



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

Wyandot County Public Health

ACCREDITATION

There have been many changes within the healthcare system in the last few years; changes that have affected how Wyandot County Public Health, YOUR local health department serves you.

A major change is state required accreditation (the process in which

certification of competency, authority, or credibility is presented) to maintain grant funding and control over health programs at the local level.

WCPH is currently working toward filing for accreditation in the first quarter of 2018 before the July 1st deadline.

Health departments throughout the state, who wish to continue to receive grant monies, etc., must be fully accredited before the 2020 deadline.

With full accreditation, and community support, WCPH will continue to provide quality services throughout the county.

The FLU and YOU

What is the best thing you can do to prevent the flu? The most effective way to prevent the flu is through vaccination. A February 15, 2017 CDC web post stated that the overall population can reduce their risk of contracting the flu through immunization by 50 to-60 percent. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months.

WCPH will administer flu vaccines throughout the 2017-2018 flu season

beginning with clinics on: October 3rd, from 12-6 pm at Trinity Evangelical in Upper; October 16, from 12-6 pm at Carey EMS; October 23 from 2-6 pm at a new "BOO TO FLU!" Clinic at the health department in Upper



Sandusky; and on October 26 from 9am to 1 pm at a "Seniors Only" event at Trinity Evangelical in Upper Sandusky. These clinics will be first come first served walk-in events.

WCPH is contracted with many insurance companies and will bill for the vaccine. Clients must present their insurance information or have full payment in hand at the time of the visit. Look for more flu details in future news outlets and at wyandothealth.com.

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

WCPH is contracted
with several major
insurance providers.
Non-contracted
insurance clients must
pay for services at visit.

Ask us about our
Patient Assistance
Program for
some adult vaccines!

WCPH
24/7 EMERGENCY PHONE
419-294-3852

Handwashing: The First Line of Defense

Proper handwashing is the first line of defense in disease prevention. It is an easy, effective, and affordable method of preventing the transmission of germs that cause illness and death worldwide.



According to a CDC report from November 18, 2015, 1.8 million children under the age of 5 die each year from diarrheal

or respiratory illnesses. The same report states that 1 out of every 3 children could be protected from diarrheal diseases and 1 out of every 5 could be guarded against respiratory illnesses, like pneumonia, through handwashing with soap and water or the use of a hand sanitizing solution with at least a 60% alcohol base.

WCPH reminds everyone, especially at this time of year, to wash their

hands several times throughout the day. Be extra vigilant during the school year when germs transfer from child to child through coughing and sneezing; through play; and by sharing school supplies. **Wash hands often during the day, especially; before you eat, after using the restroom, and after visiting animals.**

Ensure good health every day with proper handwashing: wet hands, lather with soap, scrub for at least 20

DSOGPO Traffic Safety Kick-Off

This year, Wyandot County Public Health held their Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kick-Off event on August 25th at Mohawk High School during the Mohawk Warriors contest against the Margaretta Polar Bears.

Although Mohawk came away with the victory against the Polar Bears, they weren't the only winners at MHS stadium that night. WCPH employees were in attendance, along with representatives from local law

enforcement agencies, under the traffic safety tent distributing information on the importance of driving sober. Football fans played an interactive traffic safety game and were given prizes and valuable traffic safety information and promotional materials.

Game attendees also had a chance to enter a free drawing to win one of two footballs, autographed by each team, which were provided by

Guardian Custom Glass Solutions of Upper Sandusky. Two winners, one from each school, were announced at halftime.

According to a CDC report from June 16, 2017, 28 people die each day in the U.S. as a result of an alcohol-impaired driver; that's one death every 51 minutes. Help get that number down to a zero. Never drive impaired and never ride with an impaired driver.

October 1, 2017 Septic System Updates

Beginning October 1, 2017, Wyandot County Public Health will be implementing our updated Operation and Maintenance Program per the Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-29. Property owners will be required to obtain a new operation permit for an existing septic system if there is a sale, transfer, or conveyance of a property containing a 1, 2, or 3 family dwelling on the

property, if it is not exempt from real property conveyance fees per the Wyandot County Auditor. A new operation permit will also be required if there is a replacement of a 1, 2, or 3 family dwelling; if there is any substantial alteration resulting in additional bedrooms; or if there is an identification of a septic system failure. These permits are renewable and will be

valid for 1 year to 10 years depending on the type of septic system on the property.

For more program information or to obtain a list of registered septic installers, haulers, and service providers in Wyandot County, please call Wyandot County Public Health at 419-294-3852 or visit our website, www.wyandothealth.com.