

Baltimore City Health Department
WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR

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In his WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR dated May 19, 1972, the Commissioner of Health wrote:

Dear Mayor:

Because of funds generously donated by Dulaney High School students, the Baltimore City Health Department is now supplying iron-fortified formula for babies in that section of east Baltimore served by the Comprehensive Children and Youth Project 606C of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

These funds became available because some senior students of Dulaney High School were impressed with a film "Poverty In America" shown in their social studies class. They set up donation boxes and held assemblies to encourage students to give to help the poor. A total of \$991 was collected and turned over to the Maryland Food Committee, a private, volunteer organization interested in better nutrition for the poor. The Food Committee chose to use these funds to sponsor the iron-fortified formula program of the Children and Youth Project at 1017 E. Baltimore Street.

Dr. Shi Shung Huang, director of the Children and Youth Project, explained he hopes to reach 100 to 150 children with the formula program. Babies are eligible if they live within the Project 606C area and are less than six months old. The formula will be supplied to these infants until they are nine months old.

Since the program began April 6, 25 babies have received the liquid formula, but Dr. Huang expects this number to increase quickly as more mothers learn of the formula availability. Mothers may obtain the formula at 1017 E. Baltimore Street any weekday between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. A case of liquid iron-fortified formula usually costs about \$9 in Baltimore City. Mothers are asked to pay \$1 for the same amount and the money so collected is used to buy more formula. If anyone wishes further information about the iron-fortified formula program, they should call 828-2448.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Robert E. Farber, M.D.

Commissioner of Health

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BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 1972

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS
AND INFANT MORTALITY

	Week Ending May 18, 1972			Week Ending May 20, 1971		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE
BIRTHS	N U M B E R					
Total recorded	380	209	171	395	234	161
Residents only	246	86	160	275	114	161
DEATHS						
Total recorded	246	186	60	241	143	98
Residents only	184	128	56	189	95	94
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	14	11	3	11	5	6
Residents only	4	1	3	7	1	6
BIRTHS	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR YEAR TO DATE					
Total recorded	7,624	4,284	3,340	8,819	4,938	3,881
Residents only	5,159	2,072	3,087	6,060	2,419	3,641
DEATHS						
Total recorded	4,973	3,260	1,713	5,065	3,401	1,664
Residents only	4,002	2,368	1,634	4,109	2,530	1,579
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	153	81	72	213	92	121
Residents only	97	30	67	174	59	115
BIRTHS	RESIDENT RATES* FOR YEAR TO DATE					
	15.0	11.6	18.5	17.5	13.2	22.3
DEATHS	11.6	13.3	9.8	11.9	13.8	9.7
INFANT MORTALITY	18.8	14.5	21.7	28.7	24.4	31.6

* BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION; INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.
ALL RATES COMPUTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

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WEEKLY STATISTICAL REPORT
CASES OF REPORTABLE DISEASES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED
WEEK ENDING May 18, 1972

DISEASE	CASES			YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF CASES	
	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		1972	1971
		HIGH	LOW		
Tuberculosis, active.....	5	25	10	204	200
Syphilis, primary and secondary.....	7	9	0	188	128
Gonococcal infections.....	222	241	1	4,052	3,936
Infectious hepatitis.....	10	9	4	148	134
Meningococcal infections.....	0	4	0	6	7
Meningitis, other.....	0	4	0	13	20
Encephalitis, infectious.....	0	2	0	3	0
Measles.....	0	32	0	2	11
German measles.....	0	8	2	11	28
Mumps.....	3	25	0	74	220
Chickenpox.....	6	27	8	156	186
Diphtheria.....	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough.....	0	1	0	2	7
Streptococcal infections.....	9	5	0	185	146
Poliomyelitis (paralytic cases).....	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid fever.....	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis.....	13	9	0	184	170
Dysentery.....	6	10	0	97	258
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	0	1	0	3	4
Lead poisoning.....	1	2	0	1	5
Influenza.....	0	0	0	12	2
Other reportable diseases.....	35	-	-	511	528

MORTALITY BY MAJOR CAUSES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED

CAUSE OF DEATH	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF DEATHS	
		HIGH	LOW	1972	1971
	TOTAL				
All Causes.....	184	219	175	4,002	4,109
Diseases of the heart.....	75	94	68	1,533	1,534
Cancer, all forms.....	31	47	30	733	737
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	19	17	6	279	313
Diseases of the arteries and veins.....	3	9	4	110	129
Influenza and pneumonia.....	6	11	3	100	102
Diabetes.....	8	8	4	142	126
Cirrhosis of liver.....	9	7	3	162	121
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	1	2	1	34	27
Nephritis.....	1	3	0	26	12
Puerperal causes.....	0	1	0	1	2
Malformations and diseases of early infancy.....	1	19	4	74	132
Suicides.....	1	2	0	33	33
Homicides.....	3	8	0	115	96
Accidents					
Home.....	1	3	0	55	58
Industrial.....	0	2	0	1	17
Automobile.....	1	6	0	33	47
Other public.....	1	2	0	18	21
Other external causes.....	0	-	-	19	21
Other specified causes.....	23	-	-	534	581

* THE HIGH AND LOW FIGURES SHOWN ARE DERIVED FROM THE NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FOR COMPARABLE WEEK FOR THE PERIOD 1965-1971

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