

BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

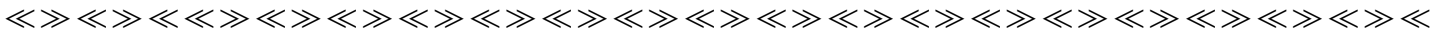
BOARD OF HEALTH NOTES

(NO QUARUM, HURRICANE IDA)

September 1, 2021

Present: * Dr. Robert G. Lahita, Vice President & Medical Director
* Stafford Patentas
* Dr. Frida Parker
* Dr. Rakesh Sharma
Gina Behre, Health Officer Consultant, NJ Department of Health
Linda Canavan, Secretary to Board

Absent: Dr. Duncan Carpenter, Dr. Constantine Rossakis, George Tashji, Dr. Joseph Bellapianta



Minutes were not approved.

Gina Behre gave us an update on the New Jersey Schools as of 9/1/2021.
Plus, Gina sent all her reports to the Board before the meeting started, please see attached reports.

Adjournment

NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

* SADDLE RIVER *

COVID-19/Administrative Update

- Continued to participate in NJDOH daily call, weekly Bergen County Health Officer conference calls for updates and shared information related to COVID-19, mosquitos and various public health activities.
- Continued planning of COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics.
- Monitored cases and provided guidance to Saddle River Schools re: COVID-19 exposure investigations, closures.
- Provided guidance to school districts on the updated NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools Orange/Yellow/ Moderate Risk as per the CALI Report (COVID 19 Activity Index) from the NJDOH updated guidance document.
- Conducted Pre-operational inspections for Saddle River Pools.
- Provided updated NJDOH guidance to Saddle River regarding removal of indoor and outdoor mask, social distancing restrictions and guidance for businesses EO 243- rescinding telework arrangements.
- Continued to monitor CDC, NJDOH websites for guidance documents and provide updates accordingly.
- Continued CDRSS/COMM Care for case investigation and contact tracing by Public Health Nurse and staff.
- Reviewed guidance from NJDOH for Youth Camps.

MANDATED ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

RISK LEVEL	ESTABLISHMENT NAME	Sat	Re-check Sat	Cond	Unsat	Preop Sat	Preop Cond	Reins Sat	Reinsp Cond	Monthly Totals	Risk Category
3	Brighton Gardens	X									Risk 1=0 Risk 2=0 Risk 3=1 Ch 9=2 Ch 25=1
25	Next Level Day Camp					X					
9	Residence Inn by Marriott					X					
9	Saddle River Ridge					X					
JUNE		1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	
MAY		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
APRIL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MARCH		1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	
FEBRUARY		7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
JANUARY		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
YEARLY TOTALS		9	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	18	

POOLS

Saddle River Grand
Residents Inn

PLAN REVIEWS & CONSULTATIONS

Month	Approved	Not Approved	Consultations	Month Totals
February-June	0	0	0	0
January	Villa Marie Claire 1/27	0	0	1
Totals	Approved =1	Not Approved = 0	Consultations = 0	Yearly Total = 1

COMPLAINTS

Month	Month Totals	Complaint #
April-June	0	NA
March	2	029-21C & 043-21C
February	0	NA
January	1	007-21C
Yearly Total= 3		

INQUIRIES

Month	Month Totals	Inquiry #
March-June	0	NA
February	2	008-21I
January	4	002-21I, 003-21I & 004-21I
Yearly Total = 6		

PRIVATE WELL CONSULTATIONS: (6)**ANIMAL BITES AND REPORT OF RABIES INVESTIGATION**

Month	Month Totals	Case #	Incident Type	State Lab	Result
June	4	020-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		021-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		026-21	Cat to Person	No	NA
		027-21	Dog to Person	No	NA
May	2	015-21	Bat to dog & person	Yes	Positive
		017-21	Coyote to Dog	No	N/A
April	1	013-21	Dog to Person	N/A	N/A
January-March	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yearly Total = 7					

SUMMONSES/ABATEMENTS/VIOLATIONS ISSUED

Month	Month Totals	Details
January-June	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 0		

OPRA REQUESTS

Month	Month Totals	Details
April-June	0	N/A
March	1	70 E. Allendale Rd. Health Department records.
February	3	107, 111 & 115 East Allendale Rd. NJDEP correspondence
January	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 4		

SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLER'S CLASSES

Class Type	Instructor	Establishment	# Attended	Class Date	Town Held in	Language
Total Saddle River = 0						

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS	Month Totals
June	3
May	2
April	2
March	2
February	3
January	2
Yearly Totals	14

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS	Month Totals
June	3
May	0
April	1
March	0
February	1
January	2
Yearly Totals	7

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Saddle River Nursing Report – June

NJ Cali rating as of June 19, 2021 is Moderate Risk or Yellow for both the Northeast and Statewide.

Below are the statistics for the Northeast Region

Case Rate	1.94
Percent CLI	2.24
Percent Positivity	0.96

Saddle River COVID Case Counts

May	7
June	2

COVID Monitoring:

The state overall has experienced a steady decline in the number of new COVID cases though a slight uptick was noticed during the latter part of the month. The small increase in case counts was attributed to several factors including end of the year ceremonies, graduations, gatherings and vacations. A similar trend occurred last year during the summer. Hopefully with the increase in vaccination rates, a larger spike in case count can be mitigated. We will continue to monitor and advise on the situation.

During the past few weeks, the NJDOH has also released several new updates to travel, masking recommendations, and removed limits on gatherings.

TRAVEL

As of May 17, 2021, the NJ Department of Health has lifted the travel advisory. However, the NJDOH advises that individuals follow the CDC's recommendations on travel and quarantine.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

With regards to gatherings, the NJDOH has removed numerical limits for indoor or outdoor gatherings. However, as Covid remains a threat, continued masking and social distancing for unvaccinated individuals is *recommended* to help stop the spread.

MASKS

In New Jersey, face masks are no longer required in most outdoor settings and indoor settings, however, based on CDC guidance, unvaccinated individuals should continue wearing a face covering in public spaces - especially indoors - to protect themselves and others.

Face masks are still required for all individuals utilizing public transportation, health care facilities, including nursing homes and office-based health care settings, child care centers, K-12 schools, homeless shelters, and correctional facilities, which remain subject to existing requirements and/or recommendations.

The mask mandate for individuals who attend K-12 schools is set to expire in July. It is the expectation that the CDC will provide the final recommendation on masking in school prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

In addition, businesses may continue to require face coverings for employees, customers, and guests. Businesses are not permitted to restrict the use of face masks by their staff, customers, or visitors.

Vaccine:

NWBRHC has hosted several COVID vaccine clinics administering both Moderna and Janssen J&J vaccine. We have also partnered with New Bridge Health to address vaccination of homebound residents.

If there are homebound residents in Saddle River who may need a COVID vaccine, please reach out to our office for additional information.

Communicable Diseases:

There was 1 incidence of Lyme Disease in Saddle River for the month of June.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
COVID-19	64	41	37	19	7	2	170
Hep B	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
YEARLY TOTAL	67	41	37	19	7	3	174

*The above numbers include all case statuses (i.e., Confirmed, Probable, Possible, Report Under investigation, not a Case). Data reflects the reporting burden of disease and does NOT reflect the number that are confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.** Private well testing act results (6).

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina M. Behre, Health Officer

NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY 2021

* SADDLE RIVER *

COVID-19/Administrative Update

- Continued to participate in NJDOH bi weekly calls, weekly Bergen County Health Officer conference calls for updates and shared information related to COVID-19, mosquitos and various public health activities.
- Monitored cases and provided guidance to Westwood schools re: COVID-19 exposure investigations, closures.
- Provided guidance to school districts including child care centers on the updated NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools Orange/Yellow/ Moderate Risk as per the CALI Report (COVID 19 Activity Index) from the NJDOH updated guidance document as needed
- Conducted Pre-operational and operational inspections for Saddle River pools.
- Prepared for upcoming temporary mobile events in Westwood.
- Continued to oversee inspections, complaints, inquiries and correspondence in Saddle River.
- Continued to monitor CDC, NJDOH websites for guidance documents and provide updates accordingly.
- Continued CDRSS/COMM Care for case investigation and contact tracing by Public Health Nurse and staff.
- Administrative support and guidance given to Health Department staff re: various complaints, animal bite investigations

MANDATED ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

RISK LEVEL	ESTABLISHMENT NAME	Sat	Re-check Sat	Cond	Unsat	Preop Sat	Preop Cond	Reins Sat	Reinsp Cond	Monthly Totals	Risk Category
1	Bishop House						X				Risk 1=1 Risk 2=0 Risk 3=0 Ch 9=0 Ch 25=0
	JULY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
	JUNE	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	
	MAY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
	APRIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	MARCH	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	
	FEBRUARY	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
	JANUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	YEARLY TOTALS	9	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	19	

POOL WATER REPORT MONITORING

- Saddle River Grand
- Residence Inn

PLAN REVIEWS & CONSULTATIONS

Month	Approved	Not Approved	Consultations	Month Totals
February-July	0	0	0	0
January	Villa Marie Claire 1/27	0	0	1
Totals	Approved =1	Not Approved = 0	Consultations = 0	Yearly Total = 1

COMPLAINTS

Month	Month Totals	Complaint #
April-July	0	NA
March	2	029-21C & 043-21C
February	0	NA
January	1	007-21C
Yearly Total= 3		

INQUIRIES

Month	Month Totals	Inquiry #
July	1	014-21I
March-June	0	NA
February	2	008-21I
January	4	002-21I, 003-21I & 004-21I
Yearly Total = 7		

014-21I – West Gate Road. Inquired about back up sewage due to the storm.

Advised her to contact Department of Public Works.

PRIVATE WELL CONSULTATIONS: (2)**ANIMAL BITES AND REPORT OF RABIES INVESTIGATION**

Month	Month Totals	Case #	Incident Type	State Lab	Result
July	0	N/A	N/A	No	NA
June	4	020-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		021-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		026-21	Cat to Person	No	NA
		027-21	Dog to Person	No	NA
May	2	015-21	Bat to dog & person	Yes	Positive
		017-21	Coyote to Dog	No	N/A
April	1	013-21	Dog to Person	N/A	N/A
January-March	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yearly Total = 7					

SUMMONSES/ABATEMENTS/VIOLATIONS ISSUED

Month	Month Totals	Details
January-July	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 0		

OPRA REQUESTS

Month	Month Totals	Details
April-July	0	N/A
March	1	70 E. Allendale Rd. Health Department records.
February	3	107, 111 & 115 East Allendale Rd. NJDEP correspondence
January	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 4		

Health Education

- Prepared an article about the COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and sent out to the different towns board of health members
- Attended webinar presented by William Paterson University of New Jersey Cannabis Research Institute “Does Marijuana Legalization Affect Work Capacity?” on July 8, 2021
- Distributed COVID vaccine fliers to local businesses in Montvale. Plans have been made to distribute flier in Saddle River.
- Provided email to BOH members on layers of protection COVID and update on Delta variant
- Research Baby Sitting 101 course – (Zoom only)

SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLER’S CLASSES

Class Type	Instructor	Establishment	# Attended	Class Date	Town Held in	Language
Total Saddle River = 0						

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS	Month Totals
July	1
June	3
May	2
April	2
March	2
February	3
January	2
Yearly Totals	15

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS	Month Totals
July	2
June	3
May	0
April	1
March	0
February	1
January	2
Yearly Totals	9

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Totals
COVID-19	64	41	37	19	7	2	8	178
Hep B	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
YEARLY TOTAL	67	41	37	19	7	3	8	182

***The above numbers include all case statuses (i.e., Confirmed, Probable, Possible, Report Under investigation, not a Case). Data reflects the reporting burden of disease and does NOT reflect the number that are confirmed.**

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.** Private Well Testing Act Results (2).

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina M. Behre, Health Officer

NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021, * SADDLE RIVER *

COVID-19/Administrative Update

- Continued to participate in NJDOH bi weekly calls, weekly Bergen County Health Officer conference calls for updates and shared information related to COVID-19, mosquitos and various public health activities.
- Monitored cases and provided guidance to Saddle River Schools re: COVID-19 exposure investigations, closures.
- Provided guidance to school districts on the updated NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools Orange/Yellow/ Moderate Risk as per the CALI Report (COVID 19 Activity Index) from the NJDOH updated guidance document as needed. Note - The Governor announced on Aug 6th that beginning in the upcoming school year all students, educators, staff and visitors will be required to wear mask while in their school buildings.
- Conducted Pre-operational and operational inspections for Saddle River pools.
- Prepared for upcoming temporary mobile events in Saddle River.
- Continued to oversee inspections, complaints, inquiries and correspondence in Saddle River.
- Continued to monitor CDC, NJDOH websites for guidance documents and provide updates accordingly.
- Continued CDRSS/COMM Care for case investigation and contact tracing by Public Health Nurse and staff.
- Administrative support and guidance given to Health Department staff re: various complaints, animal bite investigations.

MANDATED ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

RISK LEVEL	ESTABLISHMENT NAME	Sat	Re-check Sat	Cond	Unsat	Preop Sat	Preop Cond	Reins Sat	Reinsp Cond	Monthly Totals	Risk Category
											Risk 1=0 Risk 2=0 Risk 3=0 Ch 9=2 Ch 25=0
9	Residence Inn	X									
9	Saddle River Grand	X									
AUGUST		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
JULY		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
JUNE		1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	
MAY		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
APRIL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MARCH		1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	
FEBRUARY		7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
JANUARY		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
YEARLY TOTALS		11	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	21	

POOLS: Saddle River Grand & Residents Inn

PLAN REVIEWS & CONSULTATIONS

Month	Approved	Not Approved	Consultations	Month Totals
February-August	0	0	0	0
January	Villa Marie Claire 1/27	0	0	1
Totals	Approved =1	Not Approved = 0	Consultations = 0	Yearly Total = 1

COMPLAINTS

Month	Month Totals	Complaint #
August	2	129-21C, 130-21C & 131-C
April-July	0	NA
March	2	029-21C & 043-21C
February	0	NA
January	1	007-21C
Yearly Total= 5		

129-21C – Woodcliff Lake Road. Dog boarding, barking and unsanitary conditions of the maintenance of the dog pen. Inspector G. Dorsi and TYCO Official C. Tyler inspected the suspect property re: dog boarding and unsanitary conditions. No unsanitary conditions were observed and the property owner only has two dogs that are licensed with the borough. Follow-up Inspector spoke to complainant re: complaint. The Inspector informed the complainant of the observed conditions upon inspection. The Inspector also spoke with the property owner of 59 Woodcliff Lake Road who agreed to have the dogs sleep indoors on Saturday nights or with a bark collar. In addition, the property owner described the sanitary procedures for the dog pen maintenance and stated that the pen was equipped with a drain where the waste drains into the soil on the property. Complaint unfounded. No further action at this time.

130-21C- Sherbrooke Court. Disruption of potable water services.

Referred to Saddle River building department. Inspector also spoke with Martin Spence of Spence Engineering (201-934-0300) whom will be working with the property to explore connection possibilities to public water. No further action at this time.

131-21C – Perrin Place. Complainant cannot access his car due to the number of hornets & wasps in the area. He states the has many health issues which put him at risk from the wasps & hornets.

Inspector called and left messages for both the complainant and the Property Management company of Saddle River Estates (973) 773-0200. Inspector spoke with the complainant. 8/19/2021 Follow-up Inspector spoke with Property Manager C Ely re: complaint. Property Management Company contracted with J. D'Ambrozio Pest management services. Inspector called pest control company and spoke with R. Maroni (201-304-4982), who stated organic pesticides were applied but recommended to trim the tree branches away from the parked car. 8/20/2021 Inspector received additional reports of wasps & hornets by car after pest control treatment. Inspector spoke with property manager who will have the tree branches trimmed away from the vehicle. See attached emails for all correspondence. 8/31/2021 Follow-up Inspector spoke with property manager and confirmed tree was trimmed. Inspector informed complainant that the complaint will be closed.

INQUIRIES

Month	Month Totals	Inquiry #
August	0	NA
July	1	014-21I
March-June	0	NA
February	2	008-21I
January	4	002-21I, 003-21I & 004-21I
Yearly Total = 7		

Health Education

- Sent email to BOH members the update guidelines for masking indoors
- Attended a webinar on August 9th from 6:30pm -8:00 pm about Narcan. Webinar was hosted by Hudson Regional Health Commission
- Created window display about raising awareness about children's eye health and safety month
- Planning a virtual babysitting 101 class for our communities
- Preparing for tabling events for several temporary weekend and evening events

PRIVATE WELL CONSULTATIONS: (8)

ANIMAL BITES AND REPORT OF RABIES INVESTIGATION

Month	Month Totals	Case #	Incident Type	State Lab	Result
August	1	042-21	Stray cat to Person	No	NA
July	0	N/A	N/A	No	NA
June	4	020-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		021-21	Dog to Dog	No	NA
		026-21	Cat to Person	No	NA
		027-21	Dog to Person	No	NA
May	2	015-21	Bat to dog & person	Yes	Positive
		017-21	Coyote to Dog	No	N/A
April	1	013-21	Dog to Person	N/A	N/A
January-March	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yearly Total = 7					

SUMMONSES/ABATEMENTS/VIOLATIONS ISSUED

Month	Month Totals	Details
January-August	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 0		

OPRA REQUESTS

Month	Month Totals	Details
April-August	0	N/A
March	1	70 E. Allendale Rd. Health Department records.
February	3	107, 111 & 115 East Allendale Rd. NJDEP correspondence
January	0	N/A
Yearly Total = 4		

SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLER'S CLASSES

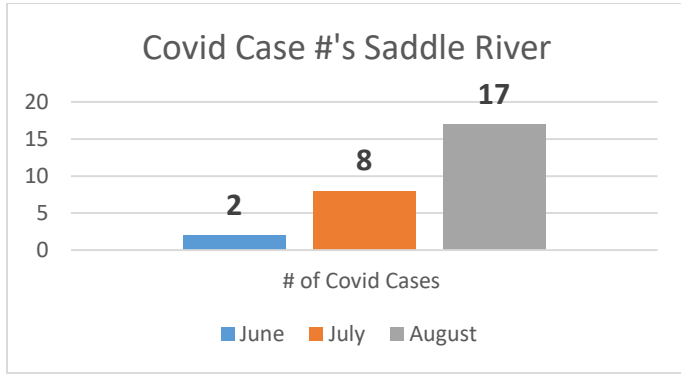
Class Type	Instructor	Establishment	# Attended	Class Date	Town Held in	Language
Total Saddle River = 0						

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS	Month Totals
August	4
July	1
June	3
May	2
April	2
March	2
February	3
January	2
Yearly Totals	19

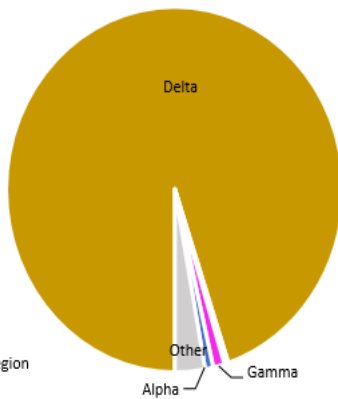
MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS	Month Totals
August	2
July	2
June	3
May	0
April	1
March	0
February	1
January	2
Yearly Totals	11

Saddle River Nursing Report – August



NJ Cali rating as of 8/21/2021 is Moderate Risk or Yellow for both the Northeast and Statewide.

	July	August
Case Rate	9.58	13.93
Percent CLI	3.52	4.67
Percent Positivity	3.59	4.37



Over the past few months, the prevalence of the B.1.617.2 Delta variant has increased tremendously. In Dec 2020, only 19% of specimens sequenced were attributed to the Delta variant. As of the end of July, that percentage has increased to 96.9 %.

Vaccination Rates:

	7/31/21	8/31/2021
All Ages	66%	69%
18 and over	76%	79%
30 and over	72%	74%
65 and over	83%	75%

As evidenced in the chart above, vaccination rates continue to increase. Please continue to encourage your residents to receive the vaccine particularly students who are eligible to receive.

COVID UPDATES:

K-12 Schools:

Governor Murphy passed Executive Order 251 which mandates masking in the indoor premises of all public, private and parochial schools effective Monday August 9, 2021. NWBRHC will continue to work with the school communities to provide guidance and respond to inquiries.

Vaccines:

The CDC has approved the administration of a 3rd (additional dose) of mRNA Covid vaccine to individuals who are immunocompromised and satisfy the below criteria:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

Several of NJ's mega-sites are able to administer the additional dose at this time.

The NJDOH is also discussing the feasibility of booster doses for individuals who have previously completed a 2-dose mRNA vaccine. These are individuals who do not qualify as immunocompromised. As this time, the state health department is awaiting approval to administer the booster doses. We will continue to monitor and advise.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

There was 1 incident of Babesiosis in Saddle River for the month of August.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Totals
Babesiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
COVID-19	64	41	37	19	7	2	8	16	194
Hep B	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
YEARLY TOTAL	67	41	37	19	7	3	8	16	199

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.** Private well testing act results. (8)

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina M. Behre, Health Officer