

Ashland County Health Department

Annual Report 2019



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

District Advisory Council

2019 Officers:

Kent McGovern – Chairperson

Bob Vinsack - Secretary

The Ashland County Health Department serves the townships, villages, and contract cities of the county. The mayor of each of the villages, the president of the Ashland 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 for the board of health and make recommendation to improve public health.

THANK YOU – Ashland Community

With the help of our community partners and the caring citizens of Ashland County, our important levy was passed. This continuation of funding will allow ACHD to offer the services we have been providing here locally. Did you know that many people rely on the Health Department for immunizations? Food businesses need to have licensing and inspections to operate? Vital records such as birth and death records are processed here in Ashland County? These and many more services help keep our community safe and healthy. THANK YOU, citizens of Ashland County.

2019 BOARD OF HEALTH AND STAFF OF ASHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board Members:

President:

Jeff Hardman

President Pro Tempore:

Dr. Rebecca Cawrse, DVM

Ronald Puglisi

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Medical Director:

Dr. David Tomchak, MD

Leadership Team:

Health Commissioner:

Sarah Goodwill Humphrey, MPH, CPH, RS

Environmental Health Director:

Pat Donaldson, BS, RS

Nursing:

Shirley Bixby, RN, BSN

2019 Staff

Jennifer Frazier, RS – Food Protection

Jennifer Helbert- EH/Finance Clerk

Lauren Jeffery – Vital Statistics

Jill Hartson – Emergency Preparedness

Laurie McFarlin, RN – Nursing

Jenna Gerwig – RN, BSN – Nursing

Andrea Ellison – Nursing Clerk

Jean Neel, RN - 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!

List of Grants we participated in 2019:

Mosquito Grant – this grant provided tire vouchers that disposed of 1,770 tires that could have been breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Principle Forgiveness – Loan for sewage failures and replacements.

Community Outreach

2019 kept the ACHD staff very busy. We had the following events:

1. Exercise on January 17 on Communicable Diseases
2. Child Fatality Review Board met in February
3. Baby Shower hosted on June 19th.
4. Family Fun Day with the theme “Circus” was held May 4th.
5. Amish Health and Safety Day was held on August 15.

2019 Program Activities

Environmental Health		Swimming Pools	34
<i>Sewage Program</i>		Licensed	22
Consultations	1489	Consulted	62
Reviews	29	Inspected	
Permits Issued	69	Vital Statistics	
Household Sewage Inspections	244	Total Birth Certificates Issued	2243
Subdivision Reviews	48	Total Death Certificates Issues	1840
<i>Water Program</i>			
Consultations	512	Nursing	
inspections	79	Vaccines given 2019	10,815
Samples Collected	158	Tracking of Communicable Diseases	303
Campgrounds		Car Seats provided	58
Licensed	12	CMH Home Visits	66
Consulted	23	Lead follow-up	5
Inspected	16	Hypertension Clinic	58
Rabies Control	97	TB Tests Given	201

ACHD FINANCES

Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Fund Balance
General	\$1,055,773	\$ 909,151	\$ 611,882
PHEP	63,641	65,781	46,049
Food	124,088	131,111	109,667

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.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

This year, ACHD applied for accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This is the beginning of a long process of collecting data, preparing reports, and uploading evidence for the team to review. After the review, ACHD will get a site visit from a team of members of PHAB and other health departments. After the visit, we will be approved for accreditation.



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

ACHD's mosquito grant program helps protect against mosquito-borne diseases by:

- Spraying town in the county
- Provide tire vouchers to help eliminate mosquito breeding areas
- Tracks mosquito types in the county and checks them for diseases such as Zika, West Nile, and La Cross Encephalitis
- Providing dunks for mosquito investigation for standing water such as ponds and lakes.



For more information regarding mosquitos check with ACHD.

Office of Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death for 2019

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- COPD/Pulmonary Hypertension
- Dementia/Alzheimer's
- Accidents

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
- **Biosurveillance:** Investigating and identifying health threats.

ACHD is here to help keep us all safe.

VITAL STATISTICS - 2019

BIRTHS –

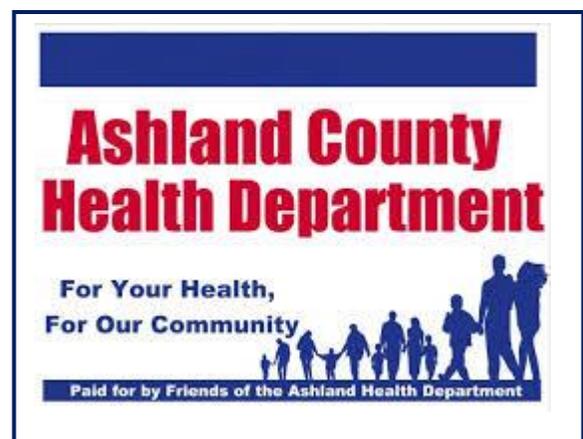
- MALE = 147
- FEMALE = 125
- TOTAL = 272

DEATHS –

- MALE = 188
- FEMALE = 208
- TOTAL = 396

CHILDHOOD FATALITIES = 9

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.



Ashland County Annual Communicable Disease Report

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