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# PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

Wyandot County Public Health

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you, or someone you know, have a child that will be entering school this fall as a kindergartner? If so, now is the time to contact the prospective school district to register your child in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Registration for Upper Sandusky school students will be held on April 27th and 28th.

Registration for Carey school students is

scheduled for April 6th and 7th.

Parents must call their child's prospective school district in advance to schedule an appointment for their child for registration day.



Incoming kindergartners are required to be up to date on vaccines prior to school entry.

Parents and guardians may contact their child's health care provider to check a child's immunization status and make an appointment for vaccines, if necessary.

Wyandot County Public Health gives vaccines in both Carey and Upper Sandusky by appointment. Call 419-294-3852 for more info.

## EARTH DAY FAMILY FUN FAIR

Get ready to GET YOUR EARTH ON! The Earth Day themed Family Fun Fair is scheduled for April 22 from 10-12 at Upper Sandusky High School.

Representatives from Wyandot County agencies and businesses will be present with fun, interactive hands-on activities geared toward children from birth to 8 years of age. The 2017

Family Fun Fair is the 17th annual event that has taken place in Wyandot County. The fun-filled morning is free and open to the public.

The Family Fun Fair was established as a means to inform and connect caregivers to available services for young children and their parents/guardians within the county. Attendees get to "play" while learning.

Earth Day is an annual global event that was created in 1970 to draw attention and gain support for environmental causes. Hope to see you on the 22nd!



## IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

### Upper Sandusky

**Mondays**

**12:00-6:00 pm**

**Fridays**

**9:00-11:00 am**

**&**

**1:00-4:00 pm**

### Carey

**2nd Monday of every month**

**2:00-6:00 pm**

**Carey Senior Depot**

**Family Planning  
Immunization  
Teen & Family  
Call:**

**419-294-3852  
for appointment**

**WIC Clinic  
419-294-3341**

Wyandot County Public Health is contracted with several major insurance providers. Non-contracted insurance clients must pay for services at time of visit.

# INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

National Infant Immunization Week is an annual event that was created to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs worldwide and inform the public of the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization.

Infant and child immunization saves up to 3 million lives each year globally.

The primary vaccine series for infants begins soon after birth with the introduction of the 1st Hepatitis B vaccine. Babies receiving vaccines “on-time” complete the series at 18 months of age and are protected against 13 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Protection against influenza (a 14th vaccine-preventable disease) can be given to a baby

when it reaches 6 months of age.

Take a moment to check your child’s immunization status. Call your healthcare provider for an appointment to update, if behind. Help WCPH keep babies healthy!



# PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Wyandot County Public Health is celebrating National Public Health Week April 3-9. In reality, WCPH celebrates National Public Health Week year-round as part of a growing movement to create healthier communities within the healthiest nation. WCPH believes in the power of prevention, and actively advocates for healthy and fair policies, sharing strategies and forming and maintaining successful partnerships while championing the role for a strong public health system.

The function of public health surrounds you. WCPH Environmental sanitarians ensure safe private water systems, food service establishments, schools and pools. They monitor vector vector-borne diseases and investigate nuisances throughout the county.

Public health nurses provide protection from vaccine preventable diseases. They are present in the schools to provide education and monitor both healthy and medically fragile students.

WCPH nurses also educate parents on safe sleep and travel for their children and provide family planning education and options.

Nutrition education and supplemental food assistance is available at the WIC office located within Wyandot County Public Health. Birth & death records are available at WCPH, too!

For a list of programs and services, visit [wyandotohealth.com](http://wyandotohealth.com) and follow us on Facebook!

# COMMUNITY GARDEN

Plans are underway for the 2017 Community Garden growing season. This year, in addition to the [Countywide Agencies Garden Plot Challenge](#), and involvement with Anna Creswell and the USHS ag class, WCPH is collaborating with Union School 4th grade classes who will be helping the committee save valuable dollars by planting peppers and tomatoes from seed. The plants will then be transplanted in straw bales and garden boxes.

by the students, with help from the committee. This particular gardening project involves recycling and teaches the students about sustainability and philanthropy within the community. Students will be planting 2 plants each: one to transplant and one to take home and grow or give away. The students will be encouraged to visit the garden and watch the progress of their plants throughout the growing season.

Produce from the garden will once again benefit nutritionally challenged residents via local food pantries and other designated distribution sites.

A new addition to the garden in 2017 will be a raised bed pumpkin patch at the east end of the garden. The pumpkins will be used at a community event in the fall.

Call 419-294-3852 for info on how you can become involved!