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IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3707.47 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE OF OHIO, THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT, ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE STATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, AND CITIZENS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY. ITS PURPOSE IS TO OFFER A BRIEF RESUME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

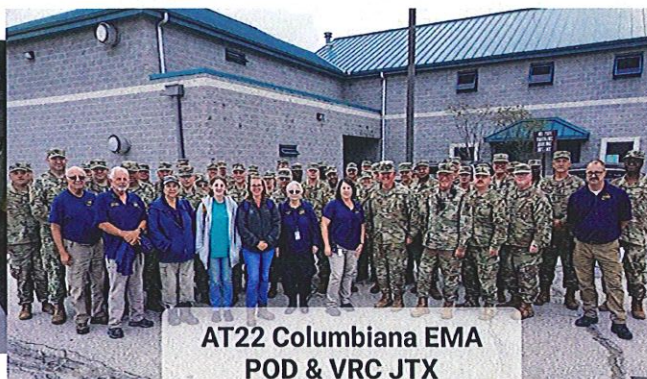
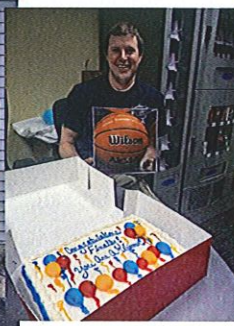
Wesley J. Vins, MS

2022 gradually evolved into a year of opportunity for CCHD where we were able to scale back the COVID-19 response, re-focus on traditional health district programming, complete a comprehensive Community Health Assessment with our health partners and achieve national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

The great achievements of the staff and the agency's efforts to transition to a post pandemic world are proudly presented here in this 2022 annual report. These public health victories come at the beginning of a nationwide effort to modernize public health through programming advancements and workforce development where lessons learned from the pandemic can be effectively implemented. These upgrades to the public health system will preserve many traditional aspects of our meaningful local services and make room for advancements in service to the community during a crisis.

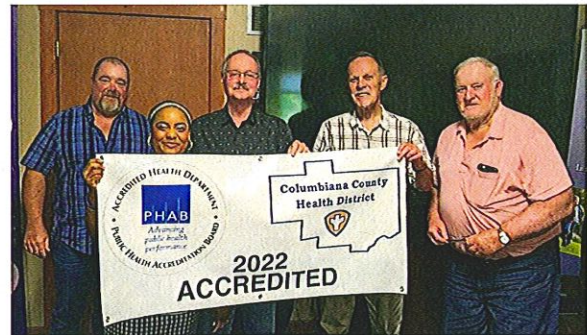
In addition to maintaining a state of readiness to respond to the next public health emergency, CCHD staff maintain their dedication to meeting the daily needs of our community through foundational public health programs such as vaccines, disease investigation, child safety, septic evaluations, food inspections and public health nuisance abatement. The summary provided here in this annual report represents only a subset of the wide variety of services and programs offered by CCHD and I encourage readers to also browse our website, follow us on Facebook or come visit us at our office in Lisbon to learn more about public health in Columbiana County.

Dr. Wesley J. Vins, DPA
Health Commissioner



PHAB ACCREDITATION

In May of 2022, CCHD became nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) after several years of collecting and preparing documentation of many of the effective public health practices that have become the culture of CCHD. This accomplishment achieved by the agency staff and the Board of Health was specifically recognized by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Rochelle Walensky. The national designation reaffirms the high quality of services and programs that have always been provided to and appreciated by the residents of Columbiana County.



CAR SEATS

Krista Colvin, CMA, CPST

In 2022 the Columbiana County Health District was once again in the position to provide child passenger safety seats at no cost to WIC income eligible families in Columbiana County. The seats are purchased by the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) program and distributed by CCHD. This year, our car seats continued to be distributed curbside, with verbal education given about car seat safety. Parents also received a demonstration on how to properly install the seat, with any questions they may have, answered.

This year we were also able to secure a subgrant from DJFS and were able to purchase car seats with TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funding. This subgrant will supplement our inventory we receive from OBB so we can continue to meet the demands of families in need of car seats.

Our agency participated in the annual WIC Farmer's Market as well as several other events in the community where we were able to distribute seats, and provide car seat education to families. Overall, we were able to provide a total of 73 convertible car seats and 20 booster seats to children in our community and we continue to strive for every child in Columbiana County to have a safe, properly installed care seat.

SAFE SLEEP

Kim Powell, Clerk II

The mission of Cribs for Kids is to prevent infant sleep-related deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies. This is achieved by providing portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep. All WIC qualifying families with a child under 30 pounds or expectant parents in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy are eligible. Columbiana County Health District provided Safe Sleep education to 160 parents and provided 155 Pack n Plays to county residents. The Safe Sleep Program expanded in 2022 to include Brightside Project Events, Breast Feeding Awareness Month (BAM) event at WIC and Winona Friends Church Food Pantry. CCHD also hosted community events at the following local libraries: Leetonia, East Liverpool and Wellsville.

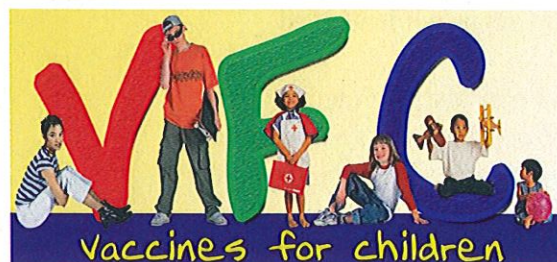


VACCINES FOR CHILDREN: VFC

Carrie Huff, Nursing Clerk

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally-funded program sponsored by the CDC and administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Health. The VFC program supplies vaccine at no charge to the residents of Columbiana County Health District. This helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. Any child from birth through the age of 18 are eligible to receive VFC supplied vaccine if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The child is uninsured.
- The child is enrolled in Medicaid.
- The child is an American Indian or Alaskan Native.
- The child is underinsured (has health insurance that does not fully cover the cost of the vaccine).



In 2022, CCHD administered **419 doses** of VFC vaccine.

VAXCARE

Columbiana County Health District has been able to continue to expand our immunization services by utilizing VaxCare; a provider of private vaccines. By utilizing VaxCare, CCHD is able to immunize patients with private insurance for both pediatric and adult vaccines. Vaxcare has recently expanded the number of Accepted Payers, giving the ability to vaccinate a larger population, bringing better health and safety to our community. In addition to our Vaxcare program, we offered COVID-19 vaccine through the nursing department free of charge.

In 2022, CCHD was successful in administering **594 doses** of COVID-19 vaccine. This number is in addition to the **181 doses** of Vaxcare vaccine administered.

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

Kayla Fill, DNP

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is facilitated to assist families with children who endure special healthcare needs. There are three programs associated with CMH, which include diagnostic, treatment, and service coordination. Once approved for these programs, the out-of-pocket cost for medical expenses associated with the approved diagnosis are significantly decreased or eliminated. Criteria in the fields of medical and/or financial guidelines exist in order to be eligible for CMH services.

CMH Patients Total: 232

Home Visits: 1

Children Added: 42

Columbiana County Health District's Nursing staff is dedicated to ensuring that all children and their families are receiving the resources they need through the CMH program.

FOOD LICENSES

Sandra Wiesen, R.E.H.S.

CCHD issued a total of 594 food licenses in 2022: 238 food service operations (risk levels 1-4), 165 retail food establishments (risk levels 1-4), 117 mobiles, 57 temporaries, and 17 vending. The number of food licenses issued increased by 67 from 527 in 2021.

The 2022 food license fees were uncharacteristically lower, because they were derived from previous fiscal year (2020) food program data as required by the Ohio food code. The COVID-19 pandemic caused a reduction in inspection numbers and time spent in the food program in 2020.

HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Kevin Summerville, MS

In 2022, 47 septic installers, 22 pumpers and 11 service providers were registered with the Columbiana County Health District. Activity relating to septic treatment systems in Columbiana County for the 2022 year included 203 site evaluation applications and 166 septic permits issued.

64 new installation permits
86 replacement system permits
9 alteration permits of existing systems
7 septic tank abandonments



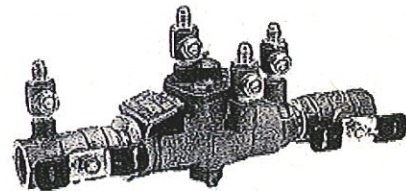
PLUMBING

Leon Estes, Certified Plumbing Inspector

The CCHD plumbing program continued our partnership with the Village of Lisbon to administer their state mandated backflow device program under our current agreement. CCHD excels in providing industry services to residents, contractors, plumbers and community partners, such as consultations in the field, plan reviews, and plumbing inspections.

The plumbing department continues to keep our reciprocity agreement with Jefferson and Mahoning county's plumbing departments for vacation day coverage.

68 Master Plumbers registered
22 Journeyman Plumbers registered
256 plumbing permits issued



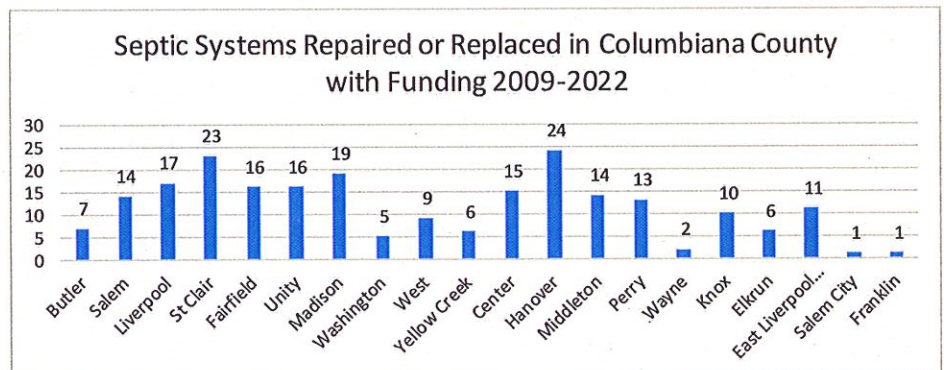
SEPTIC REPAIRS IN COLUMBIANA COUNTY 2009-2022

Lori Barnes, Environmental Health Director

Since 2009, the Columbiana County General Health District has utilized \$2,347,129.90 in funding available through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Fund to repair and/or replace **228 septic systems** in Columbiana County and clean up over 91,200 gallons of wastewater per day. A total of **28 septic contractors** were awarded contracts over the years.

In 2022, The Columbiana County Health District was **one of eleven counties** in Ohio to receive additional funding utilizing H2Ohio funding available through the Ohio EPA.

The Columbiana County General Health District has utilized all available funding and is slated to receive an additional \$150,000 for the 2023-24 construction season.



COMMUNICABLE AND REPORTABLE DISEASES

The Columbiana County Health District is responsible for both the investigation and surveillance of reportable infectious diseases. There are over 94 illnesses in the State of Ohio that are mandatory to report to the local health department. Of each illness reported, an evaluation, interview and investigation are completed to prevent additional spread throughout the community.

In 2022, our Tuberculosis (TB) clinic continued to provide services to our residents with Mantoux Skin Testing. We had zero reported cases of active Tuberculosis in Columbiana County. In addition, our county continued to have reported COVID-19 cases. We continued our partnership with the Ohio Department of Health contractor, Pro-Link Staffing and were able to provide over 594 COVID-19 vaccines.

2022 Reportable Diseases in Columbiana County*

	TOTAL CASES
Anaplasmosis	1
Campylobacteriosis	7
Chlamydia	112
COVID-19	7539
CP-CRE	3
Cryptosporidiosis	4
E. coli 0157:H7 and STEC	2
Giardiasis	1
Gonorrhea	27
Hemophilus Influenzae	1
Hepatitis B	11
Hepatitis C	63
Influenza-associated hospitalization	71
Legionnaires' disease	3
Lyme disease	13
Meningitis, aseptic/viral	8
Mumps	1
Salmonellosis	7
Shigellosis	2
Streptococcal disease, group A	8
Streptococcus pneumoniae	7
Syphilis	4
Varicella	1
Yersiniosis	1

* Data not final as of 1/17/23

FINANCIAL -

Karen Clark, Fiscal Officer



Columbiana County General Health District Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Balances 2022

FUND	BALANCE 1/1/22	RECEIPT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 12/31/22
BOARD OF HEALTH	386,498.11	771,403.57	1,157,901.68	643,033.66	514,868.02
CAMP/TRAILER	63,196.97	18,436.50	81,633.47	1,760.00	79,873.47
HEALTH & SAFETY	95,550.16	42,934.90	138,485.06	26,971.47	111,513.59
WATER	196,489.15	82,124.00	278,613.15	50,234.64	228,378.51
HEALTH PROJECTS	30,000.00	537,941.09	567,941.09	397,500.06	170,441.03
SWIMMING POOL	35,893.62	14,560.00	50,453.62	2,440.00	48,013.62
DISEASE & DISASTER	25,531.30	1,500.00	27,031.30	10,000.00	17,031.30
PANDEMIC RESPONSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	30,000.00	174,545.46	204,545.46	184,792.69	19,752.77
RABIES CONTRACT	8,138.68	144.00	8,282.68	60.00	8,222.68
COMMUNITY HEALTH	158,748.11	28,739.03	187,487.14	20,773.99	166,713.15
OPERATIONS PROGRAM	63,009.36	0.00	63,009.36	2,587.50	60,421.86
SPECIAL PROJECTS	151,957.85	18,890.14	170,847.99	48,956.49	121,891.50
HOME HEALTH	195,734.50	50,709.60	246,444.10	49,259.77	197,184.33
FOOD SERVICE	197,856.54	235,281.26	433,137.80	168,015.74	265,122.06
CANCER LEVY	409,607.52	286,435.69	696,043.21	128,355.18	567,688.03
HOME SEWAGE	602,990.91	505,244.31	1,108,235.22	367,796.55	740,438.67
PUB.HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE	73,567.49	96,317.00	169,884.49	75,776.21	94,108.28
GET VACCINATED	40,814.48	22,725.00	63,539.48	25,755.13	37,784.35

2022 State Remittance for program funds sent to State of Ohio \$94,817.94

2022-2025 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA)

This year, CCHD led the Columbiana County Health Partners in the creation of a new Community Health Assessment (CHA) which is required by PHAB to be completed every five years. Through this process, the partners used a data driven approach to describe the health status of county residents, and with the use of surveys, focus groups and key stakeholder interviews, identified contributing factors that impact health outcomes in the county. The top health issues identified in the CHA were: chronic disease, mental health, substance use, and obesity. The partners are currently in the process of completing the Community Health Improvement Plan which addresses the health issues identified in the CHA by identifying evidence-based strategies that will be implemented by the partners over the next several years.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Kayla Hamilton, PHEP Program Director

Throughout 2022, Columbiana County Health District (CCHD) staff worked with local, regional, and state partners to help prepare the community for public health emergencies using the guidance of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant.

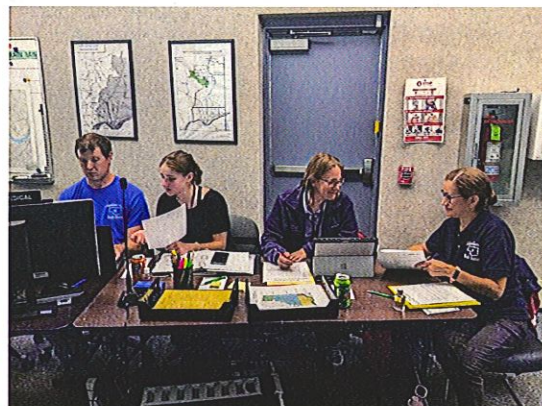
As a recipient of the PHEP grant, CCHD must maintain a high level of effectiveness across all six preparedness domains. CCHD conducted active surveillance, plan development, and plan revision to improve overall readiness and meet all the national preparedness capabilities. Essential staff participated in trainings, exercises, and real-world events throughout the year alongside agency partners to test CCHD plans, including:

- *2022 Beaver Valley Power Station Exercise*, including participants representing the health district at both the Emergency Operations Center and the Reception Center
- *Northeast Central Ohio (NECO) Regional Hospital Drill* at Salem Regional Medical Center
- *Columbiana County Open POD Flu Clinics*, which involved testing the operation capability of the health department to set up a working flu vaccination clinic at different locations throughout the county
- *Columbiana County Vaccination Center Bivalent Booster/Flu Clinic*
- *POD and Volunteer Reception Center Exercise at Camp Garfield* alongside Columbiana County EMA, CERT team, and the Ohio Military Reserve
- In April, CCHD also sent two staff members to the Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA to connect with public health and emergency preparedness professionals from across the country.

These exercises, trainings, and real-world scenarios allowed CCHD staff to develop the skills used in emergency situations so that when a disaster strikes, our public health team is able and ready to respond. In 2022, CCHD successfully tested all fifteen PHEP capabilities across six preparedness domains. Additionally, all CCHD staff members maintain up-to-date Incident Command System (ICS) training and utilize these trainings in exercises as well as real-world scenarios.

An After-Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) detailing the agency's COVID pandemic response over the past two years was submitted to the state this year as well.

Information from this report and feedback received from the state have been used to update and improve upon agency plans for future emergency responses.



WELL PERMIT SURVEY & INFO

Steven Weisen

During 2022 the Columbiana County Health District continued to monitor the Private Water System (PWS) activity within the county. In Table 1, a comparison of PWS sampling data shows roughly the same amount of well samples were taken in 2022 compared to 2021 (455 in 2022 compared to 465 in 2021). Additionally, the percentage of samples that tested positive for Total Coliform bacteria went up about 6% from 2021. The number of well permits issued by the county went up from 114 in 2021 to 125 in 2022.

The Columbiana County Health District is providing additional information about bacteria to increase community awareness about the potential for bacterial contamination in water wells. Information is also being provided that can be taken to disinfect wells and ways to prevent possible contamination in the future.

Year	2020	2021	2022
# of Samples	392	465	455
% Positive	17.94	22.59	28.57
New Well Permits	78	94	108
Well Alteration Permits	17	20	17
Total Well Permits	95	114	125

Table 1

Additional information and resources on water wells for homeowners, contractors and community partners can be found on our website (columbiana-health.org/water).

VITAL STATISTICS

Deborah Chuck, Registrar

CCHD utilizes the ODH program for central issuance of all Ohio Births.

We also use Vitalchek.com for online ordering. Our local funeral homes are updated weekly with our hours of operation.

Certificates/Permits Issued in 2022

1557 Birth Certificates

2519 Death Certificates

338 Burial Permits

In 2022, 11 child fatality cases from 2021 were reviewed by Child Fatality Review Board.

COVID-19 TEST KITS

Heather Toot

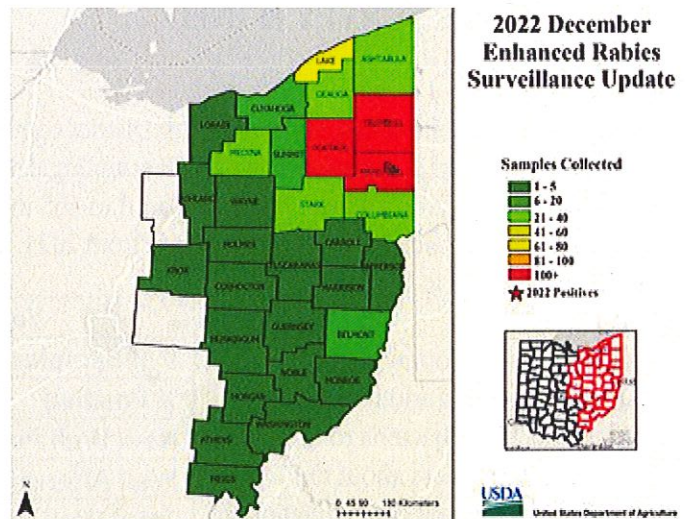
In 2022, the Columbiana County Health District received home use COVID test kits and distributed thousands of these kits throughout the county. In addition to walk-ins, emails and phone call requests, CCHD has provided Covid test kits at the county fair and several vaccine clinics. The request for test kits declined late in the year, but remain available free of charge. When in doubt, take a test, rule COVID out.



RABIES & ANIMAL BITES

Kayla Rose, Environmental Clerk

In 2022, Columbiana County Health District (CCHD) investigated 125 animal bite incidents. The chart below summarizes those investigations. CCHD submitted 18 animals (12 bats, 4 raccoons, 1 cat & 1 dog) with the assistance of Lisbon Veterinary Clinic to Ohio Department of Health for rabies testing due to human contact with suspect animals. Also, CCHD submitted 1 animal to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services for rabies testing on suspect animals that have no human or animal contact. Fortunately, all 2022 submissions tested negative for rabies. CCHD in partnership with Lisbon Veterinary Clinic held a fall rabies clinic. A total of 72 dogs and cats were vaccinated.



2022 ANIMAL BITE INCIDENTS	
DOG	93
CAT	28
BAT	1
RACCOON	1
RODENT/WILD/OTHER	2
TOTAL BITES	125

PUBLIC NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

Butler	5	Middleton	2	Columbiana Village	1
Center	3	Perry	5	East Palestine Village	2
Elkrun	1	Salem	1	Hanoverton Village	1
Fairfield	6	St. Clair	3	Lisbon Village	6
Franklin	0	Unity	6	Rogers Village	1
Hanover	2	Washington	3	Salineville Village	1
Knox	10	Wayne	0	Wellsville Village	8
Liverpool	2	West	1	Total Complaints	75
Madison	5	Yellow Creek	0		

Health Commissioner Hearings	10
Board Orders	10
Court Cases	5

Environmental Licensing

Camps	Pools	Tattoo
17 Annual Licenses 5 Temporary Events	33 Annual Licenses	5 Annual Licenses

Septic Treatment System Contractors

Installers	Haulers	Providers
47	22	11