



Annual Report

(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)



FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR LUIGI SARTORI . . .

The year is coming to an end but the future for the District and the region is bright! We have had some struggles during the transition period, both with new leadership and the departure of other long-serving staff as well as the Director. Their service to this community is profound and appreciated. The Staff have all stepped up, without exception, to keep the District a beacon of service in the region. It is by their efforts that this organization continued its successful mission as your local health provider in the region.

Our core deliverables to the community through Environmental Health services (EHS) have been challenged with a diminished workforce over this past year. Nevertheless, our tremendous staff has delivered a near record number of tasks during this renewed period of growth and development in the region. The preventative work being done is of impeccable quality and we are fortunate to be able to bolster our EHS with some new people and contractors to bridge the gap until they are fully trained.

Our Community Health program is a true labor of love as they deliver a score of both clinical and consultative services with a minimal staffing capacity. Our excellent staff have provided outreach, education, vaccinations, and countless Public Health preventions over the course of this year. We hope to significantly bolster these services in the coming years. We continue to maximize our potential with our regional partners as well as seeking new and innovative opportunities that we feel would best serve our mission for service in this great region.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Board and our partner Towns for your continued support and leadership. Your vision and commitment are essential to the success of our efforts. I also want to extend my thanks to our dedicated staff, community partners, and stakeholders, whose hard work and resilience have been crucial in achieving our goals.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities to build on the momentum of this year, tackle emerging health concerns, and continue to improve the lives of those we serve. Together, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing public health and creating a brighter, healthier future for our community.

THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Mission:

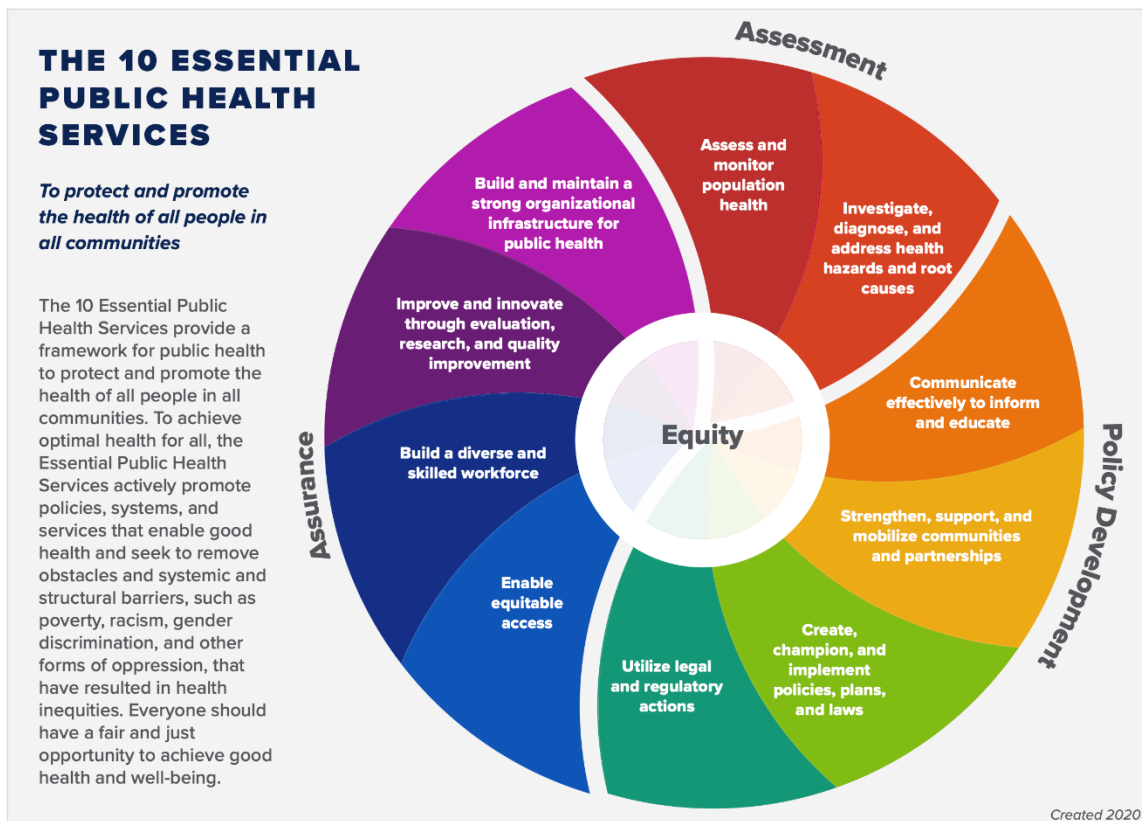
The Northeast District Department of Health will, through community partnerships, promote, protect, and improve the health of the residents of northeastern Connecticut by monitoring health concerns, preventing illness, and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Vision:

Healthy people engaged in creating a thriving community.

Values:

Community, Trust, Accountability, Ethics, Expertise, and Peace of Mind



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Robert Kelleher-Board Vice Chair

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NDDH Staff

Susan Starkey-Director of Health

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Linda Colangelo-Education/Communication Coordinator

Matthew Lynch-Health Informatic Specialist

Lisa Harding-Dental Hygienist

Jim Vannoy-Acting Director of Health

Brittany Otto-Environmental Health Specialist

Kim Stafko- Environmental Health Specialist

Isaac Combs-Environmental Health Specialist

Tracy Farrow- Senior Secretary/Receptionist

Linda Buission-Administrative Assistant

Janine Vose-Public Health Nurse

Jessica Fuller-Nurse

Stephanie Hynes-Community Health Worker

Melissa Nichols-Finance Manager

Anne Daly-Derosier-Dental Hygienist

Medical Advisor

Dr. Kristen Xeller



Community Health

Grants

CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Per Capita Allocation for support of municipal and district departments of health

CT DPH and US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Immunizations and Vaccines for Children COVID-19 Supplements, which provides additional funding to enhance local public health efforts to support immunization activities and media campaigns to help educate Connecticut residents on the importance of vaccinations in the mitigation of serious illnesses

CT DPH/CDC (PHEP) for Public Health Emergency Preparedness efforts

CT DPH and US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) under Component A1-Workforce of its Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program

NDDH District-Wide Services

Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response

Radon Awareness and Test Kits – for free home testing for radon, a leading cause of lung cancer

Flu Immunizations

Lead Poisoning Prevention and Investigations

Community Health Education – covering a broad range of topics including cancer screenings, fall prevention, gun safety, immunizations, rabies, tick borne illnesses, and other topics as requested



Clinical Health Data

2024	Brooklyn	Canterbury	Eastford	Hampton	Killingly	Plainfield
REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE						
Babesiosis	2	2	1	0	7	6
Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chlamydia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gonorrhea	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Group B Streptococcus	1	1	0	0	2	1
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	0	2	0
Hepatitis C	0	2	0	0	3	7
Influenza	39	17	3	3	43	85
Legionellosis	0	0	0	0	1	1
Listeriosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	13	33	6	20	28	25
Rotavirus	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	1	1	0	0	2	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae	0	0	0	0	3	0
COMMUNICABLES TOTAL	56	56	10	23	92	125

DENTAL - ORAL HEALTH SCREENING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS						
Total Participating	n/a	n/a	37	n/a	475	n/a
Number of Caries	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	75	n/a
Number of Other Dental Care Needs	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	60	n/a
TOTAL DENTAL	0	0	46	0	610	0

2024	Pomfret	Putnam	Sterling	Thompson	Union	Woodstock	TOTAL
REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE							
Babesiosis	0	1	3	4	0	3	29
Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chlamydia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Gonorrhea	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Group B Streptococcus	0	0	2	1	0	0	8
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Hepatitis C	0	8	1	2	0	1	24
Influenza	8	29	11	16	1	14	269
Legionellosis	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
Listeriosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	9	8	12	9	1	12	176
Rotavirus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	1	0	1	0	2	8
Streptococcus pneumoniae	0	3	2	2	0	2	12
COMMUNICABLES TOTAL	18	51	31	36	2	37	537

DENTAL - ORAL HEALTH SCREENING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS							
Total Participating	86	125	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	723
Number of Caries	11	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	97
Number of Other Dental Care Needs	13	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83
TOTAL DENTAL	110	137	0	0	0	0	903

2024	Brooklyn	Canterbury	Eastford	Hampton	Killingly	Plainfield
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL						
As-Built	9	17	6	1	10	9
B100	56	41	14	16	51	35
Plan Review, Commercial	0	1	0	0	0	1
Plan Review, New	30	11	7	4	17	7
Plan Review, Repair	10	7	4	4	14	20
Plan Review, Revised	14	4	0	3	10	7
Plan Review, Subdivision	4	1	0	1	1	1
Permit to Construct, Commercial	0	1	0	0	1	2
Permit to Construct, New	21	12	7	3	17	6
Permit to Construct, Repair	9	7	4	3	12	21
Soil Test, Additional	8	1	6	3	12	11
Soil Test, New	19	9	6	8	14	8
Soil Test, Repair	10	5	3	2	21	18
Tank or Sewer Line	8	6	0	1	5	9
Water Treatment Permit	0	0	0	0	1	1
Property Document Search	69	39	16	19	113	71
TOTAL	267	162	73	68	299	227
POTABLE WATER						
Well Permit	14	19	5	4	15	15
FOOD SERVICE SANITATION						
Restaurant Inspection	44	17	6	8	90	77
Restaurant Re-Inspection	1	1	0	0	0	0
Restaurant Plan Review	3	1	0	0	6	1
Temporary Food Event	28	15	1	2	20	20
TOTAL	76	34	7	10	116	98
HEALTH INSPECTIONS						
Campground	0	0	3	1	2	0
Daycare	0	0	0	0	5	1
Group Home	6	0	0	0	2	0
Hair Salon	16	0	0	0	57	69
Hotel / Motel	1	0	0	0	2	3
Medical	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nail Salon	1	0	0	0	4	5
Pool Inspection	0	0	1	0	2	2
TOTAL	24	0	4	1	75	81
COMPLAINTS						
Animal or Animal Waste	1	0	0	0	5	3
Bed Bugs	0	0	0	0	6	3
Food Service	4	0	0	0	10	3
Garbage	3	0	0	0	14	8
Heat / Water	1	2	0	0	5	0
Housing	3	1	0	0	22	20
Insects, Vermin (exclude Bed Bugs)	1	0	0	0	21	9
Lead Complaint	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mold	2	0	0	0	16	16
Odor	0	0	0	0	11	7
Outdoor Wood Furnace / Smoke	0	0	0	0	2	2
Septic	1	0	1	0	3	1
Other (includes COVID)	1	0	1	0	5	7
TOTAL	18	3	2	0	120	79
HEALTH SERVICES						
Lead Poisoning Prevention/Education	4	0	0	0	4	2
Ongoing Lead Case Management	5	3	2	6	24	19
Rabies Prevention	1	1	0	0	4	0
# Animals Tested + for Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	4	2	6	32	21
ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS TOTAL	409	222	93	89	657	521

2024	Pomfret	Putnam	Sterling	Thompson	Union	Woodstock	TOTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES							
SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL							
As-Built	8	9	8	36	3	34	150
B100	26	10	17	37	7	69	379
Plan Review, Commercial	0	1	1	2	0	0	6
Plan Review, New	4	4	4	15	1	11	115
Plan Review, Repair	10	4	5	18	2	13	111
Plan Review, Revised	7	3	2	4	1	6	61
Plan Review, Subdivision	0	0	0	6	0	1	15
Permit to Construct, Commercial	0	2	0	1	0	0	7
Permit to Construct, New	6	7	7	20	0	18	124
Permit to Construct, Repair	10	4	6	17	2	13	108
Soil Test, Additional	8	2	4	7	2	6	70
Soil Test, New	4	5	2	28	2	9	114
Soil Test, Repair	12	4	5	17	0	19	116
Tank or Sewer Line	6	2	1	3	3	12	56
Water Treatment Permit	1	2	0	1	0	2	8
Property Document Search	47	53	38	69	8	84	626
TOTAL	149	112	100	281	31	297	2066
POTABLE WATER							
Well Permit	11	8	10	26	0	22	149
FOOD SERVICE SANITATION							
Restaurant Inspection	27	50	14	30	2	19	384
Restaurant Re-Inspection	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
Restaurant Plan Review	0	3	0	0	0	4	18
Temporary Food Event	2	9	10	9	1	18	135
TOTAL	30	62	25	40	3	41	542
HEALTH INSPECTIONS							
Campground	0	0	4	0	0	6	16
Daycare	0	3	0	2	0	1	12
Group Home	0	0	0	3	0	0	11
Hair Salon	4	42	2	16	0	4	210
Hotel / Motel	0	0	0	3	0	0	9
Medical	2	2	0	1	0	0	7
Nail Salon	1	4	0	0	0	0	15
Pool Inspection	0	0	2	4	0	3	14
TOTAL	7	51	8	29	0	14	294
COMPLAINTS							
Animal or Animal Waste	0	0	0	0	0	4	13
Bed Bugs	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Food Service	1	9	2	3	0	0	32
Garbage	1	3	1	7	0	4	41
Heat / Water	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Housing	0	18	0	2	0	7	73
Insects, Vermin (exclude Bed Bugs)	0	7	0	6	0	3	47
Lead Complaint	0	3	0	2	0	0	6
Mold	0	11	0	2	0	3	50
Odor	0	1	0	1	0	4	24
Outdoor Wood Furnace / Smoke	0	3	0	0	0	0	7
Septic	1	1	3	6	0	3	20
Other (includes COVID)	0	6	0	4	0	3	27
TOTAL	3	63	7	33	0	31	359
HEALTH SERVICES							
Lead Poisoning Prevention/Education	2	0	0	2	0	2	16
Ongoing Lead Case Management	1	21	2	17	4	5	109
Rabies Prevention	1	0	0	0	0	2	9
# Animals Tested + for Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	21	2	19	4	9	134
ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS TOTAL	204	317	152	428	38	414	3544

Fiscal Year 2024

TOTAL Revenue/Expenditures \$1,803,207

