

Wyandot County General Health District
2020 Annual Report

Wyandot County
Public Health

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Wyandot County Public Health

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2020 Health Commissioner Message

2020 was obviously a year like no other. However, some things did not change. At your local health department, our mission remained 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 continued our mantra of prevent, promote and protect, albeit on a much larger scale. Those who work in public health are always in the background working hard to promote health and safety.

This year we were forced to be in the spotlight and on the front lines. While the work was amplified 100 fold, it was still work that public health has always done on a daily basis on a much smaller scale. Wyandot County rose to the occasion and every employee at the health department worked harder than they ever have and we did, in my opinion, an excellent job in the midst of a pandemic. We are still fighting hard to eliminate the COVID-19 virus with contact tracing and vaccination clinics, and working with all of our local partners regarding their individual needs.

During 2020 we also continued our normal work and services with our Registered Sanitarians, Public Health Nursing Division, WIC program and Vital Statistics and did our best to serve our community's needs during a public health emergency. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the Health Commissioner of Wyandot County in 2020 and see first-hand how a small community can unite together to fight a common enemy.

Join me in 2021 in continued efforts at eliminating COVID-19 by getting vaccinated. In the meantime social distance, wash your hands, and wear a mask or two. As always, please contact us with opportunities on how we can serve you better. Be safe and may God bless Wyandot County and those who prevent, promote and protect.



Keri Harris, M.D.

Wyandot County Health Commissioner

2020 Wyandot County Board of Health Meet the Members of Our Board of Health



Dallas Risner
President
Current Term:

4/1/2020 - 3/31/2025



Ene Leonard
Vice President
Current Term:

4/1/2019 - 3/31/2024



Bill Aubry
Board Member
Current Term:

4/1/2016 - 3/31/2021



Joseph D'Ettorre
Board Member
Current Term:

4/1/2018 - 3/31/2023



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 Wyandot County" as their vision, the 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 2009, assessment data was used to develop the first Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). At the end of 2020 we approved survey questions for the 2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA survey will be mailed out early 2021. We look

forward to presenting the preliminary 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 strategy).

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 Alliance continues to grow with fresh ideas from new members. If you want to promote "A Healthier Wyandot County," call Wyandot County Public Health at (419) 294-3852, and **get involved!**

Wyandot County Public Health Staff



Jamie Crawford, RN (left)
replaced
Darlene Steward, RN (right)
as Director of
Nursing in 2020

2020 Fiscal Division

Performance Management

In 2020 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 2020 was to achieve 45 days of operating funds by years end. We were able to achieve 68.04 days of operating funds because of the COVID-19 money distributed to Local Health Departments. We are cautiously optimistic regarding the 2021 financial picture.

Fiscal Staff 2020

Barbara Mewhorter
Administrator

Kelli Owens
Registrar, Administrative Assistant

Performance Management 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						Operating Funds for 60 Days
2022						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

	Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	2020 Revenue YTD	2020 Transfers In	2020 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total	2020 Expenses YTD	2020 Transfers Out	2020 YTD Balance
County Health	\$22,030.17	\$1,092,737.25	\$111,500.00	\$1,226,267.42	\$874,857.49	\$146,500.00	\$204,909.93
Recreational Vehicle Park	\$443.03	\$1,250.14	\$500.00	\$2,193.17	\$1,724.72		\$468.45
Water Supply	\$3,776.29	\$17,473.86	\$10,000.00	\$31,250.15	\$24,280.41		\$6,969.74
Women Infants and Children Grant	\$18,122.78	\$112,102.76		\$130,225.54	\$108,975.06		\$21,250.48
Food Service	\$7,231.70	\$51,788.02		\$59,019.72	\$46,031.68		\$12,988.04
Sanitary Landfill	\$72,515.93	\$60,008.94		\$132,524.87	\$58,132.39		\$74,392.48
Children & Family Health Services Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Manufactured Home Park	\$1,906.07	\$2,219.40		\$4,125.47	\$1,129.12		\$2,996.35
Maternal Child & Health Programs Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
School Nursing	\$9,402.59	\$70,693.65		\$80,096.24	\$72,257.13		\$7,839.11
Solid Waste Health	\$18,338.65	\$44,326.00		\$62,664.65	\$41,783.05		\$20,881.60
Komen Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Infectious Waste	\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15
Swimming Pool	\$945.03	\$1,695.69		\$2,640.72	\$1,453.21		\$1,187.51
Public Health Emergency Response Grant	\$2,311.42	\$425,059.38	\$61,500.00	\$488,870.80	\$302,416.19	\$61,500.00	\$124,954.61
Life Skills	\$3,490.13	\$33,085.50	\$4,500.00	\$41,075.63	\$27,598.46		\$13,477.17
Construction & Demolition Debris Fund	\$19,973.66	\$15,172.90		\$35,146.56	\$13,918.86		\$21,227.70
Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	\$5,409.28	\$34,141.84	\$20,000.00	\$59,551.12	\$53,748.12		\$5,803.00
Household Sewage Disposal	\$9,347.27	\$264,955.61		\$274,302.88	\$258,439.55		\$15,863.33
Health Department Subtotal	\$197,353.15	\$2,226,710.94	\$208,000.00	\$2,632,064.09	\$1,886,745.44	\$208,000.00	\$537,318.65
Federal Participation Fund	\$16,860.98	\$8,893.22		\$25,754.20	\$15,156.42		\$10,597.78
Homemaker Home Health Aide Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Home Health Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Home Health Subtotal	\$16,860.98	\$8,893.22	\$0.00	\$25,754.20	\$15,156.42	\$0.00	\$10,597.78
Combined District Total	\$214,214.13	\$2,235,604.16	\$208,000.00	\$2,657,818.29	\$1,901,901.86	\$208,000.00	\$547,916.43

\$2,443,604.16

\$2,109,901.86

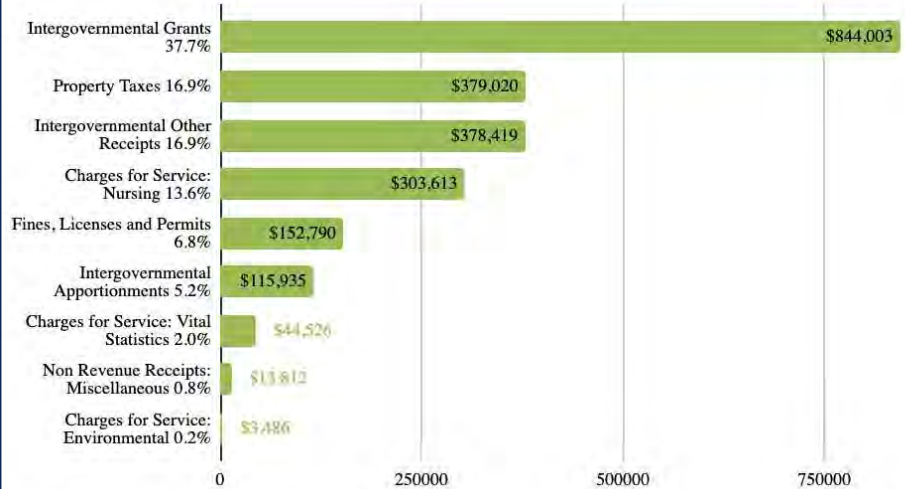
The Fiscal Division administers all state, federal, and local grants, oversees the collection of revenues and monitors expenses, payroll and purchasing. The Health District is audited once a year by the Auditor of the State of Ohio and has received a clean audit for many years. In addition to the state 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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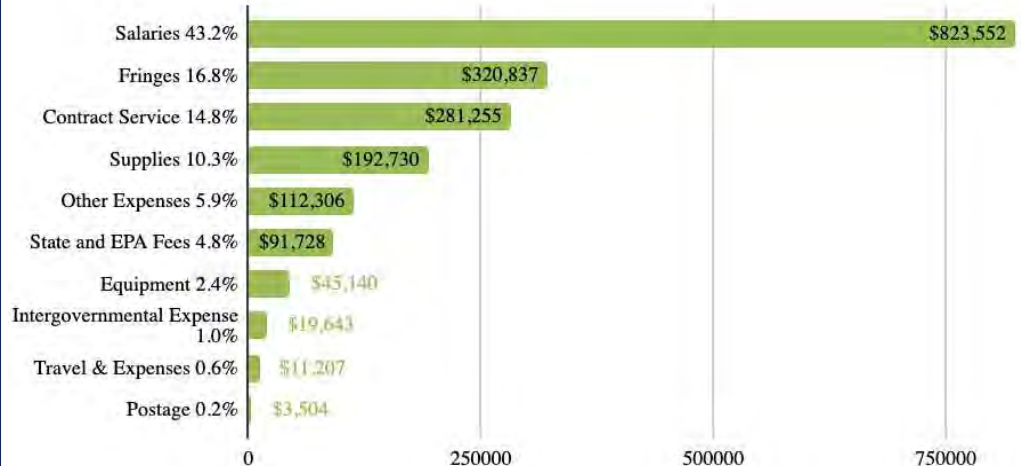


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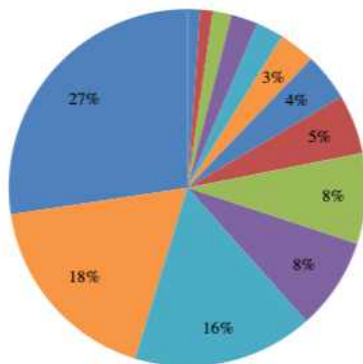
2020 Revenue Sources \$2,235,604



2020 Expenses \$1,901,902



Intergovernmental Apportionments, Grants & Other Receipts

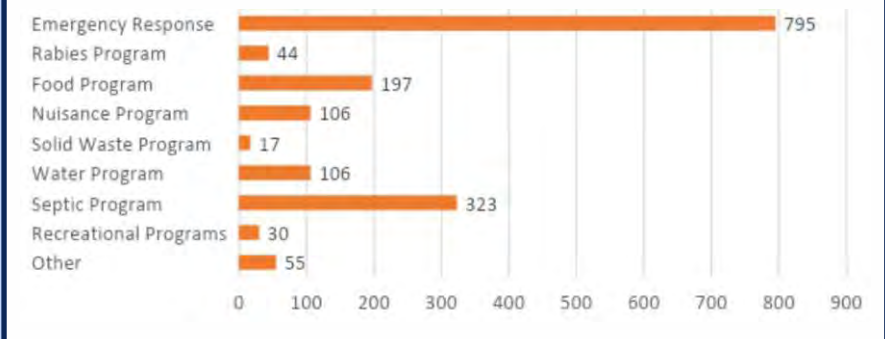


State Rollbacks/Reimbursement	Rollbacks	\$15,299.00	1%
Safe Communities Grant	OTSO	\$15,299.35	1%
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	RHWP	\$22,631.00	2%
Mental Health & Recovery Board LifeSkills Grant	MHRB	\$32,572.00	2%
Medicaid Administrative Claiming	MAC	\$33,131.45	2%
Solid Waste Designated Funding	SWH	\$44,009.00	3%
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant	PHEP	\$57,774.00	4%
Intergovernmental Apportionments	Int App	\$71,926.00	5%
Women, Infants, and Children Grant	WIC	\$109,919.00	8%
Help Me Grow Home Visiting	HMGHV	\$111,647.35	8%
Intergovernmental Other	Int Other	\$218,340.85	16%
EPA Water Pollution Control Grant	EPA	\$239,324.00	18%
COVID-19 Grants	COVID	\$366,484.00	27%
TOTAL		\$1,338,357.00	100%

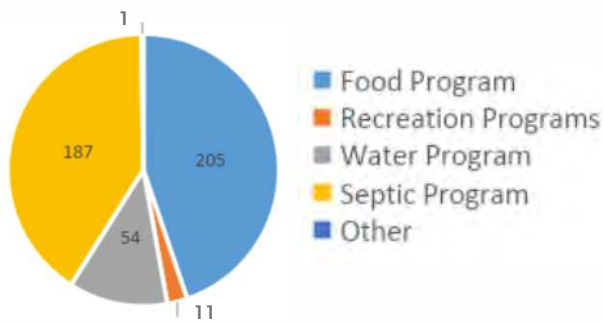
2020 Environmental Health Report of Activities

The Environmental Health Division's duties include conducting environmental health inspections at restaurants and other food service establishments as well as campgrounds, manufactured home parks, swimming pools, landfills and schools. 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.

1,673 Environmental Health Consults by Program



458 Permits / Licenses Issued by Major Program

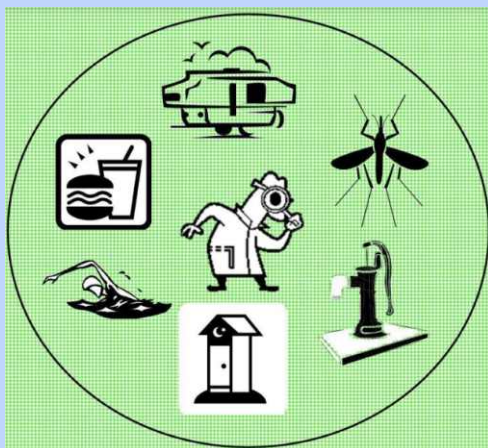


2020 Environmental Staff

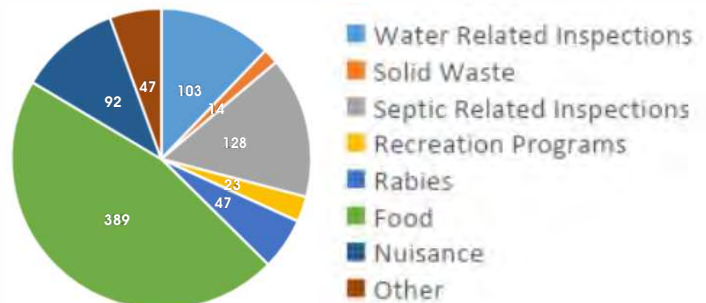
Jeffrey Ritchey
Director

Danielle Schalk
Sanitarian

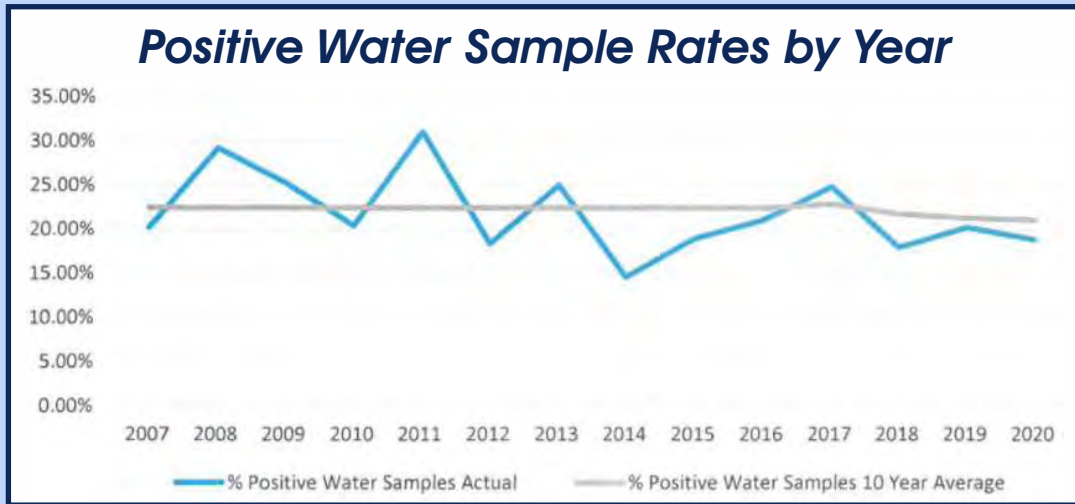
Jeremiah Aigler
Sanitarian



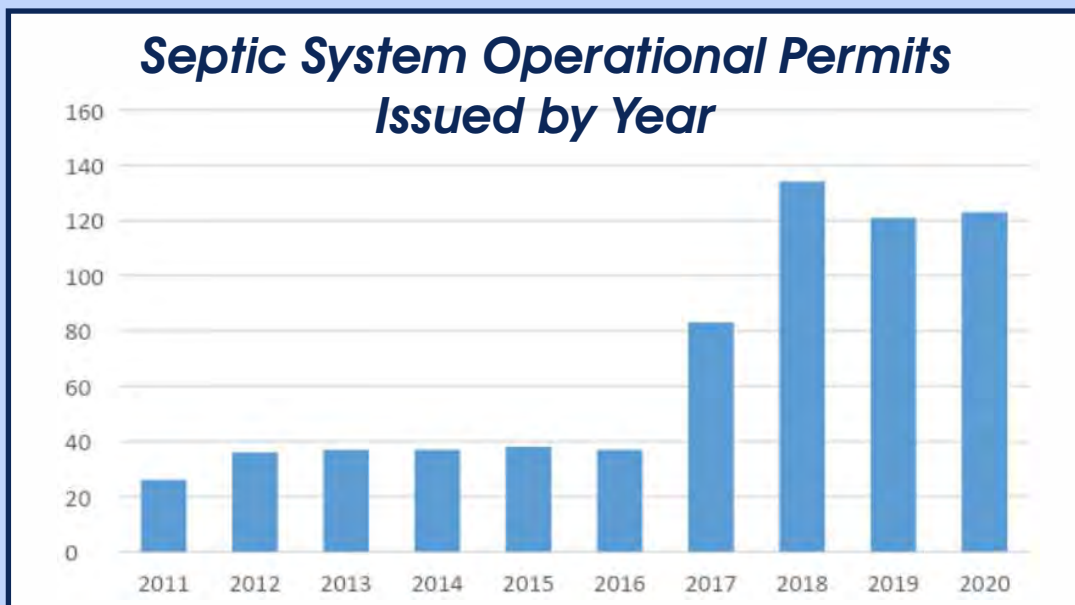
843 Total Investigations/Inspections



Environmental Health Performance Management



In 2020 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 implementing changes to our local Household Sewage Treatment System Operational Permitting Program, roughly an additional 100 operation permits are being issued each year for older septic system. Operational Permits help to assure that existing septic systems are being properly maintained and not creating nuisances.

2020 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

Nursing Staff That You Will See in 2021

Jamie Crawford, RN,
Director

Beth Bower, RN

Ashley Wick, RN, BSN

Jodi Kimmel, Clerk

Shleigh Ricker, RN

Christine Hunter, RN, BSN

Stephanie Ruhlen, RN

Rhiannon Coppler, RN

Michelle Swinehart, Clerk

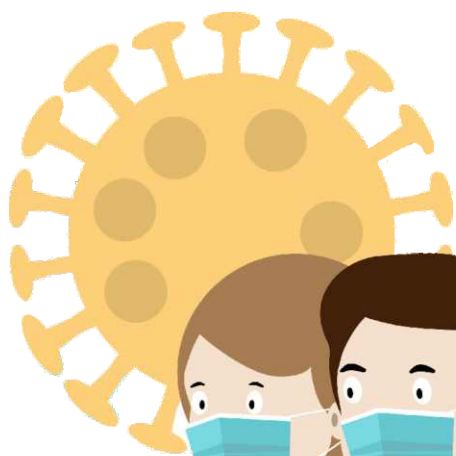
Amber Emans, Clerk

Public Health Nursing is defined as the presence of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social and public health sciences (American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section, 1996). Public health nursing practices focus on population health, with the goal of promoting health and preventing disease and disability.

2020 Nursing Programs Included:

Immunization Clinics for all ages
Seasonal Influenza Clinics
Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics
Communicable Disease Reporting -
investigation and follow-up
Contact Tracing
Children with Medical Handicaps
School Nursing

Sexual Health and Family Planning
Clinic
Teen & Family Clinic
Help Me Grow Home Visiting
Life Skills Training
Car Seat Distribution and Training
Lead Case Management
Lice Prevention



Coronavirus greatly impacted Wyandot County in 2020. Nursing staff took on multiple new roles to handle what was needed. Staff began contact tracing to find out who had been around a positive case, and who would be at risk of contracting the virus. Case investigation, where each positive case was called to track where they may have come into contact with the virus. The vaccine was also created, and vaccination clinics began to help control the spread.

The Pieces to Our Nursing Puzzle



Life Skills Training Program

Drug/Tobacco Prevention Program
 Upper Sandusky: Grades 3/4/5/7/8
 St. Peter's: Grades 3/4/5/7
 Carey: Grades 3/4/5/6
 OLC: Grades 3/4/5
 Mohawk: Grades 3/4/5
 Total Students: 1,246

Your sexual
health matters



Sexual Health & Family Planning Clinic

*Improving the health and
well-being of women and men*

109 Client Visits
 19 STD Tests Completed
 7 LARC Insertions



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

*Serving Wyandot County children
and their families who have complex
medical needs.*

108 Children

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Immunization Clinic

*Reduce and eliminate vaccine
preventable diseases for all ages*

1,228 Clients
 2,356 Vaccines
 781 Influenza Vaccines
 56 PPD's



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.*

37 Families Served
 397 Visits
 4 Children aged out in 2020



School Nursing & Delegated Nursing Services

Promoting student health and success

Hearing/Vision/Scoliosis Screenings
 Coordination of Dental Clinic
 Health Resource
 Health Management
 Community Collaboration
 Contracted nursing services at:
 Angeline • Carey
 OLC • Upper Sandusky • St. Pete's
 4,260 Student Contacts

2020 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	Dementia	8
Combined Drug Intoxication	Diabetes	1
(Fentanyl, Oxycodone/Meth)	OTHER	15
Car-Blunt Force (AV)	Parkinson's Disease (PK)	4
Alzheimer's (AZ)	Pending	1
Cancer: (CA)	Picks Disease	1
Bladder	Pulmonary (PU)	12
Breast (FB)	Renal/Kidney (KD)	4
Leukemia (LE)	Respiratory Failure (RF)	16
Liver (LI)	Senescence (SE)	8
Lung (LC)	Sepsis/Septicemia (SP)	1
Lymphoma	Stillborn/Fetal Death	1
Pancreatic (PA)	Stroke (ST)	2
Prostate	Suicide, Other (SU)	2
Cardiac/Heart (HT)	Gunshot Wound	3
COPD (CO)		
COVID-19	Totals:	252

2020 Vital Statistics

According to Kelli Owens, Registrar, 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, or at www.vitalchek.com.

772 Birth Certificates Issued
915 Death Certificates Issued
338 Burial Permits Issued

Births 2020

Births Male 1
 Births Female 2
Total Births 3

Deaths 2020

Deaths Male 122
 Deaths Female 130
Total Deaths 252

Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2018-20

Total Deaths: 651

- Heart Disease (38% of all deaths)
- Cancer (17%)
- Alzheimers (8%)
- Respiratory Failure (5%)
- Pulmonary (4%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2021)

Ohio Leading Causes of Death 2018-20

Total Deaths: 387,963

- Heart Disease (22% of all deaths)
- Cancers (19%)
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries (6%)
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (5.5%)
- Stroke (5%)

(Source: ODCD/Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2021)

2020 WIC Report of Activities

What a different year we had in WIC!

1. Beginning mid-March, all of our appointments were 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!!
3. Our long time WIC clerk, Claire Russell, retired the end of April. We were so fortunate to have her train the new hire before those years of experience went out the door.
4. 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.
5. Mid-year, the program had new computer equipment installed. With the newer technology, we're able to collect more information electronically and still in a secure manner.
6. The program now has two dedicated cell phones, with one being used solely for our pregnant and breastfeeding women. There is an Ohio WIC shopper application that participants are encouraged to use to check benefits and upcoming appointments.
7. Social media, especially the Facebook platform, continues to see more traffic.

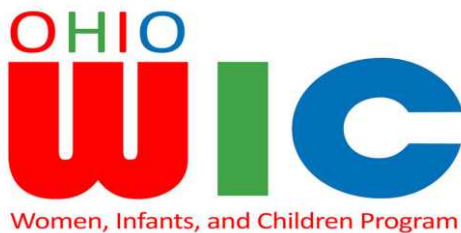
WIC Staff 2020

Arlene Schriener
RD, LD, Director

Carrie Boes
Clerk

Jodi Kimmel
Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon
Breastfeeding Peer Helper



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 2020

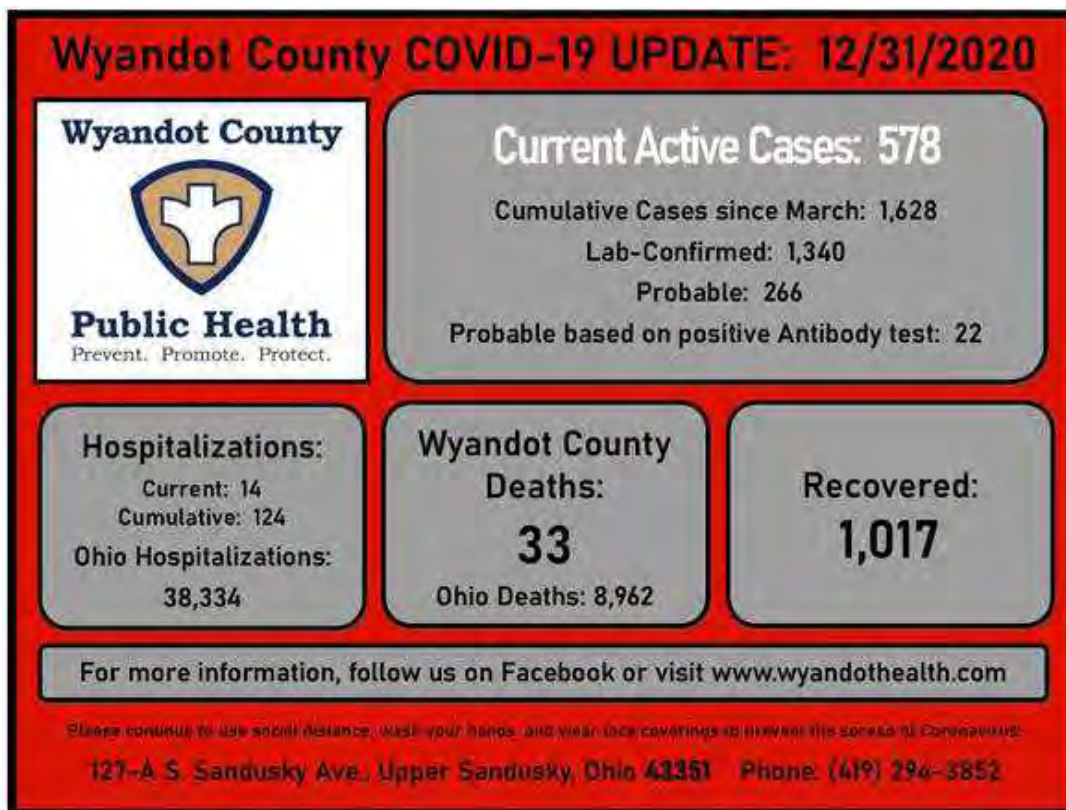
Total Annual Number of Appointments	1,012
Average Monthly Caseload	229
New Participants Seen	139
Total Annual Referrals	99
Breastfeeding Initiation Rate	69%
Percentage of Postpartum Women Breastfeeding	56%
Redemption of WIC Benefits in Wyandot County . . .	\$118,984
USDA Grant Dollars Awarded	\$122,475

WIC Quality Improvement Project

We are excited after nine years to have finally met our goal of a 55% breastfeeding initiation rate for our WIC moms. For 2020, that goal was 75% and are currently at 69%. The Healthy People 2030 objective has been lowered to 54% breastfeeding rate at six months.



COVID-19 Response



We sometimes forget that our society has continually dealt with threats from potentially deadly and/or debilitating diseases. In the past some of the worst have been smallpox and polio, but even recently H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) of 2009, Ebola of 2014, and the Zika Virus of 2016 have raised public health concerns. Although not all of these diseases have affected us locally, your local public health department has prepared for, and responded as necessary to these threats. The emergence of COVID-19 has been no different.

Throughout 2020 Wyandot Public Health employees have worked to minimize the effects of COVID-19 within our community. Our public health staff has fielded thousands of COVID related phone calls, investigated over 1,500 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, and quarantined an additional 2,700 individuals that had potentially been exposed to the disease. Staff also created and implemented a vaccination administration system which has allowed the public to register for vaccinations online and enabled staff to schedule eligible individuals for vaccination. Additionally, by the end of December, the department received

and administered vaccines to 200 frontline healthcare workers and at-risk individuals in developmentally disabled group homes.

Wyandot County Public Health has also strived to regularly communicate with our local community partners since the onset of the pandemic. Our efforts included almost daily email up-dates to over 100 partner agencies, daily community Facebook posts outlining local COVID-19 data and recommended precautions, countless news articles, and weekly conference calls with our local public health preparedness partners. The department also regularly engaged with local businesses, schools, and community organizations to implement state COVID-19 guidelines in order to protect the most vulnerable populations in our community.

As we enter 2021 Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to continuing all of our efforts to combat COVID-19. We know that our continued commitment to immunize every single person that wants vaccinated will ultimately save lives, and we hope that the partnerships we share with local agencies will continue to grow and strengthen the public health system that serves each and every citizen of Wyandot County.