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Easter Ducklings & Chicks Linked to Salmonella



Ducklings and chicks are often given to children during the Easter season as a treat, for them to care for and enjoy as they grow. These cute chicks and ducklings are adorable but carry a hidden threat: Salmonella. This article is to educate you on the threat of salmonella and review Englewood's policy on fowl.

Salmonella, a severe diarrheal infection, is carried in the intestines of farmyard birds and water fowl such as ducks and geese. Feces contaminate the environment of the animal as well as the entire surface of the animal. Children may be exposed to the bacteria by handling, petting, cuddling, kissing or cleaning up after the ducklings and chicks. Hand washing is the best preventative measure against Salmonella and should be done after handling the chicks or ducklings and their environment (cages, water and food dishes, etc). Children should not be allowed to kiss these birds under any circumstances and should always be supervised during their time with the animals.

The City of Englewood has an ordinance against the housing of any bird or farmyard animal: Chapter 4, article 2: "No person, firm or corporation shall raise, keep, harbor or slaughter any fowl, including but not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons or turkeys, within the City [of Englewood]."

Aside from the illegality of having these young birds in your home, there is a significant risk associated with them. We at the Health Department urge you to reconsider housing these animals at your home and be aware of the high risk of illness associated with it. We hope you and your children have a happy and healthy spring season.

Mosquito Season

"April showers bring May flowers". So goes the old saying, but what it also brings is mosquito season. If you have an old tire, a neglected bird bath or any other item that will hold water, you have put out the welcome mat for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes only need a small amount of stagnant water to reproduce. An old tire with water in it could be a home to hundreds of future mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are known to carry various diseases including West Nile Virus.

Take time, as spring approaches, to look over your property for possible mosquito breeding sites. Clean out your gutters, change water in your bird bath every four (4) days, as attention to areas such as these will make your yard more attractive and comfortable. Spring cleaning will ensure more pleasurable times outdoors with less mosquito annoyances. For additional information on mosquitoes, contact Matt Traudt at (201) 871-6517 or the Bergen County Mosquito Control at (201) 634-2880.

What's New for You?

New payment options are now available at the Health Department. For a nominal fee, debit and most credit cards are accepted through our partnership with VitalChek. Please note that all debit and credit card requests, either on-line or at the Health Department, are processed through VitalChek, an independent company that we, and many other health departments across the United States, have partnered with to provide this service, and the fee for the service is paid to them. VitalChek can be reached through its website at www.vitalchek.com.

all major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard® or Visa®.

This convenient service to you is not limited to vital records (birth, marriage and death certificates), but can be used for any document or license for which there is a cost. The VitalChek service charges are prominently posted so that you will be aware of the fee before you decide to use your card, and you will be advised of the total before your transaction is finalized. The choice is always yours.

The Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) has been in use for several years, but its implementation across the State was delayed due to programming to accommodate the changes in domestic status, such as Domestic Partnerships and Civil Unions. Last year, the training of all funeral directors and medical facilities was completed, and the use of this system will become mandatory effective April 15th. For the family physician, the benefit is that they can log in wherever they are, as long as they have internet access, and certify the death certificate. What does it mean for you, the family member or executor or other legal representative or the deceased? A quicker turn-around time in the processing and filing of a death certificate, and an amendment when necessary.

Please visit our web site for additional information regarding Vital Statistics & Licensing at www.cityofenglewood.org/health.html – or contact the Registrar at (201) 871-6502.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ENGLEWOOD DOG OWNERS License Fee Increase

Please be advised that, per City Ordinance #10-02 adopted on February 16, 2010, the fees for dog licenses have increased as follows:

Dogs not certified as spayed or neutered,
one year license
renewable in January \$ 12.00

Spayed or neutered dog, as certified by a
licensed veterinarian, one year license,
renewable in January \$ 8.00

To ensure that all owners have been duly notified and given an opportunity to license without additional expense for the current license year, which is already in progress, the Department of Health is granting an extension for all current license renewals until April 30th, 2010.

ALL NEW DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE
SUBJECT TO THE NEW FEES EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY.

ANY DOG LICENSE RENEWAL RECEIVED AFTER
APRIL 30TH WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE
INCREASED LICENSE FEE IN ADDITION TO THE
APPLICABLE LATE FEE.

REMINDERS

Pet License Renewals were due by February 28th

Late Fees are now in effect

March – \$10.00 per pet

April – \$15.00 per pet

May - December – \$20.00 per pet

Retail & Misc Licenses are due by April 1st

All Type I and Type II Food Service establishments are required to have a Certified Food Manager on site during operating hours.

Fast Facts about MUMPS

Symptoms: Fever, Headache, Muscle aches, Tiredness, Loss of appetite, Swollen and tender salivary glands under the ears or jaw on one or both sides of the face (parotitis).

Transmission: Mumps is spread by droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of an infected person, usually when the person coughs, sneezes or talks.

Minimize close contact with other people, especially babies and people with weakened immune systems who cannot be vaccinated.

Stay home from work or school for five days after your glands begin to swell, and try not to have close contact with other people who live in your house.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and put your used tissue in the trash can. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

Wash hands well and often with soap, and teach children to wash their hands too.

Don't share drinks or eating utensils.

Regularly clean surfaces that are frequently touched (such as toys, door knobs, tables, counters, etc.) with soap and water or with cleaning wipes.

Vaccination: The MMR (or measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine is the best way to prevent mumps. The MMR vaccine should be routinely given when children are 12-15 months old, with a second dose when they are 4-6 years old. Two doses of the vaccine are more effective against mumps than one dose and prevent most, but not all, cases of mumps and mumps complications.

For more information call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) or visit www.cdc.gov/mumps

National Youth Violence Prevention Week March 22-26

STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE HISTORY: On a Friday night in 1989, a young man named Alex Orange lost his life while trying to break up a fight at a party. Alex could have been just another statistic of a young life lost to violence. But the following Monday, his grieving classmates gathered in West Charlotte Senior High School's cafeteria and vowed to organize against violence in Alex's memory. The group formed Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), with the vision that all students be able to attend a school that is safe, secure, free of fear, and conducive to learning.

SAVE's mission is to decrease the potential for violence in schools and communities by promoting meaningful student involvement, education and service

opportunities in efforts to provide safer environments for learning.

Engages students in meaningful violence prevention efforts within their school and community.

Empowers youth with knowledge and skills necessary to provide service to their community and school.

Encourages positive peer influences within the school and community through violence prevention efforts.

Educates students about the effects and consequences of violence as well as safe activities for students, parents, and the community.

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/quickfaqs.php>

National School Nurse Day - May 12

Background: Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses.

Purpose: National School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting.

Date: National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurse Week, which is always May 6th through May 12th.

Don't Forget To Recognize Your School Nurse on May 12, 2010!

H1N1 Influenza vaccinations are still available at, at no cost to you. Please call (201) 871-6513.

Get Fit Englewood!

Spring is almost here. What better way to get back in shape than with your friends and neighbors each week? The Department of Health will provide you with helpful tips on nutrition and exercise as well as an enjoyable Saturday morning. Additional information will follow soon!

Spotlight on Youth

The Department has a special interest in Englewood's young people and their health concerns. Reach & Teach just completed its 20th year of dedicated service to adolescents in particular. Our special thanks go to Englewood Hospital & Medical Center for their financial support of this valuable program. Without their committed partnership, this significant milestone would not have been possible.



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