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Greene County



2022 Annual Report



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Greene County Health Commissioner



Dear community members,

Each year, we publish an annual report to provide information about the programs and services offered by your trusted local public health authority. Often, we share with you the public health successes and challenges we faced in the previous year.

In 2022, we expanded home visiting services, worked to prevent and control communicable disease, fostered collaboration with community partners, and advocated for individuals who struggle to attain their full health potential due to existing barriers.

Community health improvement initiatives are only possible through a dedicated and competent workforce. As we look ahead, we recognize the integral role our dedicated public health professionals have played in creating a healthier, safer community for all Greene County residents. It is with profound gratitude that this annual report is dedicated to their service.

2022 Board of Health

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MAL=Member at Large

Board of Health meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the main office located at 360 Wilson Drive. The public is welcome to attend. You can find minutes of each meeting on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/about/meeting-minutes>.

District Advisory Council

2022 Officers: *Chris Mucher, President; Jessica Dean, Secretary*

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.

Team Building

In 2022, we welcomed a total of 19 new employees to our team in a variety of capacities. They replaced those members who chose a new road to travel, while others retired.

Employment Opportunities

Looking to start new career? All employment opportunities are listed on our website at: www.gcph.info/about/employment-opportunities

Serving more than 165,000 residents every day!

Bath Township ● Beavercreek ● Beavercreek Township ● Bellbrook ● Bowersville
Caesarcreek Township ● Cedarville ● Cedarville Township ● Clifton ● Fairborn
Jamestown ● Jefferson Township ● Miami Township ● New Jasper Township
Ross Township ● Silvercreek Township ● Spring Valley ● Spring Valley Township
Sugarcreek Township ● Xenia ● Xenia Township ● Yellow Springs

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Leadership Team

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Noah Stuby, MBA

Medical Director

Kevin Sharrett, MD

Community Health Services

Jennifer Barga, MSN, RN

Environmental Health Services

Jeff Webb, RS, MPH

Planning, Preparedness & Promotion

Sheryl Wynn, MSPH

2022 Team Members

Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Alfaro, Jennifer Barga,
Iva Barnett, Kirsten Bean, Don Brannen,
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Karen Burchfield, Kim Caudill, Joleen Channels,
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Matthew McCullough, Lisa Myers, Teresa Myers,
Kelly O'Grady, Dee Owsley, Christine Propes,
David Rasper, Kelly Ray, Shernaz Reporter,
Jennifer Reynolds, Tara Robertson,
Alayna Romer, Stephanie Sanders,
Mindy Saunders, Rick Schairbaum, Jodi Shaw,
DJ Shontz, Larry Sites, Carla Smith,
Taylor Sparks, Tricia Spradling, Melanie Straight,
Noah Stuby, Kim Sullivan, Elizabeth Varvel,
Molly Vaught, Karen Ward, Jeffrey Webb,
Samantha Webb, Jamee Wellman, Sheryl Wynn

What IS Public Health?

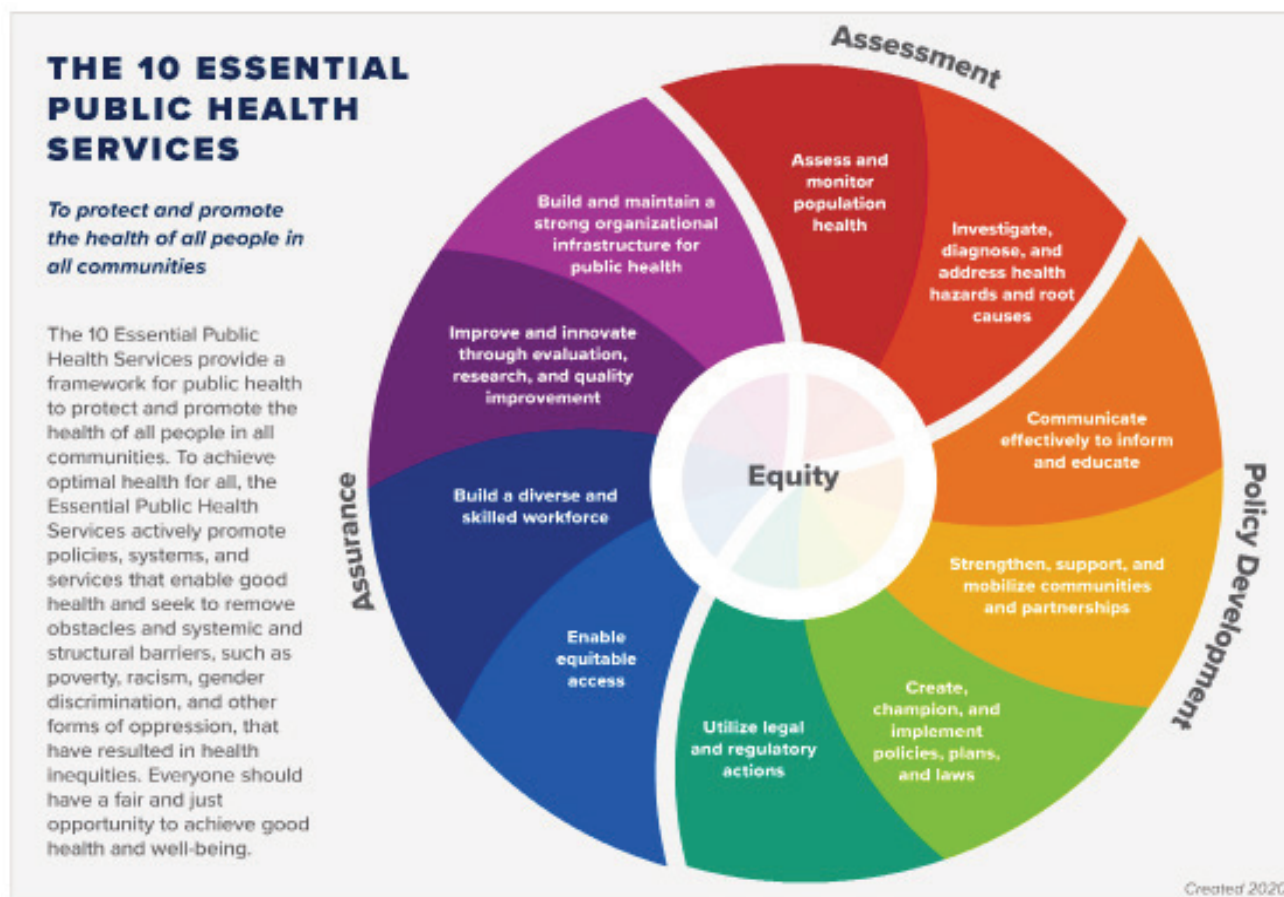
Public health systems are commonly defined as “all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.” This concept ensures that all entities’ (i.e. counties, villages, cities, townships) contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state, are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services.

The public health system includes 1) public health agencies at state and local levels; 2) healthcare providers; 3) public safety agencies; 4) human service and charity organizations; 5) education and youth development organizations; 6) recreation and arts-related organizations; 7) economic and philanthropic organizations; and 8) environmental agencies and organizations.

The public health system is made up of government agencies and private organizations that work to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Prevent injuries
- Promote and support healthy behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Although public health organizations work closely with medical and social service providers, the field of public health is distinctly focused on **prevention** of health problems before they occur, **populations and groups** rather than individual patients, and **all factors that affect health**, including socio-economic factors and the physical environment.



Foundational Public Health Capabilities

These capabilities support all program activities and facilitate a focus on the social determinants of health. They include policy, infrastructure, and practice.

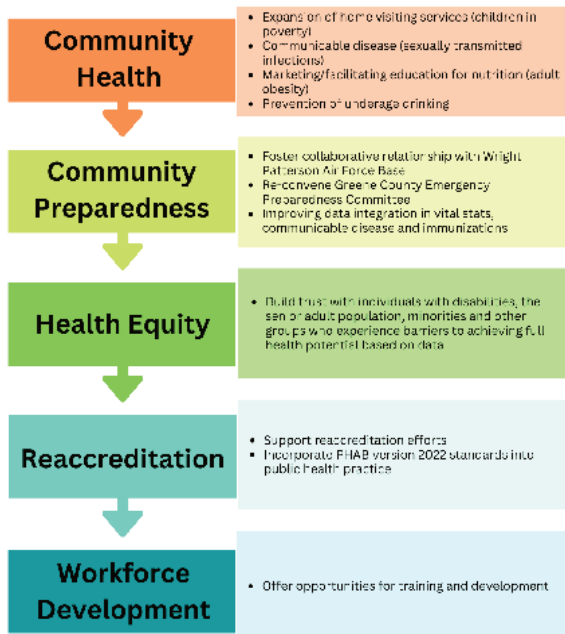
Foundational Public Health Areas

These are mandatory programs provided by the local health district because no one else in the community provides them, or they are provided inadequately by others in the public health system despite efforts to encourage and incentivize others to do so. Foundational areas are delivered on an adequate scale and quality to protect health on a population-wide basis within the local health district’s jurisdiction. Foundational areas are essential to achieving health equity and reducing health disparities in communities. *See pages 7-11 for our Foundational Public Health Areas.*

Accreditation News and Update

Strategic Plan 2022-2024

This health district document will guide the overall planning, prioritizing, positioning, and performance of the health district through 2024. Each priority is carefully considered when operating existing programs, expanding existing programs, and evaluating the performance of the health district. The outcomes we hope to achieve are listed in the chart below.



The CHA, the CHIP and the Strategic Plan are core components of public health accreditation. The plans can be found on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/about/accreditation>

Community Health Assessment

Greene County Public Health is currently in the process of conducting the 2023 Community Health Assessment. Community partners work with us to develop a survey that is sent out to Greene County residents. Once the assessment is completed, we will develop the Community Health Improvement Plan which will provide strategies to address priority health issues through collaborative community engagement toward improving the health status of every member of our community.

Accreditation

Public Health accreditation and reaccreditation standards and measures were revised in 2022. The revised version became effective in April and serves as the official guidance for PHAB national public health department accreditation. The national public health accreditation boards sought input from the public health field, including partner organizations, health departments, and public vetting in the revision process. Version 2022 reflects the future of public health practice. The changes include:

- 10 domains, instead of 12, to align with the 10 Essential Public Health Services
- 90 fewer required documents for initial accreditation with a focus on reducing documentation and clarifying requirements
- Foundational capabilities are embedded and easily identified to promote accountability
- Health equity is emphasized and considerations are included in every domain.
- Preparedness requirements have evolved based on lessons learned during COVID-19

Our agency has reviewed the revised guidance and has adjusted our preparations for our upcoming reaccreditation accordingly.

Emergency Preparedness...Are YOU Ready?

2022 was a very busy year for the office of Emergency Preparedness. We resumed our quarterly Greene County Emergency Preparedness Committee for our local partner agencies and strengthened our relationships to better prepare for any emergency in Greene County.

Each year, we continue to develop, review, and revise our emergency response plans; plan and hold exercises to train our employees on how to handle emergencies; collaborate with local, regional, and state partners; oversee, monitor and conduct surveillance; and provide information to our community partners, the media, and the public.

In early April, Greene County Public Health Epidemiologist Dr. Brannen and Health Commissioner Howell presented a poster at the Public Health Preparedness Summit showing how residents of Greene County increased their volunteer service during the pandemic in both number of volunteers and total service hours.

Sixty-nine volunteers completed Stop-the-Bleed training in August in partnership with Sinclair Community College, Dayton Metropolitan Medical Response System, the Ohio State Patrol, Wright State University's College of Nursing, Kettering Health, the Greene County Career Center, local health departments, and other partners. With this training, it is estimated that the survival of over 1,100 simulated mass disaster victims increased from 77% to 93%.



The health district is also a strong promoter of personal preparedness for our employees and community members, providing encouragement, tools, and information via our website, social media, and community presentations. Our Greene County Emergency Preparedness Guide provides helpful tips and areas to jot down notes and important information. Get your copy today on our website at https://www.gcph.info/files/documents/files/2021/03/emergency_preparedness_guide.pdf

Financial Summary

Percentage of Revenue Spent

78%

2022 YTD Revenue

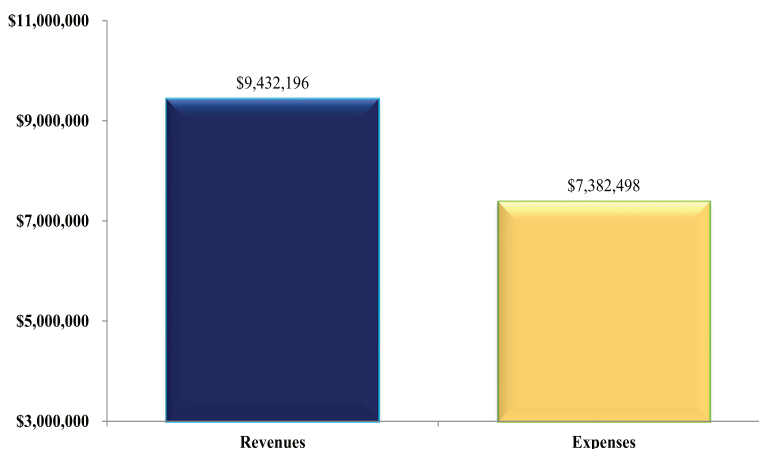
\$9,432,196.00

2022 YTD Expenses

\$7,382,498.00

Difference

\$2,049,698.00



As part of our strategic plan, we maintain our financial stability through well managed programs that continue to see growing revenue, as well as look for ways to reduce employee time and expenses through various quality improvement projects. We continue to seek out new and more effective ways of assuring compliance with state and local regulations, to provide education to stakeholders, and increase transparency.

2022 Revenue

.8 Mil Levy	\$2,988,458.00
Taxes/Homestead Rollback	\$ 355,975.33
Subdivision/City Contracts	\$ 355,628.00
State Monies	\$1,275,314.88
Federal Monies	\$1,012,107.00
Fees	\$ 380,529.00
Licenses/Permits	\$1,121,305.00
Reimbursements	\$1,252,625.00
Other	\$ 159,883.00
Transfers In	\$ 530,371.00
Advances	\$ 0.00
Total	\$9,432,196.00

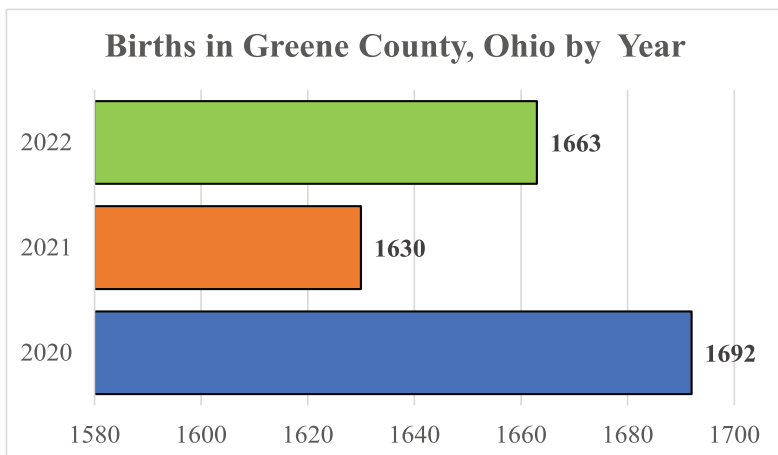
2022 Expenses

Staff Salaries	\$3,552,315.00
Fringe Benefits	\$1,158,864.00
Professional Services/Contracts	\$ 349,710.00
Travel/Training	\$ 53,321.00
Advertising/Printing	\$ 54,037.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 186,948.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 271,055.00
Equipment/Vehicles	\$ 45,705.00
State Remittance Fees	\$ 314,783.00
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 865,390.00
Transfers Out	\$ 530,371.00
Total	\$7,382,498.00

The chart to the left shows Greene County Public Health's revenues and expenses for the period which ended December 31, 2022. A detailed copy of the annual financial statement is available by contacting Evan Dillahunt at 937-374-5620 or edillahunt@gcph.info.

Office of Vital Statistics

Our office 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®.



Re: Causes of Death:
There were 18 suicides in 2022. Accidents include 38 overdose deaths, 41 fall related deaths, and 28 deaths related to motorized vehicles. Total deaths were 1,720 for year 2022. These totals are provisional as of 2/1/2023.

Top 10 Causes of Death in Greene County 2022

Cause of Death	2021	2022*
Heart Disease.....	390	344
Cancer.....	323	285
Stroke.....	160	142
COVID-19.....	254	123
Accidents.....	107	122
Respiratory diseases.....	55	74
Diabetes mellitus.....	48	39
Alzheimer's disease.....	53	39
Kidney Disease.....	n/a	32
Septicemia (blood infection).....	27	26
All other causes.....	464	494
Total Deaths	1,909	1,720

This chart above shows those Greene County residents who gave birth, regardless of the location of birth.

Inform & Educate...The Importance of Sharing our Message

Speaker's Bureau

Our highly trained, professional team is extremely knowledgeable on various health-related topics from mosquitoes and flu, to chronic disease and food safety. If your organization, school, or business would be interested in having us do a public health presentation for your group, please log on to our website and fill out our online form: <https://www.gcph.info/about/contact-us/community-event-requests>.

Community Outreach

In 2022, life got somewhat back to normal as we once again ventured out into our communities with our public health mobile trailer. We were pleased to be able to attend the following festivals: **Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival, the Greene County Fair, the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival, the Jamestown Lion's Club Fall Festival, and the Spring Valley Potato Festival.** We truly appreciate the warm welcome and friendly faces from each of your communities, and look forward to a full slate once again in 2023. If you are interested in having us come to a local health fair, festival, or community event, please log on to our website and fill out our online form: <https://www.gcph.info/about/contact-us/community-event-requests>.

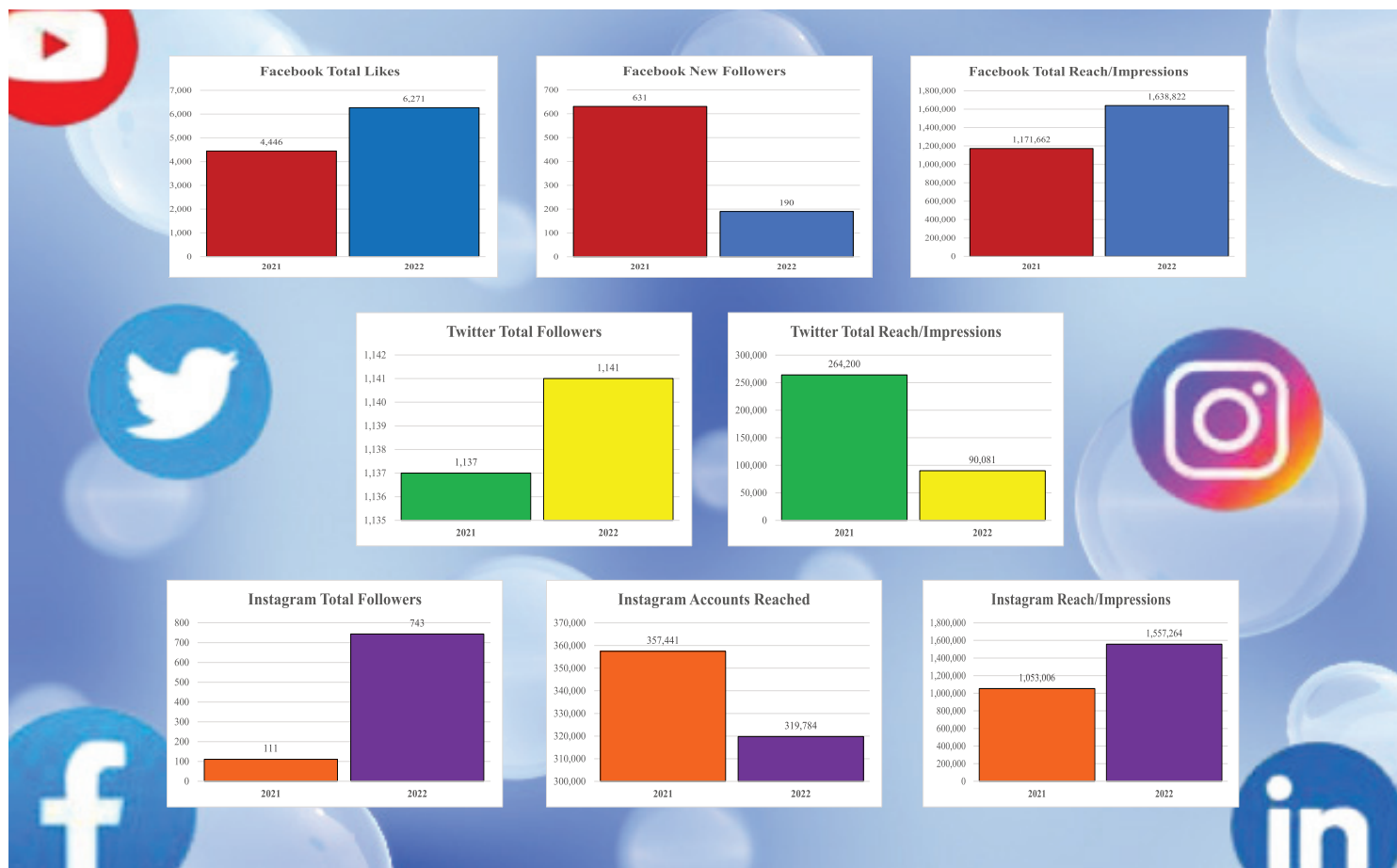
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The Buzz on Social Media

Our social media platforms continue to be important pieces of our communication efforts. Sharing messages from the Ohio Department of Health, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other reputable sources is key to ensuring that residents have the most up to date information available to make the best decisions regarding the overall health and safety of their families.

Twitter and Facebook remain our top two platforms for information. The charts below show the increases/decreases from 2021 to 2022. Join us on these platforms as we continue to share important information that can affect you and your family's overall health and well-being.



COVID-19 Testing, Test Kit Giveaways & Vaccines

COVID-19 TESTING: We partnered with Public Health Dayton-Montgomery County and the Wright State University Ervin J. Nutter Center to hold a testing event in February.

TEST KITS: We continued to provide test kits throughout the year in a variety of ways, including several drive through events. We held two at our main office in Xenia in June and in November, while the last giveaway of the year was held at the Fairborn fire station on Commerce Center Drive. **Overall, 16,530 test kits were distributed throughout Greene County in 2022.**

VACCINATIONS: Our team of nurses were busy throughout the year with clinics providing COVID-19 vaccines. **In all, we provided 3,991 vaccines, including initial series doses and boosters. 115 of these vaccines were provided to homebound individuals, 41 of which were the updated, or bivalent, vaccine.**



FUNDING: Our agency was a 2022 recipient of a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health to help respond to COVID-19 in the jail and Adult Detention Center in Greene County.

TOTAL CASES OF COVID-19 REPORTED IN 2022: 19,435



Tuberculosis, HIV, Hep C, MPox & Other Reportable Diseases

The communicable disease team strives to complete investigations on all reportable infectious diseases in a timely and efficient manner. Highlights of 2022 include:

- surveillance for Ebola contacts,
- contact tracing for measles contacts
- educating long term care facilities on the Candida Auris which is concerning because it is a multidrug-resistant fungus
- education about mpox (formerly known as monkeypox), along with vaccinations and prevention strategies for the general public

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING: 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 users, people who are homeless, those who test positive for HIV, those in correctional facilities, and people who come from countries with a high incidence of TB. **In 2022, 69 TB skin tests and 16 immigrant investigations were completed. There were no cases of active TB reported in 2022. We also worked with the 'Uniting for Ukraine' program to complete TB testing and follow up.**

HIV/AIDS PROGRAM: 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 team provided group education, individual counseling, HIV testing to high risk individuals, and community outreach. **A total of 125 HIV tests were performed in 2022, while 1,993 safer sex kits were provided. These kits include condoms and sexual wellness information.**

HEP C TESTING: Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C is spread through contact with blood from an infected person. Today, most people become infected with the Hepatitis C virus by sharing needles or other equipment used to prepare and inject drugs. **A total of 93 Hep C tests were conducted in 2022.**

MPOX: As of September 14, 2022, the CDC reported nearly 23,000 cases of Monkeypox (Mpox) in the US. Mpox is a viral disease related to smallpox, which causes pus-filled lesions on the skin along with fever, pain, chills and exhaustion. **We reported two active cases of Mpox, and provided 42 vaccines to members of the public in 2022.**



Tobacco/Vaping

We were able to utilize our partnership with Bridges of Hope to conduct two different surveys to gain a better understanding of low income and unhoused populations' smoking history, habits, knowledge of resources to quit, and



desired resources to help them quit. Utilizing this information, we developed a **Five-Year Tobacco Health Equity Strategic Plan to reduce the disproportionate burden smoking has on low-income populations in Greene County.**

Helping to initiate work on the strategic plan is our new health equity partner, Greene County FISH Pantry. Food

insecurity is a risk factor for tobacco use and a barrier to stop smoking. Through this collaboration, we can help connect people to resources they need to live healthier lives.

A priority of the tobacco programming is limiting youth access and availability to tobacco and vaping products. Every year, we conduct compliance checks in tobacco retailers to ensure they are not selling to any persons under 21 years old. **In 2022, the compliance rate of the 48 tobacco retailers assessed was 77%, an increase from 70% compliance rate in 2021.**

In 2022, we restarted the Tobacco Free Greene County Coalition. Our mission is to improve the health of Greene County residents through tobacco prevention and cessation strategies and community involvement. The coalition is open for anyone to join. If interested, you can complete the form (<https://forms.office.com/r/Zcsm03nrkG>) and our tobacco health educator will contact you.

The tobacco program continues to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line as a free cessation resource available for adults by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW. We are also encouraging youth ages 13-18 struggling with vaping and nicotine addiction to utilize the free text-based cessation service called My Life, My Quit. Teens can text "Start My Quit" to 36072 to get started on their journey to nicotine free living.

Safe Communities

Safe Communities is a grant-funded, data-driven initiative with the primary goal to reduce preventable crashes by increasing seat belt usage, increasing motorcycle safety awareness, and reducing distracted and impaired driving. **In 2022, there were 17 fatalities from 14 crashes.**

We were able to attend a number of events like Blessing of the Bikes at Kil-Kare Speedway and Fall Fest at Wright State University. We hosted ThinkFast Interactive Programs at Xenia High School, Fairborn High School, and Greeneview High School in partnership with State Farm to educate

students on safe driving techniques. We hosted our Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over kickoff event at the Trans AM Nationals in Beavercreek. **Thank you to Chris Baker for the great photo!**



We coordinated and partnered with Central State University and the Central State University Extension Office to hold a Mocktail Challenge (no alcohol). The purpose of this event was to bring awareness to impaired driving. Student organizations competed to create the best mocktail with the winning organization receiving \$250.00! **This event reached approximately 250 students and faculty.**



Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)

In 2022, we were awarded a one-year mini grant called Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL). The focus of this grant is to build capacity for healthy eating and active living policies within various Greene County communities. The grant cycle, which runs from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, will focus on the jurisdictions of Fairborn, Xenia, and Jamestown.

Assessments will be conducted in each jurisdiction to determine gaps and opportunities regarding healthy eating and active living. From there, we will determine community priorities through focus groups or discussions with community members. The focus groups will lead us to a HEAL strategy that will be developed and implemented with a community engagement activity to bring awareness, education, and empowerment to community members.



Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level

Through funding received in 2022 by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), the harm reduction program and Safe Trade will be expanding to a mobile unit. The mobile unit will allow for services to be provided in three separate locations, three days a week, eliminating barriers to service in areas of high overdose burden. **Greene County will also be expanding the Quick Response Team (QRT) to respond to overdoses in Fairborn and Xenia.** The quick response team provides resources, support, linkage to care, and naloxone to people who've been impacted by overdose.

We will partner with the QRT to provide quarterly anti-stigma training to public safety officers and first responders within Greene County. Participants will learn how stigma impacts access to services and effective strategies to promote open and non-judgmental communication.

In partnership with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties, NaloxBoxes are being distributed throughout Greene County. A NaloxBox is a small, clear box labeled "Opioid Rescue Kit" that is mounted on the wall and contains two doses of Naloxone (Narcan), a medication designed to reverse an opioid overdose. Each box is equipped with a rescue-breathing mask, medical gloves, and step-by-step instructions. **A total of five NaloxBoxes were distributed in 2022.**



Safe Trade

Safe Trade is a syringe services program (SSP) that helps decrease the spread of disease and illness, while helping clean up discharged, used syringes in the community. Safe Trade is held every Wednesday in Xenia, and every Friday in Fairborn and offers the following for participants: Naloxone (Narcan) kits, fentanyl test strips, and overdose education; HIV, Hepatitis C testing, counseling, and referrals; pregnancy tests, safe sex kits, and sexually transmitted infection education; referrals to substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, and medical care; and sterile supplies, wound care, and harm reduction education. **By the end of December 2022, Safe Trade had exchanged 27,412 syringes, a 36% increase over the previous year.**

Project DAWN

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs (OENDP) coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. **In 2022, we received a continuation of the Integrated Naloxone Access and Infrastructure grant, along with an additional Syringe Services Program Support grant from the Ohio Department of Health.** The goal of the grants is to increase access to the life-saving opioid overdose reversal drug, Naloxone, and decrease the number of unintentional opioid overdoses through harm reduction measures. **Through our Statewide Mail Order Naloxone (Narcan) program, we mailed out 680 kits in 2022.** Order online: <https://bit.ly/3f2yj1J> **In 2022, our Project DAWN program distributed 4,354 naloxone kits, 43% more than the previous year.**



Congratulations to one of our Own!

In December 2022, Melody Kingsley was named the recipient of the Ohio Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) 2022 Outstanding Contributions to Health Education Award.

Melody works with the Harm Reduction Program for Safe Trade Syringe Services Program and Project DAWN, Ohio's Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Program. She is also the Chair of the Ohio Overdose Prevention Network's Syringe Services Program Workgroup. Ms. Kingsley was nominated by Greene County Board of Health member, Sylvia Ellison, MPH.

Greene County Medical Reserve Corps

Our agency hosts the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer program in Greene County. **In 2022, the Greene County MRC conducted 71 activities contributing 14,774 hours at a direct economic value of \$560,598. Over 73% of the activities were related to emergency response.**

We received a competitive award of \$50,000 through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) from the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response. The RISE funding will provide resources to our unit to build capacity to **respond, innovate** to evolving requirements, **sustain** staffing requirements, and **equip** our unit with resources needed to support their mission. The MRC Unit will build the capacity of a trained and ready corps of volunteers to respond to local emergencies; adopt technology and processes to support evolving volunteer management requirements; maintain staffing or infrastructure needed to meet the operational and readiness requirements; attain supplies or materials to support volunteer deployments and meet mission requirements.



To learn more about MRC volunteer opportunities visit <https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/>

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow is a system of supports for pregnant women, caregivers with new babies, and families with young children with developmental delays and disabilities. This system includes Central Intake, **Early Intervention (EI)** and **Early Childhood Home Visiting**.

- **Early Intervention** works with families with children birth to age three who have developmental delays or disabilities so that they have the best possible start in life. EI will evaluate and assess a child's speech, motor, adaptive self-help cognitive and social-emotional skills, however, the developmental areas of most concern in 2022, continued to be speech, sensory, and behavioral-related concerns among children ages one to three. The EI program has supported families through these challenges by developing goals, providing strategies and activities families can use to help their children progress with their development and connect the family with additional community resources or medical providers when needed. Additionally, the program continues to collaborate closely with the Infant Mental Health Program through the Greene County Educational Services Center who provides additional support to the EI team and to families, supporting and addressing family challenges due to the additional stressors families continue to face.
- **Early Childhood Home Visiting**
 - **Healthy Families America (HFA)** is one of the leading family support and evidence-based home visiting programs in the United States. We believe early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for healthy development. **We currently have four family support specialists to serve families.**
 - **Nurse-Family Partnership (NEW ADDITION)** has the same goals as HFA, however, participants must be first time mothers and enroll prior to 28 weeks gestation. It is staffed by a team of Bachelor of Science in Nursing prepared Registered Nurses (RNs). **Two full-time RNs are currently serving families and have the capacity to serve more.**

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Breastfeeding education is an important component of the WIC program. Breastfeeding gives babies a healthy start in life. But it's not just good for babies, it's good for moms, too! Breast milk is one of the best things that your baby needs to grow and develop. It even changes to meet your baby's needs as he or she gets older. Breast milk is rich in vitamins, minerals, and nutrients as well as other ingredients that help your baby grow healthy and strong. Breastfeeding can help you recover more quickly from childbirth. It can also reduce your risk for high blood pressure, certain breast and ovarian cancer, and type 2 diabetes. WIC is here to help you take advantage of all these breastfeeding benefits. To learn more, call your local WIC clinic.

In August of 2022, our WIC team held a **Community Baby Shower** to celebrate Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Help

Me Grow, Care Source, AmeriHealth, Brigid's Path, and Miami Valley Women's Center all partnered with us to make this event possible, and bring happiness and smiles to new and expectant mothers. Breastfeeding information was distributed to pregnant and/or breastfeeding moms participating in the WIC program, along with moms from the community.



Baby & Me Tobacco Free™

The BABY & ME Tobacco Free Program™ is an evidence based, smoking cessation program created to reduce the burden of tobacco on the pregnant and postpartum population. This program helps pregnant women and their partners quit smoking before the baby is born. 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. **There is now no income requirement** and program participants can receive up to \$350 in gift cards for diapers and wipes. If another adult in the same household enrolls, they can get up to \$300 in gift cards for diapers and wipes, for a total benefit of \$650.00!

Children with Medical Handicaps

The Ohio Department of Health Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is empowering patients to find CMH enrolled medical providers through the **new, interactive CMH provider directory**.

The directory is available by visiting data.ohio.gov, searching and selecting CMH provider. On this page, select the "Visualize" tab to begin searching and using the provider directory.



In the summer, CMH began **authorizing incontinence supplies (undergarments/diapers and wipes) for adults and children ages 3 and up with the**

diagnoses of neurological disorders who became active on the CMH treatment program. Letters of approval issued after September 22, 2021 included the disposable undergarment category. The maximum **age of eligibility for the CMH treatment program was increased to age 23 as of July 1, 2022.**

Meet our new CrawlBot

In 2022, we acquired a CrawlBot for the inspection of plumbing in crawl spaces. If the plumbing is hard to get to or the environmental conditions are poor, the crawlbot can take full color photos as well as video, without the inspector actually in the crawl space. In addition, it has been used for housing nuisances. It can document the unsanitary conditions of the building without the inspector exposing themselves to an unhealthy environment.

PHOTOS: Crawlbot and photo taken by the Crawlbot of a crawl space.



Mosquito Control Program

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 of 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. **In 2022, our Mosquito Control team applied treatments to nine different locations on three different occasions.**

Food Protection Training Courses

Our team offers Food Protection Training classes throughout the year. These classes are designed to promote proper food handling procedures to prevent foodborne illness.

The Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code requires that all food facilities have a person-in-charge (PIC) working at all times. To be a PIC, an employee should understand food safety procedures that relate to the operation. The PIC Course will teach food safety principles necessary to be a PIC. Participants can take this class online or schedule an in-person training at their facility.

The ServSafe® Manager Certification Course is a two-day course detailing the study of food safety procedures and prevention of foodborne illnesses. Upon successful completion, participants in this course will receive national, state, and local recognition as certified in food safety. This course requirement applies to all managers of Risk Level III and IV Food Service Operations (FSOs) and Retail Food Establishments (RFEs). At least one employee that “has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service,” must obtain the ServSafe® Manager Certification in Food Protection course.

In 2022, we conducted 10 PIC/ServSafe® Manager Certification courses, had 171 students/attendees, proctored three (3) ServSafe® exam sessions, and had five (5) individuals retest for the ServSafe® exam.

Maternal & Child Health by the NUMBERS

Communicable diseases reported, inc. COVID-19	20,707
WIC total number of contacts	5,668
WIC avg. monthly caseload - Xenia	793
WIC avg. monthly caseload - Fairborn	585
CMH average caseload	510
Active TB cases	0
Help Me Grow families served monthly	~53
Help Me Grow home visits	1,426
Early Intervention Service Coordination visits	1,563
Early Intervention total children served	493
HIV Tests Performed	125

Environmental Health by the NUMBERS

Plumbing Permits Issued	1,927
Water System Permits Issued	65
Rabies Investigations Completed	251
Swimming Pools & Spas Inspected	472
Temporary Food Licenses Issued	144
Food Licenses Issued (incl. vending/mobile)	870
Sewage Treatment Systems Inspected	109
Trash Disposal Trucks Inspected	199
School Building Inspections	86
Body Art Establishment Inspections	48
Food Protection Inspections Conducted	2,604
Food Facility Sanitation Concerns Investigated	74

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Vision

Our vision is to be the trusted and recognized lead in public health emergencies, advocate for health equity, and provider of programs and services that uphold standards of public health practice.

Mission Statement

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

Scope

Our employees accomplish our mission through integrated community collaboration, assessment, health education, the provision of quality programs and services, and emergency preparedness coordination.

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 birth and death certificates, health education, school and restaurant inspections, communicable disease control, nuisance abatement, rabies, and other environmental health investigations. The district also provides convenient, population-based services to children and pregnant women, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), and special services to families with medical and developmental needs.

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