

Board of Health Presentation

February 4, 2025



MAPLEWOOD
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Nursing Update



Nursing Report- January

Reportable Disease Investigated: 7

COVID-19 Cases Investigated: 11

Influenza Homebound Vaccinations: 1

Immunization Audits: 10



FREE HOMEBOUND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



The Maplewood Health Department is currently offering the Moderna (Spikevax 2024-2025) COVID-19 vaccinations for **homebound individuals in Maplewood and South Orange only.**

- Residents will be screened by the nurse for homebound eligibility. Doses are limited so homebound criteria is strict
- Homebound vaccinations are not available to caretakers of homebound residents
- FREE- insurance not needed

Contact the Township Nurse Anna Markarova to schedule yours:

973-762-8120 x 4300

AMarkarova@maplewoodnj.gov



Free COVID-19 Test Kits

- As of late September 2024, residential households in the U.S are eligible for another order of 4 free at-home COVID-19 test kits from USPS.com
 - Each order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
 - Orders will ship free, starting September 30, 2024
- <https://Covidtest.gov>
- To order your COVID-19 test kits visit: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>
- **Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?**
Call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)).



We have FREE COVID-19
at home tests at
Maplewood Town Hall

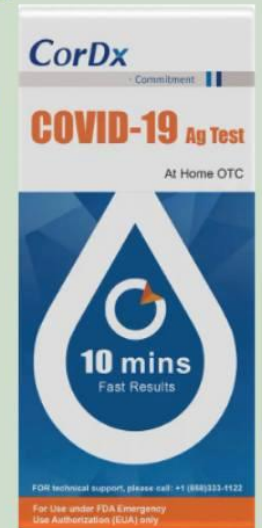
574 Valley Street, Maplewood

Pick up anytime 9-4:30 pm, M-F

2 Box Limit per Household

Exp 1/22/2025

Open to both Maplewood and South
Orange residents



PEDIATRIC COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC 6 MONTHS-11 YEARS

Friday, January 24, 2025
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The Maplewood
Community Center
DeHart Park
120 Burnet Ave., Maplewood



**MUST SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT BY
JANUARY 23, 2025**

Scan the QR code or call 973-877-8456 to
schedule your appointment!



EssexCountyNJHealth.org

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15 children vaccinated!



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
The Board of County Commissioners
The Essex County Office of Public Health Management
In Collaboration with Maplewood Health Department





"Getting vaccinated is the best defense against COVID, measles, and many other childhood diseases. We look forward to working with our partners in the Municipal Health Offices to reach the VFC program-eligible children and make sure they have access to the vaccines needed for school."



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

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Essex County Executive
The Board of County Commissioners
And the Essex County Office of Public Health Management



Vaccine for Children Clinic Sites for February 2025

Wednesday February 5, 2025
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Essex County
Watsessing Park Community Center
38 Conger Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required

Wednesday February 19, 2025
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Upper Central Fieldhouse
234 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
NEW LOCATION
All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required

Wednesday February 26, 2025
3:30-6:30PM
Essex County
Bilal Beasley
Community Center
Directly across the street from
644 Lyons Avenue Irvington, NJ 07111
All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
Registration Required



To schedule an appointment,
call 973-877-8456 or send an email to
vfc@essexcountynj.org

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Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update

- State agencies continue to aggressively monitor occurrences of H5N1 avian influenza in domestic and wild bird populations
- **While there have been recent confirmations of deaths in localized wild bird populations in parts of NJ, there have been no recent reports in domestic poultry or cattle and no human infections in the state**
 - Avian Influenza is suspected to have caused localized deaths of multiple wild birds, predominately snow geese and Canada geese, in parts of the state since the end of December
- The CDC has declared that the ongoing nationwide H5N1 outbreak is primarily an animal health issue that poses low risk to the health of the public
- **Currently, there are no confirmed human cases in NJ**



Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update cont.

- Three principal state agencies involved in monitoring and responding to Avian Influenza
 - **NJ Department of Environmental Protection:** If you encounter sick or dead wild birds report the finding to the DEP hotline at 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337)
 - **NJ Department of Health:** Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase, as expected for this time of the year. However, there are no reports of human novel influenza cases, including H5N1 bird flu, in NJ at this time
 - **NJ Department of Agriculture:** Sick or dead domestic birds should be reported to 609-671-6400)
- For more information on H5N1 visit: <https://www.nj.gov/H5N1>



Steps to Reduce Risk of Exposure to H5N1

- Avoid direct contact with wild birds; observe them from a distance
- Avoid unprotected contact with wild or domestic birds that appear sick or have died
- Only eat or drink milk or dairy products made from pasteurized milk and avoid feeding pets raw milk or dairy products. Raw (unpasteurized) milk or dairy products can contain germs that make people and pets sick
- Cook poultry, eggs, and beef to appropriate internal temperatures before consumption
- Take additional precautions, including wearing PPE if you may be in contact with infected or potentially infected birds, dairy cows, or other animals



Environmental Health & Animal Control Services



Environmental Health- January

Inspections

- Restaurant inspections: 8
 - Pre-operation inspections: 1
 - Re-inspections: 1
 - Mobile Food Trucks: 9
- Complaints: 13
- NOV's: 5
- Summonses: 2

Health Department Licenses:

- ✓ Retail Food Establishments (Restaurants)
- ✓ One Day Food Licenses (events/festivals)
- ✓ Vape Shops
- ✓ Body Art/ Tattoo Parlors
- ✓ Massage/ Spa
- ✓ Recreational Bathing (Pools)
- ✓ Childcare Centers
- ✓ Kennels
- ✓ Dogs, Cats and Chickens



2024 Animal Control Statistics (July- December)

Total Calls: 121

Bite: 15

Cruelty/Neglect: 4

Enforcement: 11

Other: 5

Seizure: 1

Stray: 25

Stray Animals Impounded: 22

Rescue Group: 9

Wildlife: 60



December 2024 Animal Control Statistics

Total Calls: 13

Bite: 1

Enforcement: 1

Other: 2

Stray: 1

Stray Animals Impounded: 1

Rescue Group: 1

Wildlife: 8



NOW AVAILABLE



2025 Dog & Cat Licenses



\$15 FOR NEUTERED/SPAYED PETS
\$18 FOR NON-FIXED PETS
A \$7 LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED
AFTER 1/31/25



ACCORDING TO TOWN ORDINANCE
113-7: LICENSES SHALL BE REQUIRED
FOR ALL DOGS/CATS OF LICENSING
AGE



maplewoodnj.gov/pets



QUESTIONS?

Call 973-762-8120 ext 2006



Use this QR code or
link to register now

2025 Dog and Cat Licenses
are Open! Late fees now
apply

There are currently 88 Cat
licenses and 587 Dog
Licenses.

Social Services/Mental Health



Crisis Intervention Social Workers Report

January 2025

MONTH	TOTAL CASES	New Cases	Co-Response	Clinical Cases
January	13	8	1	6



JFS Senior Social Worker Q3 (July-September 2024)

Referrals Made to:	SUNNYSIDE/TOWNSHIP									
	Transportation Resources	LTSS/JACC/ABD Program	Homecare Agencies	SNAP Office	SHIP Program	Affordable Housing Resources	Maplewood Senior Center/Baird Center	Essex County Division of Senior Services	Adult Protective Service	
Maplewood Older Adults	3	4	6	2	2	2	3	3		0

Senior Tax Freeze Program	Eldercare				Chill Care	JFS Shop N Drop Program	Meels on Wheels	JFS Care		Mental Health Resources	Other Resources	Total
	Attorney/ Estate Planning	Homeshaaring Inc Agency	Geriatricians					Consultation Caregiver Services				
2	1	2	0	4	2	1	5		1	4	47	

JFS Senior Social Worker Q4 (October- December 2024)

Referrals Made to:	Transportation Resources	LTSS/JACC/ABD Program	Homecare Agencies	SNAP Office	SHIP Program	Affordable Housing Resources	SUMMIT TOWNS/Maplewood Senior Center/Baird Center	Essex County Division of Senior Services	
Maplewood Older Adults		3	1	2	1	5	2	1	1

Senior Tax Freeze Program	Eldercare Attorney/ Estate Planning	Homesharing/ Inc Agency	Chrill Care	JFS Shop N Drop Program	Meels on Wheels	JFS Care Consultation Caregiver Services	Mental Health Resources	Other Resources	Total
2	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	4	32

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

Emergency
Services

911

Mental
Health
Crisis

988

Social
Services

211

Poison
Control

800-222-1222

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

