

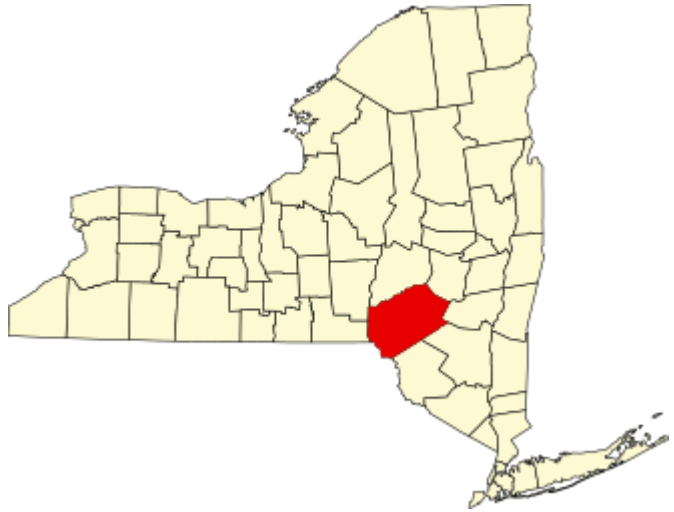
Climate and Health Workshops

Delaware County Public Health

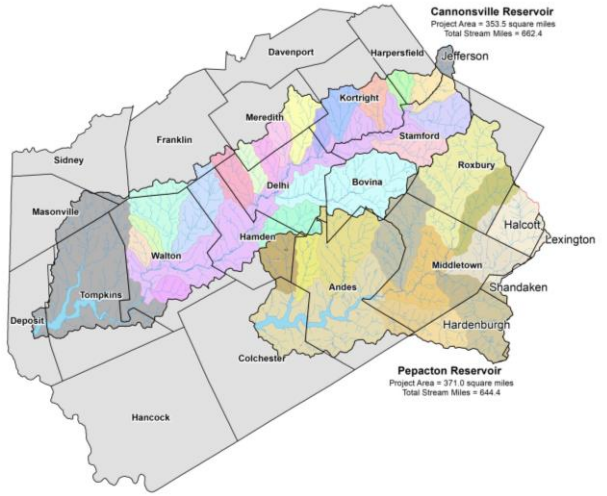
NYSACHO Climate and Health Adaptation Grant Program 2026

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Background on Delaware County, NY



- Fourth largest of NY's 62 counties
- Fifth most rural county
- Bordered by seven counties and the state of Pennsylvania
- NYC watershed
- Agriculture and tourism drive the local economy
- One of the top aging counties in NYS
- Among the top counties for disaster declarations in the state (Rebuild by Design, Atlas of Disaster New York)
- Flooding is the top hazard



















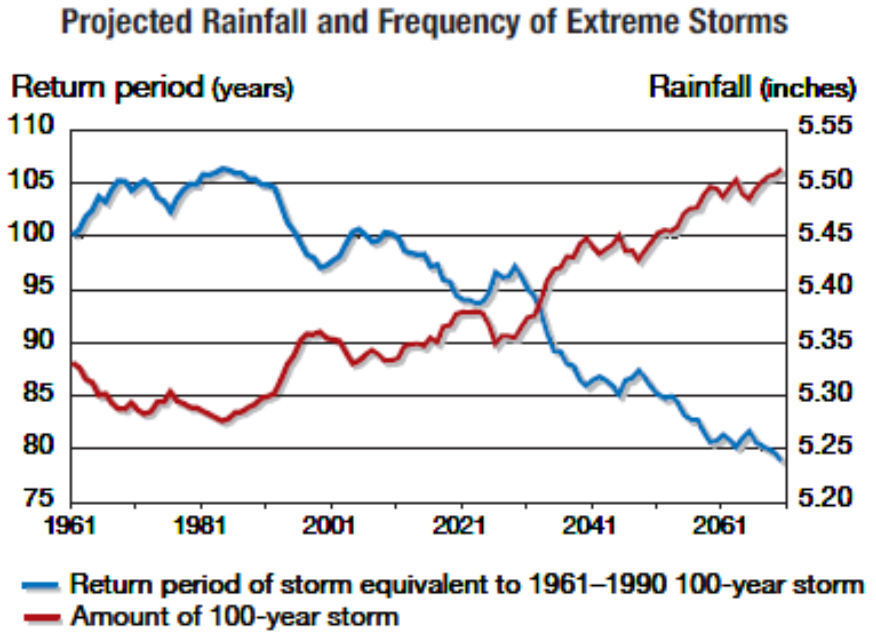




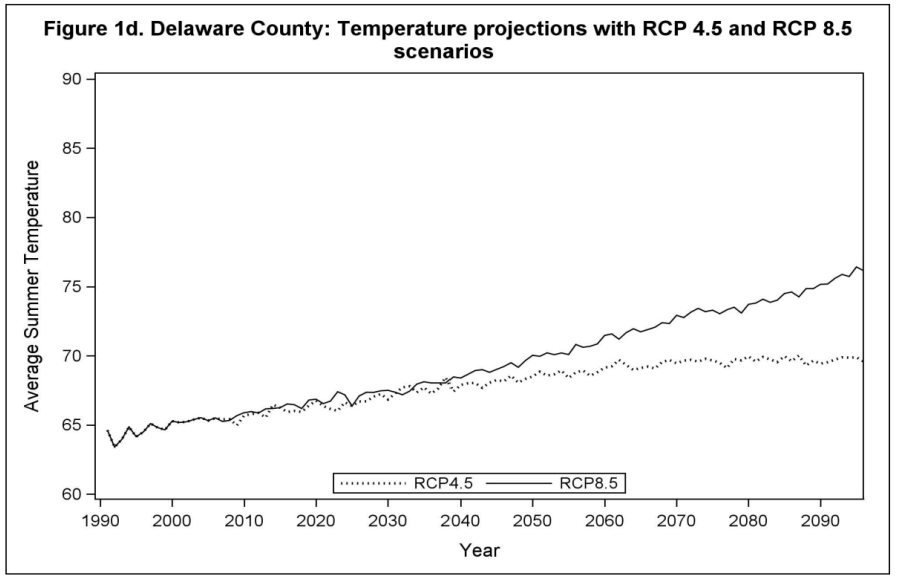


Why Emergency Preparedness?

- Annual precipitation across NYS expected to increase by up to 10% by the 2050s and up to 15% by the 2080s, seen through heavy downpours (NYSERDA, 2011, p. 30)
- Amount of rainfall in 100-year event is expected to increase, while the number of years between such 100-year storms is expected to decrease (NYSERDA, 2011, p.82)
- Past outreach identified a lack of preparedness amongst the community in general, but specifically amongst older adults



NYSERDA, 2011



NYSDOH, 2026

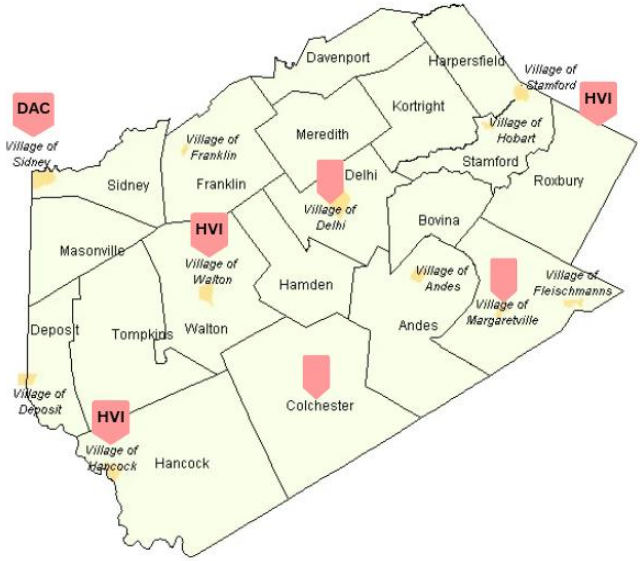
Project Overview: Climate and Health Workshops

Goals of Climate and Health Workshops

- Educate about the health risks of a changing climate and how to prepare for emergencies
- Educate on how to sign up for Triple Three Triple One emergency alerts
- Distribute 100 starter emergency preparedness kits
- Supplement education with a communication campaign on climate and health and preparedness topics

Target Audience

- Older adults
- People who use drugs



Our Community Partners

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OUR COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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Workshop Results





8 Climate and health workshops held

122 Starter emergency preparedness kits distributed

88 Post-event surveys completed (~72% of participants)



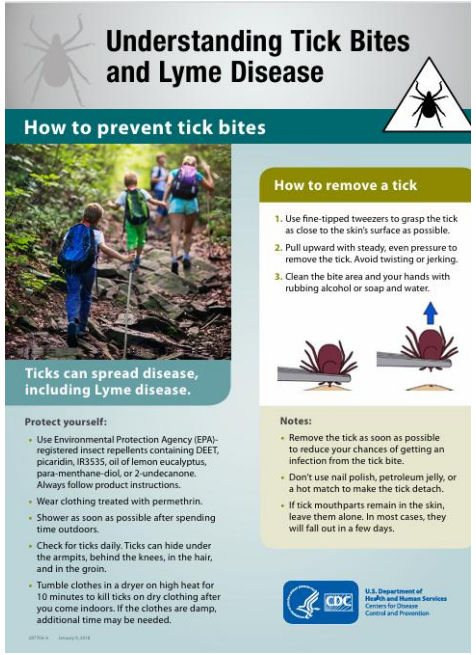
Inside the Starter Emergency Preparedness Kits

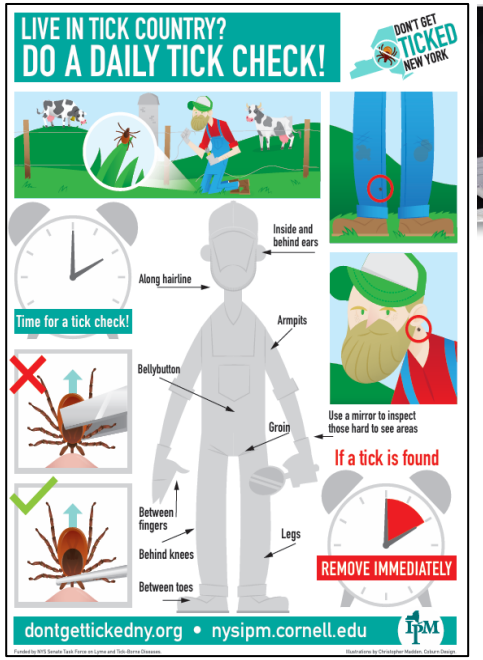
- County map
- Work gloves
- Safety goggles
- Emergency blanket
- 2-in-1 whistle and compass
- Water purification tablets
- First aid kit
- Wound wipes
- Hand crank radio
- Information on climate and health and emergency preparedness
- Bonus: Later added tick removal kits

Grant funding was used to purchase supplies for 100 kits. Separate Delaware County Public Health outreach and education funding was used to purchase supplies for an additional 22 kits.

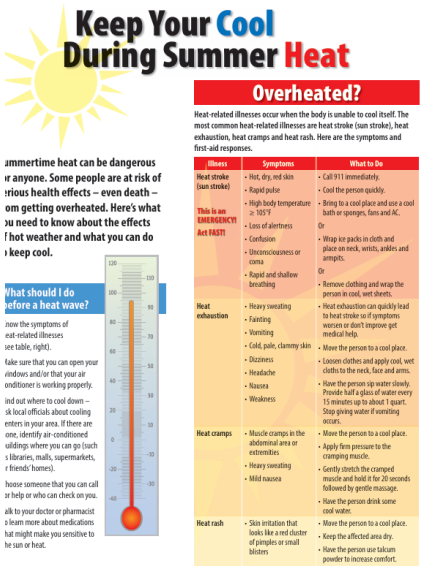
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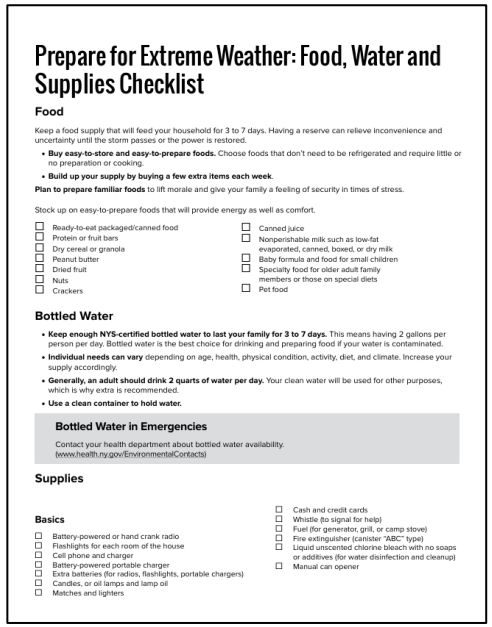


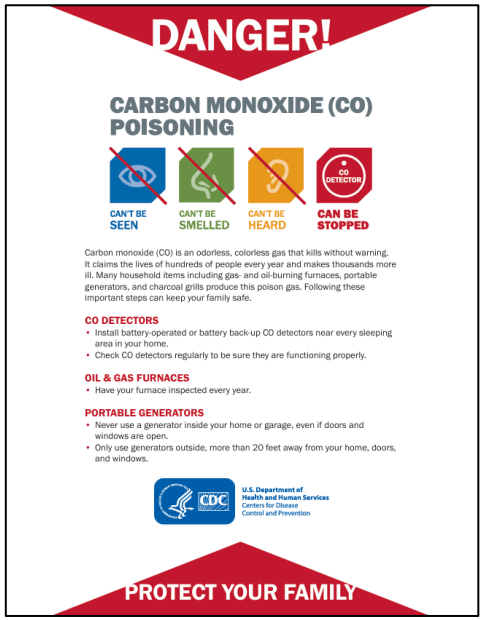


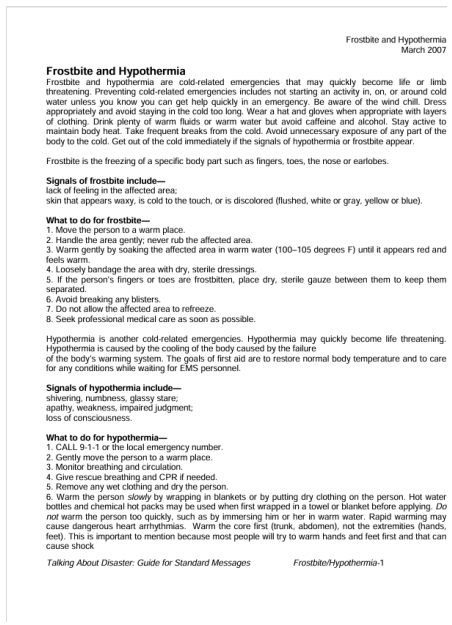


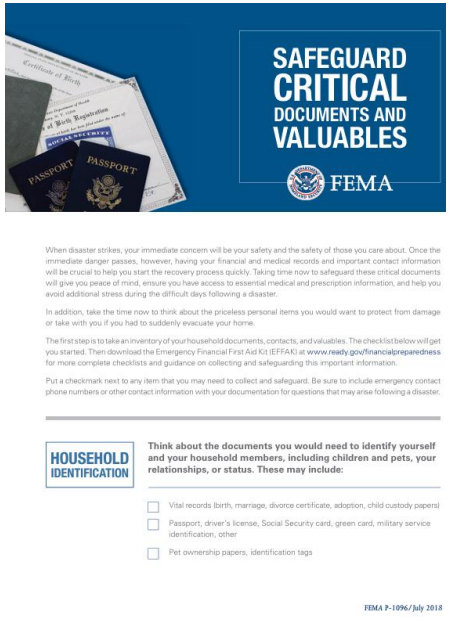














hops Post - Event Survey

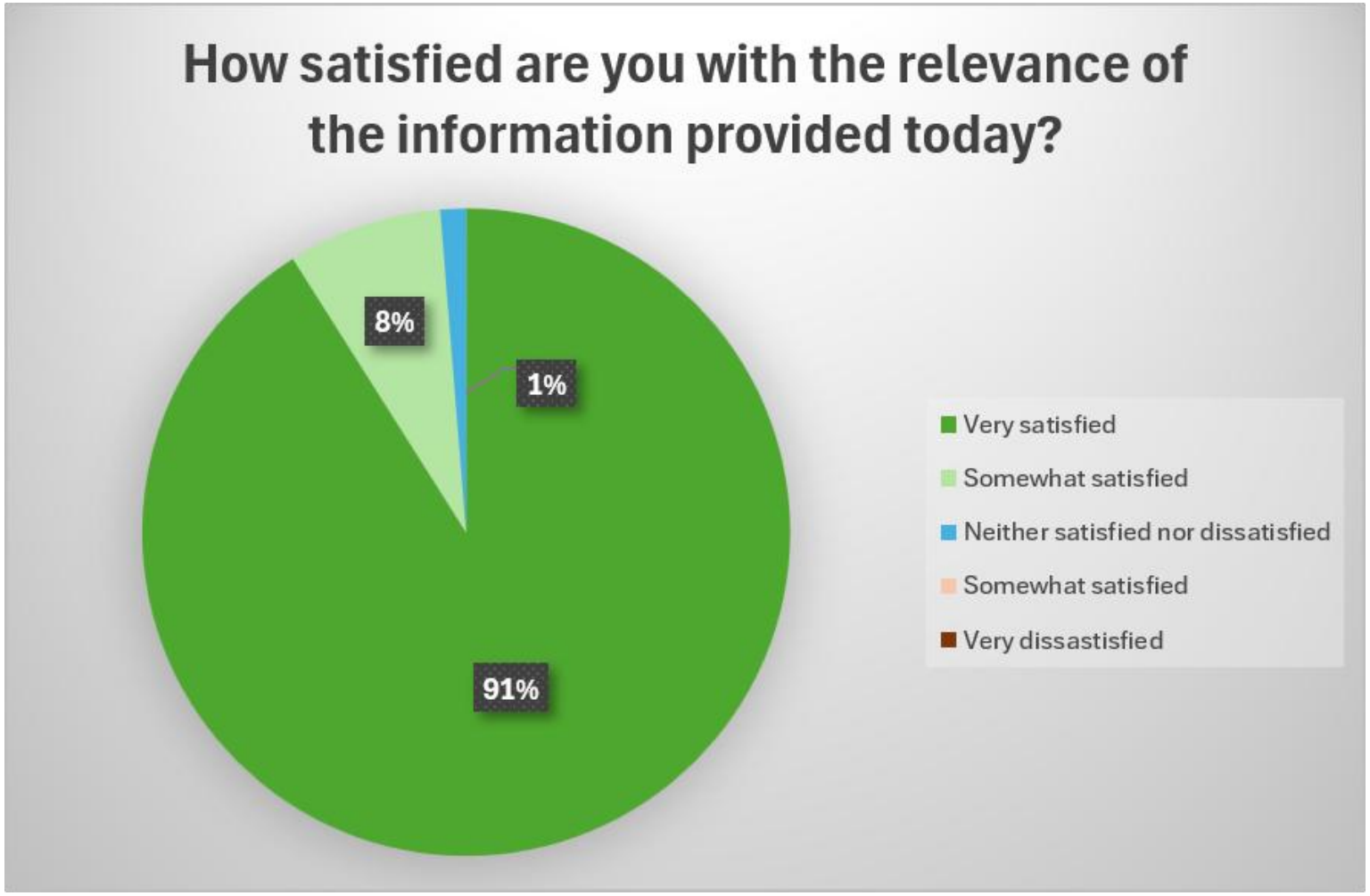
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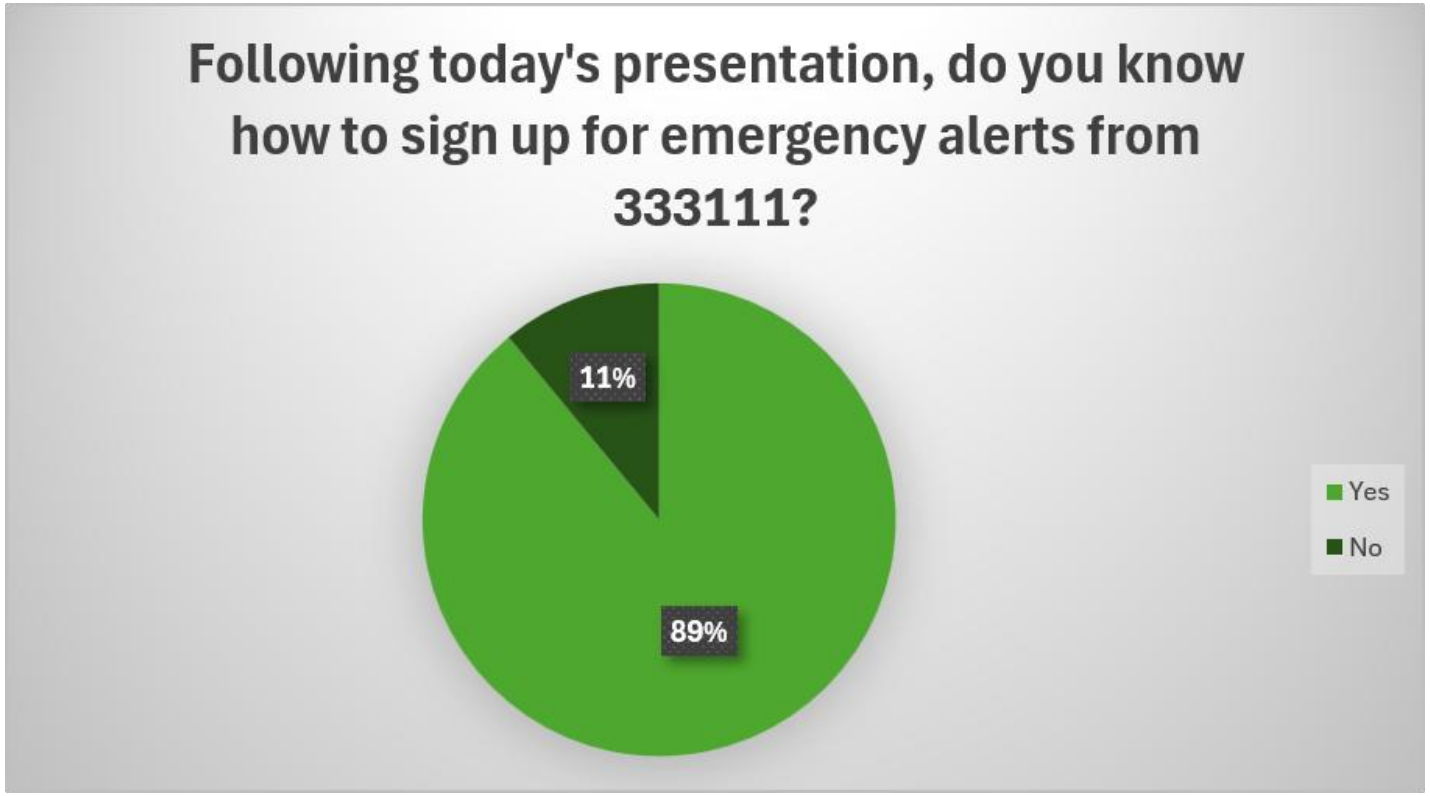
The program was well organized. The presenters were well prepared. Overall, a great job!

Of the survey respondents who answered this question, 94% reported an increased awareness or improvement in knowledge of how to prepare for extreme weather events following the workshop (n=77).





Most respondents reported being very satisfied with the relevance of the workshop information (n=78).



89% of question respondents reported that they knew how to sign up for emergency alerts following the workshop (n=82).

Communication Campaign

- 26 Facebook posts about climate and health topics
- 9 Wednesday morning talk radio discussions about climate and health topics
- Radio interview promoting the climate and health workshops
- Tick-bite prevention billboard
- Lobby boards in waiting area of our public health and social services building: Flood Safety Awareness week and tick-bite prevention
- Month-long radio ads about tick-bite prevention and extreme heat safety



Funded by Delaware County Public Health Outreach & Education funding

Facebook Posts

Delaware County Public Health
April 20 ·

Ticks can carry Lyme and other illnesses, so knowing how to remove one safely is key. If you find a tick, use pointed tweezers to grasp it by the head or mouthparts—as ... See more



Delaware County Public Health
June 30 at 2:45 PM ·

During periods of extreme heat, your body has to work harder to keep you cool. Use the tips in this guide to keep yourself and others safe when it's hot outside: https://www.cdc.gov/heat-health/about/



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Delaware County Public Health
May 6 ·

One week from today Delaware County Public Health will be hosting a free Climate and Health Workshops at the Hancock Senior Dining Center for residents 60 years and old... See more



Delaware County Public Health
April 29 ·

Stay informed, New York!
There is a new, easy, and FREE way to get emergency and weather alerts from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES... See more



Delaware County Public Health
June 13 ·

Protect yourself and your family by taking simple precautions to avoid tick bites, especially in wooded or grassy areas:
• Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and clos... See more



Delaware County Public Health
June 27 at 11:18 AM ·

As the weather gets hotter don't forget to take breaks in a cool area. If you need a place to cool down check out a nearby cooling center. A list of local cooling centers can be found at https://experience.arcgis.com/.../page/Cooling-Centers See less



Delaware County Public Health
June 24 at 10:00 AM ·

In honor of National Safety Month, it's a great time to think about being prepared for emergencies. Natural and human-caused disasters can strike at any time. Visit the following website to learn more about what to do before, during, or after extreme weather:
on.ny.gov/41DWC37 See less



Delaware County Public Health
March 11 ·

Flooding is the 2nd leading cause of weather-related fatalities in the U.S. only trailing heat-related deaths. Most of these deaths occur in motor vehicles when people ... See more



Delaware County Public Health
May 27 ·

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last for several days.... See more



Outreach at Senior Fun Day



Successes

- More workshops were conducted and more emergency preparedness kits were distributed than originally planned
  - Since the grant period has ended, we have had requests to provide emergency preparedness education to other senior groups
- Strengthened community partnerships
- Anecdotal feedback was very positive
- ~82% of survey respondents indicated they planned to engage in at least one preparedness activity following the workshop

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