

Ashland County Health Department

Annual Report 2020



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY
COMMUNITY!**

Ashland County Health Department serves over 53,000 citizens in our county. Of this 28% or 14,840 are under the age of 18 and 19% or 10,000 citizen are over the age of 65. Meeting the needs of our community is the goal of the Ashland County Health Department. This includes multiple services such as health fairs, vaccine clinics, health education, home visits, tracing communicable diseases among other things. Each year, the health department works to determine what is best to do for our community based on data coming in from multiple sources. One of these sources is our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). From this, we determine our strategic plan and what is needed to make Ashland County healthier. We all have to do our part in making this community healthier. We must look at our personal health options and find ways in which we can improve our health such as quit smoking, losing weight, monitoring our sugar intake, eating healthy and exercising. Look for future health fairs and education from ACHD which can help us all make a difference in the health of our community.

2020 was an unusual year for ACHD and the Ashland Community with the onset of COVID-19. Most efforts of the entire staff were to deal with contract tracing, isolation and quarantine orders, and learning as much as possible about this new virus that impacted the world. Because of this emergency focus, many programs that would normally happen, did not. As of December 31, 2020, our county had a total of 2197 cases and 88 Covid-19 related deaths.

District Advisory Council

2020 Officers:

Kent McGovern – Chairperson

Bob Vinsack - Secretary

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, the DAC did not meet in 2020. The meeting for 2019 and 2020 will be held in March 2021.

2020 BOARD OF HEALTH AND STAFF OF ASHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board Members:

President:

Dr. Becky Crawse

President Pro Tempore:

Jeff Hardman

Ronald Puglisi

Stanley Kopp, Sr.

Medical Director:

Dr. David Tomchak, MD

Leadership Team:

Health Commissioner:

Dr. David Tomchak, Interim

Environmental Health Director:

Pat Donaldson, BS. RS

Nursing:

Shirley Bixby, RN, BSN

2020 Staff

Jennifer Frazier, RS – Food Protection

Vickie Taylor – Accreditation Coordinator

Jennifer Helbert- EH/Finance Clerk

Lauren Jeffery – Vital Statistics

Sheila Pryor – Emergency Preparedness

Josh Sexton – COVID-19 Specialist

Laurie McFarlin, RN – Nursing

Jenna Gerwig – RN, BSN – Nursing

Andrea Ellison – Nursing Clerk

Jean Neel, RN – Nursing

Hena Sandini - - Nursing

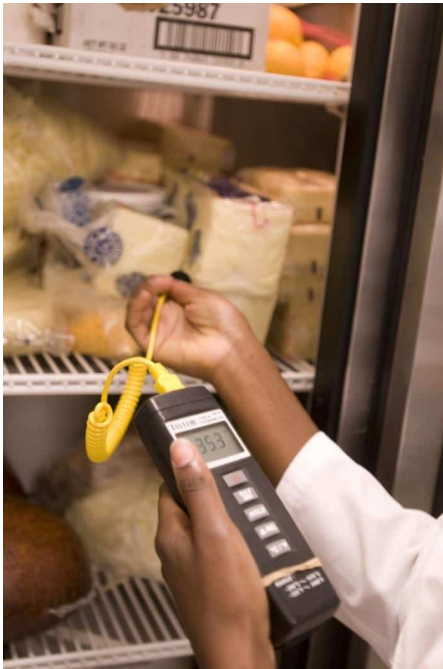
Together we can make a healthier Ashland County

The Ashland County Health Department is mandated by Ohio Law to provide certain services to our community, without much financial support to do so. These activities include preventing the potential for rabies by investigating mammal bite cases, limited the transmission of communicable diseases through investigation and the treatment of individuals, providing vaccines for under-served or under-insured children, reducing smoking in our county, and offering health education and promotions.

Much of our funding comes from two major streams, your tax support from the levy millage, and from grant funding. ACHD works at applying for as many grants as we feel we are able to manage and we have been successful in getting some awards. Many times, the awarded grants are for specific programs rather than for general operations of the health department. All we can say to you is THANK YOU for your support! Having a healthier Ashland County takes the commitment of us all!

Top Five Food Service Violations:

1. Design and Construction
2. Protection from contamination after receiving
3. Maintenance and operation
4. Cleaning of equipment and utensils
5. Number and Capacity



Did you know that our Environmental Health Team of Sanitarians do inspections on all food establishments? In 2020 that was on 175 different Food Service Operations and 59 mobile food services. Each food service operation or FSO has to have at least one inspection per year. Usually there are even more than one. Because of COVID and limited operations of FSO from January through April, most places only had 1 inspection for 2020.

Environmental Health

2020		2019	
Private Sewage Consults	648	Private Sewage Consults	1071
COVID Consults	473	Food Service Consults	869
Private Water Consults	272	Private Water Consults	369
Letters and Correspondence	218	Retail Food Consults	338
Other Complaint Consults	192	Food Service Mobile Consult	245
Food Service Consult	166	Food Service Inspection – Risk 4	221
Private Sewage Site Review	108	Food Service Inspection – Risk 3	257
Private Water Site Review	102	Private Sewage Inspections	157
Animal Bite Consult	100	Critical Control Point Inspection	140
Retail Food Consult	96	Private Water Sample	134
Private Water Samples	94	Private Sewage Site Review	106
Food Service Inspect – Level 3	111	Animal Bite Consult	82
Food Service Inspect – level 4	104	Letters and Correspondence	75
Other Complaint Investigations	75	Private Sewage Final	72
Subdivision Review Consults	45	Private Water Site Review	71
Food Service Plan Reviews	36	Pool, Special use Consult and Inspect	84
Critical Control Point Inspect	32	Food Service Mobile Inspections	59
Campground Consults	32	Temp Food Service Consults	57
Private Sewage Final	32	Food Service Plan Review	48
Pool, Spa, special use consults and inspection	48	Sewage Complaint Consult	42
Mobile Food Base Inspect	25	Subdivision Review Inspection	41
Vending Inspection	24	Private Water Finalize	40
Insect and Rodent Consult	23	Out of County Mobile Food Inspection	39
Housing Complaint	21	Food Inspection Risk 1	36
Manufactured Home Insp	20	Insect and Rodent Consult	27
Sewage Complaint	20	Retail Food Mobile Consult	27
Dog Bite Investigations	19	Sewage Complaint Investigation	27
Tattoo, Body Piercing Consult	19	Indoor Air Consult	26
Food Service Reinspect	18	School facility consult	26
Campground Inspect	17	School Facility Inspection	24
Food Service Complaints and Consult	42	Campground Consult	23
Food Service Inspect Level 1	16	Temp Food Service Inspection	22
Temp Food Serv Consult	12	Manufactured Home Inspection	21
Indoor Air Consult	11	Solid Waste Complaint Consult	21
Mobile Food Consult	20	Food Service Reinspect Level 3	18
Commercial Sewage Consult	10	Housing Complaint Consult	18
Private Water Finalization	10	Tattoo, Body Piercing Consult	18

ACHD FINANCES



ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Fund Balance
General	\$1,376,406.02	\$1,040,175.00	\$ 948,167.19
PHEP	184,292.05	140,943.10	89,397.78
Food	122,656.62	87,055.81	145,267.75

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHA) COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

Two major documents that are required by the State of Ohio Board of Health and PHAB are the CHA and CHIP. These documents can be found on our website www.ashlandhealth.com.

Our current CHA and CHIP are in place until 2023. Before then, ACHD and the community partners will be focused on implementation and then preparing for the next one that is due in October 2023.

List of Grants we participated in 2020:

COVID-19 2020 grant - \$67,775 is a state/federal grant that can be used for anything COVID related.

Contact tracing 2020 – this grant is to cover the cost of hiring contact tracers. The \$178,931 expires in December 2021.

Covid-19 Vaccine Needs Assessment Grant - \$20,000.

In 2020 major advancement was made in submission on documentation. We are 54% complete with this portion. Also completed were the Strategic Plan, and the Workforce Development Plan. These are essential components of the accreditation process. We are still developing the Performance/QI Plan that should be completed in March 2021. As we move into 2021, we hope to have a new health commissioner onboard to assist with the finalization of our accreditation process.



Office of Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death for 2020

- Heart Disease = 144
- Cancer = 94
- Covid-19 = 88
- COPD/Pulmonary = 53
- Dementia/Alzheimer's = 51

Vital Records provide a valuable service to the Ashland Community. Not only does it provide birth and death certificate copies to the public, but it also works with funeral homes on burial permits, doctors on cause of death, and reports to the State Vital Records for data reports on the causes of death.



VITAL STATISTICS - 2020

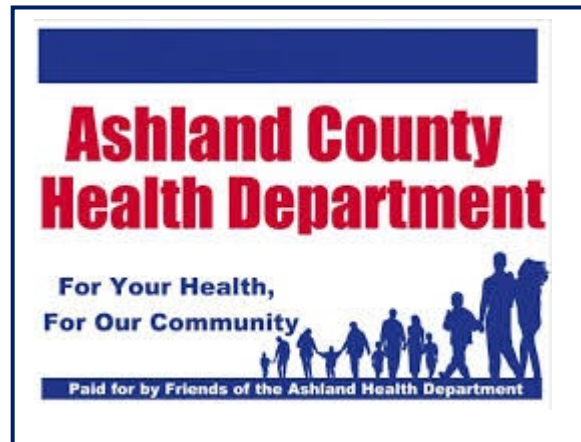
BIRTHS

- MALE = 133
- FEMALE = 132
- TOTAL = 265

DEATHS

- MALE = 235
- FEMALE = 264
- TOTAL = 499

CHILDHOOD FATALITIES = 3



Nursing Division

Services Provided in 2020

Covid-19 Moderna Vaccines	164
Other Vaccines	625
Influenza Vaccines	418
Tb Testing	92
Lice Checks	12
Lead Checks	8
Car Seats Distributed	59
Cribs for Kids	20
CMH Services	1847



FIRST COVID-19 VACCINE

Nursing Director, Shirley Bixby, administers the first Covid-19 vaccine at the Ashland County Health Department. This was the beginning of the 1A group which included first responders. This vaccine was given to an EMT from the Ashland City Fire Department on December 23, 2020.

Ashland County Annual Communicable Disease Report						
Reportable Condition	Count 2020	Count 2019	Count 2018	Count 2017	Count 2016	Disease Class
Babesiosis	0	0	0	0	1	B
Campylobacteriosis	18	20	25	21	17	B
Chlamydia infection	120	108	121	147	119	B
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	1	0	1	B
CP-CRE	1					
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae	0	0	5	0	0	B
COVID-19	2780	0				
Cryptosporidiosis	4	7	11	7	18	B
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0	2	0	0	B
Cyclosporiasis	0	3	1	0	0	B
E. coli (Shiga toxin producing) –all	2	4	9	9	4	B
Ehrlichiosis	0	13	1	1	0	B
Giardiasis	3	7	7	8	7	B
Gonococcal infection	14	23	19	29	13	B
Haemophilus influenzae	0	3	1	2	1	B
Hepatitis A	3	6	0	0	0	B
Hepatitis B – acute/chronic	4	11	2	9	9	B
Hepatitis B – Perinatal Infection	0	0	13	0	1	B
Hepatitis C – acute/chronic	21	22	31	36	38	B
Influenza – associated hospitalization	38	27	54	39	21	B
Lacrosse Virus Disease	1	3	1	2	0	B
Legionnaires' Disease	2	3	4	0	0	B
Listeriosis	1	0	0	0	0	
Lyme Disease	12	13	5	9	8	B
Meningitis – aseptic/viral	1	5	3	1	0	B
Meningitis – Bacterial (not n meningitis)	0	0	0	1	0	B
Mumps	0	2	2	0	0	B
Mycobacterial disease – other than TB	0	0	0	0	2	B
Pertussis	5	6	7	5	20	B
Q Fever	0	0	1	0	0	B
Salmonellosis	8	6	19	10	7	B
Shigellosis	0	0	0	0	1	B
Streptococcal – Group A – invasive	5	1	3	2	2	B
Strep pneumoniae – resistant, non, unk	4	6	6	3	5	B
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis	0	1	2	0	0	B
TB	1					
Tetanus	0	0	1	0	0	
Varicella	0	2	4	3	1	B
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	1	0	B
Vibriosis	1	0	1	0	0	B
Yersinosis	0	1	0	5	1	B
Total	3,049	303	362	350	297	



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Did you know?

Part of the role of public health is to be prepared for emergencies that could affect all or part of our population. As such we participate in PHEP grant which prepares ACHD to respond to such emergencies. PHEP Program works to advance six main areas of preparedness so state and local public health systems are better prepared for emergencies that impact the public's health.

- **Community Resilience:** Preparing for and recovering from emergencies
- **Incident management:** Coordinating an effective response
- **Information Management:** Making sure people have information to take action
- **Countermeasures and Mitigation:** Getting medicines and supplies where they are needed
- **Surge Management:** Expanding medical services to handle large events
- **Bio-surveillance:** Investigating and identifying health threats.

ACHD is here to help keep us all safe.

Did you know you can follow us on Facebook? Look for Ashland County Health Department for updates and current health news.



Have questions? Please submit a Comment/Question form through www.ashlandhealth.com website.

It is a pleasure to serve the citizens of Ashland County. Watch for our survey to be launched this summer. We would love your feedback.

