

Department Name	Health
Account(s)	4010, 3510

Department Function
The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) strives to protect and improve the health of individuals, families, and communities, utilizing strategies that reduce health disparities and promote health equity. We collaborate with community partners and offer a variety of high quality programs and services to accomplish the following: • Prevent communicable and chronic diseases, injuries, and disabilities; • Protect against environmental hazards that threaten health and safety; • Promote the health and wellness of our citizens and our communities; and • Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies.

Current Year Highlights
ACDOH has remained immersed in the COVID pandemic response while ensuring that all usual programs and services continue to be provided to Albany County residents. Highlights include: • Holding mass vaccination clinics and smaller, community-focused “Point of Dispensing” vaccination efforts, including at our 175 Green Street clinic. ACDOH also worked with many community partners to redistribute vaccine. • Provided ongoing information to the public through press conferences, interviews, our call center, and direct community outreach. • Supported safe, in-person instruction to K-12 students through coordinating the purchase of 5,500 air purifiers for school districts and holding regular meetings with school superintendents to ensure a consistent mitigation strategy was used throughout the County. ACDOH also provided masks and tests to schools and assisted with testing protocols for students and staff. • When the COVID vaccine was authorized for various age groups, ACDOH provided school-based COVID vaccination clinics, with support from the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and local pediatricians. • Completed the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment to inform our priorities for the coming years: preventing or reducing the burden of COVID-19; obesity and related comorbidities; mental health; and substance use disorder, in particular opioid use disorder. • Distributed resources for the US Department of Transportation’s “Complete Streets Demonstration Projects” to residents to maximize pedestrian safety. • Offered naloxone classes to the public and collaborated with the Albany County Department of Mental Health and local public safety agencies to improve opioid abuse and overdose response efforts in Albany County. • Conducted National Diabetes Prevention Programs through a grant award from Highmark Blue Shield of Northeast New York’s “Blue Fund.” • Established new lactation rooms for breast- and bottle-feeding at various Albany County offices, grocery stores, and our local Federally Qualified Health Center. • Hosted virtual “School Nurses Workshop” to discuss public health issues pertinent to the school-aged population (i.e. asthma, COVID-19, immunizations, mental health, and traumatic brain injury). • Implemented new Public Health Fellowship Program in conjunction with NYSDOH and Cornell Cooperative Extension. • Awarded the Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaborative grant to improve perinatal health indicators in Albany County.

Next Year Projects
• Albany County will continue to work with state, federal, and local partners on COVID-19 response including vaccination and the implementation of policy and guidelines issued by the state and federal governments. • In conjunction with Healthy Capital District Initiative, hospitals, insurers, and community partners, implement the Albany County 2023-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan, focusing on preventing or reducing the burden of COVID-19; obesity and related comorbidities; mental health; and substance use disorder, in particular opioid use disorder. • Provide additional dental educational sessions to elementary schools. Continue promotion of public health dental practices, including community water fluoridation. • Respond to additional emerging public health issues such as MPX (Monkeypox), Polio, and the rollout of recreational marijuana.

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