



# BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## RINGWOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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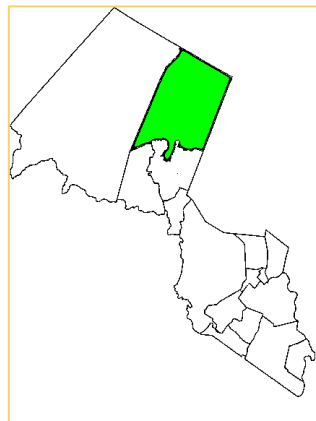
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Jeannette Davison, Health Officer



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## MISSION

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



## SERVICES

The Ringwood 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). Ringwood utilizes shared services agreements for some of the services provided to keep costs down.



## BOARD OF HEALTH

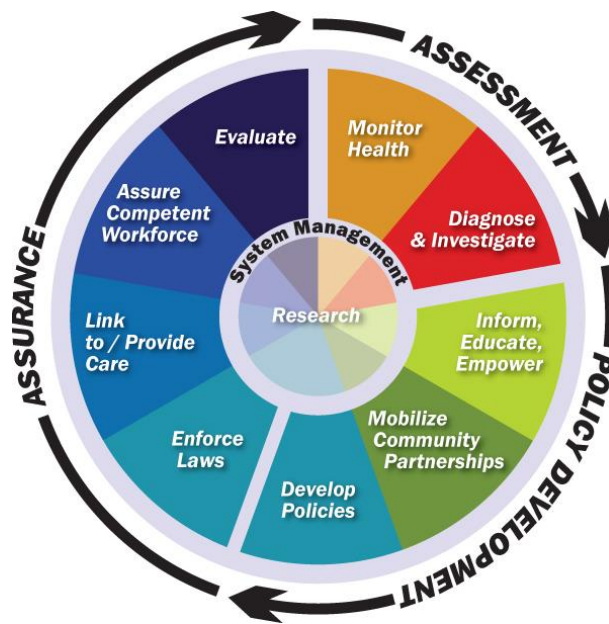
The Ringwood Board of Health (BOH) is comprised of dedicated men and women, often with advanced degrees, that bring their passion and expertise to help steer programs and policies that impact the health of this beautiful community. The BOH reviews public health trends and discusses issues and events that occur on a local, state-wide, and national level, while assessing best practices to guide the health department in meeting the 10 essential public health services.

*“How many towns can claim an environment with everything one needs for healthy living? It’s healthy to stay in touch with nature; so, you want parks, forests, lakes, and streams. It’s healthy to exercise daily, so you want swimming and kayaking, walkways, and hiking trails. It’s healthy to feel safe and at ease. Ringwood has all these attributes, yet it is so close to big city life. It is an oasis in the midst of bustling New York City and greater New Jersey. Where else would you want to live!”*

Alan Fedeli- Ringwood Board of Health

# THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.



## RINGWOOD AT A GLANCE

<b>Square Miles</b>	25.6
<b>Number of Households</b>	4,138
<b>Population (2020 census)</b>	11,735
<b>Population Density</b>	458 people/square mile
<b>Gender</b>	Male 48.9%
	Female 51.1%
<b>Age</b>	<18 years 22.2%
	18-24 years 8.4%
	25-34 years 10.5%
	35-64 years 41.9%
	>65 years 17%
<b>Race</b>	White 90.7%
	Asian 3.3%
	Black or African American 1.9%
	2 or More Races 1.6%
	American Indian and Alaska Native 0.8%
	Other 1.7%

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Ringwood Health Department participated in the Passaic County Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan for 2021 through the North Jersey Health Collaborative.

The top 6 health issues identified are:

- ✚ Access to Healthy Foods and Physical Activity
- ✚ Access to Healthcare
- ✚ Chronic Disease
- ✚ End-of-Life Care
- ✚ Maternal and Child Health
- ✚ Mental Health and Substance Misuse

A complete report can be found at:

<http://www.njhealthmatters.org/tiles/index/display?alias=passaicabout>

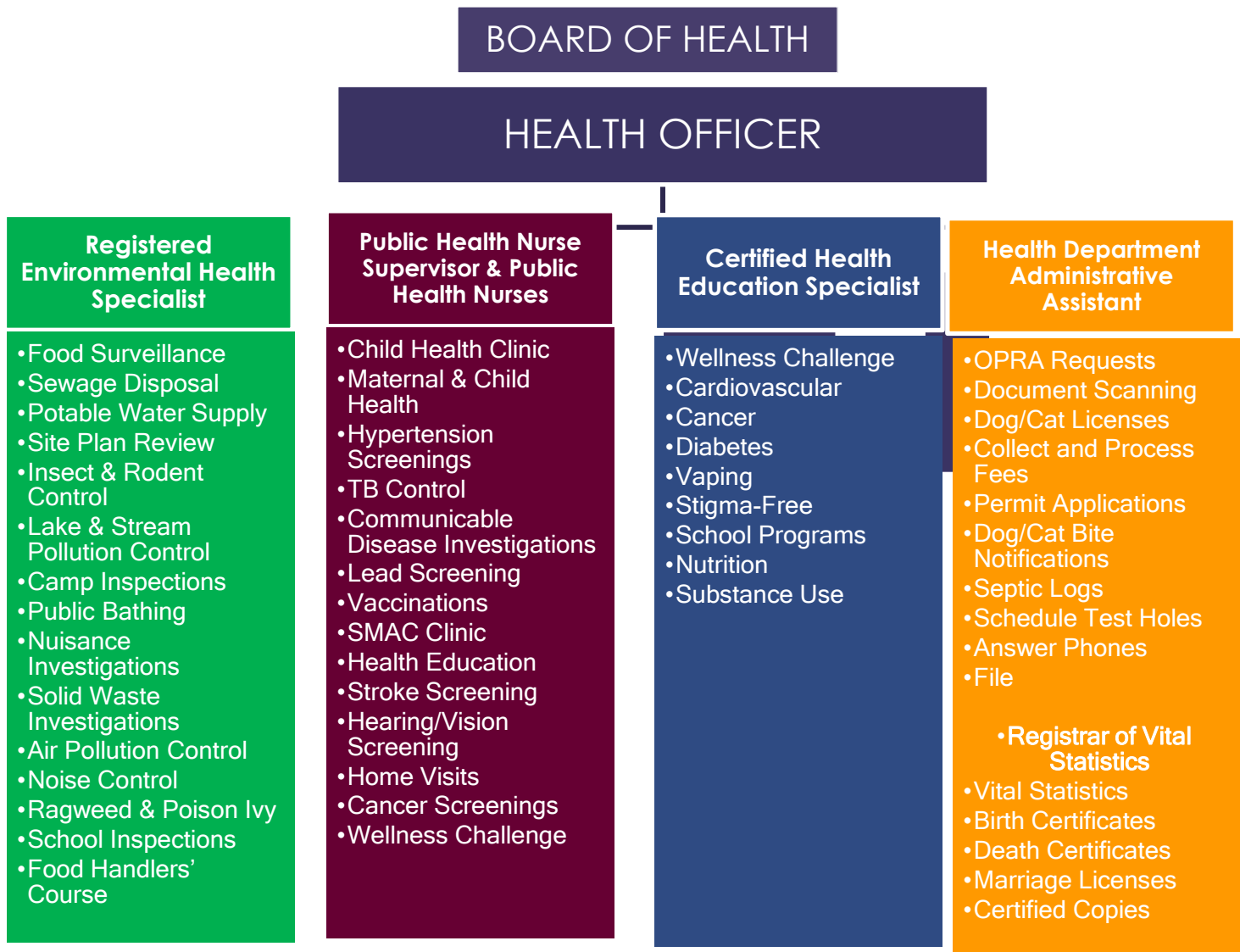
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## RINGWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

MEMBER	TERM EXPIRATION
<b>Donna Kirby, Chairperson</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Verne Taukus, Vice Chairperson</b>	12/31/2024
<b>Alan Fedeli</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Melinda Leone</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Sarah Lenington</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Kimberly Maher</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Dr. Melissa Scollan-Koliopoulos</b>	12/31/2024

# 2023 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## SHARED SERVICES

Animal Control
Rabies Control Rabies Clinics Dog/Cat Licensing Dog/Cat Canvassing Animal Shelter Wildlife Management Quarantine

# COVID-19

As new variants of Covid-19 emerge, the Health Department continues to work closely with the Passaic County Epidemiologist for up-to-date guidance in efforts to keep the community safe and healthy. The Ringwood Health Department does not serve as a vaccination hub for COVID-19; these services are provided with Passaic County Health Services and directed as needed.

# RSV

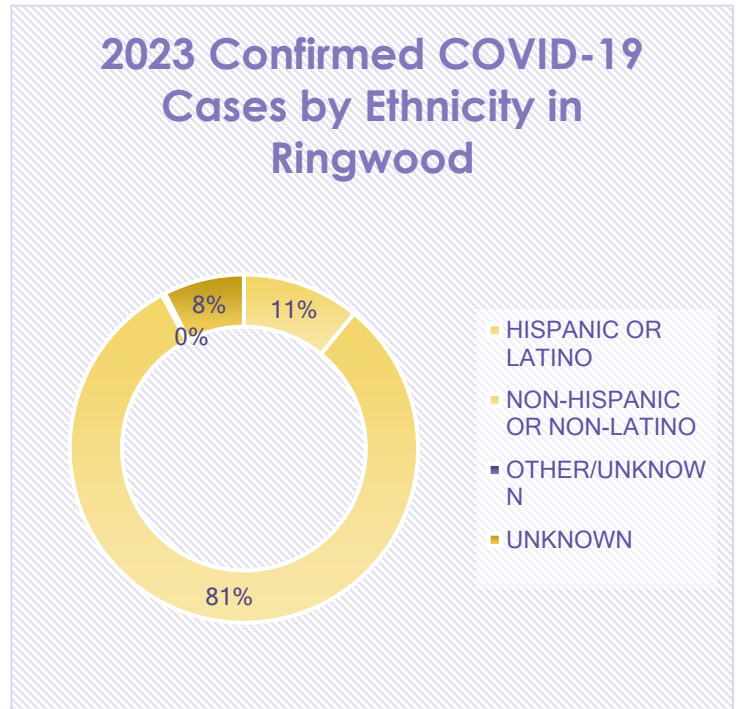
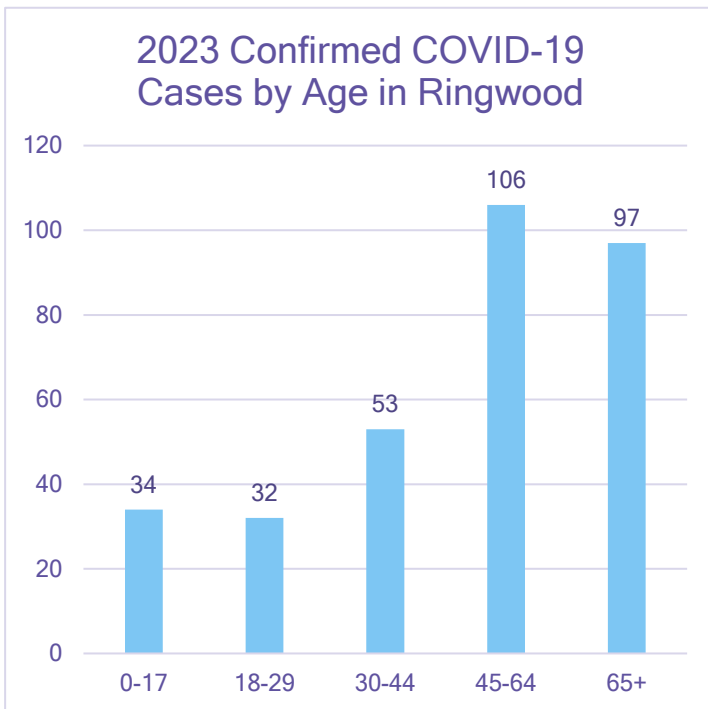
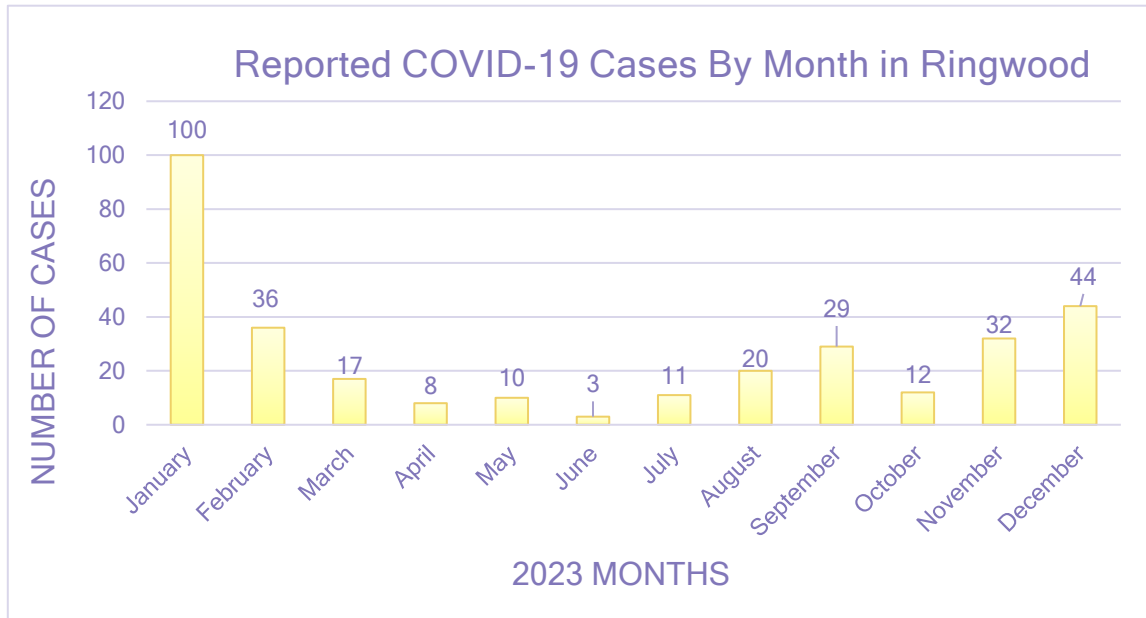
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common respiratory illness that typically causes mild, cold-like symptoms in adults and children and can lead to more severe respiratory infections, specifically in infants and older adults. In 2023, RSV was a concern during the fall and winter seasons. On a positive note, The Food and Drug Administration approved the first two RSV vaccinations for adults aged over 60 years. This vaccination effort will help the 2023-2024 season adding additional protection to this high-risk population.

The Ringwood Health Department worked diligently to educate our older adult population about RSV and other respiratory illnesses prevalent in the community while working to continue mitigation efforts. Prevention measures such as hand hygiene and avoiding contact with sick individuals are crucial in reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses.



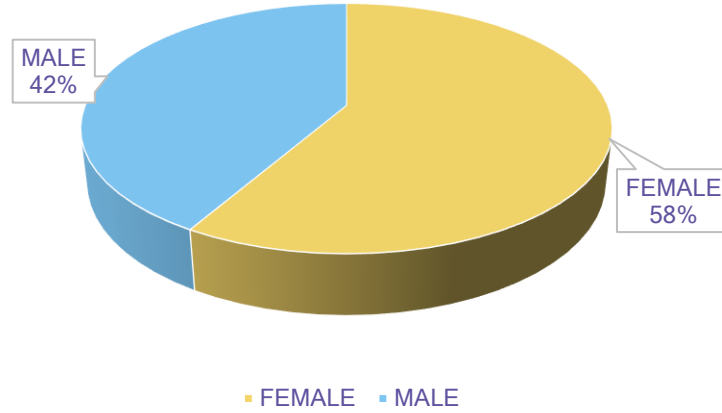


# 2023 COVID-19 DATA

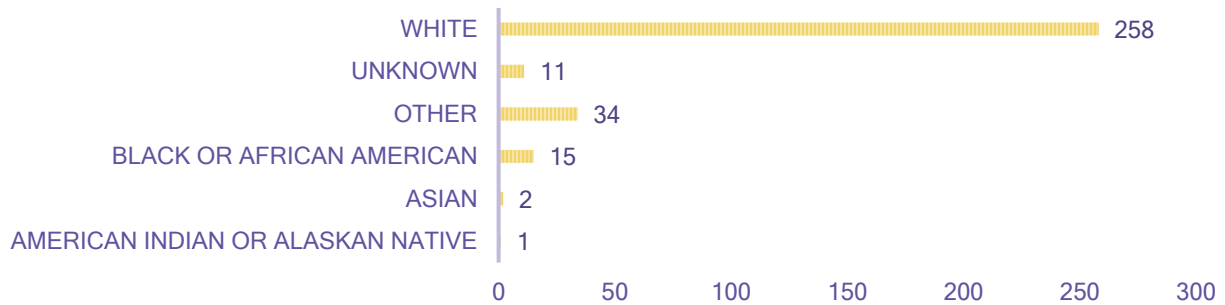


## 2023 COVID-19 Data Continued

2023 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Gender in Ringwood



### 2023 CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES BY RACE IN RINGWOOD



<b>COVID-19 Related Deaths Reported in 2023</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Average Age of Death in 2023</b>	<b>66.5</b>

## GRANTS:

### Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Partner Organization Grant

In October of 2022, the Ringwood Health Department was awarded the Enhancing Public Health Grant by the NJ Department of Health. This grant has funded a salary for our Administrative Assistant/Certified Health Education Specialist, as well as the cost to rent space where we hold our clinics and health education programs.

The Health Department has always focused on prevention so having a Health Educator on staff has helped to improve the reach of our programs. One of the departments goals for 2023 aimed to expand our 'Summer Wellness Program' into other seasons. This goal was achieved with the addition of 'Falling into Wellness'. 'Falling into Wellness' ran from September through October focused on prevention. The activities ranged from: Zumba, yoga, classes with the Dietitian from Shoprite, and medication management with our Public Health Nurse. This program was well received, and we plan to continue to grow this concept.

The needs assessment highlighted the difficulties relating to stress and focus on middle schoolers after returning to school post pandemic. This information led to the creation of a program called 'Melodies for Your Mind'. This program was a six-week program brought to Martin J. Ryerson, to work with a small group of seventh graders, using music to enhance one's ability to focus and find relaxation. The students were given the opportunity to use the last part of each session to have an instructor assist with organizing notes, studying for exams, and getting support for additional needs 'Melodies for the Mind' was a wonderful program that will be carried on further into Spring of 2024.

These programs are just a few of the ways we incorporated education on these prominent health topics. This allows the community members to familiarize themselves with the health department; allowing for relationships to be formed between residents and our Health Department.

## STIGMA-FREE INITIATIVE

The Borough of Ringwood was awarded a grant in 2019 from Atlantic Health System/Chilton Medical Center to raise awareness and share valuable resources about Stigma-Free. The Stigma-Free initiative aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Individuals who are struggling with these disorders often do not seek treatment because of the shame they feel from themselves and others. By educating our community, we hope to reduce stigma so people will seek the treatment they deserve. We hope to mobilize family, friends, and neighbors to offer compassion and support.



In November of 2023, the Ringwood Health Department, in collaboration with William Paterson University Nursing Students, provided a program to the fifth-grade students in Ringwood called "My Strong Mind," explaining the importance of understanding feelings and explaining different coping skills. The facilitators discussed 'The 5 Senses of Grounding-Techniques' that helps people become more present and aware of surroundings, reduce feelings of anxiety and stress, and step away from negative thoughts and flashbacks. The activity was creating a relaxation potion. These relaxing potions allowed the students to determine healthy coping skills to use when one is feeling overwhelmed or stressed. Each student added 5 ingredients (the coping skills they chose). This exercise served to remind the students to think of each droplet as an ingredient to build their strong minds!

In May of 2023, Ringwood Health Department collaborated with Stigma Free/ AWARE ASAP for Mental Health Month to present the movie, *Angst*. We held this at held at Martin J. Ryerson Middle School. This film presented the concept of stigma and the importance of removing the stigma related to mental illness. It opened a conversation between participants about these difficult topics. This film was geared towards all community members including school-aged children. The movie ran for 56 minutes; followed by a panel with three experts in Mental Health from our community for a question/answer session. Additionally, this film was offered for virtual viewing, which was widely received.



## Health Education Services in Chronological Order

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
February 9, 2023	Handwashing Lesson: 3 sessions	Program	40	Kradle 2 Kindergarten
February 10, 2023	Dental Lesson: 3 sessions	Program	40	Kradle 2 Kindergarten
February 11, 2023	Heart Health Day	Program	27	Ambulance Corps
February 11, 2023	Heart Health Day- Blood Pressure Screening	Program	6	Ambulance Corps
February 11, 2023	Heart Health Day- Yoga	Program	15	Ambulance Corps
February 18, 2023	Heart Health Lesson	Program	25	Christ The King
May 1, 2023	Angst Film Screening	Program	8	Martin J. Ryerson Middle School
May 13, 2023	Jeopardy	Program	4	Ringwood Public Library
June 19, 2023	Wellness Challenge (WC): Kick-Off	Program	31	Ringwood Skate Park
June 19, 2023	WC: Yoga	Program	22	Ringwood Skate Park
June 20, 2023	WC: Sugar Free	Program	15	Ringwood Public Library
June 21, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	16	Ambulance Corps

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
June 22, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	11	Ringwood Skate Park
June 27, 2023	WC: Free Hearing Screening	Screening	19	Ringwood Clinic
June 28, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	20	Skyline Lakes Firehouse
June 29, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	8	Ringwood Skatepark
June 29, 2023	WC: Stress Relief	Program	13	Ringwood Public Library
July 1, 2023	WC: Hike	Program	8	Cooper Union Trail
July 5, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	30	Skyline Lakes Firehouse
July 6, 2023	WC: Jeopardy	Program	7	Ringwood Public Library
July 6, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	9	Ringwood Skatepark
July 8, 2023	WC: Hike	Program	13	Puppy Rock Trail
July 10, 2023	WC: Yoga	Program	18	Ringwood Skatepark
July 11, 2023	WC: Summer Sides and Salads	Program	20	Ringwood Skatepark

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
July 12, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	20	Ringwood Skatepark
July 13, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	5	Ringwood Skatepark
July 13, 2023	WC: Free Skin Cancer Screening	Screening	30	Ringwood Clinic
July 15, 2023	WC: Hike	Program	11	Puppy Rock Trail
July 17, 2023	WC: Yoga	Program	17	Ringwood Skatepark
July 17, 2023	Safe Sitter	Program	12	Puppy Rock Trail
July 18, 2023	Safe Sitter	Program	8	Little Beach Clubhouse
July 18, 2023	WC: Hydration and Mocktails	Program	12	Ringwood Public Library
July 19, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	15	Ambulance Corps
July 20, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	9	Ringwood Skatepark
July 20, 2023	WC: Colors of Empowerment: Paint with a Purpose	Program	18	Ringwood Public Library
July 22, 2023	WC: Hike	Program	16	Cooper Union Trail

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
July 24, 2023	WC: Yoga	Program	16	Ringwood Skatepark
July 25, 2023	WC: Immune Boosting Foods	Program	10	Ringwood Public Library
July 26, 2023	WC: Free Vision Screening	Screening	24	Ringwood Clinic
July 26, 2023	WC: Zumba	Program	20	Ambulance Crops
July 27, 2023	WC: Meditation Walk	Program	9	Ringwood Skatepark
July 27, 2023	WC: Free Oral Cancer Screening	Screening	9	Ringwood Clinic
July 29, 2023	WC: Hike	Program	7	Puppy Rock Trail
August 1, 2023	WC: Food Alternatives	Program	8	Ringwood Public Library
August 2, 2023	WC: Free Foot Screening	Screening	19	Ringwood Clinic
August 3, 2023	Wellness Challenge Finale	Program	24	Ringwood Public Library
August 14, 2023	Safe Sitter	Program	9	Hilltop Clubhouse



# PHOTOS FROM HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS



# PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public Health Nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences. The Public Health Nurse Supervisor coordinates and provides services for all age groups in Ringwood. These services include health screenings, well-child check-ups, pediatric and adult immunizations, school immunization audits, communicable disease investigations, home visits to vulnerable individuals, and emergency preparedness. A board-certified Pediatrician provides services for the Child Health Clinic, and per diem public health nurses and other health professionals aid the Public Health Supervisor in many screenings and clinics. Under the supervision of Public Health Nurse, The Health Educator provides a variety of health education to our residents. This year's focus was on mental health, nutrition, physical activity, infectious disease, and cancer.



Jenna Bruno:  
Certified Health Education Specialist



Jeannette Davison:  
Health Officer & Public Health Nurse

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Program	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants
Child Health Clinic	6	21	7	33	7	18	8	23
Pediatric Immunizations	-	73	-	57	-	48	-	64
Blood Pressure Screening	2	20	2	12	6	22	5	20
Heart Health Screening	1	25	-	-	1	5	1	27
Know Your Numbers	1	39	-	-	-	-	3	62
Stroke Screening	1	17	-	-	1	5	1	27
Skin Cancer Screening	-	-	-	-	1	18	1	30
TB Screening	-	19	-	26	-	28	-	51
Adult Immunizations	-	175	-	251	-	148	-	164
School Immunization Audits	11	-	6	-	-	6	-	10
Blood-Borne Pathogen Training	-	-	1	26	1	12	0	0
Home Visits	-	18	-	115	-	17	-	12
Communicable Disease Investigations	-	960	-	2133	-	2732	-	2818
Referrals for Medical	-	4	-	2	-	3	-	2

Program	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants
Injury Prevention:								
Bike Safety	-	-	3	82	1	16	1	17
Sammy's Law								
Safe Sitter								
Art Program with WPU Peer Health Advocates & IDPG	-	-	-	-	5	300	-	129
Sugar freed Campaign	-	-	-	-	1	300	3	340
Vision Screening	-	-	-	-	1	17	1	24
Hearing Screening	-	-	-	-	1	23	1	19
Oral Cancer Screening	-	-	-	-	1	12	1	9
Foot Screening	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Skin Cancer	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	30
Safety Town	-	-	-	-	1	73	1	75

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Environmental health is the branch of public health concerned with monitoring or mitigating those factors in the environment that affect human health and disease. All aspects of the natural and built environment are monitored by a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) that has gone through extensive training and licensure. Timely inspections of retail food establishments, septic systems, lakes, camps, and public health nuisances are conducted. Local and state regulations, such as Chapter 24 (N.J.A.C. 8:24) “*Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines*” are enforced. Environmental stewardship through education and grant activities help to maintain the pristine beauty of the New Jersey Highlands Region.

### Retail Food Establishments

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Licensed Food Establishments	51	51	62	62
# of Retail Food Establishment Plans Reviewed	1	1	3	1
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	1	1	3	0
# of Routine Inspections	67	67	81	83

## Youth Camps

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	2	2	2	2
# of Routine Inspections	1	2	1	1
# of Emergency and Complaint-Related Inspections	0	0	0	0

## Recreational Bathing

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Licensed Seasonal Facilities	8	8	8	8
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	8	8	6	8
# of Routine Inspections	8	8	8	8

## Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of New System Permits Issued	1	5	1	1
# of Repair Permits Issued	94	71	57	48
# of Alteration Permits Issued	48	65	42	41
# of Systems in Ringwood	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)
# of Pumping Permits	707	715	752	1200
# of Realty Transfer System Reports Reviewed	234	160	115	88

## Public Health Nuisance Complaints

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Complaints Received	22	18	23	30
# of Complaints Investigated	22	18	23	30
# of Complaints that Required Enforcement	14	16	9	7

## Other Inspections

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Beauty Salons Inspected	7	7	7	6
Kennels/Shelters	2	3	2	2

Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Zachary Faiola





## Radon Awareness Program Grant

The Radon Awareness Program (RAP) grant became available to all New Jersey municipalities in the beginning of 2023; funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. With the RAP grant, the Ringwood Health Department had the ability to purchase certified radon test kits to distribute to the community. Receiving this grant was an opportunity to shed light on the importance of testing for this invisible, odorless, and potentially harmful gas. Radon, a radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of naturally occurring uranium in soil and rock. Radon enters homes through openings that are in contact with the ground, such as cracks in foundation. Being that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers worldwide; the more radon you are exposed to, and the longer the exposure, the greater the risk of eventually developing lung cancer. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recommends that all homes be tested for radon. Radon exposure poses a serious threat to public health, yet awareness and testing rates remain inadequate. Increased education and awareness efforts are in effect to promote radon testing and mitigation.



[Radon Awareness Program \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov/dep/radon/)

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Services are provided through a shared services agreement with the Borough of Bloomingdale. With the oversight of the Animal Control Officer (ACO), Lisa Perry, and her staff, they provide compassionate and competent services for domestic pets and wildlife. Services include support with animal licensing, canvassing and enforcement; rabies control through rabies vaccine clinics, enforcement of state and local laws, and investigation of suspected cases of rabies; responding to calls about strays or animals in distress; and all other requests related to animals. An annual free rabies clinic is held each year in November to vaccinate dogs and cats. Annual licensure of dogs/cats is required each year by January 31<sup>st</sup>.



Doreen Bracken



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***serving North Jersey Communities***  
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**Bloomingdale, NJ 07403**  
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## ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Dogs Licensed	1611	1577	1504	1492
# of Cats Licensed	379	369	345	312
# of Rabies Vaccines Given at Clinic	225	198	220	191
# of Incidents Where an Animal Bit a Human	7	16	11	18
# of Incidents Where a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal Bit a Human	0	0	2	1
# of Incidents Where a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal Bit a Domestic Animal	1	0	0	0
# of Unimmunized Domestic Animals Confined for Rabies Observation After Biting a Person or Animal	0	0	0	0

It's that time of the year!

# CAT AND DOG LICENSING

**Due by January 31st.**

Download the form from our website.  
[www.ringwoodnj.net](http://www.ringwoodnj.net)

**WHY LICENSE MY PET?**

- ✓ Easy identification to return lost pets to their owners
- ✓ Helps control/prevent the spread of rabies
- ✓ **It's the law**



## VITAL STATISTICS

Vital statistics pertain to the record keeping of births, deaths and marriages that occur in Ringwood. They are provided through the services of a Certified Municipal Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Alternate Registrar. Services encompass marriage and civil union licenses, birth certificates and death certificates. Certified copies of the above are obtained at the Health Department.

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data
# of Marriage or Civil Union Licenses Application	54	69	52	64
# of Certified Copies Issued for Marriage	234	209	213	174
# of Ringwood Home Birth Certificates	0	1	1	1
# of Certificates Certified Copies Issued for Birth	5	4	4	7
# of Certificate Certified Copies Issued for Death	6	8	21	11
Total # of Certified Copies Issued	245	221	238	192

### FUN FACT:

The median average age for men to first get married has risen to 30.2 years in 2023, while for women the figure is 28.4 years.

## 2024 GOALS

The Ringwood Health Department strives to maintain the highest level of service to our community. We will continue to provide robust health programs and oversight of the environment. While maintaining current services, we will also set goals for the upcoming year that positively impact the health of our residents and the environment.

### GOALS

**Focus on Prevention of Illness and Promotion of Health Using the 8 Dimensions of Wellness Model.**

**Provide Stigma Free Education to Improve Mental Health in Our Community.**

**Grow Community Partnerships and Continue to Collaborate Within Our Department.**

**Digitalize Documents for Better Record Keeping, Reduce Environmental Impact to Create a More Organized and Greener Workplace.**



**Ringwood Health Department Staff**