



*Health care is vital to all of us
some of the time,
but public health is vital to all of
us all of the time.”*

— C. Everett Koop

Hocking County
Health
Department
Annual Report

2020

Greetings Public Health Partners and Community,

I think most would agree that the year 2020 was crazy and much of it unprecedented! The COVID-19 pandemic made it extremely challenging! But, as challenging, unprecedented, and crazy as it was, the Hocking County Health Department found many positives throughout a year that most were eager to see come to an end.

The year started with an awareness that the SARS-CoV-2 virus had indeed moved out of Wuhan, China and entered the United States and was spreading from both the west and east coasts. The year ended with the COVID-19 pandemic hitting every State and territory in the United States extremely hard. Like every county in Ohio, by December Hocking County became one of the Center for Disease Control's high incidence counties. Needless to say, the year 2020 required the full attention and effort from every staff member at the Hocking County Health Department. Many felt like they worked nonstop from mid-March and on!

Winton Churchill was reported to have said sometime during World War II, "*Never let a good crisis go to waste.*" When I reflect back on what was accomplished during the past year and how we did not waste this particular crisis, as difficult as it seemed and without hesitation or doubt, I know that the hard work, that seemed to be non-stop, saved lives here in Hocking County! The hours spent doing case investigations; contact tracing; guiding folks through isolation and quarantine; leading response meetings; helping to educate and instruct our business partners to implement public health measures so they could remain open to provide essential services; and finally being able to begin a vaccination campaign- took dedication and perseverance.

Though we experienced tough times with limited staff, had to make tough decisions, received harsh criticism and threats, and had to be exposed to hazardous conditions we still found the many positives:

- Similar to being in any battle, we found out that we were capable of enduring more than we thought we could.
- We experienced more self-motivation, team work, and an increased heart for service.
- We developed a strength and an ability to tolerate unkindness, impatience, and selfishness because we realized it was generated out of fear, lack of understanding, and fatigue.
- We gained public health partners and strengthened the ones we've had.
- We experienced a better awareness from the public about why local public health is important and needed in our community.
- We received a promise from the Director of Health and Governor that our State's public health system would be modernized and which needs to include a better way for public health to be provided and funded in the future.

This past year's crisis and the struggles that we endured were not wasted. We found the positives and accomplished much. Therefore, I am once again proud to introduce this year's 2020 Hocking County Health Department Annual Report which mentions some of the accomplishments that were made throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Fisher

Health Commissioner



Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death	2020
Cardiac	51
Respiratory / Pulmonary	50
Cancer	35
Covid Related	21
Dementia / Alzheimer's	21
Suicide	3
Adult Failure to Thrive	17
Drug Overdose	2
Stroke	11
Accidental	4
Homicide	2

Certificates Issued	2020
Birth	7
Death	214

County Statistics	2020
Total County Resident Births	251
Births in County	3
Total County Resident Deaths	384
Deaths in County	225
Coroner Cases	20



Hocking County Reportable Diseases

Reportable Disease	2018	2019	2020
Campylobacteriosis	4	3	11
Chlamydia infection	74	113	190
COVID-19	0	0	1387
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	1	1	1
Giardiasis	2	1	2
Gonococcal infection	10	37	63
Hepatitis A	8	7	7
Hepatitis B - acute	1	4	4
Hepatitis B - chronic	10	3	9
Hepatitis C - acute	3	0	1
Hepatitis C - chronic	64	32	70
Hepatitis C - Perinatal Infection	0	1	1
Influenza-associated hospitalization	21	15	25
LaCrosse virus disease	3	0	2
Legionellosis - Legionnaires' Disease	4	1	1
Lyme Disease	0	2	4
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	1	1	1
Mumps	1	1	1
Pertussis	1	1	1
Salmonellosis	1	3	5
Shigellosis	0	0	2
Staphylococcal aureus - (VISA)	1	0	2
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	1	2	2
Streptococcus pneumoniae - unknown/non-resistant	1	1	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae - antibiotic resistant	0	1	1
Varicella	1	1	2
Vibriosis (not cholera)	0	1	1
TOTAL	213	232	1797



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.

REVENUE

HEALTH LEVY	
Real Estate	\$ 746,587
Rollback	\$ 69,472
Trailer Tax	\$ 4,653
	\$ 820,711
FEES - VITAL STATS	
Burial Permits	\$ 720
Certified Copies	\$ 48,941
Vital Stats Reg.	\$ 2,906
	\$ 52,567
FEES - ENVIRONMENTAL	
Cemeteries and Parks	\$ 11,237
Food Services	\$ 67,650
Pools and Spas	\$ 6,392
Sewage/Plumbing	\$ 200,144
Water Systems	\$ 51,203
	\$ 336,625
NURSING PROGRAMS	
BCMH	\$ 4,665
Contracts	\$ 88,804
Flu Shots	\$ 65,642
Immunizations	\$ 92,988
Other	\$ 31,196
	\$ 283,295
GRANTS	
Contact Tracing	\$ 78,750
Covid - 19	\$ 289,493
Maternal Child Health	\$ 28,456
Moms Quit for Two	\$ 13,771
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$ 266,029
Tobacco	\$ 81,933
WIC	\$ 187,429
Zika	\$ 19,400
	\$ 965,261
Total Program Revenue	\$ 2,458,459

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.

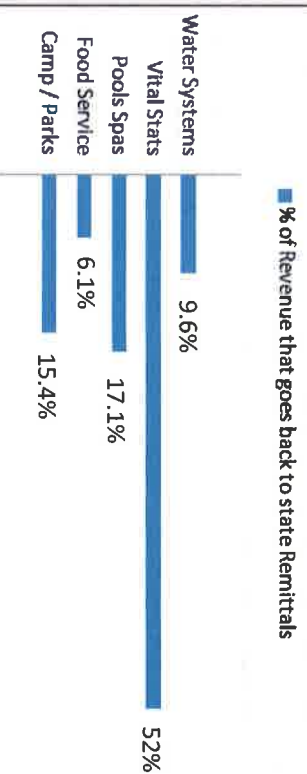
We greatly appreciate your support of public health and look forward to improving the health of our community.

EXPENSES

Administrative/Vital Statistics	\$ 489,408
Environmental Health	\$ 410,303
Nursing Health Services	\$ 356,185
Grants	\$ 666,939
Total Net Expenses	\$ 1,922,835

% of Revenue that goes back to state

Remittals



Staff Changes

2020 saw many changes in our staff . These changes are always met with mixed emotions; sadness as they leave to departure but also heartfelt best wishes as they leave to pursue their dreams. Those that left include Sanitarian-In-Training Brittany Riley and Public Health Nurses Britney Tschudy, Kelly Brehm, and Christina Kemper. In their place we welcomed Public Health Nurse Allyssa McCombs, Amber Hartley, and Kahla Cosper.

Board of Health Changes

Board members are elected by the District Advisory Council (DAC) consisting of the Mayors of Laurelville, Logan and Murray City and the President of the County Commissioners and Township Trustees. In 2020, we bade farewell to both Dr. John Woltz and Cathy Knoop. Dr. Jim Hayward agreed to serve in the place of Dr. Woltz as the Ohio Revised Code requires one Board member to be a licensed physician. Elected at the 2020 DAC to replace Ms. Knoop was Andrea Jones who has previous work experience with local health departments, the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Medicaid.

Zero Waste

With assistance from Rural Action, the Hocking County Health Department took the pledge to strive for Zero Waste by reducing waste for a clean environment, a vibrant economy, and healthy lives.



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Teamwork

The Health Department is made up of many divisions including Administrative, Environmental, Fiscal, Nursing, and Preparedness. While each division has different responsibilities, they work together to meet



our mission to serve and educate the citizens of Hocking County with public health programs that prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the environment.

This teamwork was never more evident than in 2020. To best meet the demands of responding to COVID-19, health department staff were quickly mobilized into the incident command structure (ICS).

ICS position assignments:

- Incident Commander – Dr. Fisher
- Safety Office – Emily Norris
- Public Information Officer – Jamie Carrell
- Operations Chief – Kelly Taulbee
- Logistics Chief – Wendy Hanna
- Planning Chief – Wendy Hanna,
- Finance/Administration – Jamie Carrell
- Logistics Support Director – Kevin Smith
- Logistics Service Director – Emily Norris

Operational Period Briefing – Weekly with staff:

- Incident Command/Unified Command
- Strategy Meeting
- Tactics Meeting
- Planning Meeting
- Incident Action Planning Preparation and Approval



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