



PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Greene County



Welcome to Greene County Public Health



Public health is a necessary component of any community to ensure the conditions in which we live, work, play and age are healthy. Changes at the federal level mandate our programs and services be directed at achieving overall health and equal opportunity to achieve health in a community rather than provide direct care to clients. We are an accredited organization which lets the community know all that we do is designed to bring improvements to the health of the public. The organization, nearly 100 years old, was created by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 37 in 1920.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be the recognized leader that addresses health outcomes, reduces health disparities, upholds standards of public health practice, and improves service to the community.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to prevent disease, promote health and wellness in Greene County, and protect the quality of our environment.

The Scope of Our Work

Our employees accomplish our mission through integrated community efforts and assessment, health education, collaboration and assurance of quality services, disease prevention and control, and emergency preparedness.

Our services are designed to protect and improve the health of the community. We provide birth and death certificates, easily accessible community public health services and environmental health programs. We ensure safety of food and water, protection from disease, and readiness to respond to emergencies. The organization was created by Ohio Revised Code 3707 and 3709 in 1920.



The levy, typically on the ballot every five years, makes up 33.6% of the health district's total revenue. For \$24.50 per year/per \$100.000 home value, the district provides convenient, population-based services to children and pregnant women, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), special services to families with medical and developmental needs, school inspections, general operations, nuisance abatement, rabies and other environmental health investigations.

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The future of health begins with you



All of Us

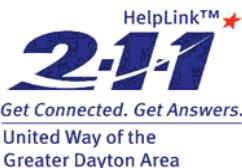


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Access and Linkage

HelpLink™ 2-1-1, United Way of Greater Dayton

<http://dayton-unitedway.org/call-211/>



By calling HelpLink™ 2-1-1, you can connect with a live operator 24-hours a day who will help you navigate the vast local nonprofit network. HelpLink™ 2-1-1 employees handle each phone call with personal care. These skilled workers listen to your needs, research all available service options, connect you with help, and follow-up as needed. They are specially trained to help with problem solving and crisis intervention. Assistance covers a wide range of topics, including housing, food assistance, education, mental health and substance abuse, international services, financial needs, foreclosure, criminal justice and legal services, income support and employment, individual/family life, healthcare, transportation, and more.

Administration

Community Outreach

937-374-5669

Greene County Public Health is heavily involved in our community with outreach efforts at local fairs and festivals. If you are interested in having our agency represented at your event, please visit http://www.gcph.info/public-health-programs/community_event_requests and register online. The public information officer will review the schedule for availability. We respectfully ask that you alert us to your needs at least four to six weeks prior to your event, if possible.



Administration cont'd

Emergency Preparedness

937-374-5627

Our agency is continually developing, reviewing, and revising a set of plans to assure our preparedness in the event of a public health emergency. We collaborate closely with local, regional and state partners to stay ready to respond and work together in the event of a public health emergency or natural disaster. These types

of events could include the distribution of important information or even the operation of large clinics to provide medication to all county residents.



Our employees are required to have National Incident Management System and Incident Command System training in accordance with federal mandates. Our overall goal is to "keep well people well"

during times of disaster or public health emergencies. We work closely with community partners, media, and the public to provide valuable information daily. There is ongoing surveillance, monitoring, planning, and testing of the plans using simulated scenarios to improve our overall readiness and meet the national preparedness capabilities. The health district is also a strong promoter of personal preparedness and can provide you with encouragement, tools, and information via our website, social media, and community presentations.

Public Information

937-374-5669

Public information provides accurate, timely messages to residents so they can make informed decisions about health-related issues. We communicate through the news media, print materials, our website, and social media to make sure that the community is informed, protected, and able to take advantage of public health's programs and services.



Administration cont'd

Speaker's Bureau 937-374-5669

Our agency gives free presentations throughout the community on our various



programs and services dealing with the prevention of disease, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and protection of the environment. It's easy to schedule a speaker by visiting our website and filling out our request form: http://www.gcpb.info/speaker_request_form/ Presentations are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis. The health district appreciates every opportunity to participate in community events and will make every effort to provide a presenter if available. However, submitting three weeks or more in advance will improve our ability to accommodate your needs. Upon receipt of your invitation, you will receive an email or phone call to let you know your request has been received and is in process.

IMPORTANT: Most of our Speakers' Bureau presentations have been prepared for general community audiences. If you require a presentation that's intended for health professionals and other clinical audiences, please make a note of this in the comments section and provide specific information about the audience type.

Vital Statistics

937-374-5639 or 937-374-5616

Our agency receives, records and maintains all birth and death certificates for Greene County from December 1908 to the present. Certificates are recorded in the county in which the birth or death occurs, regardless of place of residence. Birth and death certificates are available in standard size for a fee of \$24.00 per certified copy. Birth certificates are available at our Xenia office for births that occurred in any county in Ohio. For your convenience, you can process online requests through VitalChek Network Inc. at their website, www.vitalchek.com. An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for using this service, and all major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®.



Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Community Roots Coalition

937-374-5683



The Community Roots Coalition is a group of key partners including our agency, the City of Xenia, Ohio State University Extension, and Central State University Extension that addresses healthy, active lifestyles to combat chronic diseases such as childhood obesity, diabetes, and heart disease, to name a few. It is also open to volunteers from the community. Programs and events include various educational workshops, the Community Garden at Lexington Park in Xenia, the Spring Has Sprung 5K Family Run/Walk, and the annual Family Fitness Palooza.

Greene County Safe Communities Coalition

937-374-5683

Greene County Safe Communities Coalition works to prevent injury through community action by addressing traffic safety issues through initiatives involving engineering, enforcement and education. The coalition is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Administration through a grant from Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

The Safe Communities program was introduced to help decrease traffic injuries, increase safety awareness, decrease the amount of money spent on traffic-related injuries, and increase the number of people involved in keeping communities safe. The coalition is made up of a number of organizations and individuals from across Greene County and is always looking for new members.

Tobacco Cessation & Prevention

937-374-5617

Tobacco Prevention strives to improve the health of Greene County by reducing tobacco use among youth and adults through public policy and promotion of tobacco cessation programming. Policy initiatives and education in the program includes: Tobacco 21- limiting purchasing tobacco

products to those over the age of 21 years, smoke free multi-unit housing/workplaces and outdoor spaces policies. Educational programming includes: nicotine addiction and the association between opioid usage and smoking; the financial and health costs of tobacco to families of smokers especially in disparate populations with mental health, substance use and lower socio-economic levels; surge in the youth epidemic of JUULing and vaping in schools, local cessation resources and the Ohio Quit Line-1-800-QUITNOW <https://ohio.quitlogix.org/en-US/>



Communicable Disease

**Communicable Disease Reporting
937-374-5600 or toll free 1-866-858-3588
Fax: 937-374-5675
cdrs@gcph.info**

The Communicable Disease Reporting System monitors the occurrence of contagious illnesses within Greene County. Our team gathers reports of diseases in the community, interviews people associated with the outbreak, and conducts follow-up investigations to determine the source of the infection.



We make recommendations for the treatment of cases and preventive treatment of contacts, educate the public about disease transmission, and provide timely and accurate information to the community to avert outbreaks. We work closely with hospitals, physician offices, urgent care centers, schools, and daycares in Greene County to help prevent and control the spread of diseases to protect the health of our community.

Epidemiology

937-374-5660

Our epidemiologist monitors, identifies, investigates outbreaks, and reports emerging health threats that impact residents of Greene County. We are responsible for publishing reports based on infectious and chronic diseases, as well as other health-related data. In addition, we provide education, information, and training to coalitions, health care agencies, universities, the local media, and the general public.

HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections: Prevention, Education & Testing

937-374-5621



This comprehensive grant-funded program offers HIV/AIDS education and prevention services to Greene, and Clark County residents. The primary focus is to educate residents about HIV and other sexually-transmitted infections (STIs). Our employees provide group education, individual counseling, HIV testing to high risk individuals and community outreach.

Communicable Disease cont'd

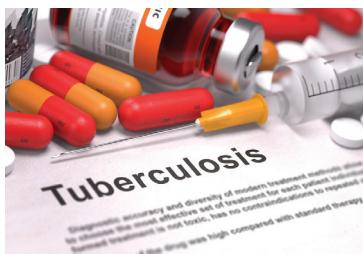
Safe Trade Syringe Exchange Program 937-374-5646

Safe Trade is a one-for-one needle exchange program to help decrease the spread of disease and illness, while helping clean up the community of discharged, used syringes. We also distribute Project DAWN (Narcan) kits and fentanyl test strips to reduce overdose risk for clients.



Tuberculosis (TB) 937-374-5638

This program controls the spread of Tuberculosis (TB) in Greene County. We



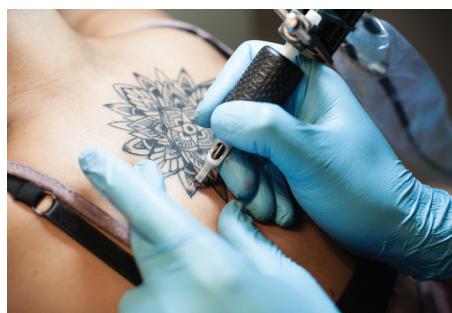
ensure that all persons with active TB are completely treated. We work with our community partners to screen individuals who are at high risk, including contacts to active TB cases, substance abusers, homeless persons, those who test positive for HIV, those in correctional facilities, and people who come from countries with a high incidence of TB.

To schedule an appointment for an evaluation of a positive result, call the number above during normal business hours.

Environmental Health

Body Art Establishments 937-374-5607

Public health licenses and inspects body art (tattoo, piercing) establishments within Greene County to ensure compliance with state and local regulations. Inspectors verify requirements for operator and artist training, along with routine performance tests of sterilization equipment to eliminate the potential for bloodborne disease transmission. In addition, all complaints of unlicensed providers operating out of homes are investigated.



Environmental Health cont'd

Food Protection

937-374-5605

The Food Protection program oversees the licensing and inspection of all restaurants, grocery stores, vending machines, mobile food operations, and temporary food operations. Sanitarians inspect licensed food service operations and retail food establishments for proper food storage, handling, preparation and serving. Depending on the type of facility, inspections occur from one to four times per year, not including follow-up inspections. We conduct reviews of all new and remodeled facilities within Greene County. You can see inspection reports for any restaurant in Greene County by visiting our website and clicking on "Food Inspections" on the scrolling marquee near the center of the page.



Anyone planning to begin construction of a new restaurant or grocery must submit plans to our agency for the work to be completed. Plans are also required for any substantial alterations. Public health works hand in hand with local building and other inspection authorities to ensure that all applicable code requirements for facilities and equipment are met.

We also offer Level I and ServSafe® Level II Certification in Food Protection classes. Each class is designed to promote proper food handling procedures to prevent foodborne illness. Call our office or visit our website for more information.

Housing

937-374-5607

The Housing program enforces local housing regulations in villages and townships within the county to ensure that all housing units meet minimum sanitation conditions.

Jails & Detention Centers

937-374-5607



Jails are required to be inspected upon request from the sheriff's office or city police department, or if a complaint is received. We evaluate the sanitary and structural conditions of the jail cells, shower and restroom facilities, and any common areas in the facility to prevent diseases, safety hazards, and unsanitary conditions in jails. The food service operation in the jails is inspected under the Ohio Food Code.

Environmental Health cont'd

Mosquito Control Program

937-374-5607

We work with contracting jurisdictions throughout Greene County to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus and other vector-borne diseases, and to reduce the nuisance from biting mosquitoes. Integrated Pest Management techniques such as trapping mosquitoes, testing mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, surveillance of mosquito populations, larvicide treatment and adulticide applications, along with community education, all help control and reduce mosquito populations to prevent the spread of disease.



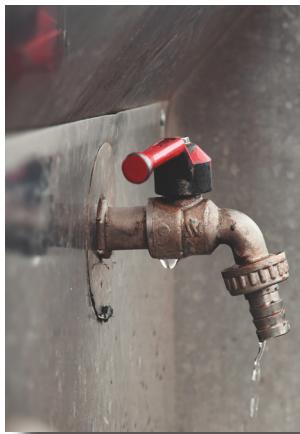
Nuisance Abatement and Demolition

937-374-5607

This program oversees the clean-up or elimination of blighted areas or buildings, including the removal of garbage, refuse, debris, and the elimination or rehabilitation of building structures to alleviate adverse or unhealthy and unsafe environmental conditions favorable for the breeding of insects, rodents, etc., or safety and public health hazards to the community. All demolition activities are subject to review of the jurisdictions' governing councils.

Plumbing Inspections

937-374-5607



Our certified plumbing inspectors work with commercial plumbers and homeowners to ensure that all new and modified plumbing within Greene County is properly installed according to the Ohio Plumbing Code and is safe and free from cross contamination and backflow. We inspect all residential and commercial plumbing installations in Greene County.

Environmental Health cont'd

Private Water & Sewage Systems **937-374-5607**

The Private Sewage System

program designs and/or approves submitted design plans for new or proposed sewage treatment systems on vacant lots; evaluates property line changes for existing homes and proposed vacant lots; provides guidance to homeowners that are experiencing problems with their existing sewage treatment systems; evaluates the need for alteration, repair or replacement of a malfunctioning sewage treatment system; inspects all installations of sewage treatment systems; and inspects existing sewage treatment systems when requested or required. Services include: registration of installers, service providers, septage haulers, and land application sites.



The **Private Water System** program is responsible for conducting inspections of private wells and water systems that have been issued permits for installation or alteration. Water samples are also collected and tested for the presence of bacteria, pollutants, and other types of contamination. Private water systems include dug wells, drilled wells, cisterns, hauled water storage tanks, springs and ponds.

We recommend that private water systems be tested annually for bacteria. If plumbing work or work on the water system components takes place, the water system should be disinfected by chlorination of the water system before it is put back into service.



We will also inspect private water systems at the request of the system owner or potential buyer of the property.

Environmental Health cont'd

Rabies Control

937-374-5607

The Rabies Control program quarantines dogs, cats and ferrets that are involved in biting/exposure incidents for a period of 10 days to ensure the animal did not transmit rabies to the victim. Prior to being released from quarantine, these animals must be observed by Health District personnel and be current on their rabies immunization. Animals that die during the quarantine period are sent to the Ohio Department of Health laboratory for analysis. Any dog, cat or ferret not currently vaccinated against the rabies virus that has been bitten or exposed to a known rabid mammal or a wild mammal or bat not available for testing shall be quarantined for six months or humanely euthanized.



Recommendations for medical treatment for bite victims are given as appropriate. However, if you have been involved in a biting incident you should seek guidance from your physician. Our agency cooperates with law enforcement agencies, hospitals, urgent care facilities, physicians, and animal control agencies in providing this program.

Radon Education Program

Ohio Department of Health toll-free number: 1-800-523-4439

The Radon Education program educates residents of Greene County about the serious health effects of radon. It encourages them to take action against radon in their homes in an effort to reduce health risks.



You can't see it, smell it, or taste it, but it could be invading your home. Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer. Home testing is simple with a radon kit. Test your home today. If you are interested in testing your home for radon, low cost test kits can be ordered online at <http://cgi.radon.com/sub/oh/>. For more information on radon, you can also visit <http://www.eng.utoledo.edu/aprg/radon/>.

Environmental Health cont'd

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Camps

937-374-5607

Our agency conducts regular inspections of all licensed recreational vehicle parks, combined park-camps, and temporary park-camps in Greene County to ensure that they are operated in accordance with Chapter 3701-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code to prevent diseases, safety hazards and unsanitary conditions.



Resident Camps

937-374-5607

The Environmental Health team performs regular inspections of all licensed resident camps in Greene County to ensure that they are operated in accordance with the Resident Camp Rules and are maintained safe and free from unsanitary conditions. Services include inspection of grounds, physical facilities, and required safety equipment to verify compliance with the Resident Camp Rules; and plan review for new and renovated resident and day camps.

School Inspections

937-374-5607

This program ensures that all Greene County schools (public and non-public) meet minimum sanitation standards by identifying conditions within the school



building and grounds that may be detrimental to the health or wellbeing of building occupants. Upon identification of such conditions our inspectors, the school board voluntarily abates these conditions in a timely manner.

Environmental Health cont'd

Solid & Infectious Waste

937-374-5607

Our agency registers all trash trucks that carry garbage and other debris to the sanitary landfills or transfer facilities. Employees inspect all licensed facilities that handle solid and infectious waste to ensure proper disposal. Trash, garbage, tires, infectious waste, and other miscellaneous debris (construction and demolition debris) must be properly disposed of at an approved Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) facility. Improper disposal of items can lead to potential water contamination, increase rodent activity, and an aesthetically unpleasant appearance.



Swimming Pools & Spas

937-374-5607

Our agency performs regular inspections of all licensed public swimming pools, public spas, and special use pools in Greene County to ensure that they are operated in accordance with the Ohio Public Swimming Pool, Public Spa, and Special Use Pool Rules, and are safe and free from physical and water related hazards.



Maternal & Child Health

Baby & Me - Tobacco Free™

937-374-5600



The BABY & ME – Tobacco Free™ Program is an evidence-based, smoking cessation program created to reduce the number of pregnant women who smoke with a goal of decreasing the burden of tobacco on our society.

We seek to accomplish this mission by addressing the high prevalence of tobacco use among young women during pregnancy. By providing counseling support and resources to pregnant women, it is our goal that they will quit smoking and maintain smoking cessation throughout the postpartum period and beyond. This successful program results in improved birth outcomes and long-term positive outcomes for women, children, and their families.

Breastfeeding Peer Helpers

937-374-5637 or 937-374-5635

The Breastfeeding Peer Helper program is designed to enhance the breastfeeding support services provided by WIC (see page 15). Breastfeeding peer helpers are individuals from the community with personal breastfeeding experience.

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

937-374-5680 or 937-374-5653

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) is a health care program in the Ohio Department of Health. CMH links families of children with special healthcare needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need.



Early Intervention

937-824-0828



Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention services include: developmental evaluation and assessment to determine your child's strengths and needs; service coordination; individualized family service plan (IFSP); family support; and transition services.

Maternal & Child Health

Help Me Grow™ Home Visiting

937-374-5679

Help Me Grow™ is Ohio's evidenced-based 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. Our home visitors are well-trained professionals who use a non-judgmental and compassionate approach that empowers parents with skills, tools and confidence to nurture the healthy growth of their children. New or expectant parents will have the opportunity to share their thoughts about parenting, ask questions, and receive reliable information based on their individual family needs or topics of interest.



Cribs for Kids®

937-374-5646



Helping every baby sleep safer

This program is funded by the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. The program provides a free pack 'n play, along with important safe sleep education. To be eligible, a woman must be at least 32 weeks pregnant, have an infant four months old or younger, be eligible for WIC (below), and not have a safe sleep environment for the infant, such as a crib.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

937-374-5659

WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children designed to improve diet during critical times of growth and development. It is a health program that provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, nutritious foods and referrals to other health and human service agencies. Services include a WIC nutrition card to purchase specific foods at WIC contracted or authorized grocery stores.



WIC foods are high in vitamins and nutrients frequently lacking in the diets of the program's target population. The program helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. WIC participants receive nutrition education and are monitored with regard to nutritional needs and intake. Services also include breastfeeding education and the breastfeeding peer helper program.



Strategic Priorities for Greene County Public Health, 2019-2021

These strategic priorities will guide the overall planning, prioritization, positioning and performance of the health district for the next three years. Each priority is carefully considered when operating existing programs, implementing new programs, and evaluating the performance of the health district. These strategic priorities are:

1. Inform & Educate

To be the recognized leader in providing information on public health issues and essential public health services.

2. Workforce Development

Cultivate a workforce capable of preventing disease, promoting health and wellness, and protecting the quality of the environment in Greene County.

3. Internal Communication

All health district employees will be knowledgeable about the agency mission, vision, values, programs & services, plans and methods of communication.

4. Information Technology

Provide data, information systems and technology to support the organization's mission and public health practice.

5. Healthy Lifestyles

Empowering the people of Greene County to prevent and manage chronic disease.

6. Health Equity

All clients of Greene County Public Health will receive equitable and effective care in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

7. Maternal, Child & Infant Health

Families in Greene County have equal access to early, consistent and comprehensive healthcare including medical and behavioral healthcare services.



About Greene County Public Health



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District Advisory Council

Greene County Public Health serves the townships, villages and contract cities of the county. The chief executive of each of the villages, the president of the Greene County Board of Commissioners and the chairperson of each township's board of trustees are the designated members of the District Advisory Council. They are required by law to meet annually in March, and their statutory powers and duties include selecting board of health members, considering special reports from the board of health and reviewing the health district's budget.

Who We Serve

Serving more than 160,000 residents every day, including:

Bath Township • Beavercreek • Beavercreek Township • Bellbrook
Bowersville • Caesarcreek Township • Cedarville • Cedarville Township
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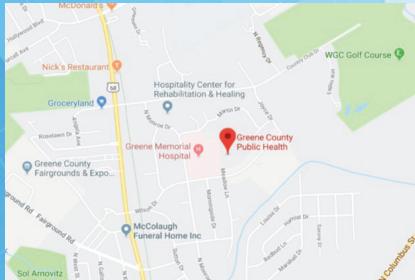


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