

August 2026: Dorchester County Health Department Updates

Please see the brief updates from the Dorchester County Health Department below and in the [attached newsletter](#). Key highlights include information on making health a family priority during back-to-school season, details about our teddy bear clinics, outdoor air quality concerns, and more:

Immunizations:

It's officially Back-To-School Season! For those with school-aged children, please ensure your child is up-to-date with their childhood immunizations. Our Immunization Team is working hard to ensure that vaccines are available and accessible to families. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 410-228-2332 for more information.

Respiratory Tests: FREE rapid at-home COVID/flu tests remain available to the public M-F from 8am-4:30 pm at 627 Race Street. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need OTC kits or masks for your organization or clients.

DCHD Climate and Health

- The [DCHD Climate Ready Youth Committee](#) is now recruiting for their Fall Cohort. If you have a child in middle school or high school interested in climate and health topics, please register them for this 10-week program starting on **September 14**: <https://forms.gle/WcyZPc6oi55XJ9BeA>. Transportation is provided.

Upcoming Outreach Events: As always, we encourage everyone to come out and get some great health info. Please see the upcoming health events below, which include programming from various DCHD programs and events held by our health & social service-focused community partners:

- Tues., Aug. 4, Starting at 1 PM - Judy Center Popsicles at the Park @ Prospect Park in Hurlock
- Tues., Aug. 4, 6-8 PM - Hurlock Police National Night Out @ Triangle Park
- Thurs., Aug. 6, 9 AM-1 PM - Children's Day Program at the Caroline / Dorchester County Fair, 8230 Detour Road, Denton
- Thurs., Aug. 6, Starting at 1 PM - Judy Center Popsicles at the Park @ Glen Oak Park in Hurlock
- Fri., Aug. 7, 5-7 PM - Back to School Community Bash @ Corner of Cedar and Race Street in Cambridge
- Sat., Aug 8, 1-5 PM - Fun with Reading Cos Play Event @ Hurlock Community Center
- Tues., Aug. 11, 6-8 PM - Thrive21613 Launch @ Mace's Lane Middle School
- Thurs., Aug. 13, 4-6 PM - Hurlock Library Summer Reading Wrap Up Party @ Hurlock Community Center
- Fri., Aug. 14, 11 AM-2 PM - Dorchester CSA Employment and Resource Fair @ Dorchester County Dept. of Social Services
- Sat., Aug. 15, 2-8 PM - Groove City Culture Fest on Pine Street in Cambridge
- Mon., August 17, 9 AM-3 PM - ESWS Back To School Readiness Event @ C-SD High School in Cambridge
- Thurs., Aug. 20, 5-6:30 PM - Recovery Connections, DRI-Dock, 103 Maryland Ave., Cambridge

- Sat., August 22, 11 AM-3 PM Greater Chief Cornerstone Outreach Ministry Back to School Giveaway @ 508 Elm Street in Cambridge
- Thurs. Aug. 27, 5-6:30 PM - Community Fun Night, DRI-Dock, 103 Maryland Ave., Cambridge

Community Updates:

- **Introduction to Careers In Healthcare:** Interested in a healthcare career - with scholarships to help you get there? ITCH is bringing Information Sessions to the Mid-Shore later this summer. Students, families, and anyone exploring a future in healthcare are welcome to join them to learn about career pathways and scholarship opportunities. The Dorchester County information session will be held at the Boys and Girls Club (515 Leonards Lane, Cambridge, MD 21613) on August 18th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration encouraged. See promotional flyer attached.
- **Harriett's House Workforce Development Program is seeking input from women.** Harriett's House is launching a Workforce Development Program to empower women through education, training, and career readiness. They are seeking input from women to better understand the barriers they face, identify needed resources, and ensure the program reflects the real needs of those they serve. The program is open to all women survivors, including those who have experienced domestic violence, addiction, abuse, poverty, or other life challenges. The goal is to invest in women's lives by providing access to short-term courses, industry certifications, workforce training, and career development opportunities that equip them with the skills and confidence to succeed in today's workforce. To provide feedback, complete this form: <https://form.jotform.com/261674935398070> Email Jaliah Gamble at jgamble@harriettshouse.org for more information.
- **The University of Maryland is seeking participation for a research study focused on understanding how to best prevent and address adolescent substance use in our rural communities.** They are inviting teens to participate in a research study. Questions? Please contact Dr. Noah Triplett at ntrip7@umd.edu. See the promotional flyer attached.
- **Eastern Shore AHEC CHW Awareness Week & Celebration:** As a part of National CHW Awareness Week, ESAHEC is hosting a CHW Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, August 26th, starting at 12pm at Chesapeake Grove Intergenerational Center in Cambridge. For more information, contact Lisa Widmaier at lwidmaier@esahec.org.