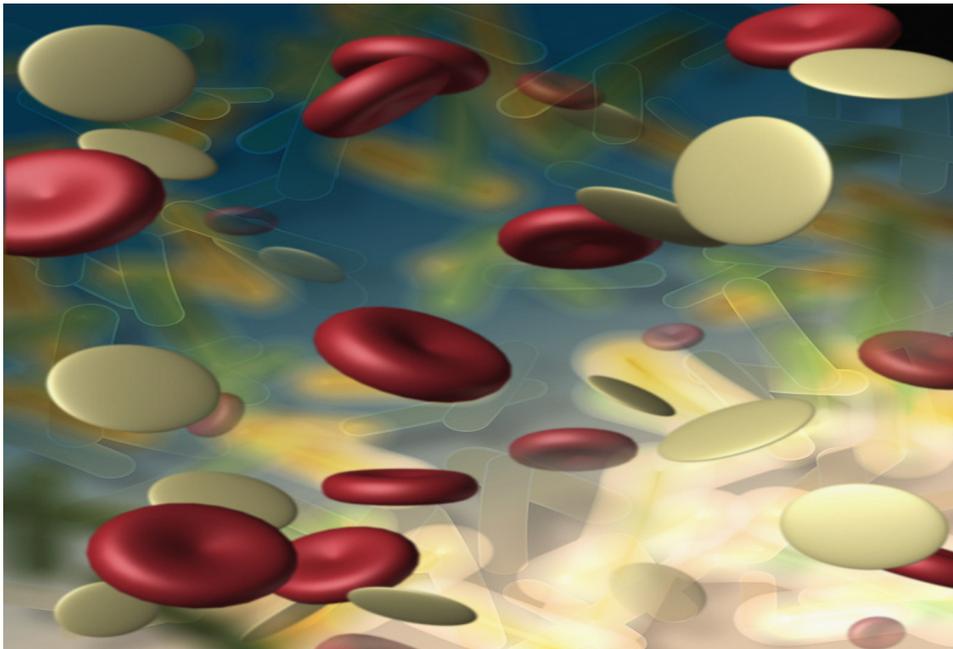
Township / Case Status	Confirmed Case		Probable Case		Not A Case		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Freehold Township	64	71	15	5	79	90	158	166
Freehold Borough	18	16	0	0	30	14	48	30
Upper Freehold Township	15	9	1	1	6	18	22	28
Grand Total	97	96	16	6	115	122	228	224

* Confirmed Cases: Diseases investigated and met case definition.

** Probable Case: Diseases investigated and met some criteria, but more information is needed to confirm the case.

*** Not A Case: Diseases reported and investigated, but didn't meet case definition.

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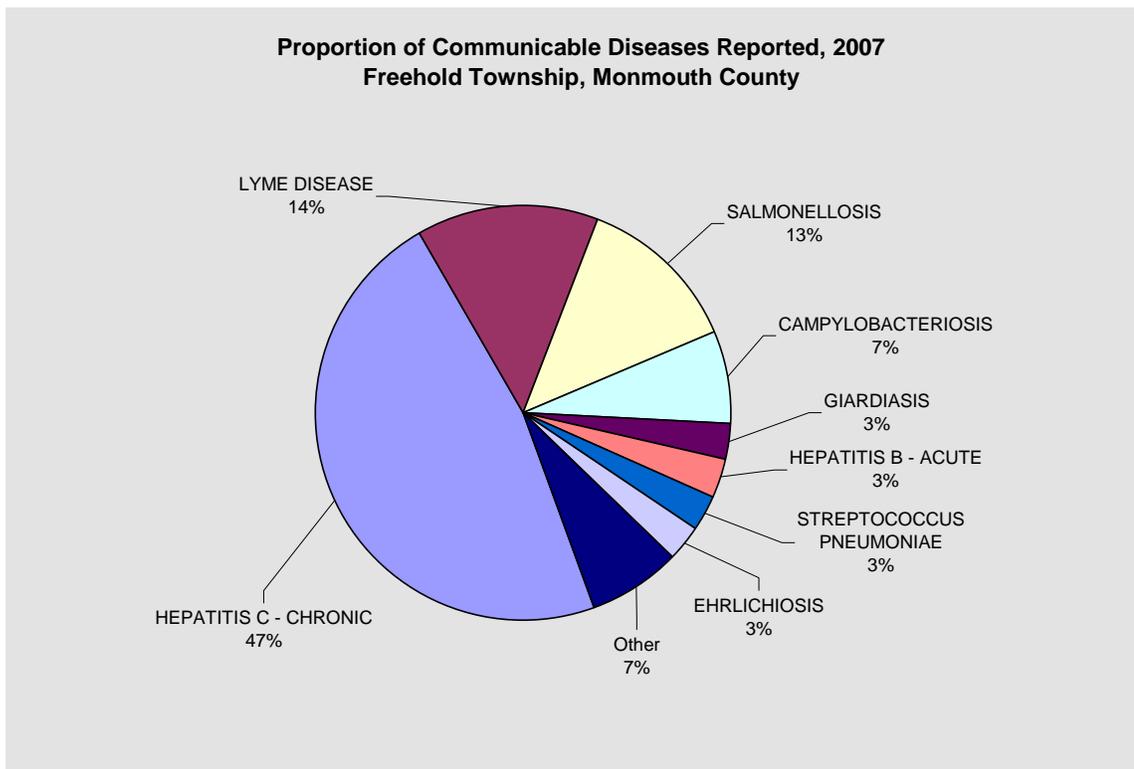
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP, 2007

Confirmed Case	
HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC	33
LYME DISEASE	10
SALMONELLOSIS	9
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	5
GIARDIASIS	2
HEPATITIS B - ACUTE	2
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE	2
EHRlichIOSIS – HUMAN MONOCYTC	2
Other	6
TOTAL	71

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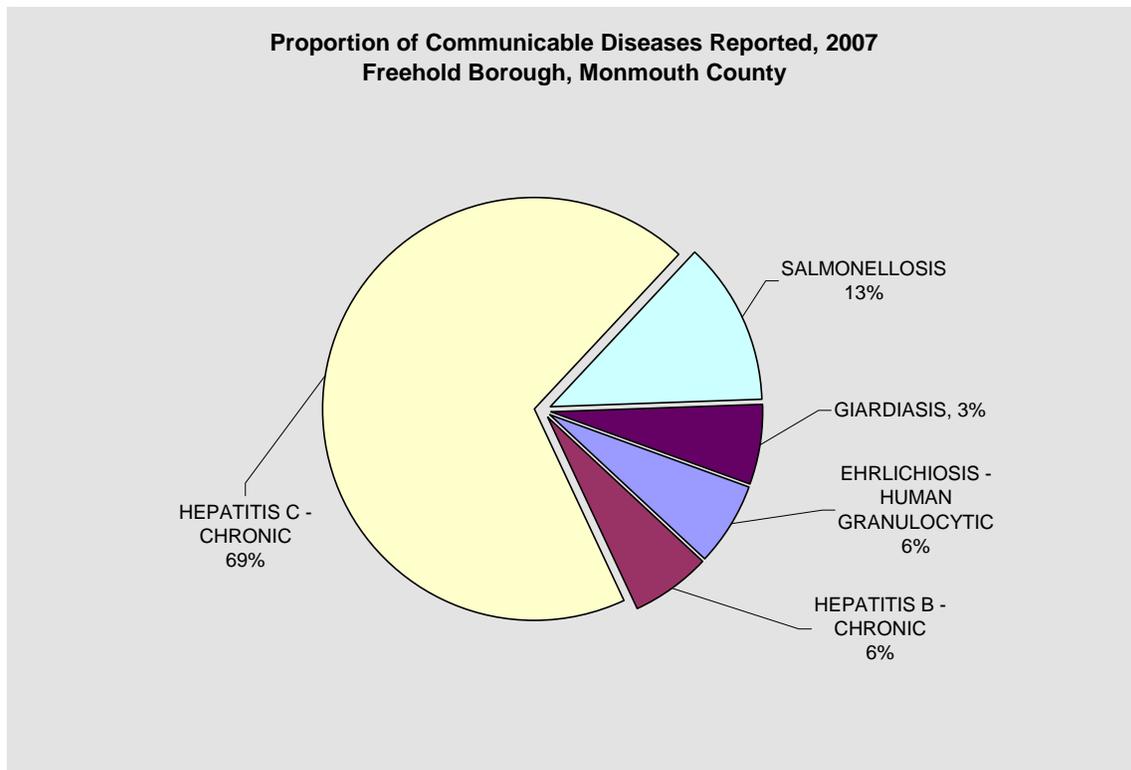
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

FREEHOLD BOROUGH

Summary of Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System FREEHOLD BOROUGH, 2007

Confirmed Case	Number
EHRlichiosis - HUMAN GRANULOCYtic	1
HEPATITIS B - CHRONIC	1
HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC	11
SALMONELLOSIS	2
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE	1
TOTAL	16

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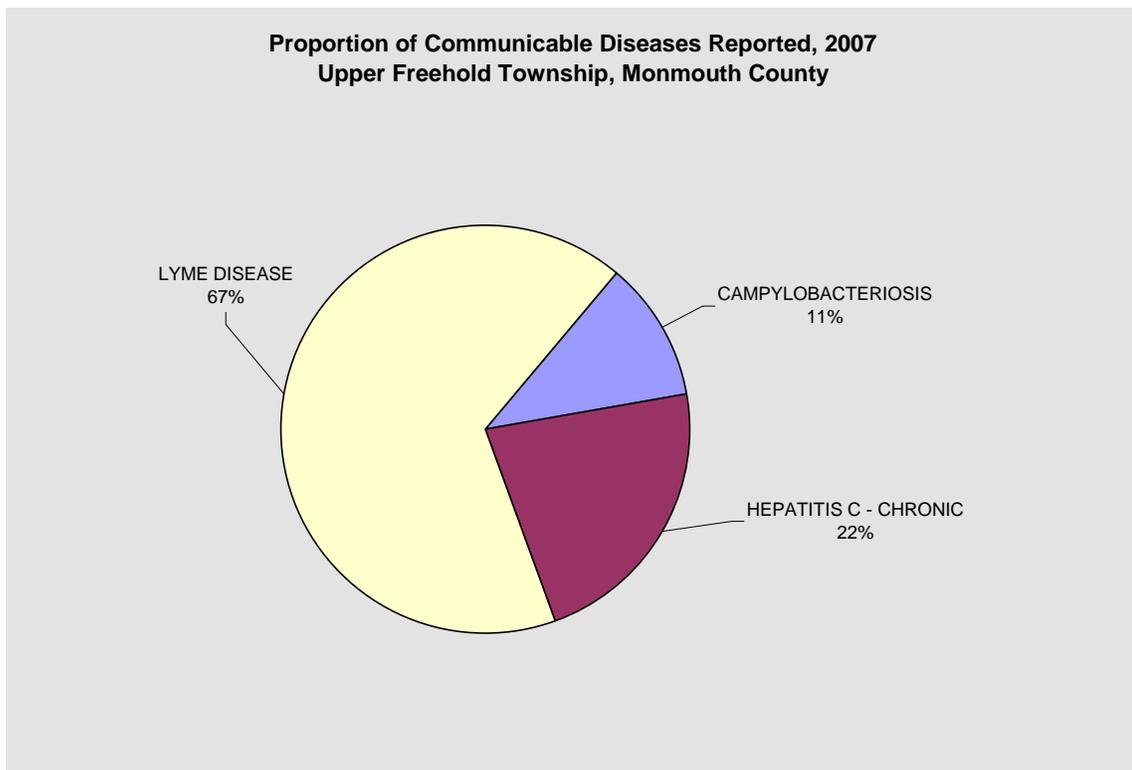
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP

Summary of Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP, 2007

Confirmed Case	Number
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	1
HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC	2
LYME DISEASE	6
TOTAL	9

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Board of Health Activities



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Jennifer Smith, REHS - Alternate #1
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Andrea Trozzi, Secretary to Board of Health

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Curtis Byrnes, DO – Alternate #2
Betty Tindall, Secretary to Board of Health

BOARD OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP

The following Ordinances were passed in 2007:

Ordinance BH 07-01

Ordinance Amending Chapter 394 (Wells) Section 394-5 (Board of Health) of the Code of the Township of Freehold

This Ordinance amendment sets forth certain changes in testing procedures for wells in the Township.

Ordinance BH-07-02

Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 (Retail Food Establishments), Section 150-6(3) (Board of Health) of the Code of the Township of Freehold

This Ordinance establishes fees to be paid to the Township's Board of Health for plan review in conjunction with the establishing or modifying of a retail food establishment.

Ordinance BH-07-03

Ordinance Amending Chapter 368 (Animals) by Creating Article II (Licensing of Cats) of the Code of the Township of Freehold

This Ordinance creates Chapter 368, Article II, which provides all of the criteria and regulations for the licensing of cats within the Township.

The following Resolutions were passed in 2007:

Resolution BH 07-1

Resolution of the Board of Health Setting Meeting Dates and Designating Official Newspaper for the Year 2007

Resolution BH 07-2

Resolution of the Board of Health Formally Adopting NACCHO's Operational Definition of a Functional Local Health Department

ACCOMPLISHED BUSINESS

- ✓ Approved the revision of interlocal contracts to include nursing, clinic and public health expertise services. Bundled services now permitted outside budget caps.
- ✓ Approved the renewal of the Paul M. McGuire Family Health Center contract for public health clinic services.
- ✓ Feral Cat Colony brochure
- ✓ Tick-Borne Disease website
- ✓ Lyme disease research grant renewal (offered support)
- ✓ Pandemic Flu Plan (formal approval by the Board)
- ✓ NACCHO Operational Definition of a Functional Local Health Department (Resolution)
- ✓ Report on Flu Clinics
- ✓ Report on Rabies Clinics
- ✓ Animal SHARE Grant (offered support for animal facility feasibility study)
- ✓ Hearing with AMC Theater executives to discuss and correct unsatisfactory conditions

EDUCATION

- ✓ Communicable Disease Trends - Presentation by Huimin Shen, Regional Public Health Epidemiologist
- ✓ NACCHO's Operational Definition of a Functional Health Department – Received brochure and offered discussion regarding Health Department alignment
- ✓ MAPP Community Health Improvement Plan (PowerPoint presentation)

FREEHOLD BOROUGH

No Ordinances were passed in 2007.

No Resolutions were passed in 2007.

ACCOMPLISHED BUSINESS

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UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP

The following Ordinance was passed in 2007:

Ordinance BH 05-07

Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the Design, Construction, Installation, and Registration of Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems Utilizing Advanced Wastewater Treatment or Disposal Technology

This Ordinance established a registration process and maintenance criteria for the use and installation of advanced wastewater treatment or disposal technology.

The following Resolutions were passed in 2007:

Resolution 1-07

Resolution of the Board of Health Setting Meeting Dates and Designating Official Newspaper for the Year 2007

Resolution BH 2-07

Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Upper Freehold Township Board of Health to Execute an Agreement with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (“VNA”)

ACCOMPLISHED BUSINESS

- ✓ Renewal of Animal Control shared services contracts (Washington Township, Allentown, Plumsted, Hightstown, Wrightstown, New Hanover, Millstone, Borough of Englishtown, Medford Lakes, North Hanover, and Roosevelt)
- ✓ Approved the revision of the interlocal contract with Freehold Township to include nursing and public health expertise services. Bundled services now permitted outside budget caps.
- ✓ Report on Flu Clinics
- ✓ Granted 10 approvals for subdivision applications
- ✓ Granted 6 approvals for compliance with Historic Pesticide Ordinance
- ✓ Granted 1 site plan approval

EDUCATION

- ✓ Communicable Disease Trends - Presentation by Huimin Shen, Regional Public Health Epidemiologist

Work Force Development



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



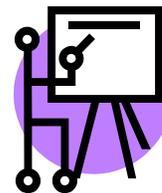
Public Health Practice standards require that each Health Officer provide a coordinated program of continuing education for staff, which includes attendance at seminars, workshops, conferences, in-service training and formal courses to improve employee skills and knowledge. Licensed staff received the following training:

Margaret Jahn, Health Officer (20.75 LE/CEU)

The Three A's of Public Health: Advocacy, Auditing and Accreditation
Will the Pieces of Emergency Preparedness Ever Fit?
Continuity of Government and Business in an Emergency Event
Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training

Jeffrey Palatini, Principal REHS (29.25 LE/CEU)

Training for the New Chapter 24 Retail Food Establishment Code
The Three A's of Public Health: Advocacy, Auditing and Accreditation
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Public Health Leadership Initiative for Emergency Preparedness
Onsite Wastewater Management – Regional Meetings
Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training
Cultural Competencies and Dealing with Difficult People
How to Become a Better Communicator (Skillpath)



Lee Westcott, Senior REHS (17 LE/CEU)

Training for the New Chapter 24 Retail Food Establishment Code
Cultural Competency in Disasters Seminar
Will the Pieces of Emergency Preparedness Ever Fit?
Onsite Wastewater Management – Regional Meetings
Cultural Competencies and Dealing with Difficult People

Ken Walls, Senior REHS (15.5 LE/CEU)

Safe Pest Management Practices for Schools
NJ/EPA-Model Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor for Housing & Public Buildings
Cultural Competencies and Dealing with Difficult People

Julie Kramer, REHS (27 LE/CEU)

Training for the New Chapter 24 Retail Food Establishment Code
NJDEP Land Use Regulations for On-Site Septic Systems
The Virtual Health Department: Building the Digital World
Management of On-Site Systems Overview/ The Health Department's Role
Using Chamber Technology in On-Lot Septic Systems
Communicable Disease Investigator Training
Will the Pieces of Emergency Preparedness Ever Fit?
Cultural Competencies and Dealing with Difficult People
Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training

Christine Whitehead, REHS (27.5 LE/CEU)

Training for the New Chapter 24 Retail Food Establishment Code
Certified Pool Operator Course
Cultural Competencies and Dealing with Difficult People
Preparation for Risk-Based Retail Food Inspection Standardization

Future Initiatives



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FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Continue with the development and refinement of program goals and objectives aligning the Department with NACCHO's Operational Definition of a Functional Health Department
- Restructure Food Surveillance Program to better reflect National and State Standards
- Improve workforce development in areas of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Initiate Quality Improvement Methods and Practices for improved tracking of data
- Revise Health Department Mission and develop a Vision
- Initiate the development of a Strategic Plan

