



Serving the Towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge and Tyringham

“The mission of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative is to leverage partnerships in order to provide quality public health services that directly improve the health and well-being of the entire community.”

SBPHC FY24 QUARTER 2 REPORT: OCT-DEC 2023

This quarterly report highlights the following initiatives of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative:

- **MAVEN Events:** Number of events by town for Q1 and Q2
- **December Flu and COVID numbers:** Broken down by week
- **Blood pressure/wellness sessions:** participation by town and number served.
- **Car seat program**
- **Agent/Inspectional services**
- **Community Collaboration and Engagement Activities**

MAVEN EVENTS

MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network) is monitored for emerging trends. Diseases requiring immediate follow-up and those related to high-risk disease or congregate setting spread are contacted by the public health nurse per Massachusetts General Law.

TOWN	DISEASE	Q1 TOTAL	Q2 TOTAL	FY 24 TOTAL
ALFORD	INFLUENZA	0	1	1
	LYME DISEASE	4	0	4
	SARS-COV-2	1	2	3
	PERTUSSIS	1	0	1
	TOTAL EVENTS	6	3	9
GREAT BARRINGTON	BABESIOSIS	1	1	2
	CALICVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	4	2	6
	CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	1	0	1
	CYCLOSPORIASIS	2	0	2
	HEPATITIS A	1	0	1
	HEPATITIS B	1	0	1
	HEPATITIS C	1	2	3
	HUMAN GLANULOYTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	3	2	5
	INFLUENZA	1	12	13
	LYME DISEASE	38	12	50
	SALMONELLOSIS	2	0	2
	SARS-COV-2	46	72	118
	SHIGELLOSIS	1	0	1
	SPOTTED FEVER RICKETTSIOSES	1	0	1
	TUBERCULOSIS	3	14	17
VIBRIO SP.	1	0	1	
TOTAL EVENTS	107	117	224	

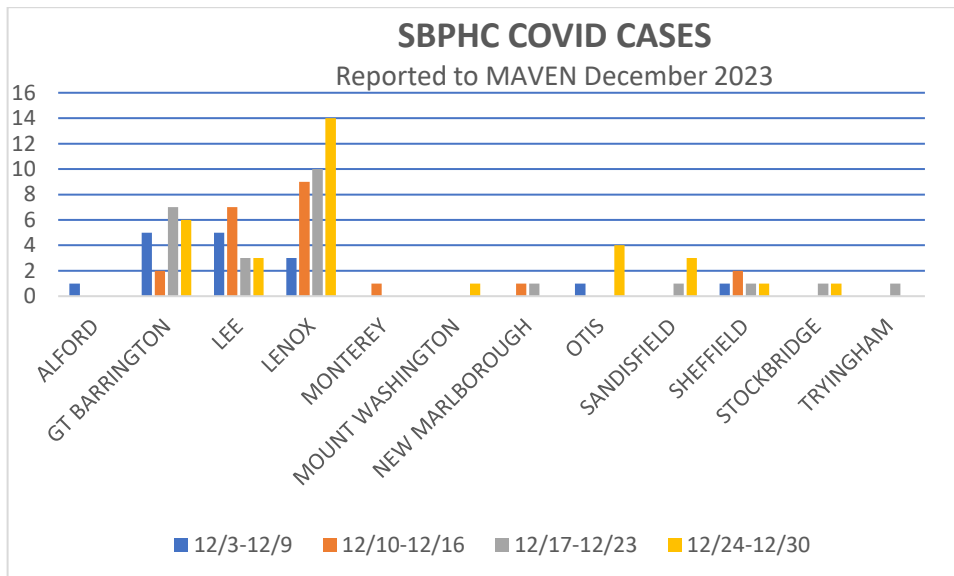
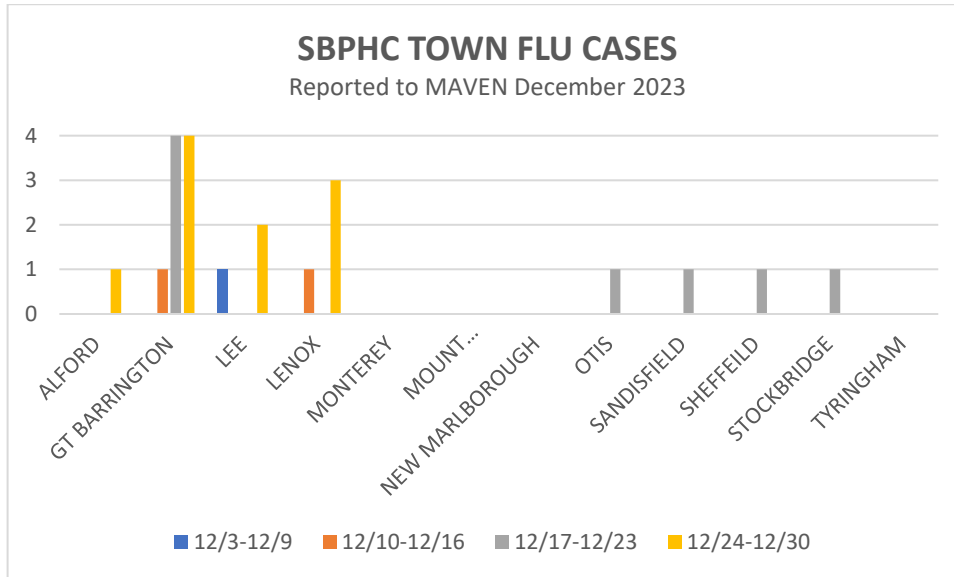
TOWN	DISEASE	Q1 TOTAL	Q2 TOTAL	FY 24 TOTAL
LEE	ARBOVIRUS	1	0	1
	CALICIVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	3	0	3
	CYCLOSPORIASIS	2	0	2
	HEPATITIS B	2	0	2
	HEPATITIS C	3	0	3
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	1	0	1
	INFLUENZA	0	4	4
	LYME DISEASE	16	6	22
	SALMONELLOSIS	1	0	1
	SARS-COV-2	24	44	68
	SHIGA TOXIN PRODUCING ORG.	0	1	1
	STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE	0	1	1
	TUBERCULOSIS	1	4	5
	YERSINIOSIS	1	0	1
TOTAL EVENTS	55	60	115	
LENOX	CALICIVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	3	1	4
	CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	1	0	1
	CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	1	0	1
	GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS	1	0	1
	HEPATITIS B	0	1	1
	HEPATITIS C	1	1	2
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	1	5	6
	INFLUENZA	1	2	3
	LYME DISEASE	21	3	24
	PERTUSSIS (AND OTHER BORDETELLA SP.)	0	1	1
	SARS-COV-2	44	71	115
	SHIGA TOXIN PRODUCING ORG.	0	1	1
	TUBERCULOSIS	1	2	3
	VIRAL MENINGITIS (ASEPTIC)	0	1	1
YERSINIOSIS	2	0	2	
TOTAL EVENTS	77	89	166	
MONTEREY	CYCLOSPORIASIS	1	0	1
	GIARDIASIS	0	1	1
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	1	1	2
	LYME DISEASE	4	4	8
	SALMONELLOSIS	1	0	1
	SARS-COV-2	6	4	10
TOTAL EVENTS	13	10	23	
MOUNT WASHINGTON	LYME DISEASE	1	0	1
	SARS-COV-2	1	0	1
	TOTAL EVENTS	2	0	2

TOWN	DISEASE	Q1 TOTAL	Q2 TOTAL	FY 24 TOTAL
NEW MARLBOROUGH	BABESIOSIS	1	0	1
	CALICIVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	1	0	1
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	0	2	2
	INFLUENZA	0	1	1
	LYME DISEASE	13	3	16
	SARS-COV-2	8	4	12
	SHIGELLOSIS	1	0	1
	TOTAL EVENTS	24	10	34
OTIS	HEPATITIS B	0	1	1
	INFLUENZA	0	1	1
	LYME DISEASE	2	1	3
	SARS-COV-2	6	10	16
	YERSINIOSIS	0	1	1
	TOTAL EVENTS	8	14	22
SANDISFIELD	HUMAN GRANULOCYTTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	0	1	1
	INFLUENZA	4	2	6
	LYME DISEASE	1	0	1
	SARS-COV-2	4	6	10
	TOTAL EVENTS	9	9	18
SHEFFIELD	BABESIOSIS	2	0	2
	CALICIVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	2	1	3
	CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	0	2	2
	CYCLOSPORIASIS	1	0	1
	HEPATITIS C	1	1	2
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	4	0	4
	INFLUENZA	0	3	3
	LYME DISEASE	23	7	30
	PERTUSSIS (AND OTHER BORDETELLA SP.)	0	1	1
	SALMONELLOSIS	1	1	2
	SARS-COV-2	11	15	26
	TUBERCULOSIS	0	1	1
	VIBRIO SP.	1	0	1
	TOTAL EVENTS	46	32	78
STOCKBRIDGE	BABESIOSIS	1	0	1
	CALICIVIRUS/NOROVIRUS	1	0	1
	CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	0	1	1
	HEPATITIS C	0	1	1
	HUMAN GRANULOCYTTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	2	0	2
	INFLUENZA	0	3	3
	LYME DISEASE	11	4	15
	SARS-COV-2	5	12	17
	TOTAL EVENTS	20	21	41

TOWN	DISEASE	Q1 TOTAL	Q2 TOTAL	FY 24 TOTAL
TYRINGHAM	HUMAN GRANULOCYTIC ANAPLASMOSIS	2	0	2
	LYME DISEASE	3	1	4
	SARS-COV-2	3	1	4
	TOTAL EVENTS	8	2	10
SBPHC TOWNS	FY 24 TOTAL EVENTS TO DATE	375	367	742

December 2023 Flu and COVID Numbers

The graphs below show the flu and COVID numbers for the month of December as reported in MAVEN. These numbers are meant to show a trend, since they only represent numbers confirmed through a test ordered by a doctors office and does not include numbers for self-tests.



SBPHC Community Blood Pressure/Wellness Sessions

The SBPHC PHN provides blood pressure/wellness sessions around the region each month. These wellness sessions were suspended during the fall because of the clinic activities and staffing.

	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23
Lee Senior Center	7	8	X	X	X	4
Lenox Community Center	5	6	X	X	X	4
Sandisfield COA	11	7	X	X	X	8
Sheffield Senior Center	9	0	X	X	X	7
Monterey Community Center	6	5	X	X	X	X
Claire Teague Senior Center	5	0	X	X	X	X

SBPHC Car Seat Program

Car seat installation and safety checks are available by appointment. Free car seats are available through the Collaborative. The free car seats are through the grant program of the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research. To schedule a free car seat inspection or to receive a free car seat contact Jill Sweet at jill@tritownhealth.org or (413) 717-7209.

SBPHC Agent and Inspection Services

Both Jayne Smith and Jason Dragonetti act as the agent and inspector for both Mt Washington and Sandisfield and provide food inspection services to the Town of Sheffield through respective contracts. Inspection/agent services are available to all of our SBPHC towns, including assistance with environmental (septic, well), recreational camps, food establishments and more by contacting us.

SBPHC Community Collaboration and Engagement Activities

As members of the South County community, we engage with other meetings to provide a public health nursing perspective and be to tie into and enhance other efforts going on in our community. Meetings attended include:

- **Berkshire Alliance to Support Immigrant Community (BASIC):** Including weekly staffing of a community initiative to provide kitchen access to newly arrived immigrants in Great Barrington.
- **Berkshire TRIAD:** A community initiative to increase safety of seniors through education and crime prevention.
- **Berkshire Community Health Initiative:** Attendance of meetings to discuss areas of health-related needs/gaps.
- **Get Vaccinated Berkshires Collaboration:** Collaborate with Berkshire vaccine providers towards the development of www.getvaccinatedberkshires.org website.
- **Public Health Excellence Grantee meetings:** Updates on upcoming PHE requirements, successes and challenges
- **MHOA Executive Meetings:** As the Region-1 rep, help guide the initiatives and trainings provided by MHOA.
- **Resource Guide Subgroup:** Work with Berkshire County leadership to organize and populate online resource directory through 413Cares Initiative www.413cares.org
- **Sheffield, Mt Washington & Sandisfield BOH Meetings:** Including acting as the Agent for Mt. Washington and Sandisfield Boards of Health.
- **South County Opioid Working Group:** Assist other community organizations with initiatives aimed at addressing negative impacts of opioid use in South County.
- **Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee:** As vice-chair, engage with first responders to ensure updated emergency plans and participate in emergency initiatives in Southern Berkshire County.

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