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Hocking County Health Department Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2018

Greetings Public Health Partners and Community!

It is with much appreciation to the residents and citizens of Hocking County that I introduce the 2018 Hocking County Health Department Annual Report. I am grateful for your ongoing trust and support of the Hocking County Health Department Board of Health and staff. We would not be able to provide the activities, services, and programs from year to year if it were not for the tremendous support we receive from you.

This support was recently demonstrated during the November 2018 Election when the voters of Hocking County passed the Health Department's renewal levy. The passing of the levy helps to provide sustainability for public health in this county for the next 10 years. That generosity will make it possible for us to continue to provide ways to prevent diseases, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the environment. We will be able to continue to work with our partners, stakeholders and clients to make Hocking County a healthier place to live, work and play.

Our 2018 Annual Report is a summary of where the Health Department stands financially and highlights some of the accomplishments achieved in the past year through those supported services, programs, events and partnerships.

Again, thank you for supporting and for recognizing the value and importance of the Hocking County Health Department.

Public Health is Your Health!



*Douglas S. Fisher, D.P.M.
Health Commissioner*

Hocking County Reportable Diseases

Reportable Diseases 2016-2018			
Reportable Disease	2016	2017	2018
Campylobacteriosis	2	3	4
Chlamydia infection	59	77	74
Cryptosporidiosis	2	0	0
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2	3	1
Giardiasis	1	1	2
Gonococcal infection	22	8	11
Haemophilus influenzae	1	1	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	7
Hepatitis B - acute	0	1	0
Hepatitis B - chronic	6	9	11
Hepatitis C - acute	0	0	3
Hepatitis C - chronic	57	68	66
Influenza - associated hospitalization	8	16	21
LaCrosse virus disease	0	0	3
Legionellosis - Legionnaires' Disease	2	4	4
Lyme Disease	1	1	0
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	1	1	1
Mumps	0	0	1
Pertussis	1	3	1
Salmonellosis	4	7	1
Shigellosis	1	2	0
Staphylococcal aureus - (VISA)	0	0	1
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	0	1	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae - non-resistant	0	5	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae - antibiotic resistant	2	1	0
Varicella	3	5	1
Zika virus infection	1	0	0
Total	176	217	215

Reporting of infectious diseases in Ohio is mandated by the Ohio Administrative Code. Diseases of public health concern require timely response by the health department because of the potential for epidemic spread. Infectious disease nurses and epidemiologists handle notification, response, education, prophylaxis and prevention activities on a daily basis.

Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death	2018
Cardiac	74
Cancer	40
Respiratory / Pulmonary	21
Dementia / Alzheimer's	14
Suicide	7
Accidental	5
Drug Overdose	5
Adult Failure To Thrive	3
Stroke	2
Homicide	2

Certificates Registered	2018
Birth	3
Death	214

Project HOPE (Hocking Overdose Partnership Endeavor)

Project HOPE is a joint partnership with the health department, 317 Board, Hocking County Sheriff, Hopewell Health Centers, TASC of Southeast Ohio, Job and Family Services and EMS. The team visits clients that have either overdosed or are at risk for overdosing. Hopewell and TASC are there to provide assistance with detox, rehabilitation and medical referrals. The Health Department provides Narcan, Hepatitis education and support. The team started visiting clients in April of 2018 and has funding through 2019. Since the start of the program, 4 lives have been saved from the Narcan provided at the visits.



10 Essential Public Health Services

The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe the public health activities that all communities should undertake.



1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
Example: Conducting a community health assessment.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and hazards in the community.
Example: Responding to infectious disease outbreaks.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
Example: Participating in health education efforts with schools & worksites.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
Example: Undertaking defined health improvement planning efforts.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
Example: Developing policies to protect the health of the public.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
Example: Enforcing sanitation codes.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
Example: Providing outreach and education for special populations.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
Example: Providing education, training and assessment of staff.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population - based health services.
Example: Assessing effectiveness of programs.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.
Example: Linking with institutions of higher learning and research.

2018 Nursing Division Highlights

Hepatitis A Statewide Outbreak

During the statewide community outbreak of Hepatitis A, the Hocking County Health Department has seen a significant increase in cases since August, 2018 from the following high risk groups:

- People with direct contact with individuals infected with the virus
- Men who have sex with men
- People who use street drugs whether they are injected or not
- People who are incarcerated
- People experiencing homelessness
- People who have traveled to other areas outside of the United States currently experiencing outbreaks.

The health department continues to vaccinate high risk clients, as well as contacts of positive cases. As of February 15, 2019, Hocking County has had 21 cases involved in the state outbreak. Ohio has over 1800 cases.

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program

The Hocking County Health Department's tobacco prevention program expanded its goals this year to also address the lack of cessation services in Hocking County. The program still addresses youth initiation/access to tobacco products and minimizes secondhand smoke exposure through retailer compliance checks and community policy change. However, in 2018, the program began to reach out to medical providers and local partners to expand or sustain tobacco cessation services and refer more residents into tobacco treatment. Promoting the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line as an additional resource is also a priority. Finally, the program has utilized media channels for outreach. Social media, billboards and newspaper advertisements were published to address tobacco use in the Hocking County community.

Health Services Report

Nursing	2018
Breastfeeding Consultations	278
Car Seats	45
Cribs For Kids	30
Flu Shots	2538
Head Lice Checks	44325
Hepatitis C Tests	10
HIV Tests	25
Hearing/Vision Screenings	56
Immunizations	1748
Narcan Kits	144
Pregnancy Tests	44
STD Tests	23
Tobacco Cessation Sessions	115
Tuberculin Skin Tests	379
WIC Certification/Recertification	1273
WIC Nutrition Education	696

Environmental	2018
Animal Bite Reports	68
Building Placement Permits	105
Food Inspections	479
Lot Splits	20
Nuisance Complaint Investigations	120
Plumbing Permits (Res / Com)	104 / 23
Plumbing Inspections	293
Pools / Camp Inspections	61 / 31
Private Water System Permits	76
Realty (Water & Septic)	47
School Safety Inspections	25
Sewage Final Approvals	117
Sewage Permits	93
Site Evaluations	129
Water Samples	189

Strategic Planning

The Hocking County Health Department (HCHD) has been working to implement its 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. Keeping the focus on population health and specific issues identified by local input, the HCHD has established goals and objectives to guide its decision-making over the next three years.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our strategic priorities and associated goal statements, support our mission and contribute to providing high quality public health services to the Hocking County community.

Priority #1: Financial Stability

Hocking County Health Department will expand funding streams and increase staff knowledge of financial matters.

Priority #2: Community Relations

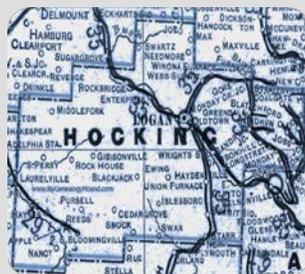
Hocking County residents will be aware of and understand the Hocking County Health Department's goals and purpose.

Priority #3: Focused Services

Hocking County Health Department will provide services based on the needs of the community.

Priority #4: Workforce Development

Hocking County Health Department will support the professional growth of its staff.



2018 Environmental Health Division Highlights

Food Safety Training

Beginning March 1, 2017 the state of Ohio established that every food service operation (FSO) and retail food establishment (RFE) with a risk level III or IV have at least one person with management responsibility obtain the Ohio level 2 certificate in food protection. The purpose of this new rule is to educate and train food personnel on effective food safety practices for preventing foodborne illness. There are several approved courses and providers for this training available in Hocking County and across the state. These courses along with the certification exam must first be approved by the Ohio Department of Health. Sanitarians are then required to request the certification during standard food safety inspections of level III and IV FSO and RFE's.

Nuisance Abatement Coordination

Per the Ohio Revised Code, local health departments are required to abate all public health nuisances in their jurisdiction. We work closely with the Logan City Police Department and the Hocking County Sherriff's Department to accomplish this task.

In 2018, eleven properties were condemned. After a property is condemned, a letter is sent to the owner and they have the right to request a hearing. They are given a schedule detailing the specific items to be corrected in order to remove the condemnation. After the property is deemed habitable by a sanitarian, the condemnation is removed and the property can be occupied.

Establishing a code enforcement program is currently in the beginning stages, but planning will continue among various departments and agencies. It is anticipated that the program will start on the city level and once the details are worked out, it can be expanded to also cover the county areas. Resolving issues with blighted and vacant properties are among the many issues along with properties that accumulate trash, garbage, and other items that attract rodents and other unwanted pests.

Public health is critical to the health and well-being of our community. In order to provide essential public health services and state mandated programs in Logan and Hocking County, the financial support of the community is key. The Levy allows the Health Department to maintain daily operations while providing necessary services within the community.

We greatly appreciate your support of public health and look forward to improving the health of our community.

REVENUE 2018

Health Levy	
Real Estate	\$559,091.00
Rollback	\$ 71,889.00
Personal Property	
Trailer Tax	\$ 5,060.00
	\$636,040.00
Vital Statistics Fees	
Burial Permits	\$ 756.00
Certified Copies	\$41,063.00
Vital Statistic Reg.	\$ 2,775.00
	\$44,594.00
Environmental Programs	
Campgrounds and Parks	\$ 9,799.00
Food Service	\$ 72,116.00
Pools and Spas	\$ 8,803.00
Sewage / Plumbing	\$157,750.00
Water	\$ 37,670.00
	\$286,138.00
Nursing Programs	
BCMh	\$ 5,880.00
Contracts	\$ 46,220.00
Flu Shots	\$ 69,304.00
HEP B / TB	\$ 606.00
Immunizations	\$ 38,565.00
Other	\$ 42,198.00
	\$202,773.00
Public Health Grants	
BCCP	\$ 18,187.00
Maternal Child Health	\$ 53,738.00
Mom's Quit for Two	\$ 38,542.00
Public Health Emergency	\$173,590.00
Tobacco	\$ 90,797.00
WIC	\$189,712.00
ZIKA	\$ 26,000.00
	\$590,566.00
TOTAL	\$1,760,111.00

EXPENSES 2018

Administration / Vital Statistics	\$453,074.00
Environmental Health	\$423,260.00
Nursing Programs	\$339,603.00
Public Health Grants	\$495,970.00
TOTAL	\$1,711,907

% of Revenue that goes back to state Remittals

