

Wyandot County

Public Health

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Wyandot County Public Health

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2021 Health Commissioner Message

I have served as the Health Commissioner for Wyandot County and the Medical Director for Wyandot County Public Health since 2010. Last year continued to be a challenging year for everyone including Wyandot County Public Health. We struggled this year as the COVID-19 pandemic continued and we endured multiple staffing changes. However, I believe our current team is stronger than ever and ready and willing to serve the citizens of Wyandot County. Our mission continues: Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County.

In 2021 we continued the fight against COVID-19 as well as provided our many other services. For example, we provide vaccines and physical exams for sports, school and work to low income and underinsured families and individuals. We provide assistance to children with medical handicaps. We provide home visiting and school nurses. We provide education on nutrition and lead. We provide formula for newborns, nutritious foods for older children and breastfeeding support for mothers. We send our staff into our county schools to work with students on Life Skills. We provide services that keep your food and water safe. We

do emergency preparedness and disaster training. We keep statistics and do surveys and use these to guide our future opportunities for improvement. We continue to reach out to the public to provide education on various health and safety topics. We are utilizing the local newspapers as well as social media. We are always working on our Community Health Improvement Plan and are hoping to be granted full accreditation through the Ohio Department of Health later this year.

As always, please contact us with opportunities on how we can serve you better. Be safe and may God bless Wyandot County as we continue to prevent, promote and protect in 2022.

*Keri Harris, M.D.*Wyandot County Health Commissioner

2021 Wyandot County Board of Health Meet the Members of Our Board of Health



Dallas Risner President Current Term: 4/1/2020 - 3/31/2025



Joseph D'Ettorre Vice President Current Term: 4/1/2018 - 3/31/2023



Bill Aubry Board Member Current Term: 4/1/2021 - 3/31/2026



Cindy Kraus Board Member Current Term: 4/1/2019 -3/31/2024



Dr. Chevone R. Vent Board Member Current Term: 4/1/2017 - 3/31/2022

Mission Statement - The Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County.

Wyandot County Health Alliance

In August of 2002, more than 20 local agencies, businesses, health professionals and private citizens established the Wyandot County Health Alliance, a partnership to improve community wellness and quality of life. In 2003, with "A Healthier Wvandot County" as their vision, the Alliance initiated the most comprehensive, countywide, standardized community needs assessment ever conducted for Wyandot County. The assessment is completed every three years, as required by the Ohio Department of Health. We look forward to presenting the 2021 data to the public, securing feedback that involves examination and interpretation of data, leading to decision making, evaluation comments, suggestions, and program development.

The 2018-2021 CHIP identified 3-year strategies as:

Priority Area 1: Mental Health and Addiction (10 strategies)

Priority Area 2: Chronic Disease (7 strategies)

Priority Area 3: Cross-Cutting Strategies (6 strategies)

Priority Area 4: Safe Communities Coalition (1 strateay).

Using the model Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP), the Health Alliance will follow specific strategic planning steps: Choosing Priorities, reviewing a Resource Assessment, completing a Gap Analysis, reviewing Best Practices, doing Community Themes and Strengths, Quality of Life, and Local Public Health System Assessments, considering Forces of Change, and developing a Community Health

Improvement Plan (CHIP) that includes action steps,

a time frame, and quarterly reporting.

The Health Alliance completed an updated Community Health Assessment in 2021. The new data was released February 1, 2022. You can view this on our website at www.wyandothealth.com. The updated data will be used to implement a new Community Health Improvement Plan. Please join the Wyandot County Health Alliance in the development of this county-wide Health Improvement Plan. Call (419) 294-3852 and ask for Shermaine Hutchins, Deputy Health Commissioner to get involved!

Wyandot County **Public Health Staff**



Carrie Boes







Rhiannon Coppler Jamie Crawford Amber Emans







Jeremiah Aialer



Jodi Kimmel



Erin Logsdon



Elaine McKee



Barb Mewhorter



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Arlene Schriner



Michelle Swinehart



2021 Fiscal Division

Performance Management

In 2021 the Management Team and Finance Committee continued to monitor operating funds. We looked forward 6 years and back 6 years to establish a history of where we were and set goals of where we want to be. The goal for 2021 was to achieve 60 days of operating funds by years end. We were able to achieve 113 days of operating funds because of the COVID-19 money distributed to Local Health Departments. We are cautiously optimistic regarding the 2022 financial picture.

Fiscal Staff 2021

Barbara Mewhorter Administrator

Kelli Owens Registrar, Administrative Assistant

Peri	formance					Combined
		Operating	g Funds for All F	unds Combine	ed	
Year	Beginning Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance	Days	GOALS
2013	\$553,221.75	\$2,392,740.03	\$2,409,188.91	\$536,772.87	57.93	
2014	\$536,772.87	\$2,354,265.11	\$2,586,526.33	\$304,511.65	30.61	
2015	\$304,511.65	\$2,425,477.38	\$2,485,346.63	\$244,642.40	25.59	
2016	\$244,642.40	\$2,721,084.49	\$2,667,276.02	\$298,450.87	29.09	
2017	\$298,405.89	\$2,914,845.83	\$2,957,055.42	\$256,196.30	22.53	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2018	\$256,241.30	\$2,115,481.44	\$2,083,977.53	\$287,745.21	36.04	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2019	\$287,745.21	\$1,719,947.20	\$1,793,478.28	\$214,214.13	31.17	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2020	\$214,214.13	\$2,443,604.16	\$2,109,901.86	\$547,916.43	68.04	Operating Funds for 45 Days
2021	\$547,916.43	\$2,067,079.02	\$1,822,813.48	\$792,181.97	113.43	Operating Funds for 60 Days
2022 2023						Operating Funds for 75 Days Operating Funds for 90 Days
2024						Operating Funds for 105 Days
2025						Operating Funds for 120 Days

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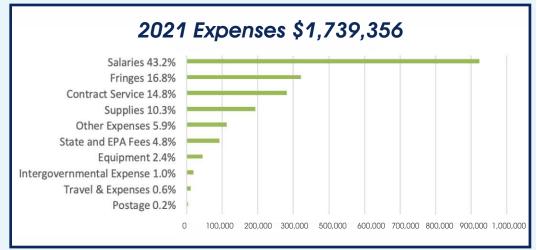
Date Decemer 31, 2021	Beginning Balance	2021 Revenue YTD	2021 Transfers In	2021 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total	2021 Expenses YTD	2021 Transfers Out	2021 YTD Balance	
County Health	\$204,909.93	\$1,084,384.06	6 \$10,597.78 \$1,299,891.77		\$807,370.83	\$60,000.00	\$432,520.94	
Recreational Vehicle Park	k \$468.45 \$1,350.00 \$1,00		\$1,000.00	\$2,818.45	\$2,448.22	\$0.00	\$370.23	
Water Supply	\$6,969.74	\$20,090.00	\$15,000.00	\$42,059.74	\$30,981.39	\$0.00	\$11,078.35	
Women Infants and Children Grant	\$21,250.48	\$113,493.58	\$0.00	\$134,744.06	\$117,648.94	\$0.00	\$17,095.12	
Food Service	\$12,988.04	\$53,806.25	\$0.00	\$66,794.29	\$48,922.16	\$0.00	\$17,872.13	
Sanitary Landfill	\$74,392.48	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$134,392.48	\$59,005.80	\$0.00	\$75,386.68	
Children & Family Health Services Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Manufactured Home Park	\$2,996.35	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$4,096.35	\$1,106.14	\$0.00	\$2,990.21	
Maternal Child & Health Programs Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
School Nursing	\$7,839.11	\$61,712.97	\$30,000.00	\$99,552.08	\$94,042.03	\$0.00	\$5,510.05	
Solid Waste Health	\$20,881.60	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,881.60	\$38,416.17	\$0.00	\$2,465.43	
Komen Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Infectious Waste	\$2,109.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,109.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,109.15	
Swimming Pool	\$1,187.51	\$1,970.00	\$0.00	\$3,157.51	\$2,006.31	\$0.00	\$1,151.20	
Public Health Emergency Response Grant	\$124,954.61	\$375,672.73	\$0.00	\$500,627.34	\$354,323.62	\$0.00	\$146,303.72	
Life Skills	\$13,477.17	\$13,760.00	\$5,000.00	\$32,237.17	\$26,276.36	\$0.00	\$5,960.81	
Construction & Demolition Debris Fund	\$21,227.70	\$19,294.38	\$0.00	\$40,522.08	\$17,634.62	\$0.00	\$22,887.46	
Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	\$5,803.00	\$69,210.34	\$0.00	\$75,013.34	\$48,489.76	\$0.00	\$26,523.58	
Household Sewage Disposal	\$15,863.33	\$100,636.93	\$9,000.00	\$125,500.26	\$103,543.35	\$0.00	\$21,956.91	
Health Department Subtotal	\$537,318.65	\$1,996,481.24	\$70,597.78	\$2,604,397.67	\$1,752,215.70	\$60,000.00	\$792,181.97	
Federal Participation Fund	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	
Homemaker Home Health Aide Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Home Health Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Home Health Subtotal	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	\$10,597.78	\$0.00	
Combined District Total	\$547,916.43	\$1,996,481.24	\$70,597.78	\$2,614,995.45	\$1,752,215.70	\$70,597.78	\$792,181.97	
				\$1,822,813.48				

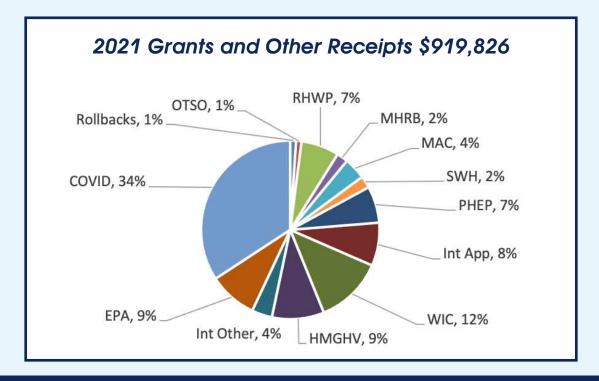
The Fiscal Division administers all state, federal, and local grants, oversees the collection of revenues and monitors expenses, payroll and purchasing. The Health District is audited once a year by the Auditor of the State of Ohio and has received a clean audit for many years. In addition to the state audit, the Board of Health Fiscal Committee meets twice annually. This committee is comprised of three members of the Board of Health and the Administrator.



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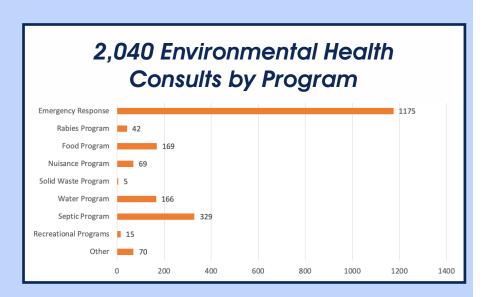


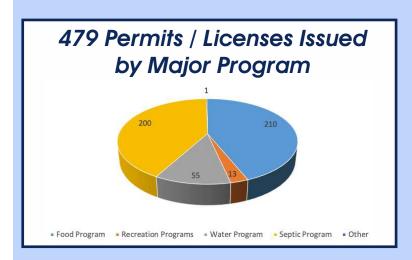




2021 Environmental Health Report of Activities

The Environmental Health Division's duties include conducting environmental health inspections at restaurants and other food service establishments as well as campgrounds, swimming pools, landfills, and school facilities. Additional responsibilities include issuing water and sewage permits for private residences and overseeing the operation and maintenance of septic systems in the county. The Environmental Health Division is also involved in tracking all animal bites and assuring animals are quarantined and vaccinated for rabies.





2021 Environmental Staff

Jeffrey Ritchey, BS, REHS, Director
Danielle Schalk, BS, REHS

Jeremiah Aigler, BS, REHS

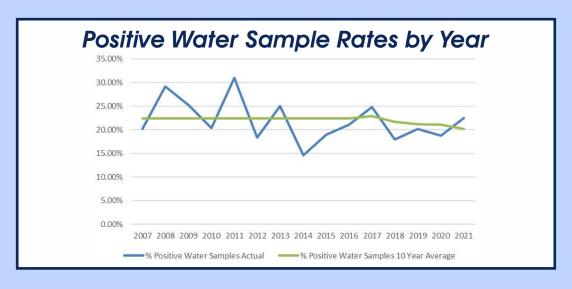
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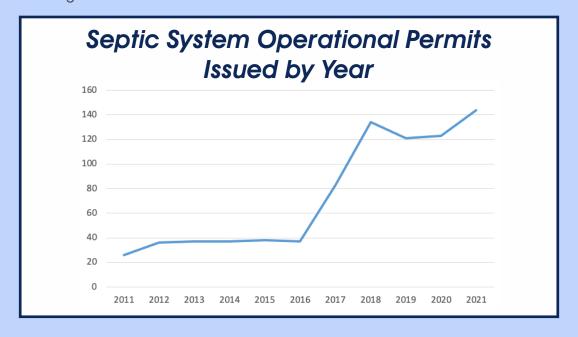


Environmental Health Performance Management

In 2021 the Environmental Health Division continued to monitor positive water sample rates for new and replaced private water systems. The ultimate goal of this project is to reduce the costs and inconvenience associated with the resampling of wells for homeowners, contractors and the Health Department, and to assure safe water for homeowners.



Since 2017 Wyandot Public Health has added over 400 old existing sewage systems into an Operational Permitting Program. Operational Permits help to assure that existing septic systems are being properly maintained and not creating nuisances.



The cost to replace or repair a failing sewage can be devastating to a household. To assist with the financial burden, Wyandot Public Health continues to make available up to \$150,000 in grant dollars each year, to income eligible families, for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage systems.

2021 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

2021 Nursing Staff

Anna Gibson, RN Director of Nursing

Beth Bower, RN Public Health Nurse

Rhiannon Coppler, RN Public Health Nurse

Christine Hunter, RN, BSN Public Health Nurse

Stephanie Ruhlen, RN Public Health Nurse Amber Emans Clerk

Jodi Kimmel Clerk

Michelle Swinehart Clerk

Callan Pugh
Public Health Educator

Shileigh Ricker, RN Ashley Wick, RN Elaine McKee, RN Jamie Crawford, RN

Public Health Nursing is defined as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences (American Public Health Association). Public health nursing focuses on promoting health, preventing disease, and building community involvement.

2021 Nursing Programs Included:

Routine Immunization Clinics

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinics

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics

Communicable Disease Reporting, Investigation, & Follow-up

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

School Nursing

Sexual Health & Family Planning Clinics

Teen & Family Clinics

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

LifeSkills Training

Car Seat Training & Distribution

Lead Case Management

Lice Prevention & Eradication

The Pieces to Our Nursing Puzzle



Life Skills Training Program

Substance Abuse Prevention Program
Upper Sandusky: Grades 3/4/5/7/8
St. Peter's: Grades 3/4/5
Carey: Grades 3/4/5/6/8
OLC: Grades 3/4/5/6/8
Mohawk: Grades 3/4/5
Total Students: 1,261



Sexual Health & Family Planning Clinic

Quality services offered to the well-being of women and men

86 Client Visits



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

Providing assistance to children with special health care needs and to their families.

113 Children

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Immunization Clinic

Reduce and eliminate vaccine preventable diseases for all ages

5,080 Clients 11,183 Vaccines Given 613 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines 51 Mantoux (PPD) tests



Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Help Me Grow Home Visiting is a parent support program that encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of children.

30 Families Served 312 Visits 4 Children aged out in 2021



School Nursing & Delegated Nursing Services

Promoting the health and wellness of students

Screenings: Hearing/Vision/Scoliosis Dental Health Outreach Coordination Health Management

Contracted Nursing Services with: Angeline • Carey • OLC • St. Peter's Upper Sandusky 5,121 School Contacts

2021 Primary Cause of Death

Primary causes of Wyandot County deaths have been provided below. It should be noted that additional contributing factors can be included on each death certificate.

Accidents Combined Drug Intoxication (Fentanyl,Oxycodone/Meth) 5 Car-Blunt Force (AV) 6 Alzheimer's (AZ)	Cardiac/Heart (HT). 59 COPD (CO). 6 COVID-19. 8 Dementia. 4 OTHER 9 Parkinson's Disease (PK). 2 Pending. 2
Prostate4	TOTALS: 211

2021 Vital Statistics

Birth certificates for individuals who are born in Ohio and death certificates for people who died in Wyandot County are available for purchase. Both can be obtained in person at the health department, by mail order, by phone or at www.vitalchek.com.

880 Birth Certificates Issued 799 Death Certificates Issued 409 Burial Permits Issued

Births 2021								
Births Male								
Births Femo	ıle	ذ						

Total Births.....1

Deaths 2021

Total D	eaths						2	1	1
Deaths	Fema	le						9	7
Deaths	Male.						1	1	4

Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2019-21

Total Deaths: 650

- Heart Disease (33% of all deaths)
- Cancer (18%)
- Alzheimers (7%)
- Respiratory Failure (6%)
- Pulmonary (2%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2022)

Ohio Leading Causes of Death 2019-2021

Total Deaths: 414,251

- Heart Disease (22% of all deaths)
- Cancers (19%)
- COVID-19 (8%)
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries (6%)
- Stroke (5%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2022

2021 WIC Report of Activities

Another Different Year Was Had in WIC!

- 1. We continued with all of our appointments being done over the phone. Once the appointment was complete, our participants called us from the parking lot to have their cards loaded.
- 2. We didn't miss any clinic days due to COVID!! One due to snow . . .
- 3. The WIC foods list was expanded to help with spot shortages from the pandemic. A survey of our participants and four local WIC vendors showed few issues. The amount of fruits and vegetables was increased for our children and women participants.
- The Ohio WIC shopper application was further expanded so that participants are encouraged to use it to check benefits and upcoming appointments.
- 5. Social media, especially the Facebook platform, continues to see more traffic.

WIC Staff 2021

Arlene Schriner RD, LD, Director

> Carrie Boes Clerk

Jodi Kimmel Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon Breastfeeding Peer Helper

Grow Together

Breastfeed



WIC is a nutrition program that provides assistance for mothers and families who qualify by offering nutrition evaluation and education, breastfeeding education and support, highly nutritious supplemental foods and iron fortified formula if necessary. These promote good health for pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children up

to age five. We work closely with partnering agencies and refer participants to other community service providers in the county for unmet needs.



Statistics 2021

Total Annual Number of Appointments 847
Average Monthly Caseload
New Participants Seen
Total Annual Referrals
Breastfeeding Initiation Rate
Percentage of Postpartum Women Breastfeeding 46%
Redemption of WIC Benefits in Wyandot County \$89,776.69
USDA Grant Dollars Awarded \$116,395.00

WIC Quality Improvement Project

At the end of 2021 Wyandot County WIC reported that WIC mothers had a 56% breastfeeding initiation rate. We are pleased that this is greater than the National Healthy People 2030 objective of 54% breastfeeding rate at six months.

COVID-19 Response

Wyandot County COVID-19 UPDATE: 12/29/2021

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Current Active Cases: 200

Vaccinated: 50

Not Vaccinated: 150

Hospitalizations:

Current: 6 Cumulative: 281

Current Hospitalized Cases Vaccinated: 1

County Deaths:

81

End of Isolation:

3,858

Cumulative: 4,139

Lab-Confirmed: 2,946

Probable: 1,193

For more information, follow us on Facebook or visit www.wyandothealth.com

Please continue to use social distance, wash your hands, and wear face coverings to prevent the spread of Coronavirus!

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uring a major crisis it takes more than one agency to meet the needs of a community. An effective response requires a team effort, and the Wyandot County Health District has been blessed to be part of such a team. Throughout the COVID -19 Pandemic Health Department personnel have worked closely with the healthcare system, emergency management agency, schools, and others to protect the Citizens of Wyandot County. Our combined efforts have resulted in the vaccination of over 10,000 members of the community, identifying more than 4000 cases of covid-19, and following up with contract tracing on thousands more. In addition, our efforts have included providing the general public, and our county partners, with weekly updates regarding the level of disease in the County, as well as information regarding prevention and available vaccination opportunities.

As we extend our COVID-19 response efforts into 2022, we remain committed to offer vaccinations to every single person wishing to be vaccinated, continuing to develop local partnerships in order to strengthen the public health system, and to keeping the community informed regarding emerging health issues.