

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

The **Morris-Somerset Regional Chronic Disease Coalition** works to prevent premature death and disability from chronic diseases such as cancer, to understand the risk factors of chronic disease and to promote healthy behaviors.

Somerset County Medical Reserve Corps is a program designed to identify and register individuals who are willing to volunteer within Somerset county or their local area during a public health emergency. SCDOH provides recruitment and training for this program.

About Us

Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH) is the flagship Health Department serving Somerset County. SCDOH is the largest health department, and the umbrella public health agency for specialized technical and professional public health services throughout Somerset County.

In addition, SCDOH provides essential public health services to our contract communities:

- ◆ Public Health Administration
- ◆ Health Education
- ◆ Environmental Health
- ◆ Public Health Nursing
- ◆ Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
- ◆ Maternal and Child Health
- ◆ Adult Health Programs

Somerset County Department of Health
is the Contracting Health Agency for
the following municipalities:

- ◆ Bedminster
- ◆ Far Hills
- ◆ Franklin Township
- ◆ Manville
- ◆ North Plainfield
- ◆ Raritan
- ◆ Rocky Hill
- ◆ Somerville

**Somerset County
Department of Health
is a credible source for
routine and emergency
public health information and
a partner in countywide
public health emergency
response.**

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SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dedicated to fostering healthy lifestyles and a safe environment through effective leadership in public health.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

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Health Officer/Director of Health

LOCAL HEALTH



Sanitary Inspections

SCDOH conducts a variety of inspections and services to assure a safe, healthy environment in our communities. The environmental health staff protects the community by interpreting and enforcing applicable local, state and federal laws regarding sanitary standards in food, water supplies, garbage disposal, sewage disposal and housing maintenance.



Health Education

SCDOH Health Educators provide integrated support to the daily operation of the health department. They coordinate with other community agencies to create programs, policies and environmental changes to improve the health status of our region. Essential to this process is networking and outreach with the community to design meaningful and cost effective programs and to help assure appropriate policies exist or are created to provide healthier offerings in Somerset County.



Disease Surveillance

In our service area, SCDOH conducts surveillance, reporting and monitoring of over 60 infectious diseases, initiates investigations of confirmed or suspect local outbreaks; and acts as subject matter experts for guidelines, policies and regulations on disease prevention and control.



Clinical Services

Through a contract with the Community Visiting Nurse Association, SCDOH provides free Child Health Clinics in our contract municipalities. In addition, SCDOH oversees the regional TB clinic, and also works to coordinate and bring additional routine medical services, screenings and clinics, including annual flu vaccination clinics, to our service area.

COUNTYWIDE PROGRAMS



Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

SCDOH is the lead agency responsible for countywide Public Health emergency planning and response activities. The Somerset County Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Team works to promote planning, training and coordination between public and private sector agencies to protect the health of the community during natural or manmade emergency situations.

SCDOH facilitates public/private partnerships to participate in community health assessments and works to identify and address population based health issues affecting Somerset County.



Environmental Compliance

SCDOH performs regulated facility inspections, complaint investigations, and enforcement hearings for the NJDEP's Solid Waste, Recycling, Air Pollution, Water Pollution, Safe Drinking Water, and Noise Control programs.

Under the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), our county team works to ensure compliance with state regulations on air, water and noise pollution, pesticide control and solid waste management. This program operates via a grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency.



Health Communications

Routine and emergency communications throughout the public health system are important for targeted response to community health issues. The Somerset County Local Information Network Communications System (LINCS) electronically connects public health professionals and community partners to assure prompt notification of public health situations. Through the LINCS information system, SCDOH regularly disseminates important health advisories, alerts, information texts and updates to wide ranging stakeholders.