

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
May 23, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Frank L. Germanio, Jr., Chairperson
2. **MEETING NOTICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 10:4-6 to 10:4-21.**
3. **ROLL CALL:** _____ Z. Matalucci, _____ F. Germanio, _____ S. Turner, _____ T.VanArtsdalen
_____ M. Cox, _____ J. Justice

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING:**

A. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. 05/10/2023 – C.M.C. Health Dept. – Public Health Info: Preventing the Spread of Wildlife Rabies in Cape May County.
2. 05/19/2023 – C.M.C. Health Dept. – Public Health Info: Insect Safety.
3. 05/19/2023 – C.M.C. Health Dept. – Public Health Info: Sun Safety.

Approved by: _____ Z. Matalucci, _____ F. Germanio, _____ S. Turner,
_____ T.VanArtsdalen, _____ M. Cox, _____ J. Justice

B. **COUNTY INSPECTIONS/VIOLATIONS:**

None.

C. **DOG REPORT:**

1. There have been 273 dog licenses issued to date for 2023.

D. **NOTICE OF CONFINEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL(S) WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO RABIES:**

None.

E. **SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION:**

None.

F. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

April 25, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Approved by: _____ Z. Matalucci, _____ F. Germanio, _____ S. Turner,
_____ T. VanArtsdalen, _____ M. Cox, _____ J. Justice

6. COMMENTS:

7. MOTION TO ADJORN MEETING:

Posted on: May 10, 2023

May 2023: Preventing the Spread of Wildlife Rabies in Cape May County

Cape May Court House – Commissioner Jeffery Pierson announced today that the Departments of Health and Mosquito Control will be working together to distribute approximately 32,000 vaccine-laden baits throughout the mainland communities of Cape May County. The majority of the baits will be distributed by helicopter and the remaining will be distributing by hand in raccoon habitats (such as storm drains) and other areas considered inaccessible from the air. If weather permits, the baits will be distributed starting in May and be completed within two to three weeks.

Health Officer Kevin Thomas informed residents that, “the bait will have a warning label and include a Cape May County Department of Health telephone number for inquiries and for people to call if contact with the bait occurs.”

This vaccination program will help to reduce the number of animals with rabies such as raccoons, result in fewer encounters between rabid wildlife, pets, and people,” said Thomas. The vaccine is not harmful to wild animals or pets. Although the exposure risk to humans is very slight, the following information is important:

- Be aware of what bait looks like.
- Encourage children to leave the baits alone.
- Keep dogs and cats inside or on leashes at least five days after your area has been baited.
- Do not attempt to take bait away from your pet; you may be bitten!
- Wash your hands or exposed skin thoroughly with soap and water if you touch the bait or the liquid vaccine inside the bait.

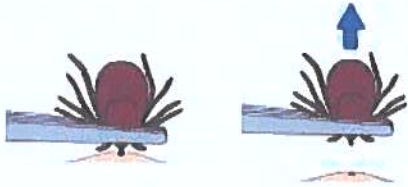
To ensure that animal rabies is controlled and that people and pets are protected, pet owners must do their part by vaccinating their dogs and cats against rabies. Additionally, people should not approach wild animals themselves - instead call the local animal control officer for assistance.

Rabies is a fatal disease in humans and any animal bite should be taken seriously. The rabies virus is shed in the saliva of animals that are infected with the virus. If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound, seek medical attention immediately, and call the Cape May County Department of Health and your municipal animal control agency. If you are exposed to a rabid or suspected rabid animal, you must receive rabies shots as soon as possible to prevent the disease. If your pet has contact with a wild animal, contact your veterinarian and the Department of Health right away.

If you have questions about the County's wild animal rabies vaccination program, call the Health Department at 465-1209. For more information on animal rabies, go to the Environmental Division at: <http://www.cmhealth.net> and to receive information on public health news and local events, "like" the Cape May County Department of Health on Facebook.

Insect Safety

Warmer temperatures are not just attractive to people, but to mosquitoes and ticks. Whether you are going on a camping trip, planning an outing to the [Cape May County Park and Zoo](#), or just enjoying your own back yard make sure your experience is fun and safe.



Insect Bite Prevention

Bite prevention starts with knowing what to do before going outdoors:

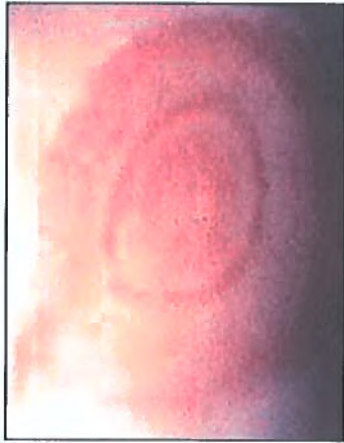
- Avoid any scented soaps, or fragrances that may attract insects.
- Put on a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and socks particularly at dusk and dawn.
- Use insect repellent and follow instructions carefully.
- Wear light-colored clothing.



See a doctor if you see a bulls-eye rash, which sometimes appears with Lyme disease infections. Review how to [prevent Lyme disease \(PDF\)](#).

Did You Know?

Ticks need to be attached for at least 24 hours to transmit harmful disease.



Mosquitoes

Although very small in size, mosquitoes can spread serious illnesses. West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne virus that the mosquito can pass on to humans and animals by biting them.

If you're concerned about mosquitoes in your area, the [Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control](#) can help!

Sun Safety

The Cape May County Department of Health advises you to take precautionary measures during extreme heat. It is important to always check the weather forecast to find out temperatures, humidity, and if there is a heat wave in your area. If an air conditioner is not accessible in your home, there are places you can visit to stay cool. Examples include:

- Grocery store
- Movie theaters
- Public libraries
- Shopping facilities

When temperatures soar, find cooling centers in Cape May County on our [Emergency Management page](#).

When it's extremely hot outside follow these tips:

Stay Cool

- Avoid strenuous activities during the hottest hours of the day.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area for as long as possible.
- Take short, frequent rests.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sun glasses that protect against UVA and UVB light.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.

Drink Fluids

During hot weather, increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink and don't drink liquids that contain alcohol, or large amounts of sugar. These drinks can actually cause you to lose fluid throughout your body.

Wear Sunscreen

Always wear sunscreen that is labeled SPF 15+ (Sun Protection Factor) "broad spectrum" before going out in the sun. This sunscreen will protect you from both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply the sunscreen every 2 hours, or after swimming/sweating. Do not try and stretch out a bottle of sunscreen-apply generously and make sure to check expiration dates.

Use a Buddy System

When traveling outdoors in the heat do not go alone. Going with a friend or relative is not only a safe way to approach the heat in case of any emergency, but also a great way to catch up on each others' lives!

Monitor Children & Elderly

Periodically check on any elderly neighbors and relatives to make sure they are staying cool. People taking medications, including diuretics, sedatives, and narcotics are vulnerable to the side effects of heat.

It is important to not overdress children. Make sure everyone around you has plenty of fluids accessible. Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even if the windows are open.

Heat-Related Illnesses

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to balance its temperature. The body temperature rises drastically and is not capable of cooling down. Common signs include:

- Dizziness
- Extremely high body temperature
- Hot, dry skin
- Nausea
- Rapid pulse

If you see any of these signs, call for medical assistance immediately. If not treated right away, heat stroke can cause permanent disability or even death.

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and low fluid intake/replacement. Signs of heat exhaustion include:

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Heavy sweating
- Muscle cramps
- Paleness
- Tiredness
- Vomiting
- Weakness

Once again, call for immediate assistance if you or a loved one is experiencing these symptoms.

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
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April 25, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:

DATE: April 25, 2023
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Dennis Township Municipal Building

Secretary J. Justice called the meeting to order reading the notice pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act.

Secretary, J. Justice conducted a roll call of the members present with, Z. Matalucci, , M. Cox, S. Turner, T. VanArtsdalen and J. Justice present. F. Germanio was absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 04/20/2023 – C.M.C. Health Dept. – Public Health Info: Notice of N.J.A.C. 8:22 Campgrounds Expiration and Sunset – Campground Guidance.
2. 04/19/2023 – Gypsy Moth Notification Information.
3. 04/25/2023 – C.M.C. Health Dept. - Rabies Vaccination Clinic – 05/06/2023 Middle Township 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

A motion was made by M. Cox, seconded by S. Turner for approval of the correspondence, with 5 ayes and 1 absent, that the correspondence was approved.

COUNTY INSPECTIONS:

None.

DOG REPORT:

1. There have been 269 dog licenses issued to date for 2023.

NOTICE OF CONFINEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL(S) WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO RABIES:

None

SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION:

167 Broad Street - VOC.

A motion was made by Z. Matalucci and seconded by T. VanArtsdalen for approval of the March 28, 2023 regular meeting minutes, with 5 ayes and 1 absent, that the minutes were approved.

S. Turner commented on the Campground Guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health.

There being no further business a motion was made by T. VanArtsdalen and seconded by S. Turner that the meeting be adjourned.

Absent

Attest: Jacqueline B. Justice, Secretary

Attest: Frank L. Germanio, Jr., Chairperson