

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 20, 2022

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Acres, Dr. Gregory Healey, Nancy Potter, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Dr. Andrew Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Deavers, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Carly Zimmermann, Deputy Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Miranda Corbine, PHS; Kindra Cousineau, PHN; Renae Johnson, SCHN

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by N. Potter, and seconded by K. Terrence, the minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting were approved.

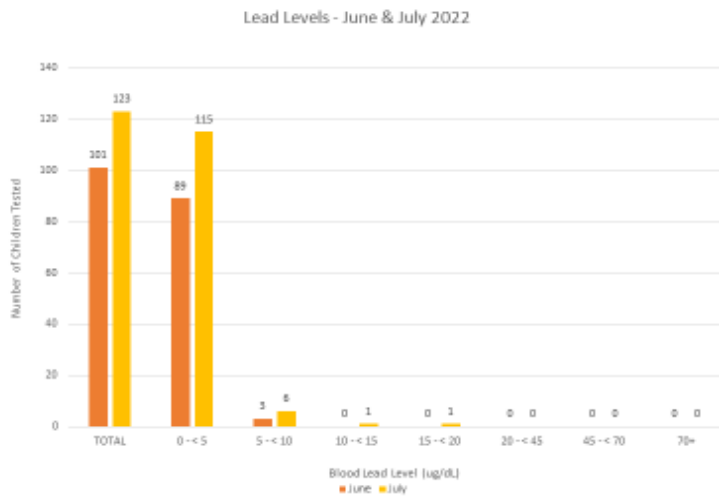
PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Lead Update: Carly Zimmermann

Data updated to current and future for when NYS changes to align with the CDC for lead level of 3.5 ug/dL to show where our caseload would be for the month.

Catch up: Summer Blood Lead Test Numbers



Number of Tests Conducted:

June: 101
July: 123

Number of Tests Elevated:

June: 3
July: 8

Percent Elevated - June			
Current	≥ 5 µg/dL	3	3%
Future	≥ 3.5 µg/dL	8	8%
Percent Elevated - July			
Current	≥ 5 µg/dL	8	4.9%
Future	≥ 3.5 µg/dL	14	11.4%

Lead Update August 2022



114 lead tests were conducted during the month of August – of those 6 were considered elevated

3 Discharges

1 New Case

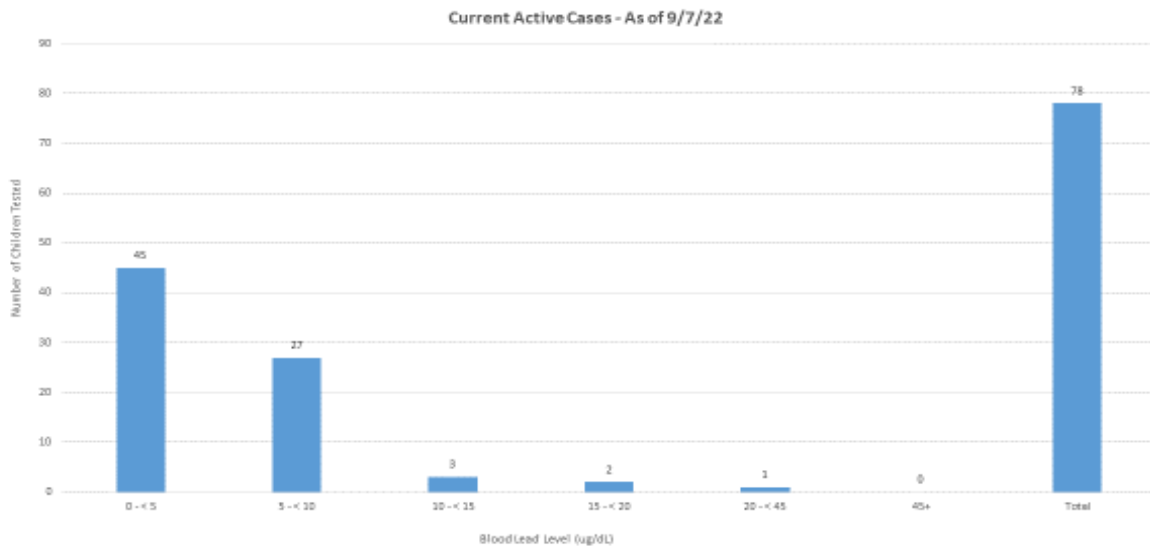
78 Active cases as of 9/7/22

Percent Elevated			
2022			
Current	≥ 5 µg/dL	6	5.2%
Future	≥ 3.5 µg/dL	10	8.8%

*The above graph represents children tested for the month of August – it is only a snapshot of children in the LPPP who were re-tested or tested for the first time during August.

*The graph below shows the active caseload of children enrolled in the LPPP – not all children in the program are tested monthly.

Active Caseload



- (3) discharges – (1) new case
- (78) on caseload as of September 7, 2022.
- 20 ug/dL and 45 ug/dL (1)
 - 8.5 year old. Last test August, 2022. A joint home inspection with NYSDOH was conducted on 9/6/22. Cleaning supplies to assist with wet cleaning: Swiffer Wet jet, spray bottle, wet wipes, along with literature. Per NYSDOH the family has made considerable progress addressing the dust issue in the home, however, it was still dusty due to a general lack of cleaning. Currently waiting on sample results to see if home passes inspection.

A request was made for information on the percentage of testing performed for eligible children, per age group. It was noted yearly testing for ages 1 and 2 year olds is low at 50%. A breakdown of this information will be added to the above presented information for the next meeting. It was noted Miranda is working on provider report cards that will also contain this information.

Updates for Managing New Cases: Carly Zimmermann

- The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has started conducting joint inspections with NYSDOH for all new cases.
- SLC Public Health now provides a bag of cleaning supplies and literature to all new cases at the time of inspection.
 - Supplies include: Swiffer Wetjet, spray bottle, wet wipes, lead safety coloring book, crayons, and lead safety & nutrition literature.
 - Please note the Swiffer Wetjets were purchased through the HUD grant and will only be available while inventory lasts (approximately 60 in stock).

Upcoming Lead Projects: Carly Zimmermann

- Presented to Human Services on 9/16/22 focused on addressing the challenges in the LPPP.
- Presentation to Office of the Aging on 10/11/22 at Senior Lunch focused on educating grandparents/older adults on the dangers of lead poisoning.
- Newsletter: Lead-Safe Guidance for Code Enforcement Officers.
- Newsletter: Lead-Safe Guidance for Landlords.
- Newsletter: Lead-Safe Guidance for D-I-Y Renovators.

The HUD Grant: Carly Zimmermann

- The HUD Grant was extended for an additional (12) months.
- Informational postcards are still being sent out.

Sanitarian Update: Carly Zimmermann

Calls for August: (7) total calls

Water Quality: (3)
Mold: (2)
Septic: (1)
Code Enforcement: (1)

Calls for June & July: (11) total calls

Water Quality (3)
Housing: (3)
Septic: (1)
Bed Bugs: (2)
Mold: (1)
Code Enforcement Officer: (1)

Carly shared we are actively recruiting to fill the vacant Sanitarian position – we have received applications and interviews have taken place. Noted the Sanitary Code and forms used by the Sanitarian will be updated.

Kevin shared information on \$635,000 in funding for septic tanks recently received (good until 2026). If individuals experience septic tank issues they can call the SLC Planning Office (Jason Pfothenauer) – believes the Housing Council is also involved. This funding is for areas from Hammond to Lisbon and down to Black Lake – locations near the river.

COVID-19: Carly Zimmermann – slide presentation

NYS Emergency ended September 12, 2022. Public Health continues to provide information monthly on the dashboard and will continue through December.

Case Update: As of August 31, 2022

Weekly New COVID-19 Cases:

- Graph shows a steady flow of cases

2022 Daily Hospitalizations:

- Trending up and down
- None reported for September thus far

Free home tests and masks are being provided to the community. Staff makes sure the information table downstairs in the lobby is stocked throughout the day – tests/masks seem to go very quickly.

Dr. Healey asked about the Bivalent booster vaccines – he has not received any at his office. It was noted Public Health has received the vaccine and can provide his office with some (both vaccines).

Kevin asked about the COVID-19 vaccination rates for the county. Carly did not have the data for the county at the time of the meeting.

There was a discussion on the percentage of vaccinations given for ages 5 and under. This number is very low. Education is being provided on the Bivalent booster because it is different from the previous booster. It was suggested educational information be provided on age appropriate eligibility for boosters (newspaper/radio) – this information is currently shared via Facebook and Instagram. There will be information flyers as well, that will be distributed at the hospitals and provider offices.

Monkeypox Update: Carly Zimmermann

- On July 29, 2022 Governor Hochul declared a State of Disaster Emergency in response to the ongoing Monkeypox outbreak.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-declares-state-disaster-emergency-response-ongoing-monkeypox-outbreak>

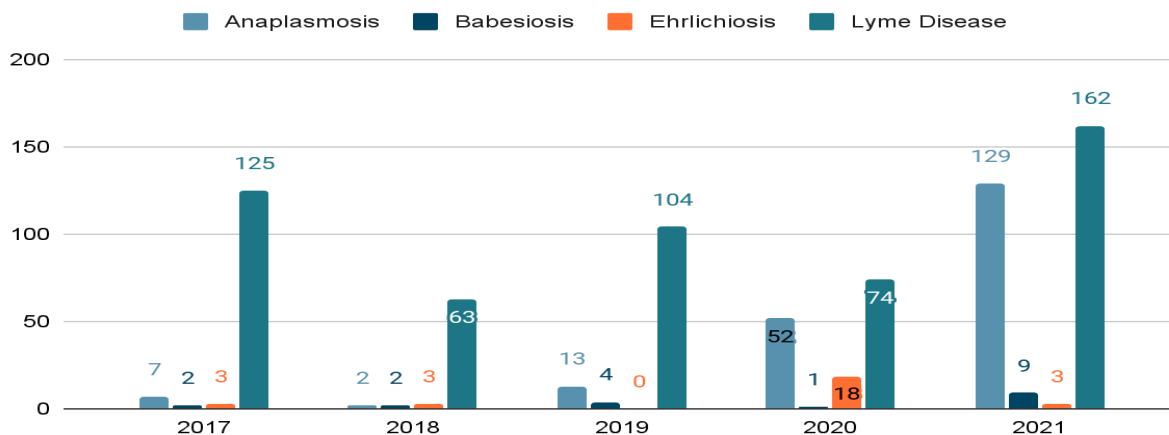
*Disaster emergency order has been extended through September 27, 2022.

- We have been working on the response to the increase in the number of Monkeypox cases.
- As noted in our July 13, 2022 press release, there was (1) county resident who tested positive for Monkeypox. There have been no other cases reported at this time.
- Currently working to provide education, not only to providers, but to the public as well.
- Second press release was issued on August 1, 2022 outlining symptoms to look for, as well as precautions to take.
- Our social media team is working on informational messaging as well.
- We are coordinating with the colleges for anticipated Monkeypox vaccination events. Possibly next week.
- We are discussing providing education regarding Monkeypox to students and families with the School Nurses.

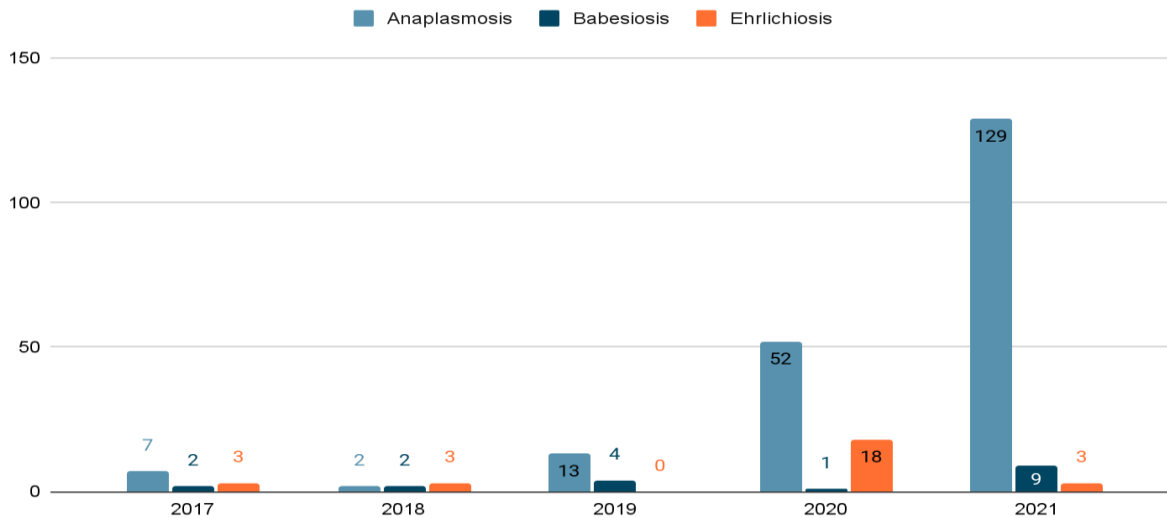
Tick-borne Illness in St. Lawrence County: Carly Zimmermann

We currently investigate 20% of the positive Lyme disease laboratory results, selected random by the NYSDOH ECLRS system, in addition to 100% of physician reported cases.

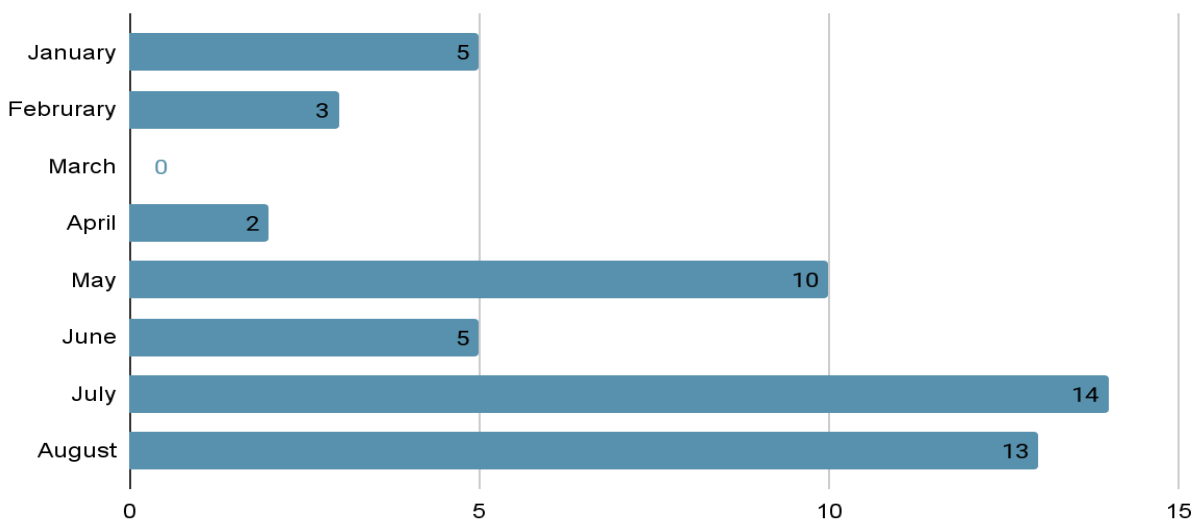
Number of Tickborne Cases in St. Lawrence County



Number of Tickborne Cases in St. Lawrence County, excluding Lyme



St. Lawrence County Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis Cases, 2022



See related links from CDC below for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/anaplasmosis/stats/index.html>

https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/babesiosis/resources/Surveillance_Babesiosis_US_2019.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/ehrlichiosis/stats/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/datasurveillance/maps-recent.html>

Brief discussion on the effectiveness of the treatments and the dissemination of educational information to the community regarding ticks and what to do if bitten. Public Health has tick kits that are a popular item at events.

OTHER ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

1. Election of Officers (President/Vice-President) take place at the October 18, 2022 meeting.
2. Bylaws need to be reviewed prior to the October 18, 2022 meeting.
3. The presentation on the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program (NYSPHC) originally planned for this meeting, has been moved to the October 18, 2022.

Other Alerts:

Polio:

- On September 9, 2022, Governor Hochul declared a Disaster in the State of New York due to the spread of Polio.

Severe Respiratory Illnesses Associated with Rhinoviruses and/or Enteroviruses Including EV-D68.

- A HAN (Health Alert Network) was issued on September 16, 2022.

There has been an increase in the number of pediatric hospitalizations in NYS as a result of severe respiratory illness who subsequently tested positive for rhinovirus and/or enterovirus.

Clinic Update:

- COVID-19 Immunizations
- Back to School Immunizations
- Sexually Transmitted Infections Clinic
- No Travel Clinic at this time.

We are fully staffed for nurses at this time!

OLD BUSINESS

Public Health Annual Trainings:

Members who had not completed their annual trainings required by compliance were notified via email with the agenda that the forms would be in their folders and needed to be completed at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

ACTIONS ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP

1. Add breakdown information on the percentage of testing being performed for eligible children (by age group).
2. Include COVID-19 vaccination coverage rates for the county in COVID-19 update at the next BOH meeting.