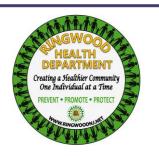


### RINGWOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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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**

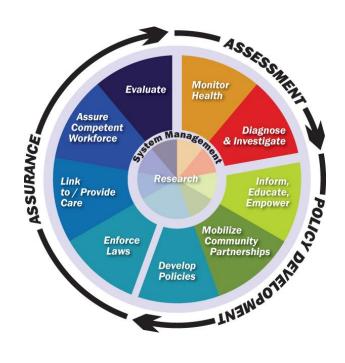
The Ringwood Board of Health (BOH) is comprised of dedicated men and women, often with advanced degrees, that bring their passion and expertise to help steer programs and policies that impact the health of this beautiful community. The BOH reviews public health trends and discusses issues and events 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.

"The Board of Health is honored to support the staff of the Ringwood Health Department. Preventative healthcare is essential to promoting lifelong health and is central to the work of the Department of Health. The staff encourages Ringwood residents to improve their lives by taking care of their mental health, physical well being and nutrition status through screening programs, preventive health seminars and education sessions. In addition, the board is so proud to support the environmental initiatives that help keep our residents safe and healthy."

Melinda Leone - 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

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

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA)**

The Ringwood Health Department participated in the Passaic County Community Health Needs Assessment in the Spring of 2024. This data will be used to drive the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan. Currently, our initiatives are focused on the following 6 health issues identified in our 2021 CHNA.

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

### 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **HEALTH OFFICER**

# Registered Environmental Health Specialist

- Food Surveillance
- Sewage Disposal
- Potable Water Supply
- Site Plan Review
- •Insect & Rodent Control
- Lake & Stream Pollution Control
- Camp Inspections
- Public Bathing
- •Nuisance Investigations
- Solid Waste Investigations
- Air Pollution Control
- Noise Control
- Ragweed & Poison Ivy
- School Inspections
- •Food Handlers' Course

#### Public Health Nurse Supervisor & Public Health Nurses

- Child Health Clinic
- •Maternal & Child Health
- Hypertension Screenings
- •TB Control
- Communicable
   Disease Investigations
- Lead Screening
- Vaccinations
- SMAC Clinic
- Health Education
- Stroke Screening
- Hearing/Vision Screening
- Home Visits
- Cancer Screenings
- Wellness Challenge

## Certified Health Education Specialist

- Wellness Challenge
- Cardiovascular
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Vaping
- •Stigma-Free
- School Programs
- Nutrition
- Substance Use

# Health Department Administrative Assistant

- •OPRA Requests
- Document Scanning
- Dog/Cat Licenses
- •Collect and Process Fees
- Permit Applications
- Dog/Cat Bite Notifications
- Septic Logs
- •Schedule Test Holes
- Answer Phones
- •File

## •Registrar of Vital Statistics

- Vital Statistics
- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Licenses
- Certified Copies

### SHARED SERVICES

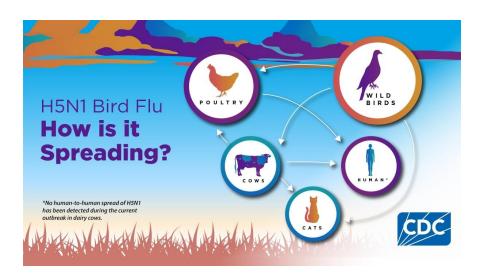
#### **Animal Control**

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

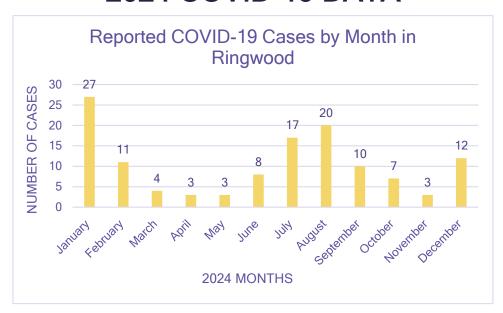
### **Avian Flu**

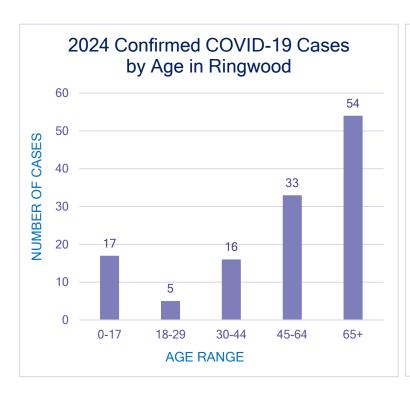
The first known description of avian influenza dates to 1878 and was called the "fowl plaque". By 1955, it was determined that this "fowl plague" was caused by the Influenza A virus. In 1997, there was a major outbreak in Hong Kong, which was the first known instance of direct bird to human transmission. Since then, outbreaks have occurred globally and recently poultry and cows have been affected. The researchers have determined that the most concerning strains are H5N1 and H7N9. These strains can cause severe illness in humans and be fatal. Symptoms can range from fever, cough sore throat, conjunctivitis (most common) to a more severe scenario of pneumonia and acute respiratory distress. Recently, avian flu has been detected in dairy cows in the United States. This is the first time that these bird flu viruses have been found in cows. The exact mode of transmission and impact on cows is still being studied. As with all infectious disease prevention is key. Preventative measures include avoiding contact with infected birds and cows and practicing good hygiene. The CDC works closely with the State and Local Health Departments using multiple surveillance systems to monitor influenza activity. As part of the outbreak response, CDC provides public health guidance to manage the situation.

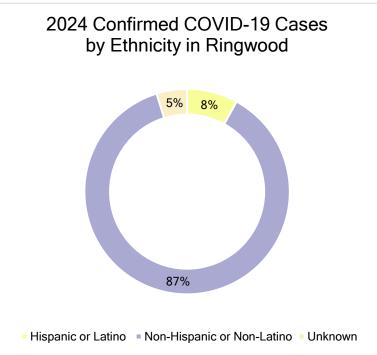
To date, there has been no human-to-human transmission reported. As new information regarding the Avian flu is received, The Ringwood Health Department will work closely with the Passaic County Epidemiologist for up-to-date guidance to keep our community safe and healthy.



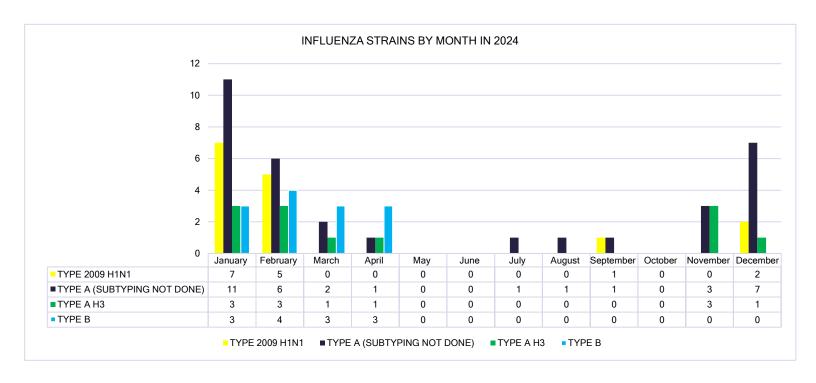
## **2024 COVID-19 DATA**

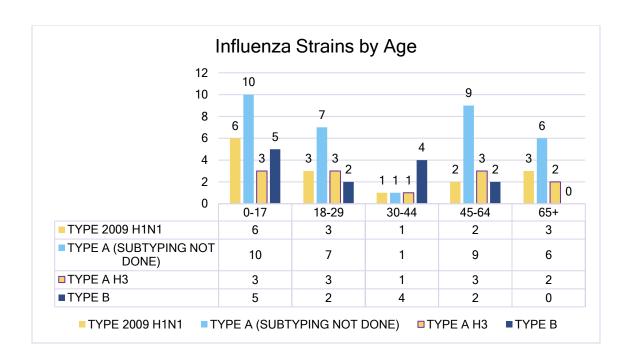






## 2024 INFLUENZA DATA





#### **GRANTS:**

The Ringwood Health Department had been awarded the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant (ELPHI), which ran from January 1st, 2024, to June 30th, 2024. This grant provided reimbursement for essential expenses, including the cost of operating the health clinic and wireless services that support its functions. The clinic plays a vital role in the community, particularly as a participant in the Vaccine for Children program, which ensures local children have access to immunizations. Additionally, the grant covered the salary and fringe benefits of the current health department staff, which allowed the department to continue to deliver high-quality public health services to the community.

At the completion of the ELPHI grant, the Ringwood Health Department was awarded two additional grants aimed at enhancing public health services, strengthening community health programs, and expanding access to critical services such as disease prevention and emergency preparedness. These funds have enabled the Borough of Ringwood to retain health department staff through the reimbursement for salary and fringe benefits of these employees.

In an effort to focus on workforce development, staff has been trained in cybersecurity and Narcan administration. The staff continues to build strong relationships with various community sectors, particularly schools and residents. Collaborations with schools and community organizations have increased awareness and understanding of communicable diseases such as Lyme Disease, COVID-19, and the Flu through tick education, COVID-19 test distribution, and hand hygiene education. Specific health topics completed during the grant include tick education for 3rd graders, breast cancer awareness tabling, and germ presentations for preschoolers at Robert Erskine Elementary. Additionally, the Minding Your Mind Program focused on Alzheimer's awareness.

### 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 May, to honor Mental Health Awareness Month, our department collaborated with Chilton Medical Center, Avatar Addiction Center, United for Prevention, and Local Law Enforcement to host a panel discussion on the critical issues of marijuana, vaping, and opioids. This program aimed to encourage an open dialogue about these substances and provide the community with essential resources and education. Providing education on opioids, marijuana, and vaping is crucial for several reasons: it helps prevent substance misuse by raising awareness about the risks and consequences, empowers individuals to recognize early signs of addiction and seek help promptly, enables informed decision-making about health and well-being, reduces the stigma surrounding addiction, and connects individuals with local resources and support systems. By addressing these critical topics, we aim to create a safer, more informed community that is better prepared to handle the challenges presented by substance use and addiction.

In July, the health department was awarded a grant from Passaic County, which was set to enhance the Summer Wellness Challenge by introducing a new and creative component: "Paint with a Purpose." This program provided a safe and supportive space for community members to come together and express themselves through painting. Engaging in creative activities such as painting can be an outlet for releasing stress and emotions, fostering mental well-being, and encouraging self-expression. By offering this program, we aimed to create a nurturing environment where individuals could connect, relax, and find comfort in the therapeutic benefits of art.



# Health Education Services in Chronological Order

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
February 3, 2024	Heart Health Day	Program	42	Ringwood Community Center
February 15, 2024	Germ Education	Program	32	Christ the King
February 16, 2024	Heart Health Education	Program	32	Christ the King
February 21, 2024	Dental Health Education	Program	32	Christ the King
February 23, 2024	Germ Education	Program	28	Countryside Daycare
February 24, 2024	Germ Education	Program	31	Allstar Kids Academy
March 20, 2024	Earth Day: Recycling Education	Program	28	Countryside Daycare
March 23, 2024	Earth Day: Recycling Education	Program	31	Allstar Kids Academy
May 4, 2024	Marijuana Awareness Tabeling- REF 5k	Program	40	Shepherd Lake
May 6, 2024	Under the Influence	Program	20	Ringwood Community Center
May 17, 2024	Earth Day: Recycling Education	Program	32	Kradle 2 Kindergarten
June 17, 2024	WC: Kick Off	Program	20	Ringwood Skatepark

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
June 17, 2024	WC: Mindful Walk	Program	20	Ringwood Skate Park
June 18, 2024	WC: Stress Relief with Essential Oils	Program	10	Ringwood Community Center
June 19, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	18	Ringwood Community Center
June 20, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	18	Ringwood Community Center
June 22, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	12	Cooper Union Trail
June 24, 2024	WC: Walk with a Dietitian- Healthy BBQ	Program	27	Hewitt School Walking Path
June 25, 2024	WC: Let's Play Jeopardy	Program	16	Ringwood Community Center
June 26, 2024	Vision Screening	Screening	0	Ringwood Community Center
June 26, 2024	WC: Pilates	Program	22	Ringwood Community Center
June 27, 2024	Oral Cancer Screening	Screening	6	Ringwood Health Clinic
June 27, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	21	Ringwood Community Center
June 29, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	20	Cooper Union Trail

Date	Event	Type of Event	Participants	Location
July 1, 2024	WC: Breakfast on the go	Program	19	Ringwood Community Center
July 2, 2024	WC: Marijuana Awareness Table	Program	22	Ringwood Public Library
July 3, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	15	Ringwood Skatepark
July 6, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	9	Puppy Rock Trail/ Ryerson
July 8, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	15	Ringwood Skatepark
July 9, 2024	WC: Colors of Empowerment, Paint with Purpose	Program	25	Ringwood Community Center
July 10, 2024	WC: Nutrition Supplement Presentation	Program	15	Ringwood Community Center
July 11, 2024	WC: Mindful Meditation	Program	10	Ringwood Skatepark
July 11, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	21	Ringwood Community Center
July 13, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	3	Puppy Rock/ Ryerson
July 15, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	13	Ringwood Skatepark
July 16, 2024	Hearing Screening	Screening	16	Ringwood Community Center

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
July 16, 2024	WC: Laughter is the Best Medicine	Program	11	Ringwood Community Center
July 17, 2024	Foot Screening	Screening	11	Ringwood Health Clinic
July 17, 2024	WC: Pilates	Program	13	Ringwood Community Center
July 18, 2024	WC: Mindful Meditation	Program	4	Ringwood Skatepark
July 18, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	0	Ringwood Community Center
July 20, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	8	Cooper Union Trail
July 22, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	15	Ringwood Skatepark
July 24, 2024	WC: Summer Dessert Presentation	Program	22	Ringwood Community Center
July 25, 2024	WC: Mindful Meditation	Program	10	Ringwood Skatepark
July 25, 2024	Skin Cancer Screening	Screening	34	Ringwood Community Center
July 25, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	17	Ringwood Community Center

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
July 27, 2024	WC: Hiking	Program	7	Cooper Union Yellow Trail
July 29, 2024	WC: Walk with a Dietitian- Pre/Probiotic	Program	20	Hewitt School Walking Trail
July 30, 2024	Vision Board	Program	8	Ringwood Community Center
July 31, 2024	WC: Yoga	Program	8	Ringwood Skatepark
August 1, 2024	WC: Mindful Meditation	Program	8	Ringwood Skatepark
August 1, 2024	WC: Zumba	Program	21	Ringwood Community Center
August 5, 2024	WC: Finale	Program	33	Ringwood Community Center
August 30, 2024	Marijuana Awareness Table	Program	50	Ringwood Community Center
September 7, 2024	FP: Hiking	Program	12	Cooper Union Yellow Trail
September 11, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
September 12, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	5	Ringwood Skatepark

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
September 12, 2024	FP: Zumba	Program	27	Ringwood Ambulance Corp
September 14, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	33	Puppy Rock Trail/ Ryerson
September 17, 2024	Marijuana Awareness: Weed Wager	Program	3	Ringwood Community Center
September 18, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
September 19, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	4	Ringwood Skatepark
September 21, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	27	Ringwood Library Trail
September 24, 2024	FP: 8 Dimensions of Health	Program	10	Ringwood Community Center
September 25, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
September 25, 2024	Marijuana Awareness: Back to School	Program	9	E.G Hewitt Intermediate School
September 26, 2024	Marijuana Awareness: Back to School	Program	38	Ryerson Middle School
September 28, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	3	Cooper Union Yellow Trail

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
October 1, 2024	FP: Breast Cancer Awareness	Program	6	Ringwood Community Center
October 3, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	2	Ringwood Skatepark
October 3, 2024	FP: Zumba	Program	27	Ringwood Ambulance Corp
October 8, 2024	Tick Education	Program	32	Robert Erskine
October 8, 2024	FP: Handwriting Analysis	Program	23	Ringwood Community Center
October 9, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
October 10, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	5	Ringwood Skatepark
October 10, 2024	FP: Zumba	Program	25	Ringwood Ambulance Corp
October 12, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	28	Ringwood Library Trail
October 15, 2024	FP: Body Image Workshop	Program	14	Ringwood Community Center
October 16, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
October 17, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	3	Ringwood Skatepark
October 17, 2024	FP: Zumba	Program	21	Ringwood Ambulance Corp
October 19, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	17	Cooper Union Yellow Trail
October 22, 2024	FP: Fall Food Demo	Program	15	Ringwood Community Center
October 23, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
October 23, 2024	Tick Education	Program	52	Peter Cooper Elementary School
October 24, 2024	FP: Meditation	Program	4	Ringwood Skatepark
October 26, 2024	FP: Hike	Program	14	Puppy Rock Trail/ Ryerson
October 29, 2024	FP: Fall Food Demo	Program	22	Ringwood Community Center
October 30, 2024	FP: Yoga	Program	30	Ringwood Community Center
October 31, 2024	FP: Zumba	Program	10	Ringwood Ambulance Corp

Date	Program	Type of Event	Participants	Location
November 7, 2024	Minding Your Mind	Program	14	Ringwood Community Center
November 14, 2024	Minding Your Mind	Program	11	Ringwood Community Center
November 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Vision Board Workshop	Program	25	Ringwood Community Center
November 19, 2024	Minding Your Mind	Program	15	Ringwood Community Center
November 21, 2024	Germ Education	Program	31	Robert Erskine Elementary
November 26, 2024	Minding Your Mind	Program	15	Ringwood Community Center
December 6, 2024	Marijuana Awareness Tabeling	Program	9	Ringwood Public Library
December 13, 2024	Marijuana Awareness Tabeling	Program	12	Ringwood Public Library
December 19, 2024	Marijuana Awareness: The Weed Wager	Program	120	Ryerson Middle School

## **PHOTOS THROUGHOUT 2024**













### **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.







Jeannette Davison: Health Officer & Public Health Nurse

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

	20	21	20	22	20	23	20	24
Program	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants
Child Health Clinic	7	33	7	18	8	23	13	58
Pediatric Immunizations	-	57	-	48	-	64	-	78
Pediatric Lead Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Blood Pressure Screening	2	12	6	22	5	20	6	28
Heart Health Screening	-	-	1	5	1	27	1	42
Know Your Numbers	-	-	-	-	3	62	3	75
Stroke Screening	-	-	1	5	1	27	1	42
Skin Cancer Screening	-	-	1	18	1	30	1	34
TB Screening	-	26	-	28	-	51	-	24
Adult Immunizations	-	251	-	148	-	164	-	110
School Immunization Audits	6	-	-	6	-	10	-	10
Blood-Borne Pathogen Training	1	26	1	12	0	0	1	1
Home Visits	-	115	-	17	-	12	-	12
Communicable Disease Investigations	ı	2133	-	2732	-	2818	-	1116
Referrals for Medical	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	2

	20	21	20	22	20	23	20	24
Program	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants
Injury Prevention: Bike Safety Sammy's Law Safe Sitter	3	82	1	16	1	17	0	0
Art Program with WPU Peer Health Advocates & IDPG	-	1	5	300	ı	129	0	0
Sugar freed Campaign	-	-	1	300	3	340	2	340
Vision Screening	-	-	1	17	1	24	0	0
Hearing Screening	-	-	1	23	1	19	1	16
Oral Cancer Screening	-	-	1	12	1	9	1	6
Foot Screening	-	-	-	-	1	19	1	11
Skin Cancer	-	-	-	-	1	30	1	34
Safety Town	-	-	1	73	1	75	1	75
Marijuana Tabeling	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	180
WPU Students 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	180
Marijuana Panel	-	-	-	ı	-	1	1	20
Substance Use Program 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	120

### **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	2024 Data
# of Licensed Food Establishments	51	51	62	62	80
# of Retail Food Establishment Plans Reviewed	1	1	3	1	2
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	1	1	3	0	2
# of Routine Inspections	67	67	81	83	98

## Youth Camps

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	2	2	2	2	2
# of Routine Inspections	1	2	1	1	1
# of Emergency and Complaint-Related Inspections	0	0	0	0	0

## Recreational Bathing

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Licensed Seasonal Facilities	8	8	8	8	8
# of Pre-Operational Inspections	8	8	6	8	8
# of Routine Inspections	8	8	8	8	8

## Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of New System Permits Issued	1	5	1	1	1
# of Repair Permits Issued	94	71	57	48	51
# of Alteration Permits Issued	48	65	42	41	31
# of Systems in Ringwood	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)	4200 (approx.)
# of Pumping Permits	707	715	752	1200	963
# of Realty Transfer System Reports Reviewed	234	160	115	88	79

## Public Health Nuisance Complaints

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Complaints Received	22	18	23	30	34
# of Complaints Investigated	22	18	23	30	34
# of Complaints that Required Enforcement	14	16	9	7	9

## Other Inspections

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Beauty Salons Inspected	7	7	7	6	6
Kennels/Shelters	2	3	2	2	2

## Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Zachary Faiola



### **Shared Services:**

From June to December 2024, Ringwood and the Lincoln Park Health Department engaged in a temporary shared service agreement. This collaboration included Health Officer services and Registered Environmental Health services while Lincoln Park's Health Officer was on leave. In this arrangement, the health officer stepped in to oversee the daily functions of the health department, ensuring continuousness in management and the operation of health services. Additionally, the Registered Environmental Health Specialist oversaw crucial tasks such as food inspections, septic inspections, and addressing public health complaints.

This collaborative approach not only maintained high standards of public health and safety but also encouraged a sense of community and mutual support among municipalities. By sharing resources and expertise, the health departments were able to better serve their communities and respond more effectively to health needs of the community.

Key Facts & Activities	2024 Data
Food Inspections	25
Pre-Operational Inspections	1
Septic Installations	1
Tattoo Inspections	1
Complaints	2



### 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 31st.



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## **ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Dogs Licensed	1611	1577	1504	1492	1481
# of Cats Licensed	379	369	345	312	291
# of Rabies Vaccines Given at Clinic	225	198	220	191	148
# of Incidents Where an Animal Bit a Human	7	16	11	18	18
# of Incidents Where a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal Bit a Human	0	0	2	1	1
# of Incidents Where a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal Bit a Domestic Animal	1	0	0	0	0
# of Unimmunized Domestic Animals Confined for Rabies Observation After Biting a Person or Animal	0	0	0	0	0



Ringwood Rabies Clinic 2024

### **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.

### **Vital Statistics**

Key Facts & Activities	2020 Data	2021 Data	2022 Data	2023 Data	2024 Data
# of Marriage or Civil Union Licenses Application	54	69	52	64	60
# of Certified Copies Issued for Marriage	234	209	213	174	244
# of Ringwood Home Birth Certificates	0	1	1	1	0
# of Certificates Certified Copies Issued for Birth	5	4	4	7	1
# of Certificate Certified Copies Issued for Death	6	8	21	11	21
Total # of Certified Copies Issued	245	221	238	192	266

In 2024, the average age of first marriage for women is 29.2 years and 31.1 years for men.

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**

Continue to Develop our Health Prevention Programs and Promote Programs to Improve Physical and Mental Health.

Broaden our Education on Food Borne Illnesses as they Relate to our Community.

Increase the Health Departments Community Engagement Using Social Media and Technology.

Increase Presence in the Community through Collaboration with Other Entities that Service our community.



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