



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

RINGWOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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TO OUR RESIDENTS

Mission

The mission of the Ringwood Health Department is to create a culture of health for everyone that lives, works or plays in Ringwood through providing environmental stewardship, valuable partnerships for health promotion, preventative services and emergency preparedness.

Services Offered

The health department offers the services of a licensed health officer (HO), registered environmental health specialist (REHS), public health nurse supervisor and public health nurses (PHN), certified health education specialist (CHES), board-certified pediatrician (MD), certified municipal registrar (CMR), and animal control officer (ACO).

Board of Health

The Ringwood Board of Health (BOH) is comprised of a group of dedicated men and women that bring their passion and expertise to help guide programs and policies to impact the health of the community. The first organization meeting of the Ringwood Board of Health took place on **February 11, 1919**. We are **celebrating 100 years of service by the Board of Health**. The Board of Health meets on the 2nd Wednesday of February, April, June, September, October and December at 7pm in the Borough Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

***Ringwood Board of Health
"100 years of public health service"
1919-2019***

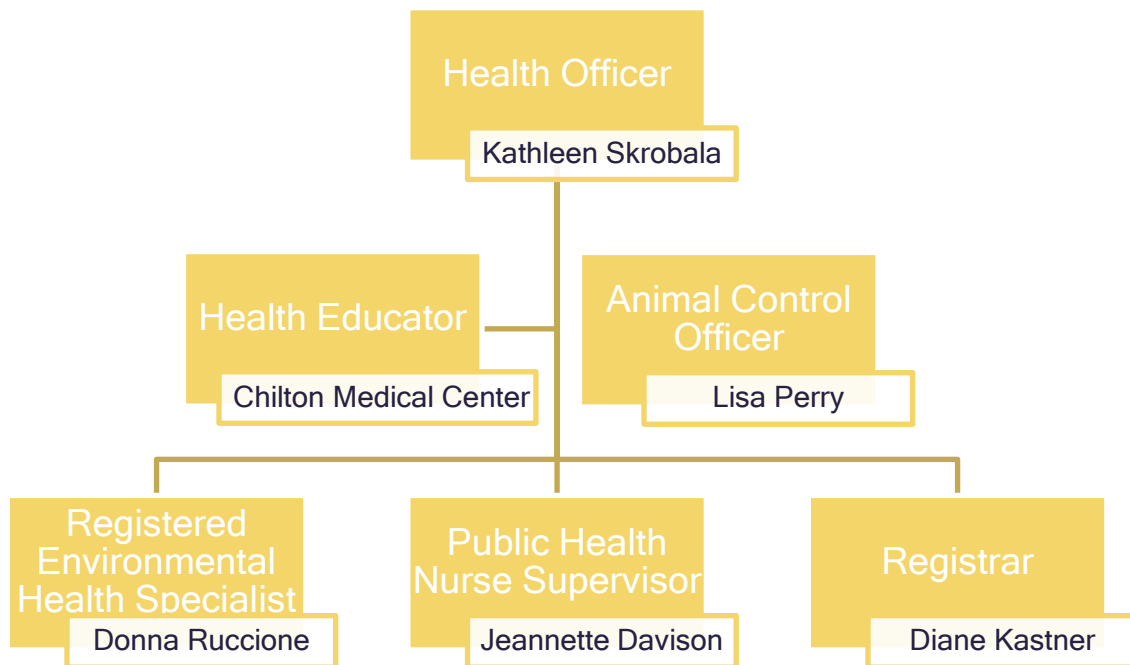
Looking Ahead

The Ringwood Health Department will continually evolve during its 2nd century to meet the needs of the community, while balancing the changing landscapes of public health. We will collaborate with community partners, seek grant opportunities, participate on meaningful committees and keep up with the latest practices in public health.

Staff Directory

<i>Staff</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Kathleen Skrobala, RN, BSN, MA, HO Health Officer	973-962-7079 x122 kskrobala@ringwoodnj.net
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Diane Kastner, CMR Registrar	973-962-7079 x123 dkastner@ringwoodnj.net
Lisa Perry, ACO Animal Control Officer	973-838-8959

Organizational Chart

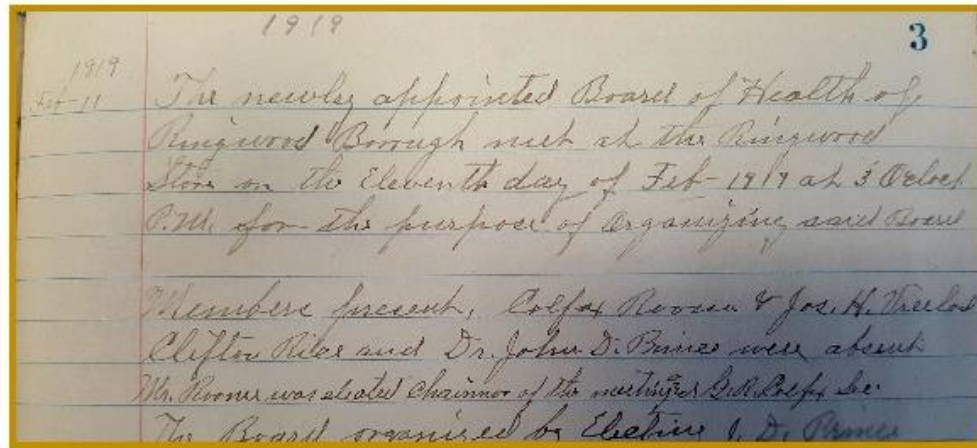


RINGWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH

Member	Term Expires
Donna Kirby, Chairperson	12/31/2020
Verne Taukus, Vice Chairperson	12/31/2021
Alan Fedeli	12/31/2020
Melinda Leone	12/31/2019
Sarah Lenington	12/31/2020
Kimberly Maher	12/31/2020
Dr. Melissa Scollan-Koliopoulos	12/31/2021

100th Anniversary Ringwood Board of Health

1919-2019



Join us on February 13th, 2019 for BOH meeting and dinner

6:30pm-9:30pm

The Castle at Skylands Manor

RSVP by 1/30/19 to dkastner@ringwoodnj.net or 973-962-7079

We are sorry that you will not be able to bring a guest for dinner as seating is limited

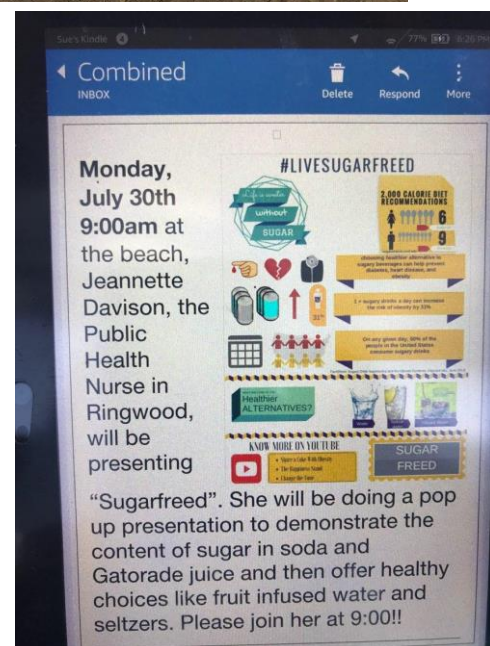
HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

In 2018, the Ringwood Health Department provided robust health education programs under the direction of the Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Jeannette Davison. Health education services were contracted with Chilton Medical Center, in addition to using interns from William Paterson University, Montclair State University and the University of Delaware. Health education programs were aimed at different groups: preschoolers, school-age students, sports programs, lifeguards, camp counselors, adults, parents and seniors. We provided a *“SugarFreed Campaign”* over the summer to raise awareness and decrease the consumption of sugar-laden beverages, an *“Anti-Vaping Campaign”* that educated children and their parents on the dangers of vaping, and a *“Wellness Challenge,”* available to all residents, encouraging them to get active and healthy. A total of **81 educational events** were held throughout the year with over **1000 participants**. Here is a list of the programs:

- SugarFreed Campaign
- Anti-Vaping Campaign
- Heart Health Day
- Safe Sitter
- Germ Busters
- Dental Health
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Wellness Challenge
 - Walks
 - Yoga
 - Better for You BBQ
 - No-Cook Meals
 - Energy-Boosting Foods
 - Cooking with Spices
 - Get to Know Prediabetes
 - Back-to-School Snack
 - Meditation
 - Zumba
 - Hydration Demo
 - Farmers Market



SUGARFREEED CAMPAIGN



The Sugarfreeed Campaign is tackling the epidemics of obesity and diabetes by educating and encouraging people to drink water and other healthy drinks instead of sugar-laden beverages.

ANTI-VAPING CAMPAIGN



Vaping is a public health epidemic. 1 in 4 high school students and 1 in 14 middle school students in the United States reported using a tobacco product in the past 30 days. E-cigarette use increased from 11.7% to 20.8% among high school students and from 3.3% to 4.9% among middle school students from 2017 to 2018.

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6806e1.htm

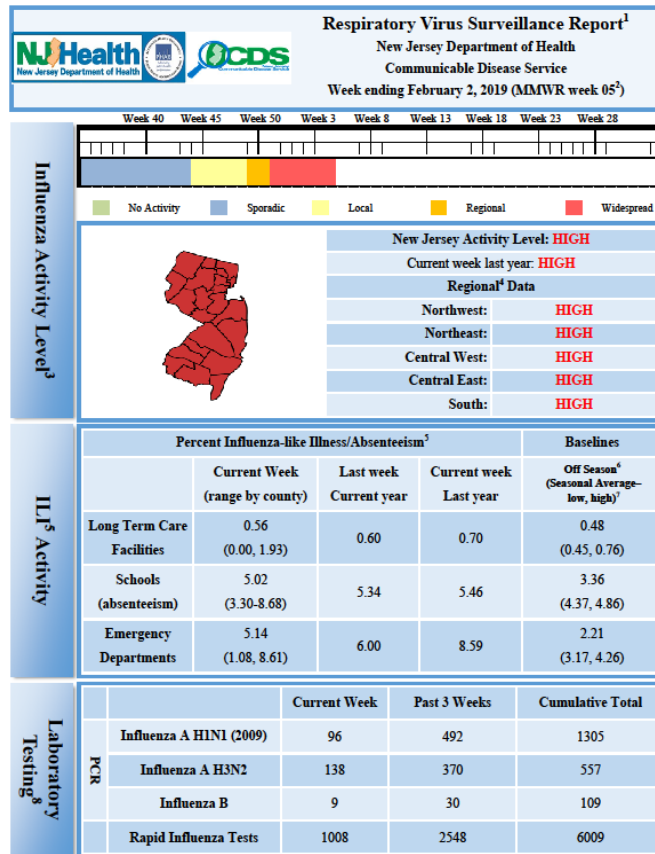
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

The Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Jeannette Davison, along with per diem Public Health Nurses, provide preventative health services for all age groups. These services include health screenings, pediatric and adult immunizations, communicable disease investigations, home nursing visits and school immunization audits. Referrals are made to medical providers for any abnormal findings. A board-certified Pediatrician provides services for the Child Health Clinic monthly. Independent providers are used for specific health screenings.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ACTIVITIES

Name	# Programs	# individuals
Child Health Clinic	8	26
Childhood Immunizations	8	59
Blood Pressure Screening	8	56
Heart Health Screening	1	18
Know Your Numbers	3	99
Stroke Screening	1	10
Skin Cancer Screening	1	11
Hearing Screening	1	8
Vision Screening	1	8
Tuberculosis Screening		34
Adult Immunizations Given (Flu, Pneumovax, Prevnar 13, Shingrex)		160
# of Schools Audited for Immunizations	13	
Home Visits		11
Communicable Disease Investigations		97
# of Referrals to Medical Follow-Up		21

RINGWOOD FLU CLINICS



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Influenza (the flu) is a respiratory viral infection that can cause severe illness and death. Millions of people are sickened and tens of thousands die each year in the United States. The best protection is yearly vaccination with the flu vaccine. 157 pediatric and adult flu vaccines were administered at Ringwood Flu Clinics.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Environmental health is the branch of public health concerned with all aspects of the natural and built environment. These services are provided by Donna Ruccione, REHS. Timely inspections of retail food establishments, septic systems, lakes and camps are performed to ensure adherence to local and state laws. Public health nuisance complaints are investigated and brought to resolution. Environmental stewardship through education and grants enhance the beauty of the Highlands Region and help to keep it pristine.

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Licensed Food Establishments	37
# of Retail Food Establishment Plans Reviewed	1
# of Pre-Operational Inspections Done	1
# of Routine Inspections	104
# of Establishments Where Enforcement Was Taken	4

YOUTH CAMPS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	1
# of Routine Inspections	1
# of Emergency and Complaint-Related Inspections	0

RECREATIONAL BATHING

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Licensed Seasonal Facilities	8
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	8
# of Routine Inspections	8
# of Non-Routine Inspections	8
# of Emergency & Complaint-Related Inspections	2

# of Lake Closures	1
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ONSITE WASTERWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of New System Permits Issued	50
# of Repair Permits Issued	61
# of Alteration Permits Issued	42
# of Systems in Ringwood	4200 (approx.)
# of Noncompliant Systems Identified	4
# of Realty Transfer System Reports Reviewed	197
# of Systems Identified as Noncompliant	141



PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Complaints Received	27
# of Complaints Investigated	27
# of Cases that Required Enforcement	10

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Beauty Salons Inspected	7

BEAUTIFUL RINGWOOD



ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Services are provided by a shared services agreement with the Borough of Bloomingdale. Animal Control Officer, Lisa Perry, responds to requests for help with animals, ranging from licensed, domestic animals to wild animals or animals in distress. All dogs and cats in Ringwood must be licensed each year. They must also be properly vaccinated with the rabies vaccine. A free rabies clinic in Ringwood is offered annually in November.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
# of Dogs Licensed	1340
# of Cats Licensed	347
# of Rabies Vaccines Given at Vaccination Clinic	147
# of Incidents Where an Animal Bit a Human	7
# of Incidents Where a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal Bit a Domestic Animal	2
# Unimmunized Domestic Animals Confined for Rabies Observation after Biting a Person or Animal	0



- IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The Borough has ordinances against feeding any outside wildlife. Keep in mind feeding wildlife can put your domestic animals at risk if they drink or eat from the same dish or are bitten by a rabid animal, as rabies is transferred through saliva. Rabies animals will often vocalize, become agitated and aggressive. Please ensure that all dogs and cats are licensed and vaccinated against rabies. If you see an animal that is acting aggressively, please call the Police Department at (973) 962-7017. Information regarding rabies.

VITAL STATISTICS

The Certified Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics, Diane Kastner, is responsible for issuing marriage and civil union licenses, birth certificates, death certificates and certified copies.

VITAL STATISTICS

Key Facts & Activities	2018 Data
Marriage or Civil Union Licenses	63
Birth Certificates	1
Death Certificates	24
Certified Copies	231



WHAT'S NEXT...

2019 GOALS

Continue Anti-Vaping Campaign

Provide Education on Septic and Well Management

Enact Ordinances that Preserve and Enhance the Environment

Seek Grant Opportunities for Environmental Stewardship

Seek Grant Opportunities that Address Population Health

