



Harrington Park Board of Health Agenda for Meeting January 12th, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 6: 30 pm

Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, the Public Contract Law of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It is being conducted under the provisions of the Sunshine Act and has been properly noticed.

Swear In Oath of Office: To be read aloud by Secretary with members' "AYE"

Mary Oh Goldstein
Gabrielle Weiner Karpati
Christina Avillo

Vote and Appointment of Board President and Vice President:

Motion to appoint _____ as President made by _____, and seconded by _____, with all members present in favor.

Motion to appoint _____ as Vice President made by _____, and seconded by _____, with all members present in favor.

Mayor and Council Re-Appointments:

Mary Oh Goldstein ~ Board Member
Gabrielle Weiner Karpati ~ Board Member
Christine Avillo ~ Alternate Board Member
Mr. Louis Apa, REHS ~ Sanitarian
Mrs. Annie Mongelia ~ Secretary
Mrs. Carolyn Lee ~ Registrar
Bergen County Department of Health ~ Health Officer
Mrs. Diane Walker ~ Council Liaison

Roll Call

Dr. Howard Lipton	Mr. John Szweda	Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein
Dr. Chester Lee	Mr. Bruce Marshall	Ms. Michelle Migliaccio
Mrs. Gabrielle Weiner Karpati	Mrs. Christine Avillo	

Also present:

Louis Apa, Sanitarian, Annie Mongelia, Secretary, Diane Walker, Councilwoman

Motion to Adopt Minutes from November 3, 2025 Board of Health Meeting:

Motion to adopt the Minutes for November 3, 2025 made by ____, and seconded by ____, with all members present in favor to adopt.

Vouchers:

- Secretary's payroll voucher,

Correspondence:

- Bergen County Dept. Of Health Services (BCDHS) report on health consultation: assessments, counseling, education, and referrals. There were:

Month Activity	Health Risk Assessment, New Visits	First Visit of the Year	Revisit	Telephone Follow-Up	School Audits	Commentary	Referral
December	-	-	-	-		No program due to holidays.	-

- **Bergen County Dept. Of Health Communicable Disease Program Reports:**

Disease: DECEMBER	Closed	Investigaating	Confirmed	Probable	Negative
Covid-19 { }					

Disease: NOVEMBER	Closed	Investigating	Confirmed	Probable	Negative
Covid-19 { 8 }	8	-	3	2	3
Campylobacteriosis {1}	1	-	-	1	-

- **Report from Bergen County Animal Control:**

Month	Patrolled HP	Comments:
November	4 patrols, 2 service req.	Responded to call regarding 2 stray golden doodles. Picked up excess rabies vaccine post rabies clinic.
October	6 patrols, 2 service req.	Picked up injured deer from Tappan Rd. Delivered rabies vaccine to borough hall for rabies clinic.

Harrington Park School's New Jersey Immunization Audit Report (663 student enrolled ~ Pre-k to 8th grade):

- Received 100 % compliance at re-audit on Nov.21st, 2025 for Kindergarten (57 students), Grade 6 (71 students), and Transfers (10 students).

On January 5th, 2026 NJ Dept of Health reported flu activity is high and sharply increasing in NJ. As shown by the number of cases, ER visits, hospitalization admissions, and wastewater detections. A(H3N2) is currently the predominant flu virus this season. Covid-19 is low. The predominate variant is Omicron XFG.

On November 19th, 2025 the NJ Dept of Health provided clarification on acceptable flu immunization for childcare and preschool attendance during the 2025-2026 flu season. Children 6 months to 59 months who attend NJ childcare or preschool must annually receive a flu vaccine. The notice was forwarded to Christina Guirland owner of the preschool in H.P.

On November 13th, 2025 we received the final report regarding mosquito activity for 2025. Bergen County had a cumulative of 214 pools which tested positive for West Nile Virus (out of 467 pools tested).

On November 7th, 2025 we received an advisory for coyote awareness and safety due to increased coyote activity. Coyote is described as resembling a small German Shepherd with a long snout, bushy-black-tipped tail, which is held below a horizontal position while standing, walking, and running. Reports of coyote activity during the daytime, or sightings of aggressive, sick, or injured coyotes should be directed to 9-1-1 and the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection at 1-877-WARNDEP. A flyer was provided and is now posted on the borough's website.

Reports

Louis Apa, Sanitarian

Old Business:

A total of 25 pets (21 dogs and 4 cats) were administered a 3-year rabies vaccine during the HP Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, November 9th, 2025.

New Business:

- **Child Health Conference (CHC):**

Background: N.J. Admin. Code Chapter 8:52-6.2 (d) states "Each local health agency shall plan and develop health education programs and interventions regarding the uninsured, underinsured, immigrant, indigent, and other vulnerable population within its jurisdiction."

N.J.S.A. 40 - 8 A - 5 authorizes a municipality to contract with any public or private entity to provide for any service which the municipality itself could not provide directly.

In order to satisfy these requirements Harrington Park, beginning in 2025, has contracted with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission (Mid-Bergen). We have received a contract for 2026 with an annual administrative fee of \$525, and a fee of \$40 per child for each vaccination/visit. Mid-Bergen will provide services via the New Milford Health Department, and Garfield Health Department, as well as (additional locations in 2026) Ridgefield Health Department, and Rutherford Health Department, as participants in the NJDOH Vaccine for Children program for eligible infants and children through age 18, and provides a licensed medical director/public health nurse to provide:

- Primary and booster immunization clinical services
- Comprehensive preventive healthcare for infants and children
- Information and guidance on physical, emotional, nutritional, and cognitive health
- CHC services will be held at the New Milford and Garfield Health Department offices
- Mid-Bergen families requesting services of CHC shall contact the New Milford, Ridgefield, Rutherford, and Garfield Health Department Public Health Nurse for eligibility, appointments, etc.
- This agreement excludes services that are being provided by others, under other Shared Services arrangements; specifically: Childhood Lead Poisoning Nurse Case Management, Communicable Disease Reporting and Investigation, and Tuberculosis Nurse Case Management.

Board President Signs Contract for CHC administered via Mid Bergen.

Public Session: Open to the Public for comments:

Closed Session:

Motion to Adjourn made by _____ at _____ pm, and seconded by _____ with all board members present in favor of adjournment.

The next meeting of the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park will be on Monday, March 9th , 2026 at 6:30 pm.