



# *Wyandot County General Health District 2022 Annual Report*

## **Wyandot County** **Public Health**

Prevent. Promote. Protect.



### ***Wyandot County Public Health***

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# 2022 Health Commissioner Message



I have served as the Health Commissioner for Wyandot County and the Medical Director for Wyandot County Public Health since 2010. There have been many changes over the years, but our mission remains the same. Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County. We do so by providing services including routine immunizations, assistance to children with medical handicaps, school nursing, Help Me Grow home visiting, food and water safety programs, emergency preparedness, disaster training and WIC services including breastfeeding support. We continually work on a Community Health Improvement Plan.

This year I am proud to announce that we earned full accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. This demonstrates that we are meeting national standards and are committed to providing quality public health services to our community and have proven our capability to improve the health of our population.

As always, please contact us with opportunities on how we can better serve you as we continue to prevent, promote, and protect in 2023.

*Keri Harris, M.D.*

Wyandot County Health Commissioner

## 2022 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:  
4/1/2022 - 3/31/2027

**Mission Statement** - 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 Wyandot County" as their vision, the Health Alliance initiated the most comprehensive county-wide, standardized community needs assessment ever conducted for Wyandot County. The assessment is completed every three years, as required by the Ohio Department of Health. In 2022, we utilized the data from the 2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA) to create our 2022-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). To view the specific

data used, please visit [www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-assessment/](http://www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-assessment/).

The 2022-2025 CHIP identifies our newest 3-year strategies as:

- Priority Area 1:** Community Conditions (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 2:** Health Behaviors (8 strategies)
- Priority Area 3:** Access to Care (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 4:** Mental Health and Addiction (5 strategies)
- Priority Area 5:** Chronic Disease (2 strategies)
- Priority Area 6:** Maternal and Infant Health (2 strategies)
- Priority Area 7:** Risky Behaviors (1 strategy)

The Wyandot County Health Alliance chooses members to be

responsible for each of the chosen strategies.

These members then give updates on the progress of the strategies at quarterly meetings. To view a more detailed list of the strategies and their action plans, please visit [www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-improvement-plan/](http://www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-improvement-plan/).

We look forward to reporting on our progress in next year's annual report. For any questions or if you are a community partner wanting to join the Wyandot County Health Alliance, please give us a call at 419-294-3852 and ask for one of our Health Alliance coordinators, Krystina Auble or Callan Pugh.



## Wyandot County Public Health Staff



Krystina Auble



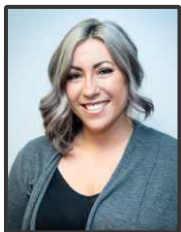
Yajaira Ayala



Beth Bower



Kelsei Carter



Rhiannon Coppler



Jamie Crawford



Alida Davidson



Hanna Dickerson



Amber Emans



Anna Gibson



Chris Hunter



Jodi Kimmel



Erin Logsdon



Elaine McKee



Barb Mewhorter



Kelli Owens



Molly Owens



Wendy Pauly



Callan Pugh



Jeff Ritchey



Stephanie Ruhlen



Danielle Schalk



Arlene Schriener



Michelle Swinehart



Tonya Tracy

# 2022 Fiscal Division

## Performance Management

In 2022 the Management and Finance Team continued to monitor operating funds. We have established a history of funds and goals of where we want to be financially. The goal for 2022 was to achieve 75 days of operating funds by years end. We achieved 158.41 days of funding mainly due to the COVID-19 grants distributed to the Local Health Departments. We continue to monitor funding and are optimistic regarding the 2023 financial picture.

## Fiscal Staff 2022

Barbara Mewhorter  
Administrator (Retired)

Kelli Owens  
Registrar/Administrative Assistant/  
Interim Administrator

## Performance Management for All Funds Combined

### Operating Funds for All Funds Combined

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	\$792,181.97	\$2,068,831.05	\$1,995,107.20	\$865,905.82	158.41	Operating Funds for 75 Days
2023						Operating Funds for 90 Days
2024						Operating Funds for 105 Days
2025						Operating Funds for 120 Days

## Cash Report All Funds Combined

December 31, 2022	Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	2022 Revenue YTD	2022 Transfers In	2022 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total	2022 Expenses YTD	2022 Transfers Out	2022 YTD Balance
County Health	\$432,520.94	\$1,062,012.21	\$51,295.14	\$1,545,828.29	\$955,313.45	\$107,625.00	\$482,889.84
Recreational Vehicle Park	\$370.23	\$1,379.62	\$1,000.00	\$2,749.85	\$2,317.37	\$0.00	\$432.48
Water Supply	\$11,078.35	\$20,342.61	\$1,500.00	\$32,920.96	\$24,872.85	\$0.00	\$8,048.11
Women Infants and Children Grant	\$17,095.12	\$112,393.47	\$785.00	\$130,273.59	\$110,772.59	\$0.00	\$19,501.00
Food Service	\$17,872.13	\$60,503.69	\$0.00	\$78,375.82	\$43,646.94	\$0.00	\$34,728.88
Sanitary Landfill	\$75,386.68	\$60,001.55	\$0.00	\$135,388.23	\$116,332.56	\$0.00	\$19,055.67
Manufactured Home Park	\$2,990.21	\$1,101.43	\$0.00	\$4,091.64	\$1,199.61	\$0.00	\$2,892.03
School Nursing	\$5,510.05	\$100,307.22	\$13,215.00	\$119,032.27	\$101,830.34	\$0.00	\$17,201.93
Solid Waste Health	\$2,465.43	\$20,013.96	\$50.00	\$22,529.39	\$13,184.18	\$0.00	\$9,345.21
Covid-19 Vaccination Grant	\$0.00	\$34,776.00	\$10,000.00	\$44,776.00	\$17,698.24	\$0.00	\$27,077.76
Infectious Waste	\$2,109.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,109.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,109.15
Swimming Pool	\$1,151.20	\$1,971.92	\$75.00	\$3,198.12	\$2,571.46	\$0.00	\$626.66
Covid Enhanced Operations	\$0.00	\$151,557.22	\$28,000.00	\$179,557.22	\$121,011.18	\$10,000.00	\$48,546.04
Public Health Emergency Response Grant	\$146,303.72	\$104,313.37	\$0.00	\$250,617.09	\$123,648.21	\$0.00	\$126,968.88
Life Skills	\$5,960.81	\$35,765.37	\$43,000.00	\$84,726.18	\$51,088.81	\$0.00	\$33,637.37
Construction & Demolition Debris Fund	\$22,887.46	\$21,841.13	\$0.00	\$44,728.59	\$19,086.82	\$0.00	\$25,641.77
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	\$26,523.58	\$25,349.61	\$0.00	\$51,873.19	\$10,578.05	\$41,295.14	\$0.00
Household Sewage Disposal	\$21,956.91	\$96,280.53	\$10,000.00	\$128,237.44	\$121,034.40	\$0.00	\$7,203.04
Health Department Subtotal	\$792,181.97	\$1,909,910.91	\$158,920.14	\$2,861,013.02	\$1,836,187.06	\$158,920.14	\$865,905.82
Combined District Total	\$792,181.97	\$1,909,910.91	\$158,920.14	\$2,861,013.02	\$1,836,187.06	\$158,920.14	\$865,905.82

\$2,068,831.05

\$1,995,107.20

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.

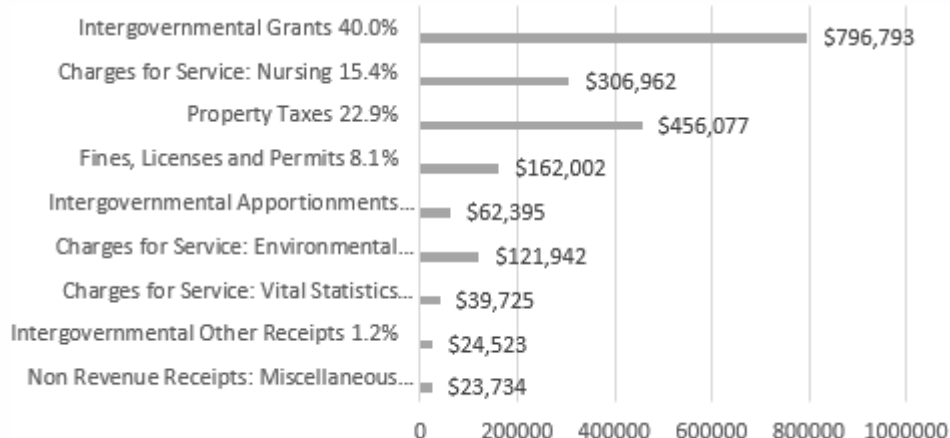
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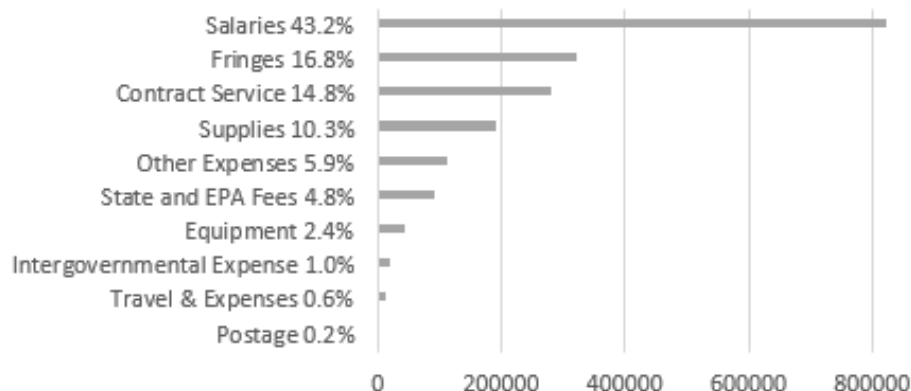
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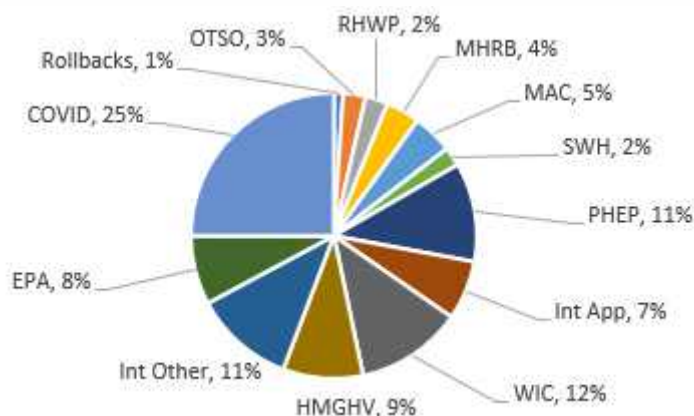
## 2022 Revenue Sources \$1,994,153



## 2022 Expenses \$1,835,371



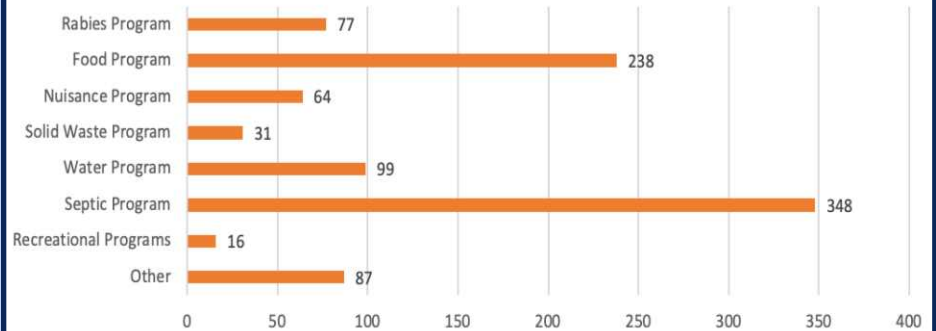
## 2022 Grants and Other Receipts \$929,718



# 2022 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.

## 960 Environmental Health Consults by Program



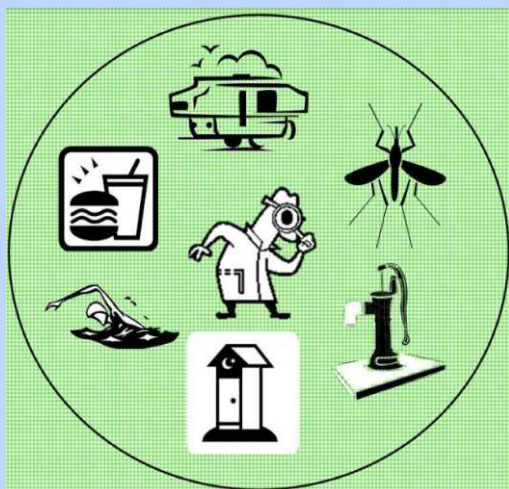
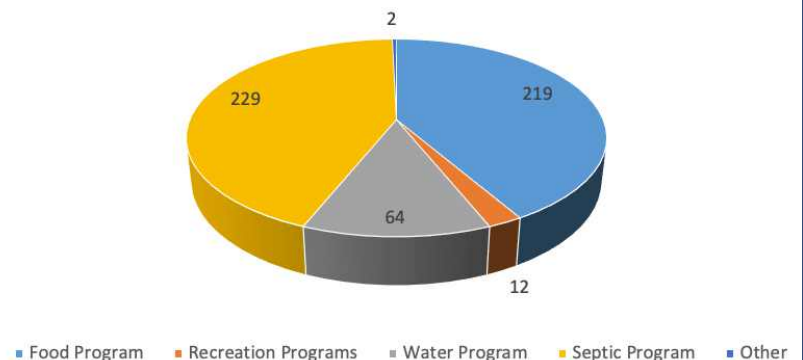
## 2022 Environmental Staff

Jeffrey Ritchey, BS, REHS, Director

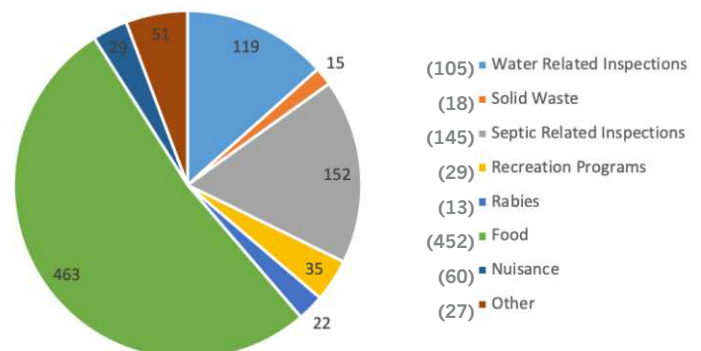
Danielle Schalk, BS, REHS

Molly Owens, BS, MBA, REHS

## 562 Permits / Licenses Issued by Major Program



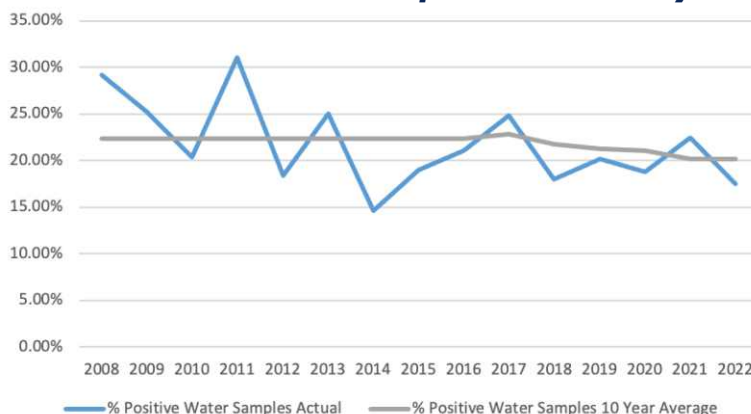
## 886 Total Investigations/Inspections



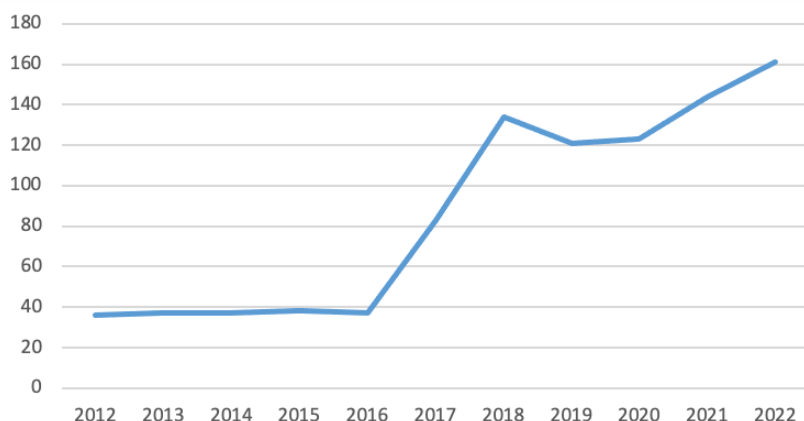
# Environmental Health Performance Management

In 2022 the Environmental Health Division continued to monitor positive water sample rates for new and replaced private water systems. The 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.

## Positive Water Sample Rates by Year



## Septic System Operational Permits Issued by Year



Since 2017 Wyandot Public Health has continued to add both new and old household sewage treatment systems into an Operational Permitting Program. Operational Permits help to assure that septic systems are being properly maintained and are not creating nuisances.

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

## Deer Ticks, a Potential Emerging Health Issue



In 2022 Wyandot County Public Health confirmed the first black-legged ticks, better known as deer ticks, in southeast Wyandot County. Unlike the American dog ticks typically seen in the spring and summer, deer ticks are primarily active in the spring, fall and winter.

Finding deer ticks is significant because they are the main carrier of Lyme disease, the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease can affect your joints,

nervous system, heart, skin, and eyes. The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to be aware of areas where ticks are found, check yourself and your pets for ticks often after walking in wooded areas, and when bitten by a tick, quickly removing them. Once the tick is removed, individuals are encouraged to submit ticks to the health department for identification, and to obtain additional information regarding tick borne diseases in Ohio.

# 2022 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

## ***Nursing Department Staff in 2022***

Anna Gibson, RN – Director of Nursing	Wendy Pauly, BA – Help Me Grow Supervisor
Beth Bower, RN – Public Health Nurse	Yajaira Ayala, BA – HMG Parent Educator
Rhiannon Coppler, RN – Public Health Nurse	Alida Davidson – Clerk & Medical Biller
Tonya Tracy, RN – Public Health Nurse	Jodi Kimmel – Clerk
Kelsei Carter, RN, BSN – Public Health Nurse	Michelle Swinehart - Clerk
Jamie Crawford, RN, BSN – Public Health Nurse	Callan Pugh, BS – Public Health Educator
Elaine McKee, RN, BSN – Public Health Nurse	

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.

## **Wyandot County**



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## ***2022 Nursing Programs Included:***

Routine Immunization Clinics	School Nursing
Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinics	Help Me Grow Home Visiting
Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics	LifeSkills Training
Communicable Disease Reporting, Investigation, & Follow-up	Car Seat Training & Distribution
Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)	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

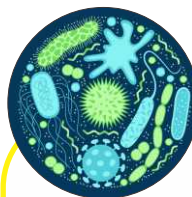
St. Peter's: Grades 3/4/5/6

Carey: Grades 3/4/5/6/8

OLC: Grades 3/4/5/6/8

Mohawk: Grades 3/4/5

Total Students: **508**



## Communicable Disease Reporting

Public Health Nurses are responsible for following up on reportable conditions in Wyandot County residents.

The top 3 reportable conditions in Wyandot County in 2022:

#1 – COVID-19

#2 – Chlamydia

#3 – Influenza-Associated Hospitalization



## Car Seat Program

WCPH provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible families through the O.B.B Program. The overall goal is to increase safety and proper installation.

**33** Car Seats Distributed

**3** High-back Boosters Distributed



## Immunization Clinic

Reduce and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases for all ages.

**2,174** Clients

**7,810** Vaccines Given

**743** Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

**60** Mantoux (PPD) tests



## Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

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

**107** Children



## 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.

**38** Families

**14** Children aged out in 2022



## School Nursing & Delegated Nursing Services

Promoting the health and wellness of students.

Screenings:

Hearing / Vision / Scoliosis

Contracted Nursing Services with:  
Angeline / Carey / OLC / St. Peter's  
Upper Sandusky  
**2,980** School Contacts

# 2022 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 . . . . .	3	COVID-19 . . . . .	2
Combined Drug Intoxication (Fentanyl, Oxycodone/Meth) . . . . .	1	Dementia . . . . .	10
Car-Blunt Force . . . . .	4	OTHER . . . . .	15
Alzheimer's . . . . .	8	Parkinson's Disease . . . . .	2
Cancer, Other: . . . . .	7	Pneumonia . . . . .	3
Bladder . . . . .	1	Pulmonary . . . . .	3
Colon . . . . .	3	Respiratory Failure . . . . .	14
Liver . . . . .	1	Senescence . . . . .	13
Lung . . . . .	8	Sepsis/Septicemia . . . . .	4
Lymphoma . . . . .	3	Stroke . . . . .	6
Pancreatic . . . . .	4	Sudden Death Syndrome . . . . .	1
Cardiac/Heart . . . . .	73	Suicide, Other Gun Shot Wound . . . . .	1
Cirrhosis of Liver . . . . .	2	<b>TOTALS: . . . . .</b>	<b>198</b>
COPD . . . . .	3		

## 2022 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](http://www.vitalchek.com).

**680 Birth Certificates Issued**  
**753 Death Certificates Issued**  
**293 Burial Permits Issued**

### Births 2022

Births Male . . . . . 1  
Births Female . . . . . 4  
**Total Births . . . . . 5**

### Deaths 2022

Deaths Male . . . . . 94  
Deaths Female . . . . . 104  
**Total Deaths . . . . . 198**

## Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2020-22

### Total Deaths: 661

- Heart Disease (34% of all deaths)
- Cancer (16%)
- Alzheimers (7%)
- Respiratory Failure (7%)
- Other (unlisted) (6%)

## Ohio Leading Causes of Death 2020-2022

### Total Deaths: 428,998

- Heart Disease (21% of all deaths)
- Cancers (18%)
- COVID-19 (10%)
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries (6%)
- Respiratory Illness (5%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2023)

# 2022 WIC Report of Activities

## An exciting year of change for WIC!

1. On April 5th, we were excited to welcome participants into the office for their appointments as we transitioned back to in-person visits!
2. Transitioning back to in-person visits has allowed us to check hemoglobin (iron) levels for all of our participants. Low iron in infancy and early childhood can lead to slow growth, impaired brain development, and fatigue. We check iron levels during pregnancy and at least once per year during childhood to ensure our children are getting the care they need to avoid any complications.
3. Our new Health Assistant, Hanna Dickerson, started on January 14th and has been an excellent addition to our WIC team!
4. Our director of seven years, Arlene Schriener, RD, LD, retired from our program on June 2nd and we welcomed our new director, Krystina Auble, MPH, RD, LD, CLC, at the same time.
5. Due to the formula shortage that started in March 2022, State WIC put waivers in place to allow our WIC parents the flexibility to purchase different brands of formula. Thankfully, the formula shortage has improved throughout 2022 and we hope that improvement will continue in 2023.

## WIC Staff 2022

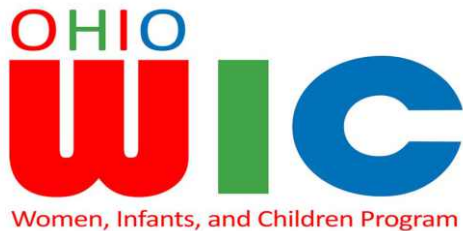
Arlene Schriener, RD, LD  
Director (Retired)

Krystina Auble,  
MPH, RD, LD, CLC  
Director

Hanna Dickerson  
Clerk

Jodi Kimmel  
Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon  
Breastfeeding Peer Helper



## Statistics 2022

Total Annual Number of Appointments	1108
Average Monthly Caseload	215
New Participants Seen	269
Total Annual Referrals	117
Average Breastfeeding Initiation Rate	58%
Percentage of Postpartum Women Breastfeeding	36.2%
USDA Grant Dollars Awarded	\$108,320.00

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.

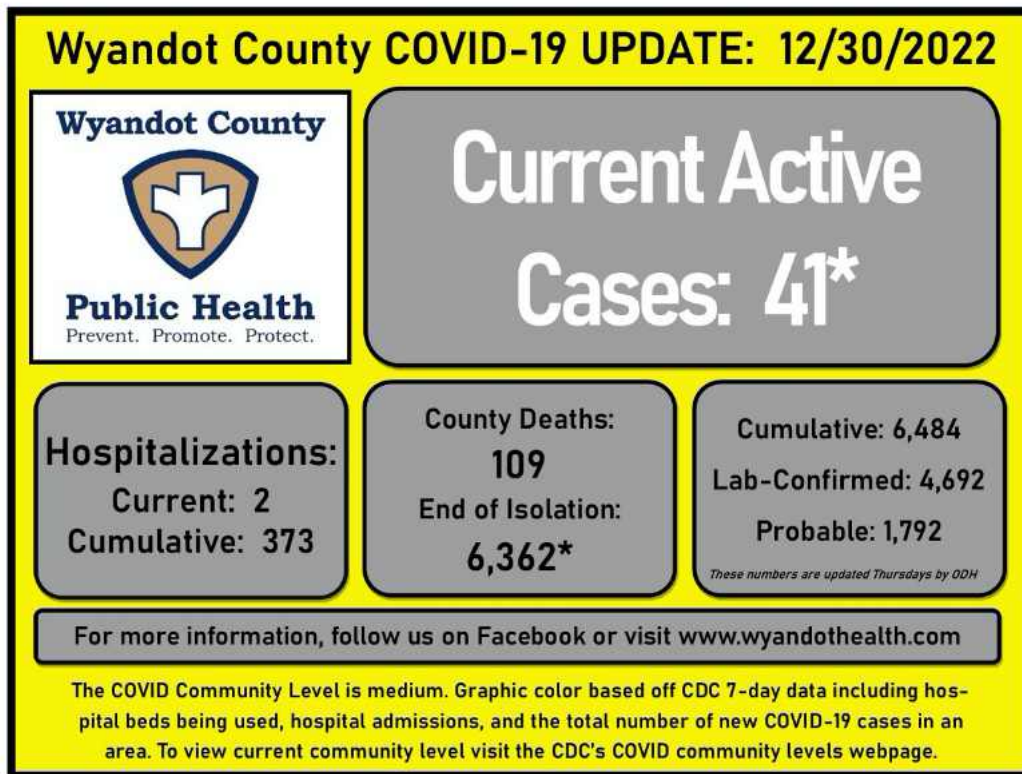


## WIC Quality Improvement Project

Wyandot County WIC has increased our breastfeeding initiation rate from 56% in January 2022 to 66.7% in December 2022, an increase of 10.7%! We are proud to report that we are also now above the average Ohio WIC breastfeeding initiation rate of 63.8%. We look forward to continuing to support our WIC parents in their breastfeeding journeys in 2023!



# COVID-19 Response



During 2022 Wyandot County Public Health continued response efforts to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This included the identification of an additional 2,265 COVID cases, 45% of which occurred in the month of January. Additionally, the health department distributed roughly 3,000 home test kits, continued community health education and outreach efforts, and administered 1,353 COVID vaccinations to local residents.



## Wyandot County Public Health Has Achieved Accreditation!

We are excited to announce that Wyandot County Public Health was awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in August 2022. This national accreditation program sets standards for local health departments to strive towards and thereby to continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. The Wyandot County Health Department is proud to be on the front lines of our community's efforts to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury for all citizens of Wyandot County. Achieving accreditation allows us to better accomplish these public health goals and to more efficiently and effectively serve the public. Our next step will be achieving re-accreditation in five years, a goal that we have already started as we continue to strive towards excellence.