

# DCHD MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

## WHO WE ARE

In this first newsletter DCHD is excited to introduce who we are and what we do every day to promote public health in our community! Stay tuned for future editions, in which we will share information about new resources, upcoming events and programming that will benefit the health & wellbeing of all our county residents!



## DCHD STAFF CORNER

Meet **Lora Werner!** Public Health Director

Lora Siegmann Werner is the Director of the Delaware County Health Department. She first joined Delaware County, PA in April 2022 as deputy director of the newly formed health department and was promoted to director in November 2024. Prior to serving the county, she had over 30 years of experience working in public health at the federal level and in consulting. Lora is thrilled to now be directly serving the amazing county she has called home since 1998, where she has raised her two children and runs along as many neighborhoods and trails as she can.

## HOW TO CONTACT DCHD

### WHERE CAN I FIND DCHD

**Personal Health / Population / Epi**  
125 Chester Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050

**Personal Health**  
151 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Chester PA 19013

**Environmental Health**  
(relocated effective 2/1/26)  
1400 N Providence Rd  
Building 1, Suite 212 Media PA 19063

**Administration**  
Baldwin Tower, Suite 703,  
1510 Chester Pike,  
Eddystone, PA 19022

### HOW TO CONNECT WITH DCHD

DCHD's Wellness Line provides a "one stop shop" for residents, local officials and health professionals seeking information about DCHD programs and services. The Wellness Line is answered by DCHD staff during normal business hours to provide direct assistance. After hours, calls are routed to a live answering service to ensure 24/7 availability for urgent public health concerns and emergencies.

**DCHD Wellness Line**  
(484) 276 - 2100  
DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us

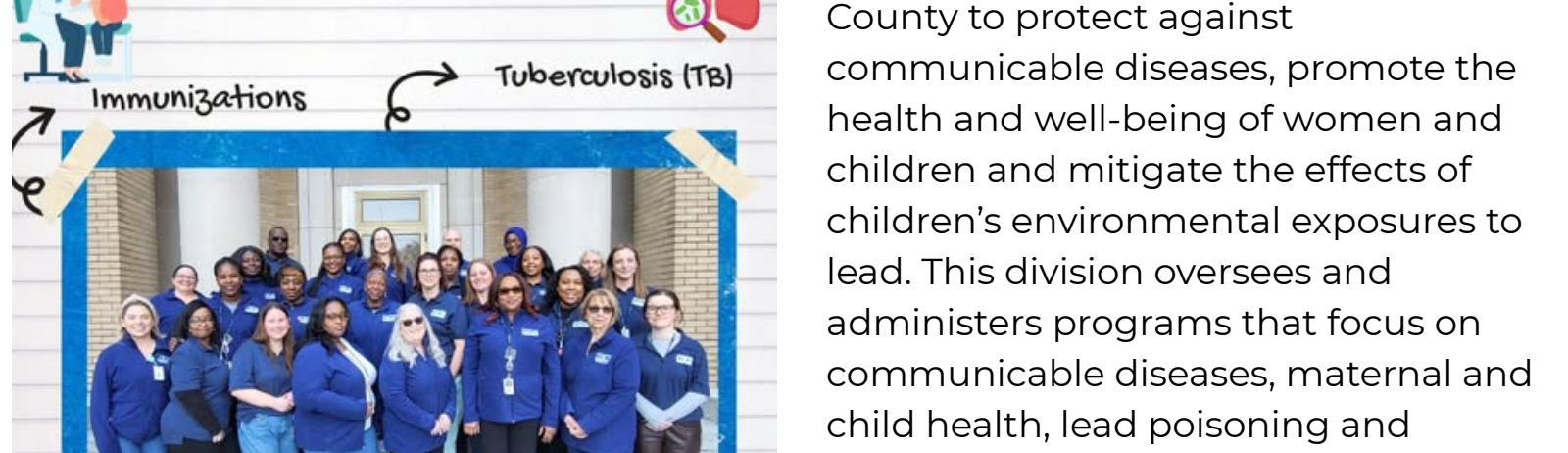
**Visit DCHD's website**  
delcopa.gov/health

**Follow DCHD on Facebook**  
@delcohealthdepartment

## OUR DIVISIONS

### POPULATION HEALTH

Oversees Community Outreach and Health Education, including the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with focus on programs & events to promote equitable health. This division coordinates with community partners, agencies, and healthcare institutions to address social determinants of health that impact individual and community health. Some key services provided by the Division of Population Health include health education and resources for chronic disease prevention, public health emergency preparedness, the Delaware County Health Department Wellness Call Center, and Delco Revive, which provides skills and knowledge of life saving resources and training for county residents.

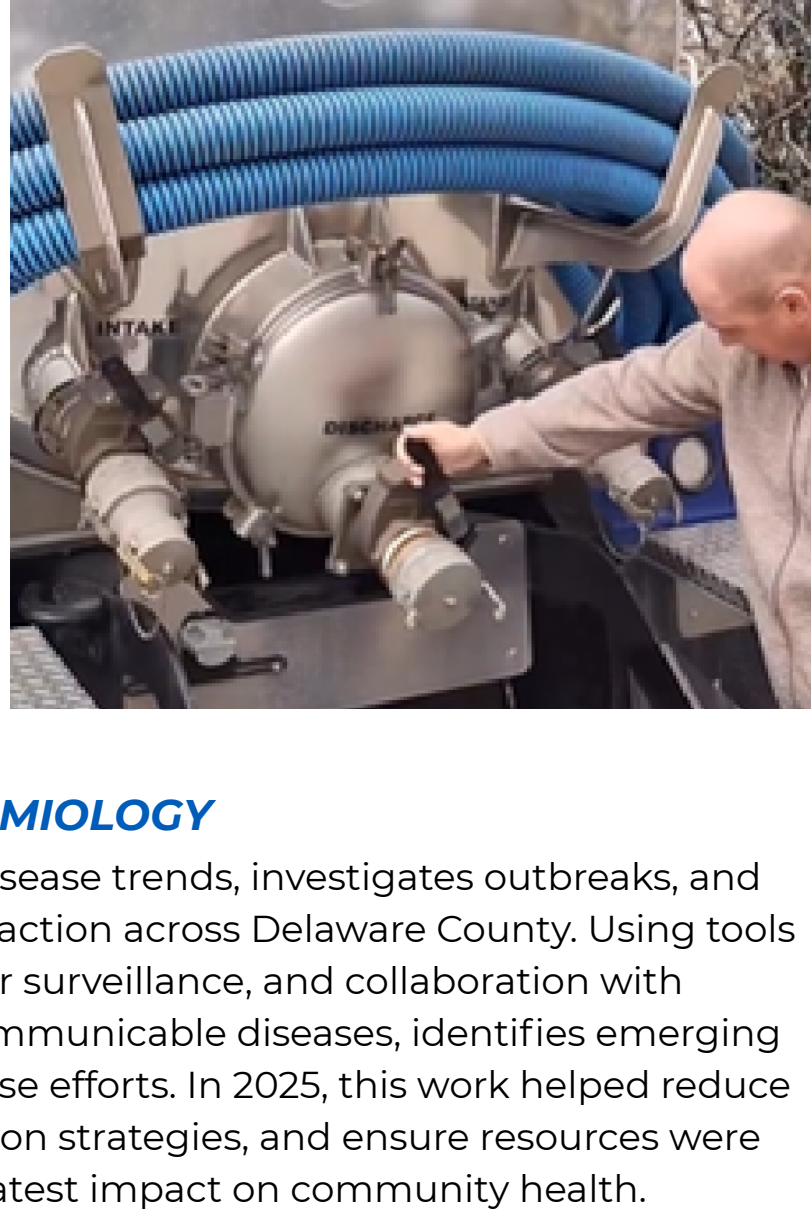


### PERSONAL HEALTH

Provides specific services to community members in Delaware County to protect against communicable diseases, promote the health and well-being of women and children and mitigate the effects of children's environmental exposures to lead. This division oversees and administers programs that focus on communicable diseases, maternal and child health, lead poisoning and school health. Our clinics located in Yeadon and Chester provide a variety of free immunizations to uninsured or underinsured children and adults, including chicken pox (Varicella), measles, mumps, polio, and others.

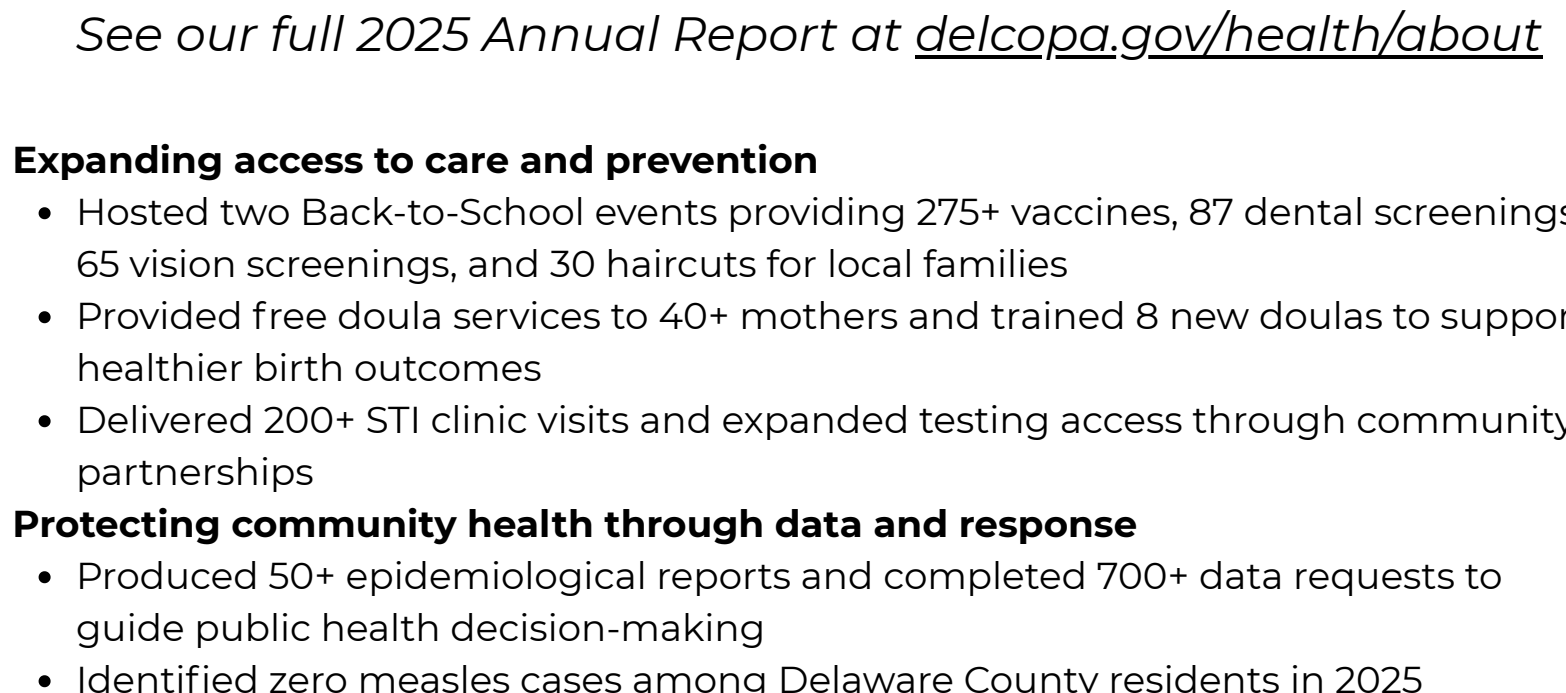
### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Serves our community by promoting a healthy environment. This division safeguards residents by ensuring food safety, monitoring environmental hazards, responding to complaints, and preventing vector-borne disease. Through inspections, surveillance, and rapid response, the team reduces risks before they become public health emergencies in Delaware County.



### EPIDEMIOLOGY

DCHD's Epidemiology team monitors disease trends, investigates outbreaks, and provides data that guides public health action across Delaware County. Using tools such as laboratory reporting, wastewater surveillance, and collaboration with healthcare partners, the team tracks communicable diseases, identifies emerging health risks, and supports timely response efforts. In 2025, this work helped reduce the spread of infections, inform prevention strategies, and ensure resources were directed where they could have the greatest impact on community health.



## KEY DCHD HIGHLIGHTS IN 2025

### Building a Healthier Delco!

See our full 2025 Annual Report at [delcopa.gov/health/about](https://delcopa.gov/health/about)

#### Expanding access to care and prevention

- Hosted two Back-to-School events providing 275+ vaccines, 87 dental screenings, 65 vision screenings, and 30 haircuts for local families
- Provided free doula services to 40+ mothers and trained 8 new doulas to support healthier birth outcomes
- Delivered 200+ STI clinic visits and expanded testing access through community partnerships

#### Protecting community health through data and response

- Produced 50+ epidemiological reports and completed 700+ data requests to guide public health decision-making
- Identified zero measles cases among Delaware County residents in 2025
- Investigated outbreaks, animal exposures, and emerging threats including mpox and West Nile Virus

#### Preventing overdose and saving lives

- Distributed 8,000+ Narcan kits and 4,500+ fentanyl test strips through Delco Revive
- Delivered 300+ CPR certifications and trained 50+ residents in Stop-the-Bleed

#### Improving environmental and community conditions

- Conducted 5,929 inspections across 2,469 facilities to protect food safety and environmental health
- Monitored 13,900+ mosquito samples to reduce vector-borne disease risk

#### Responding to healthcare system challenges

- Assisted 200+ seniors navigating medical records and care transitions following the Crozer closure
- Submitted 100+ medical records requests and provided 120+ blood pressure screenings through outreach events

#### Expanding equitable access to resources

- Deployed public health kiosks offering Narcan, test kits, condoms, gun locks, and other essential supplies at five community locations
- Engaged 220+ residents and 45 stakeholder groups to shape the Mobile Health Unit program
- Invested \$1.75 million in health equity infrastructure including EMR systems, partnerships, and community programs
- Installed cold storage equipment at 8 food pantries to improve access to fresh foods

## UPCOMING DCHD EVENTS!

April 8, 2026

#### Navigating Our Health Care System – Yeadon

Delaware County Wellness Center, 125 Chester Ave, Yeadon

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Support for former Crozer patients and other residents who need help accessing medical records, understanding next steps for care, or connecting to healthcare resources. Walk-ins welcome. Please bring ID and a cell phone.

April 11, 2026

#### Pampering Parents Giveaway (Black Maternal Health Week)

Delaware County Wellness Center, 125 Chester Ave, Yeadon

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Family-focused resource event featuring free giveaways such as diapers, wipes, clothing, books, and hygiene products. Designed to support parents and caregivers. ID required while supplies last.

April 15, 2026

#### Free Food Safety Workshop

1400 N Providence Rd, Suite 212, Media

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Educational workshop covering best practices for safe food handling, preventing cross-contamination, and proper temperature control to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Open to community members interested in improving food safety knowledge.

April 16, 2026

#### Beyond the Statistics: Black Maternal Health Conversation

1929 W 9th Street, Chester

4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Panel discussion focused on improving maternal health outcomes for Black mothers through community-informed solutions, education, and shared experiences. Dinner provided for registered attendees.

April 18, 2026

#### A Celebration of Maternal Health and Wellness: Rooted in Justice and Joy

Drexel Neumann Academy, 1901 Potter Street, Chester

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Family-friendly event featuring educational resources, local vendors, speakers, workshops, giveaways, and activities focused on maternal and family health.

May 3, 2026

#### Score for Wellness Community Health Event

WSFS Bank Sportsplex, 2485 Seaport Drive, Chester

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Community wellness event offering health screenings, lead testing, asthma resources, behavioral health information, family activities, games, and giveaways.

May 7, 2026

#### Spring into Action on Lead Poisoning

East Lansdowne Borough Hall, 155 Lexington Ave, East Lansdowne

9:00 am – 12:30 pm (registration begins 8:30 am)

Educational event focused on lead poisoning prevention, testing, and community strategies to reduce exposure risks, particularly for children and families.

### NAVIGATING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Supporting one another during changing times.

Were you a former Crozer patient?

Do you need assistance getting your medical records?

The Delaware County Health Department is here to help!

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| <b>Date:</b> Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> 2026<br><b>Time:</b> 12 pm - 3 pm<br><b>Location:</b> ChesPenn Health Services<br>125 East 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Chester, PA 19013 | <b>Date:</b> Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026<br><b>Time:</b> 3 pm - 6 pm<br><b>Location:</b> Delaware County Wellness Center<br>125 Chester Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050 |
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**Walk-ins only. Please bring a cell phone and your ID.**

Text HealthyDelco to 888-777 to receive Public Health notifications or Call our Wellness Line at 484-276-2100 if you have any questions.

[delcowa@delcowa.gov](mailto:delcowa@delcowa.gov)  
[DelcoWellness@delcowa.gov](mailto:DelcoWellness@delcowa.gov)

Kicking off Black Maternal Health Week

### PETTAWAY PURSUIT PRESENTS

## Pampering Parents Giveaway

**Date:** Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**Time:** 10AM - 12PM  
**Location:** The Delaware County Wellness Center  
 125 Chester Avenue  
 Yeadon, PA 19050

Participating families must bring ID.

### Free Giveaways Include

Diapers, wipes, children's clothing, adult clothing, books, feminine products, and more!

While Supplies Last

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[DelcoWellness@delcowa.gov](mailto:DelcoWellness@delcowa.gov)

### Beyond the Statistics

#### A Black Maternal Health Conversation

Join the Delaware County Health Department for a solution-driven conversation on Black Maternal Health. This panel will explore the real experiences of Black mothers, center community voices and resources, and explore ways we can better support Black mothers before, during, and after birth.

**Resources & Giveaways** | **Dinner provided (if registered)**  
[Call the Delaware County Wellness Line at 484-276-2100 to register!](tel:484-276-2100)

**APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM | 1929 W 9th Street, Chester, PA 19013**

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| <b>Maya Nelson</b><br>MEd, Researcher | <b>Shanna Williams</b><br>Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW | <b>Michele Suggs</b><br>Midwife | <b>Skyia Vanskri</b><br>Doula and Community Education Specialist |
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**Dr. Gifty Akomea Key, DCHD**  
Moderator

### A Celebration of Maternal Health and Wellness Rooted in Justice and Joy

The Chester Consortium invites the community to join a family-friendly celebration focused on maternal health education, resources, and wellness. Connect with local organizations, and explore community resources.

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Drexel Neumann Academy - 1901 Potter Street, Chester, PA

Scan QR code to register or contact Denise Martin: 267-453-7342 [dmartin@delcofamilyvillage.org](mailto:dmartin@delcofamilyvillage.org)

### SCORE! FOR WELLNESS

**MAY 3, 2026**

**WSFS BANK SPORTSPLEX**  
 2485 SEAPORT DR, CHESTER, PA 19013  
**Time: 1pm - 4pm**

Asthma Resources  
 Lead Testing  
 Behavioral Health Resources  
 Health Screenings  
 Games & Giveaways

To register, please call our Wellness Line or Scan the QR Code.  
**DCHD Wellness Line**  
 484-276-2100

## SPRING INTO ACTION ON LEAD POISONING

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Registration 8:30 AM | Program 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

East Lansdowne Borough Hall, 155 Lexington Ave, East Lansdowne

Breakfast/light refreshments will be served

<http://bit.ly/3PezyVP>

