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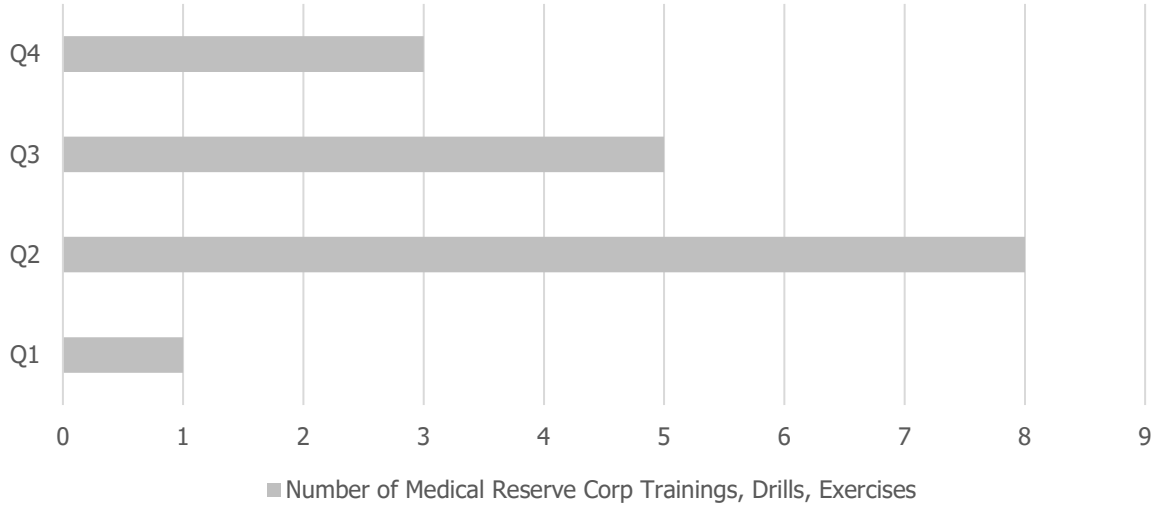
Department Function
<p>The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) strives to protect and improve the health of individuals, families, and communities, utilizing strategies that reduce health disparities and promote health equity.</p> <p>We collaborate with community partners and offer a variety of high-quality programs and services to accomplish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent communicable and chronic diseases, injuries, and disabilities; • Protect against environmental hazards that threaten health and safety; • Promote the health and wellness of our citizens and our communities; and • Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies.

Current Year Highlights
<p>Following the formal end of the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2023, ACDOH refocused its efforts on a wide range of public health priorities. Initiatives addressed the social needs of pregnant women, reconnected individuals with HIV to care, contained communicable diseases, reduced community-level obesity, increased access to Naloxone and opioid use disorder resources, and enhanced safety for pedestrians and cyclists. ACDOH also reduced lead exposure for children, assessed the safety of drinking water, enforced tobacco laws to curb teen smoking and vaping, and strengthened public health emergency preparedness by integrating best practices into response plans and training Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. Additionally, ACDOH successfully completed all essential public health services required by the New York State Department of Health pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Health Law and Part 40 of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of New York State.</p> <p>KEY HIGHLIGHTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicable Disease Prevention & Control: ACDOH advanced disease prevention and care by administering 2,535 vaccinations to 975 residents, providing rabies prophylaxis to 110 individuals, responding to a Legionella outbreak, delivering 3,334 pediatric dental visits, and completing 613 STI/HIV care visits—including reconnecting 37 patients to services to reduce transmission and improve outcomes. Tuberculosis cases were actively monitored and treated through 469 in-person visits, 706 telehealth check-ins, and 268 home visits, supporting containment and treatment adherence. • Maternal & Family Health: Maternal and family health was strengthened via 327 home visits for 142 enrolled clients, connecting pregnant individuals and caregivers to essential services such as food, housing, and health education. • Environmental Health & Safety: ACDOH advanced environmental health and safety through 2,178 food service inspections, 74 hotel/motel reviews, 69 tattoo/piercing facility checks, and testing of 20 children’s toys for hazardous metals. To protect youth from tobacco-related harm, 665 retail inspections identified 104 illegal sales to minors. ACDOH also ensured clean drinking water and regulatory compliance by reviewing 73 water and wastewater plans, and reduced lead exposure risks by inspecting 157 homes, clearing 149, and providing education and follow-up to 145 children with elevated blood lead levels. • Injury & Chronic Disease Prevention: ACDOH promoted health equity and safety through targeted community initiatives. Efforts to prevent injury and substance-related harm included training 460 adults in naloxone use, distributing 584 naloxone kits, and reaching 1,333 residents through pedestrian safety education. Chronic disease prevention was advanced via 8 diabetes prevention programs serving 84 participants and broader equity efforts through the Strategic Alliance for Health, helping reduce hospitalizations and disparities. • Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Community Resilience: To build public health emergency resilience, ACDOH engaged 23 organizations through the Citizen Corps Council, conducted 17 training sessions to enhance the skills and capabilities of 2,500 Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, and operated 8 Points of Dispensing that served 370 individuals residing in Albany County to increase immunity and reduce the spread of disease. Over 161,000 public health messages were delivered, and emergency plans and inventories were updated to support continuity and readiness during future crises.

Next Year Projects
<p>ACDOH remains dedicated to delivering essential public health services, enforcing health regulations, and fostering community engagement to protect and promote the well-being of County residents. Key initiatives include implementing the 2022–2024 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and developing the 2025–2030 CHIP to improve health and reduce health disparities; supporting birthing individuals and families through the Perinatal & Infant Community Health Collaborative grant; advancing child health through lead poisoning prevention - including the implementation of NYS’s Lead Rental Registry, tobacco control, and dental services; strengthening emergency preparedness and disease containment through targeted funding; improving pedestrian safety via the Governor’s Traffic Safety Grant; and coordinating department-wide responses to emerging health threats through education, outreach, and connection to trusted resources.</p>

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Albany County Department of Health 2024 Medical Reserve Corps



Albany County Department of Health 2024 Tick Removal Kits

