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Pennington Borough Board of Health

# MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Hopewell Township Health Department

Hopewell Township Health Department also serving the Boroughs of Hopewell and Pennington



## Communicable Disease & Nursing Report

### School Immunization Audits



Yearly audits of Preschool, Elementary, Middle, and High School student immunization records to ensure compliance with N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.

#### Immunization Audits for Schools/Daycare Facilities

- The Public Health Nurse audited the following schools for student immunization records:
  - Pennington Presbyterian Nursery School – 58 (98.2% Compliant)
  - St Matthews Little Leisure Preschool – 39 (100% Compliant)
  - Toll Gate Elementary School – 290 (100% Compliant)
  - Hopewell Valley Central High School – 15 (only transfer students are reviewed at the high school level) (100% Compliant)

### Communicable Disease Control and Prevention



The investigation, surveillance, and reporting of communicable diseases. Sourced from NJDOH, CDC, and / or CDRSS.

#### State & County-level

- For the week ending in January 31, 2026, Influenza activity continues to decrease in NJ. The number of cases, emergency department visits, test positivity and wastewater viral activity levels reported last week are all lower than the previous week this season. Hospitalizations due to influenza have also decreased and continues to predominantly be among persons 65 years of age and older.
- Influenza A remains the most commonly reported influenza virus; among those subtyped, A (H3N2) continues to predominate this season, followed by recent reports of influenza B.
- The number of hospitalizations due to RSV decreased slightly this week, and admissions continue to predominantly be among persons 0-4 years of age and 65 years of age and older. Test positivity remains elevated though RSV activity is lower than it was this time last year.
- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 increased slightly since the previous week. Hospital admissions are lower than they were this time last year and continue to be predominantly in persons 65 years and older. The predominant variant continues to be Omicron XFG.
- Respiratory outbreaks reported in long-term care facilities over the last week were due to influenza, COVID-19 and RSV while absenteeism and outbreaks reported in schools continue to be predominantly due to influenza.



- Test positivity for seasonal coronaviruses remains elevated and is higher than it was this time last year. There have been recent increases in test positivity for human metapneumovirus.

**Local-level**

- Eleven individual confirmed Influenza cases and one probable Syphilis case investigated and closed.
- The Health Department was notified of an outbreak among the Hopewell Valley Central High School wrestling team on 12/31. Members of the wrestling team were diagnosed with Herpes Gladiatorum and/or impetigo. Seven cases of impetigo and six cases of Herpes Gladiatorum identified. The wrestling team suspended practice to control the spread and thorough cleaning of the gym was initiated. Outbreak and exclusion procedures maintained. LHD was in communication with the school nurses, athletic trainer, athletic director, and NJDOH. Outbreak concluded on 01/28/2026.
- Influenza outbreak reported at Brandywine Assisted Living Pennington on 1/12/2026. Respiratory outbreak resources sent to facility and control measures maintained. Chemoprophylaxis administered to all non-ill patients on the second and third floor. Nine resident cases and one staff member case identified. Two residents were hospitalized, no deaths. No cases identified between 1/12-1/22. Outbreak concluded on 1/22.

**Total Number of Communicable Diseases Investigated:**

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Babesiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonella	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>										

\*The above numbers include all case statuses (i.e., Confirmed, Probable, Possible, Report Under investigation, not a Case). Data reflects the reporting burden of disease and does NOT reflect the number that are confirmed.

**Chronic Disease Programs**



- Adult health clinic vaccine services including STD clinic services are available through a Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Township Health Department
- Homebound vaccination services are available to Hopewell Valley residents
- One homebound flu vaccine provided on 10/24
- One homebound COVID-19 vaccine provided on 11/20



- Blood pressure and blood glucose screenings scheduled at the Hopewell Valley Senior Center, 395 Reading Street, Pennington, are on the first Thursday of the month from 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- Three blood pressures and two fasting blood glucoses were taken at the Hopewell Valley Senior Center this month
- 2025 annual flu clinic services held on 9/17 10:00am – 2:00pm (Fifty-Three Vaccinations) and 10/7 11:00am – 3:00pm (Forty-Two Vaccinations) at Hopewell Township municipal building, 9/22 10:00am – 12:00pm (Thirty-Eight Vaccinations) at Four Seasons – Brandon Farms, 9/24 1:30pm – 3:30pm (Forty-Four Vaccinations) at Hopewell Valley Senior Center, 10/21 3:00pm – 7:00pm (Fifty-One Vaccinations) at Pennington Borough Hall, & 11/4 10:00am – 1:00pm (Nine Vaccinations) at Hopewell Borough Hall
- Fourteen vaccinations administered at the 2025 COVID-19 Booster Clinic on 11/12 (11:00am-1:00pm) at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building
- Sixteen bone density screenings conducted on 12/11 at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building

### Child Health Programs



Child Wellness Clinics are available through a Memorandum of Understanding with Lawrence Township Health Department

- There were no children seen from this municipality in the month of January

### Emergency Preparedness



- Hopewell Township has a Memorandum of Understanding with The American Red Cross for the purposes of disaster relief within Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, and Pennington Borough
- Hopewell Township public health nursing staff participate in monthly meetings which include NJDOH regional calls, Hopewell Valley Alliance, The Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership, and other meetings as needed
- AED audits are performed monthly for the AED units located in the Hopewell Township municipal building, DPW building, Senior Center, Independence Park, and Twin Pines Park



## Consumer and Environmental Health Program

### Consumer and Environmental Health Program Overview



- Plan Review & Consultations: 0
- Retail Food Establishment Inspections: 0
- Temporary Retail Food Establishment Inspections: 0
- Complaint Investigations: 0
- Public Recreational Bathing Inspections: 0
- Youth Camp Pre-Operational Inspections: 0
- Miscellaneous: 0

### Administrative:



- Issued health licenses: 0
- Well / Septic permit applications: 0
- OPRA Requests: 0
- Correspondence: 0

### Environmental:



- Private Well Inspections: 0
- Septic System Inspections: 0
- Well / Septic Letter of Review: 0
- Public Recreational Bathing Water Analysis: 1. Pennington School

### Food Safety Certification:



- Completion of Food Safety Course: 0
  - Number of Attendees: 0
  - Establishments Represented: 0
- Upcoming Course Dates: TBD

### Animal Control:



- Bite Investigations: 0
- After-hours Emergency Response: 0
- Response to Dead Animals, Wildlife, or General Complaints: 6
- Animal Pick-ups: 3
- Animals Running At-Large: 4
- Dog Licenses Issued: 0
- Cat Licenses Issued: 0
- Summons Issued: 0
- Rabies Clinic Vaccinations: 2026 rabies clinic scheduled on 12/12 from 10am – Noon at DPW



## Consumer and Environmental Health Program

### Continuing Education:



- N/A

### Childhood Lead Investigation:



- Four Child Lead Poisoning notifications investigated and closed as Not a Case
- Lead alert received on 01/20/2026. Capillary test result indicates Pb is 5. A notification letter was mailed to the residence requesting a venous test be conducted as soon as possible to monitor child's BLL. Will continue to monitor.

### Court Proceedings/Enforcement Actions:



- Notice of Violations (NOV) Issued: 0
- Court Appearances: 0
- Fines Issued:

Month	Sanitary Code	Summons #	Penalty Amount \$
January	0	NA	NA
<b>Yearly Totals = 0</b>			



**Environmental Plan Reviews & Consultations**

Month	Approved	Not Approved	Consultations	Monthly Totals
January	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Approved = 0</b>	<b>Not Approved = 0</b>	<b>Consultations = 0</b>	<b>Year = 0</b>

**Animal Bites and Report of Rabies Investigation**

Month	Month Totals	Case #	Incident Type	State Lab	Result
January	0	NA	NA	No	NA
<b>Yearly Totals = 0</b>					

**Septic System Inspections**

N.J.A.C. 7:9A	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Soil Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Architectural Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revised Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abandonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permit: new construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permit: alteration, expansion, or change of use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permit: (minor) repair to existing system	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permit: in-kind replacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>												

**Private Well Inspections**

N.J.A.C. 7:9D & 7:9E	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Well Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Well Deepening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Well Decommissioning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Pump Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aquifer Test: Hydrogeology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>												

**Complaint Investigation**

Complaint No.	Complaint Type	Disposition
	Choose an item.	
<b>Yearly Totals = 0</b>		



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### Inspection Report List

Establishment	State Code	Inspection Date	Routine Posting	Re-Inspection	Pre-op Inspection	Follow Up	Emergency Response
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Yearly Totals = 0</b>							



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### Temporary Event Inspection Report List

Establishment	Event	Inspection Date	Inspection Posting
			Choose an item.
Yearly Totals = 0			



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### Vital Statistics Report

Month	Marriage Application	Marriage Certificate	Amendment	Deaths	Death Certificate	Births	Birth Certificate	Fetal Deaths	Burial Permit
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## Health Education Report

### In Review



- Hopewell Senior Exercise group classes are offered on the following schedule in the Auditorium of the Hopewell Township municipal building:
  - Mondays – Healthy Bones, 10:30am – 11:45pm
    - Thirty-two registrants
  - Tuesdays – Creative Well-Being, 1:00pm
    - Eight registrants
  - Wednesdays – Healthy Bones, 10:30am – 11:45am
    - Twenty-three registrants
  - Thursdays – Active Aging, 9:00am – 9:50am & \*10:00am – 10:50am (\*available on ZOOM)
    - Forty-seven registrants
  - Fridays – Chair Yoga, 1:30pm – 2:15pm & 2:30pm – 3:15pm
    - Twenty-nine registrants
- Breast Cancer Seminar with Capital Health Breast Surgeon Oncologist on 10/8/2025
- MOU reviewed by Capital Health. Meeting on 10/09/2025 to discuss Health Education Offerings and logistics. Community Education programs will be updated on the Monthly Activity Report quarterly.
- Capital Health Community Health Education Virtual Seminar: “Women’s Health: Menopause & Gynecological Cancers” on 9/25/2025 with fifty-five attendees
- Partnered with Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance and Victory Bay Mental Health for “Caring for Our Kids: A Community Event on Student Mental Health” on 11/15/2025
- 2025-2026 Health Department Winter Newsletter issued
- 2026 Spring Newsletter in progress
- Monthly health tip published in the Hopewell Valley Senior Spirit Newsletter
- Past recordings of Community Health Education programs at Capital Health can be found here: <https://www.capitalhealth.org/community-health-education>

### Upcoming Programs



- Heart Health education planned for the Hopewell Township Senior Fair on 2/6/2026
- Clinical Research Philadelphia Liver Education and Liver Scans on 3/6/2026

To see more scheduled health education events, please visit:

<https://www.hopewelltpw.org/calendar.aspx>

<https://www.capitalhealth.org/events-search/result>



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### Health Education Activity Tracker

2025 Activity Date	Event Name <small>(Health Fair • Lecture Series • Screening • Support Group • Blood Pressure • Blood Glucose • Bone Density)</small>	Organization / Venue	Event Location	Beneficiaries' Location	# Screenings	# YouTube Views (9.30.25)	# Attendees	Total (Attendees+Views)	ACTIVITY TYPE														SELECT SERVICE LINES										# SCREENING EVENTS			
									Screening	Health Fair/Walk	Lecture Series	Speakers Bureau	CH Program	Support Group	Other/Mtg/Prstns/B2B2C	CANCER	DIABETES+ENDOCRINOLOG	HEART/VASCULAR	INST. URBAN CARE	MATERNAL HEALTH	MENTAL+BEHAV. HEALTH	NEURO+STROKE	NUTRITION	TRAUMA	Blood Glucose (BG)	Blood Pressure (BP)	Bone Density (BD)	BMI	Hearing	Other	BP - # People Screened	BP Screen - # Abnormals				
Jan	39				57	0	1671	1671	4	1	0	8	5	16	5	11	1	6	5	10	0	6	1	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	57	18				
Feb	41				60	53	876	929	5	0	1	11	10	13	1	10	1	8	1	9	1	8	1	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	41	18				
Mar	55				168	132	3145	3277	4	8	4	14	7	16	3	15	2	8	4	10	1	11	2	10	3	2	0	0	0	55	22					
Apr	50				220	386	2087	2473	8	6	6	13	2	14	3	12	5	7	5	7	2	8	5	13	0	6	3	0	1	0	167	47				
May	52				123	72	2449	2521	7	7	3	17	3	16	1	15	1	8	1	9	0	11	2	13	1	4	2	0	0	55	16					
Jun	60				177	87	8280	8367	9	12	3	20	3	17	0	16	3	8	3	12	1	9	2	14	2	7	0	0	1	0	133	29				
Jul	43				82	0	3256	3256	5	3	1	10	2	22	0	11	0	6	2	14	0	8	0	6	1	3	1	1	0	0	50	9				
Aug	53				86	0	22263	22263	7	18	0	4	2	21	1	9	2	7	3	22	0	7	9	5	0	6	1	0	0	0	68	13				
Sept	49				137	0	10544	10544	7	11	1	5	0	26	0	16	4	7	2	18	3	7	4	7	2	4	1	0	0	0	90	11				
Oct	59				408	0	17774	17774	12	20	6	7	0	23	0	20	5	13	1	20	2	11	5	9	2	10	4	0	0	0	209	41				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>501</b>				<b>1518</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>72345</b>	<b>73125</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>224</b>				