



**New Jersey Department of Health and
Senior Services**



Communicable Disease Service
Speakers' Bureau

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A Message From the Communicable Disease Service

It is with much pleasure that we offer the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Communicable Disease Service "Speakers' Bureau." As many of you already know, the Communicable Disease Service is home to some of the state's top public health experts in their fields which has allowed us to be a rich source of technical support and education to our public health and health care partners statewide. We look forward to fulfilling your requests for speakers at medical education programs, grand rounds, conferences, and other educational programming efforts.

Sincerely,

Christina Tan, MD, MPH
State Epidemiologist and
Gary Ludwig, Director

About the Speakers' Bureau...

Presentations are given by senior medical and technical staff members on a wide variety of topics. Choose from the list of currently available topics, or feel free to contact us for a tailored program to better meet your needs. Please note that we will not be able to fulfill all requests.

Appointments are required **at least four weeks in advance** to allow for sufficient preparation. Depending upon the nature of the requests, NJDHSS reserves the right to refer your request to a local health department for consideration.

See the attached list for topics. In order to request a speaker, complete the electronic Speakers' Bureau Request Form ([CDS-26](#)) and email to Suzanne.miro@doh.state.nj.us. Someone will be in touch with you shortly to review the specifics of your request.

For general information regarding the Speakers' Bureau, please contact Suzanne Miro, MPH, CHES, Health Education Coordinator, Communicable Disease Service at 609-826-5964 or by email at suzanne.miro@doh.state.nj.us

Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program

Health Education Coordinator: Suzanne Miro

CONTACT: 609-826-5964

TOPICS:

- Animal Population Control
- Seasonal Influenza
- Hepatitis
- Food/Waterborne Diseases
- Infectious Diseases/Surveillance/Outbreak Control
- Zoonotic Diseases
- Influenza Pandemic Planning
 - Planning Considerations for Health Care Settings
 - Planning Considerations for Public Health Organizations
- Meningococcal Disease
- Bioterrorism
- Avian Influenza
- Clostridium difficile*
- West Nile Virus
- Lyme Disease
- Refugee Health
- Antimicrobial Resistance
 - Antimicrobial Resistance in Health Care Settings
 - Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
 - Talking to Your Patients About Antibiotics
 - Controlling MRSA Outbreaks in Correctional Settings
 - Controlling MRSA Outbreaks in School Athletic Settings

SPEAKERS:

- Faye Sorhage, State Public Health Veterinarian
- Carol Genese, Infectious Disease Team Coordinator
- Colin Campbell, Public Health Veterinarian
- Michelle Malavet, Foodborne Disease Surveillance Coordinator
- Lisa McHugh, Epidemiologist
- Ellen Rudowski, Public Health Nurse
- Shereen Semple, Epidemiologist
- Laura Taylor, Health Educator
- Suzanne Miro, CDS Health Educator

Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

PROGRAM MANAGER: Angela Sorrells

CONTACT: 609- 826-4860

TOPICS:

- General Vaccine-Related Topics
- Vaccines For Children Program
- Provider Quality Assurance
- NJ Immunization Information System Registry
- Provider Site Visits
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention
- Consumer Information
- Disease Surveillance/Vaccine Safety
- School Immunization Requirements
(N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 and 8:57-4.4)
- Pertussis

SPEAKERS:

- Angela Sorrells, Program Manager
- Barbara Montana, Medical Director
- Nancy Webster, Vaccines for Children Coordinator
- Jenish Sudhakaran, Population Assessment Coordinator
- Christine Armenti, Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator
- Elizabeth Handschur, Surveillance Coordinator
- Jennifer Smith, Health Educator

General

For these programs, please contact the Suzanne Miro, Health Education Coordinator

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TOPICS:

- Overview of Communicable Disease Reporting in NJ
- Overview of Basic Applied Epidemiology Principles

CDRSS Training

NEDSS/CDRSS Coordinator: Marlene Bednarczyk

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TOPICS:

- CDRSS Training

SPEAKERS:

- Marlene Bednarczyk, NEDSS/CDRSS Coordinator