

ANNUAL REPORT

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2020

**City of Englewood
Department of Health**



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Wow. What a year it has been. When the Englewood Health Department started planning for 2020 we definitely could not imagine what we would face. Yet, despite the challenge, the staff under the leadership of James Fedorko, has served the Englewood community daily whether it be through monitoring communicable diseases including COVID-19, contact tracing exposures, providing health related services and education, and continuing to provide programming to improve the health of our constituents. Of course, this work could not be accomplished without the emotional and financial support of our governance. We work to maintain a fiscally sound budget to provide services for our community, and this has been made possible by our local government partners.

The Englewood Health Department has continued to partner with several organizations including Englewood Health, the Municipal Alliance, local religious institutions, schools, businesses, health professionals and volunteers who all contribute to maintaining and sustaining a healthy community. I would like to thank everyone for working together with us to build a better Englewood. I hope we continue to foster these relationships for many years to come.

It continues to be a privilege to serve this community on the Board and as President. I thank you for your support during this past year and look forward to what the future has in store for our community.

Thank you!

Aliza Solomon, DO
Board of Health President

ENGLEWOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19

The coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) is a new viral disease, which was declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020 by the World Health Organization. The illness redirected the Englewood Health Department's resources and responsibilities toward limiting the spread of the disease throughout the year.

Englewood had one of the first COVID-19 cases in New Jersey, who began developing symptoms on March 3, 2020 and was confirmed positive on March 6, 2020. By the end of March, over 200 confirmed cases were recorded in the City, and by year's end that number increased to 1,812 cases with 62 confirmed deaths. The case fatality rate for COVID-19 in Englewood for the year was 3.4%.

In early March, testing for COVID-19 was extremely limited and many cases went undetected. The only location able to conduct testing in Englewood was the hospital, and the sample had to then be sent to the New Jersey State Laboratory in Ewing, New Jersey. Many people who had symptoms of the disease were not tested because so few tests were available. Those who did get a test, had to wait for three to ten days to receive their results. By April 2020, COVID-19 tests were available but test results could still take up to five days to be posted. By the end of May, testing was readily available but the number of new cases decreased dramatically, averaging two new cases per day. It was not until late September that the number of new cases spiked and remained high until the end of the year. However, during the second wave of new cases, deaths and hospitalizations were considerably lower. COVID-19 tests became more available and results came back within two days. Rapid tests were also made available which allowed people to receive same-day results.

The Englewood Health Department closed to the public on March 16, 2020 at noon but gradually opened different aspects of the office throughout the year. Marriage licenses via Zoom started on April 16th, the Environmental Health Unit began conducting a limited number of inspections in May, and the Child Health Clinic reopened in June.

VITAL STATISTICS & LICENSING COVID-19

Unprecedented, never done or known before, describes nearly every aspect of life during the COVID-19 pandemic, first reported in the United States in January and on March 4th in New Jersey. Within ten days of the state's first case, all City of Englewood departments were closed to the public. The processing and issuing of vital documents and licenses temporarily came to a halt. The staff looked for guidance from the State Office of Vital Statistics & Registry. After several virtual meetings via Zoom, the protocol for continuing the work was established.

The Registrar reported to the office daily. Other staff, which consisted of four other full-time staff, worked from home four days a week, and were put on a rotating schedule to be in-office once a week. Marriage license applications were discontinued for approximately three weeks, until the State office provided guidelines for virtual license applications and marriage ceremonies. Within a month, funeral directors were, once again, permitted to pick up death certificates in person.

Gradually, productivity statistics for the unit began to return to somewhat normal levels. However, the closure lasted throughout the year, and the annual revenue reflects the limitations to serve the public as usual.

CAUSES OF DEATH (PRIMARY) Englewood Residents				
CDC ranking as of 2019		2018	2019	2020
1	Heart disease	48	61	40
2	Cancer	59	42	35
3	Accidents (unintentional injury)	4	5	8
4	Chronic lower respiratory disease	9	14	15
5	Stroke, Other cerebro-vascular	12	11	13
6	Alzheimer's (any) dementia*, complications of	23	16	14
7	Diabetes	5	4	6
8	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, nephrosis	11	5	8
9	Influenza and pneumonia*	7	14	71
10	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	1	2	0
11	Other (unable to categorize)	37	33	26
Pending Investigation			1	1
COVID19 was an underlying cause			62	
TOTALS		211	204	236

*Includes aspiration pneumonia and HCAp

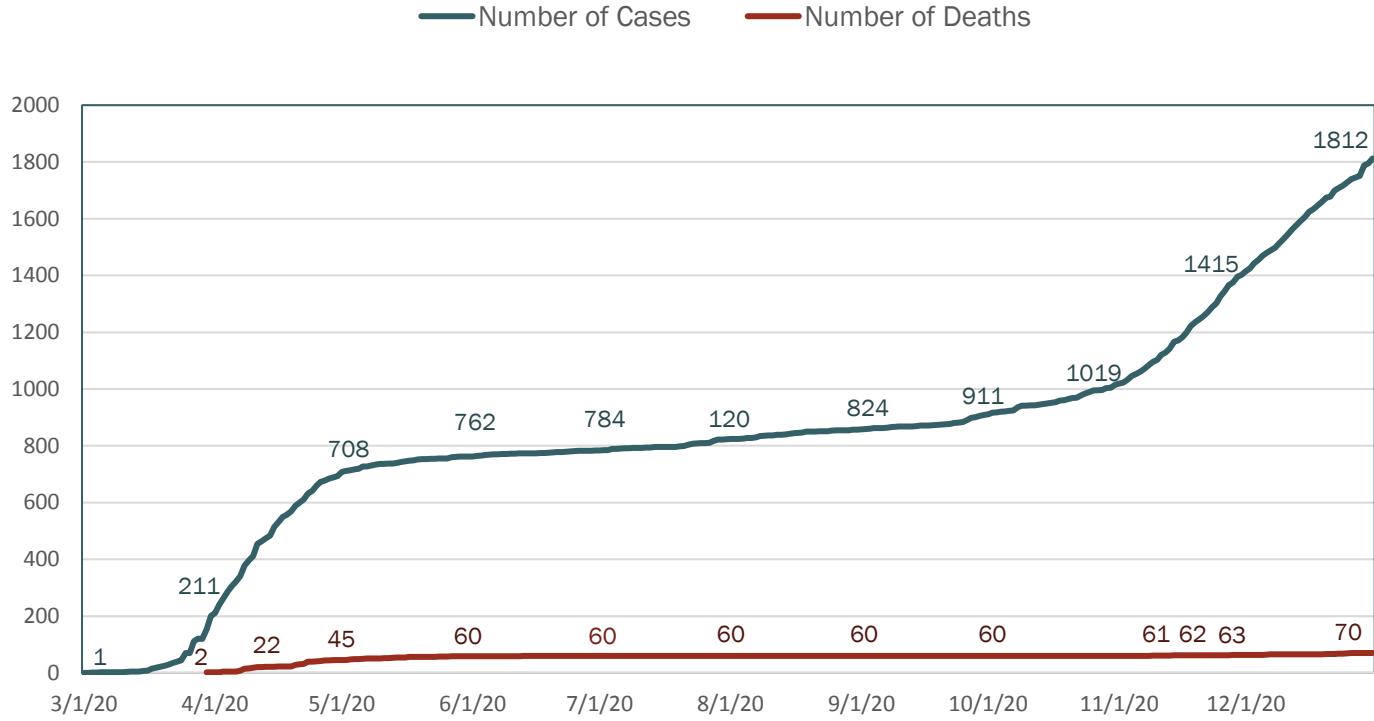
Other include Advanced Age, Failure to Thrive, Sepsis, Autoimmune, etc.

VITAL STATISTICS

COVID-19

COVID-19 Statistics March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

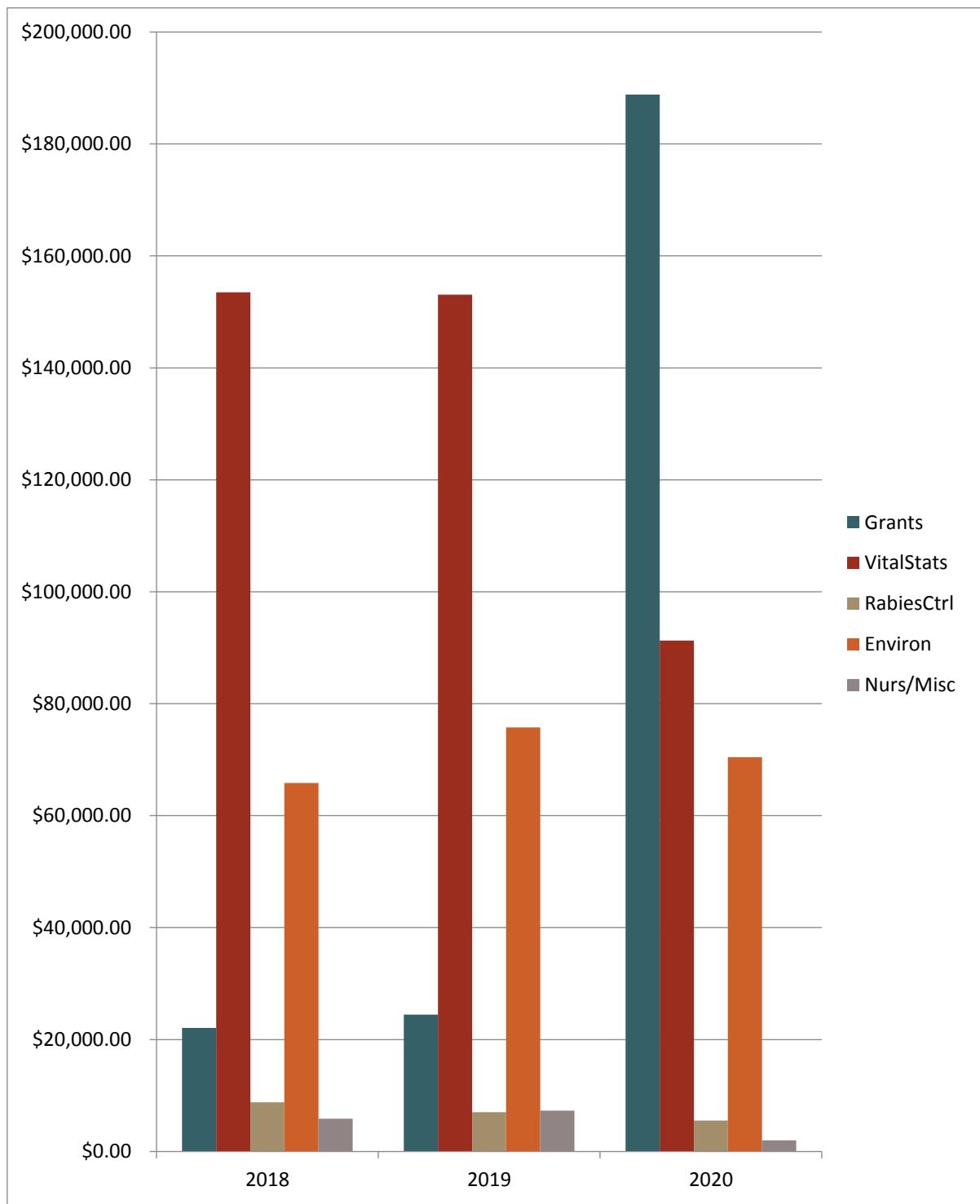
Englewood Residents



VITAL STATISTICS & LICENSING REVENUE

REVENUE	2018	2019	2020
Operations:			
Certified Copies, Amendments, Permits	140,405	142,147	87,233
Marriage/Civil Union/Dom Partner License	6,075	5,712	3,724
Dog Licenses	5,359	5,214	4,620
Cat Licenses	842	713	662
Pet Late License Fees & Dupl Tags & Hen License	2,586	1,089	251
Retail Food Licenses / Plan Reviews	53,505	57,340	58,995
Food Establishment Re-insp / Late License Fees	2,295	2,140	325
Misc. License (Pools, Temp Food, etc.)	5,505	13,690	11,150
FMC / FHC Course Registration	4,555	2,590	0
CHC User Fees	1,750	2,366	1,344
Mental Health FA Train/Stigma Free Englewood		1,460	0
Misc. Income (Copies, Notary, Exped Services)	7,014	5,215	323
Fee For Service (Mantoux, Flu/Other Vaccines)	4,130	3,460	660
Total Operations Income	234,021	243,136	169,287
Grants:			
EMHC Reach & Teach	12,000	18,000	0
EHMC/Rutgers Healthy Community Collab			5,500
Municipal Alliance: Sticker Shock	585	579	579
Municipal Alliance: Stigma Free Initiative	3,552	0	0
Bergen County: Stigma Free & Wellness Init	500	0	0
Bergen County: CDBG Fitness			5,119
FDA/NACCHO Food Safety Program	5,432	5,887	5,500
NJ ACCHO Emergency Prep (COVID19)			24,263
NJ ACCHO Strengthening PH Capacity			5,615
NJ DOH Strengthen Local PH Capacity			142,236
Total Grant Income	22,069	24,466	188,812
REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	256,090	267,602	358,099

VITAL STATISTICAL & LICENSING REVENUE



VITAL STATISTICAL & LICENSING EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	2018	2019	2020
Contractual Services	10,639	8,203	9,996
Advertising	273	610	236
Postage	4,213	4,879	4,246
Printing/Binding	2,301	1,413	1,467
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance		363	
Office Equipment - Servicing		1,472	
Specialized Services	23,923	19,488	25,860
Books, Publications	1,831	1,512	
Office Supplies	6,045	3,162	4,806
Training Aids/Programs	2,314	2,716	951
Meetings, Conventions, Conferences	1,634	2,937	612
Uniforms & Accessories	841		1,308
Memberships	370	370	345
Travel Allowance	1,925	1,250	1,500
Office Furniture	945	349	308
Other Equipment	2,810	5,750	11,890
Motor fuel & lubricants	233	432	352
Other materials & supplies	3,212	6,194	797
Food & drugs	2,576	4,026	873
Photo, Blueprint & Developing (Copiers)	8,121	5,299	5,103
Equipment repair/maintenance	72		
Child Health Clinic	2,008	1,309	8,253
Youth Programs		163	113
TASE (Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement)	500	720	
EXPENDITURES TOTAL	76,786	72,617	79,016

Staffing

13 FTE

12.5 FTE

12.5 FTE

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Public Health Investigator/Animal Control Officer

The Environmental Health Unit consists of a Public Health Investigator/Animal Control Officer and two Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS).

The health department's annual rabies clinic is always held on the last Saturday of February. Therefore, the clinic was conducted just before the COVID-19 pandemic, and a total of 79 dogs and 19 cats were vaccinated, which was an increase from the previous years' clinic.

During the pandemic, all animal complaints/investigations remained relatively the same as previous years. Some examples of animal complaints/investigations include animal bites, mosquito complaints, rodent activity, and wildlife complaints.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health Investigator/Animal Control Officer, was reassigned as an "In-person" Contact Investigator for the health department. This involved going to the home of the person who tested



positive for COVID-19 but did not answer their phone. Wrong telephone numbers or no telephone number were often listed in the COVID-19 Surveillance System. It was the job of the Public Health Investigator/Animal Control Officer to find those cases, rectify information, and perform a wellness check.

2020 Rabies Clinic at the Englewood Fire Department
(Pre-COVID-19 U.S. confirmed cases)

Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS)

The Registered Environmental Health Specialists are primarily tasked with conducting restaurant inspections to ensure food safety. During the pandemic, 70% fewer inspections were performed. Most aspects of the tasks assigned to the REHS either decreased dramatically or were not done; Tobacco Age of Sale

(TASE) investigations were not conducted, no food safety classes were scheduled, no college interns were assigned to the department, and training grants were suspended.

Registered Environmental Health Specialists were reassigned as contact tracers, which was a duty that transferred well since they were previously trained to conduct interviews for food borne illness investigations.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

One responsibility of the Public Health Nurse, is to conduct contact tracing of all the communicable disease in the City of Englewood. When the first cases of COVID-19 occurred in Englewood in early March, the Public Health Nurse was

one of the initial persons conducting the contact tracing and implementing quarantine procedures. As the case load increased, the nurse gradually shifted her role to a supervisor of case investigations conducted by fellow health department staff.



EHD Drive-Thru Flu Clinic

When the disease waned in the summer months, the Public Health Nurse began operating the Child Health Clinic and developed plans for outdoor flu shot clinics. The Englewood Health Department held three drive-thru flu shot clinics on September 21st and 24th and again one month later on October 24th. A total of 670 influenza vaccinations were given. Flu Shot Clinics were also held at outdoor locations throughout the City; at Grieco School, Depot Square, and First Baptist Church. A total of 102 influenza vaccinations were given at the events.



Staff from Walgreens vaccinating volunteers from the Asian Women's Christian Association

An Outdoor Child Flu Shot Clinic was held at the health department on October 27th and 54 children were vaccinated. The number influenza vaccinations given in 2020 compared to 2019 increased by 360%.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education Programming started off strong in 2020 with Oral Cancer Screenings, an eye health initiative, dental hygiene programs at the elementary school, and best of all, "Blood Pressure: Let's Cuff It"; a program that taught seniors how to measure their own blood pressure. Those that completed the program received their own self measuring blood pressure cuff. All health education programming came to halt in early March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Englewood Health Department received a \$10,000 grant to conduct a Community Needs Assessment from the Berrie Foundation in conjunction with the NJ Healthy Communities Network. We were awarded the grant in November 2019 and our first meeting took place on February 13, 2020 in Ewing, New Jersey. Development of the Community Needs Assessment paused due to the pandemic in March and April, but as the number of cases decreased in late May, we were able to begin.

During Phase One of the grant, we completed our Community Needs Assessment with 18 phone interviews. The interviews consisted of community leaders: City Council members, nonprofit organizations and other community affiliates who represent the Englewood population. The interviewees addressed topics such as, health status, vulnerable populations, health disparities, food insecurity, and safe green space. Interviewees were asked to provide hypothetical solutions to issues they thought were most important.



Blood Pressure: Let's Cuff It meeting
February 2020

We completed Phase Two– Focus Groups in October via Zoom by having community leaders refer their most outspoken individuals to us. The Englewood Health Department conducted focus groups with teenagers, seniors, and the

English and Spanish speaking populations. During the focus groups we received concerns regarding safety of the parks, health challenges, health programs, new programs, and promotion of programs. We then compiled the information received and created a survey. As new cases of COVID-19 began to rise in late September, Phase Three, the final phase of the Needs Assessment, was postponed until 2021.