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Oral Health Priorities and Focus Areas Supporting Preventive Interventions

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NYSDOH Updates

Measles Update



What to Know | Vaccination Rates | Measles Dashboard | For Providers

For confirmed measles cases in 2026, please see the Measles Dashboard.

Everyone should make sure they have received their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines.

Measles is a serious disease that can make people very ill, especially young children. Complications include pneumonia, encephalitis, miscarriage, preterm birth, hospitalization, and death.

Everyone should be alert for symptoms and call their health care provider or local health department if they have a fever and rash, especially if they have travelled abroad. Babies 6 months and older who are traveling abroad should be vaccinated for measles.

New York State's Measles Response

UPDATE: On October 5th, 2026, Governor Hochul signed an executive order declaring a Disaster Emergency in response to rising measles case rates. The executive order frees up resources to enhance the state's measles response including:

- Expanded pool of healthcare professionals who can administer vaccines now includes paramedics, pharmacists and midwives.
- Allows nurses to order testing.

See the full executive order.

We are encouraging all New Yorkers to ensure that they have received the MMR vaccine.

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https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/1594.pdf

Oral Health Activities - Update

- CDC Grant - Enhance Oral Health Programs
- Support for Community Water Fluoridation
- School-based Health Center Dental Services
- HRSA Grant - Oral Health Workforce

CDC State Based Oral Health Systems Grant
Focus Areas and Activities

Community Water Fluoridation	Medical Dental Integration Diabetes and Oral Health	Evidence Based Preventive Dental Services (EPBDS)	Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
Provide Technical assistance and administrative support to Water fluoridation systems.	Report and disseminate data about relationships between the oral health of adults with diabetes.	Use secondary data analyses and program data to expand access to EBPDS in populations of focus. **Primary Data Indicators"** • Fluoride Varnish • Dental Sealants	Promote dental IPC resources with oral health staff state HAI program and organizations to increase oral health IPC expertise.
Provide NY State DOH Sponsored Mini-Grants to Community Water systems.	Build and expand partnerships to raise awareness about evidence-based strategies to integrate medical and dental services.	Use partnerships to increase EBPDS participation in schools and communities that experience barriers to oral health care	Compile and disseminate an electronic Safe Dental Practice in Schools and Communities (IPC Toolkit).
Work with LHDs to enhance monitoring and reporting fluoride levels	Co-host a Public Health Live Presentation to discuss MDI to improve diabetes and periodontal health	Share data and resources to support EBPDS	Promoting CDC and non-CDC IPC training resources to support effective IPC in high-need and other school-based and community dental settings, with a focus on CDC Foundations training.

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Community Water Fluoridation



Main Activities

- Education and training
- Monitoring and surveillance

Providing Support

- Technical - Providing technical assistance to water systems through NYRWA
- Financial - Drinking Water Fluoridation Grant Recipients – 51

Population

- Population Served: 13M
- Percentage of population in NYS who receive optimally fluoridated water– 71.6% (Source: New York State Prevention Agenda)

Fluoridation adjusted water systems (Source CEH, 2024 SDWIS Report):

- 109 community water systems (CWS) adjust fluoride.
- 181 CWS purchase fluoride adjusted water.

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School Based Health Centers in NYS

	3/31/20 (Pre-Pandemic)	9/20/23 (Post-pandemic)	11/06/26 (Post-pandemic)
Number of Operators	48	41	38
Number of Sites	2,215	2425	2,492
Upstate/Downstate	951/1,264	939/1,486	910/1,573



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Publications and Resources

For more Information on Publications and Links, please visit the NYSDOH's website at

- https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental/publications.htm
- https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental/weblinks_oral_health.htm

COVID-19 General Information and the Latest Developments FAQ.

- https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/frequently-asked-questions-0
- https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home
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