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**HOT OFF THE PRESSES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT RELEASES 2005/2006 ANNUAL DATA BOOK**

The Westchester County Health Department has announced the release of its new Annual Data Book for 2005/2006, presenting the most recent demographic and health data available for the county.

“If you need to know the principle causes of hospitalization or death in Westchester, which regions of the county are reporting the highest rates of Lyme disease infection, or whether pertussis cases are continuing to be reported, this is the place to look,” said Joshua Lipsman, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health for Westchester County. “The Annual Data Book is a valuable tool for health professionals and anyone concerned with the health and wellness of Westchester residents,” he said.

The 170-page Annual Data Book will be available online at <http://www.westchestergov.com/health/>. Hard copies may also be purchased from the Health Department for \$15.00 per copy. An order form for the publication is provided online at the address above, or orders may be placed by calling the Health Department at (914) 813-5100.

Health and demographic data are presented in the form of colorful, easy-to-read tables and charts and cover the years 2004 through 2005. Many statistics are broken down by race, allowing an assessment of racial health disparities affecting the County. When appropriate, data are also presented by gender, age and other relevant factors.

Information on all reportable diseases, such as HIV, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis, is included, as well as data on chronic illnesses, new births, and accidental injuries and poisonings.

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The Annual Data Book also offers valuable information on services provided to the public by the Westchester County Department of Health. The numbers of persons served by Health Department clinics, health inspections performed, permits issued, children with special needs served, residents assisted with enrollment in New York State health insurance programs, and vaccinations given are just some of the data provided.

The Annual Data Book is produced each year by the Westchester County Health Department’s Division of Planning and Evaluation.

For more information, please call the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000, or visit the Health Department web site at www.westchestergov.com/health.