

# North Jersey Health Collaborative

## health matters

A message from our Executive Director

The North Jersey Health Collaborative (NJHC) has a diverse set of partners from health care, public health, social services, education, community-based organizations, local coalitions and residents. Our shared process of community health improvement planning identifies the most pressing needs and facilitates the development of collaborative strategies to address them.

Today the most pressing need is the response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, COVID-19. Our Departments of Public Health and the Healthcare Industry are on the front lines, at times risking their own health while guiding and protecting the public, tracking the virus, testing patients and contact tracing, and giving quality care to those affected by the virus during this pandemic. We appreciate all who are dedicated to this fight.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO: Health Officers, Public Health Nurses, Planners and Educators, Epidemiologists, Environmental Health Specialists, All Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Support Personnel, and not least of all, our First Responders for their tireless efforts in Public Health & Safety. We thank all of the essential workers who provide services to society at this time. For those who can work from home let's do our part in staying home, proper social distancing when we must go out, and performing excellent hand hygiene. Let's support our local businesses who are able to stay open and assist those in our community who are elder and in need of assistance. We are all in this together.

Below please see links to up to date information about COVID-19 and our virtual County Committee meeting schedules for this month. We hope you can join us and stay connected. Please let us know how we can help your organization at this time. Collaboratively we can make a big difference!

Wishing you Health and Safety,

Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis RN, MSM Public Health-Public Policy Executive Director

#### **New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Information:**

For up to date information on COVID-19 in New Jersey visit https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml

#### **North Jersey Health Collaborative by County:**

#### **Morris County**

The Morris County NJHC Committee will have a virtual meeting on April 9 from 9:30-10:30 am

For information contact Laura O'Reilly or Denise Lanza, Morris County Committe cochair at <a href="mailto:laura@njhealthmatters.org">laura@njhealthmatters.org</a> / <a href="mailto:dlanza@morrisparks.net">dlanza@morrisparks.net</a>

\*For County COVID-19 information visit the Morris County Office of Health Management: <a href="https://health.morriscountynj.gov/">https://health.morriscountynj.gov/</a>

#### **Passaic County**

The Passaic County NJHC Committee will have a virtual meeting on April 22 from 9:00-10:00 am

For information contact Laura O'Reilly or Syeda Islam, Passaic Committee Chair at <a href="mailto:laura@njhealthmatters.org">laura@njhealthmatters.org</a> / <a href="mailto:syedai@passaiccountynj.org">syedai@passaiccountynj.org</a>

\*For County COVID-19 information visit the Passaic County Website: <a href="http://www.passaiccountynj.net/">http://www.passaiccountynj.net/</a>

#### **Sussex County**

The Sussex County NJHC Committee will have a virtual meeting on April 16 from 1:00-2:00 pm

For information contact Alma Dhuyvetter, Sussex Committee Chair at adhuyvetter@metroymcas.org

\*For County COVID-19 information please visit the Sussex County Health Department at https://www.sussex.nj.us/index.cfm

#### **Union County**

The Union County NJHC Committee will have a virtual meeting on April 22 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

For information contact Michelle Jansen, Union County Chair at <a href="mailto:jansenmi@cinj.rutgers.edu">jansenmi@cinj.rutgers.edu</a>

\*For County COVID-19 information please visit the Union County Office of Health Management at <a href="https://ucnj.org/public-safety/office-of-health-management/">https://ucnj.org/public-safety/office-of-health-management/</a>

#### **Warren County**

The Warren County Community Health Improvement Committee (CHIC) will reschedule their meeting at a later date. Warren County Committee Chair and Warren County Health Planner Courtney Sartain can be reached at Csartain@co.warren.nj.us

\*For County COVID-19 information please visit the Warren County Health Department at http://www.co.warren.nj.us/healthdept/coronavirus.html

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

#### **Mental Health Association in New Jersey**

Check out mental health resources at https://www.mhani.org/covid-19/

#### NJ211

If you would like to receive texts regarding updates and alerts as it relates to COVID-19, please text "NJCOVID" to 898-211.

This state <u>website</u> was created to answer questions about COVID-19. https://www.nj211.org/coronavirus-covid-19

### **Conduent Healthy Communities Institute (HCI)**

Conduent Healthy Communities Institute (HCI) has launched <a href="www.covid19atrisk.org">www.covid19atrisk.org</a>, a publicly available website to help locate and assist populations that may be at risk of not having basic needs met due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

Visit <a href="www.njhealthmatters.org">www.njhealthmatters.org</a> for more information about our work. If you wish to be added to any of our County committee lists, please contact Shanice Johnson at <a href="mailto:shanice@njhealthmatters.org">shanice@njhealthmatters.org</a>

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