

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Williams County Health District



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WILLIAMS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT



Our Mission: Prevent disease and injury, promote health and wellness, & protect you and your community

Our Vision: Shaping the healthiest and safest community

Letter from the Health Commissioner

The year 2020 will always be remembered as the year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. To say it was stressful is an understatement. In January of 2020, the Williams County Health Department began receiving warnings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that a newly emerging respiratory virus was spreading in China and that the CDC was working to understand it. By February, the Ohio Department of Health was hosting weekly calls with local health departments to provide the latest information on the coronavirus.



Williams County was fortunate that during the early days of the pandemic we did not experience the illness and deaths that were seen in some parts of the state. Unfortunately, it was only a matter of time before Williams County began to see a number of residents contract the disease as the virus spread across our community, followed by increasing hospitalizations and deaths as we moved into the fall. By December 31, 2020, in less than 12 months since the disease had first been detected, we had lost 48 residents to COVID-19.

The challenges for health department staff were many as we worked to keep Williams County families safe. From communicating information and local data about COVID-19 to contact tracing to helping businesses and agencies comply with the protocols put in place to protect our community, Williams County staff worked diligently to utilize research and public health principles to slow the spread.

So where are we one year later? As we enter 2021, we have learned so much about the virus as new research and best practices show how the virus is transmitted, how to prevent outbreaks, and how individuals can work together to keep communities safe. We ended 2020 knowing that safe, effective vaccines were on their way to Ohio and our community. While the COVID-19 Pandemic is not behind us yet, 2021 begins with the hope that the COVID-19 vaccine, along with other recommended precautions, lead the way to Williams County's return to a more normal way of life.

Wishing you the best of health,
James D. Watkins, MPH, RS

BOARD OF HEALTH

The 9 members of the Board of Health are appointed by the chairman of each township, mayors of each village, and the Bryan City Council. State law requires the board to report and take measures to control disease, enforce state public health laws and promote health and well-being within the department. The board is also responsible for the department's budget, hiring and retaining a health commissioner.

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Represents City of Bryan

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Appointed by District Advisory Council
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2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Williams County Health Department Strategic Plan

In 2020, the WCHD developed a strategic plan that establishes a unified vision for the health department's future for the next 3 years. This project began by engaging our community partners, WCHD staff, management team, and Board of Health members to gather valuable input about our past performance, current status, and the challenges we will face in the future. The WCHD surveyed key community leaders, conducted SWOT sessions & environmental scans, and reviewed various health department reports to ensure that data was the basis for identifying the agency's strategic priorities and goals.

Specific themes emerged and goals and objectives were created to guide and direct the WCHD over the next three years. This plan will better position Williams County Health Department to strive to prevent disease, promote health, and protect Williams County residents from health risks.

2020 AND COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

Williams County Community Revitalization Plan

The Williams County Health Department has been working with community partners and Bowling Green State University (BGSU) to develop a Community Revitalization Plan. Surveys and interviews were held with Williams County residents and local agencies and organizations to identify areas of improvement for Williams County. Using the data collected, priorities areas were identified including mental health, drug use/addiction, workforce development/ workforce support, housing, and community quality/quality of life.

Meetings have been held virtually throughout the year to discuss the priorities. Task forces were created and team members were selected to focus on these priorities areas. The task forces will continue to work on the five priorities for the Community Revitalization Plan in 2021.



Community partners at BGSU for a Community Revitalization Plan Meeting January 2020

WCHD & Community Initiatives to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 caused the year 2020 to be challenging for all Ohioans. Many students were greatly impacted by school closings and online learning. Events, in-person experiences, and gatherings were cancelled. Businesses were closed and families stayed home. All of Williams County experienced loss this year, but we have also adapted as a community to work together to slow the spread of the virus.

Early on in the pandemic, agencies and partners worked together with the WCHD to make changes in their organizations and promote health within the community. The WCHD formed partnerships and disseminated information to local agencies and organizations through weekly conference calls, press conferences, letters,

a new website page, daily social media posts, flyers, posters, compliance documents, weekly community talking points, weekly local and regional data presentations, and press releases. Constant contact with the Ohio Department of Health, other local health departments, and medical providers allowed the WCHD to promote information clearly and guide the county's efforts to reduce the spread of the virus.



1st COVID-19 Press Conference held at CHWC

The WCHD strengthened our relationship with numerous agencies throughout COVID-19. From the beginning of the pandemic, the WCHD stayed in contact with community partners such as local schools, law enforcement, EMS, EMA, medical providers, long-term care (LTC) facilities, businesses, local elected officials, chambers of commerce, local media, CCNO, JFS, and restaurant owners.



Ohio State Patrol help WCHD distribute PPE to the community

COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

COVID-19 Review

Public health, an upstream, preventative approach, uses evidence-based strategies to improve the health of communities and prevent death and disease among populations. With COVID-19, it was critical that a public health approach was utilized to reduce the spread of the virus in Williams County to save lives.

To reduce the spread of the disease, public health utilized protocols such as preventing large gatherings of people, requiring masks in public places, and providing guidance such as frequent cleaning and social distancing to limit exposure. As mandates and new regulations were put in place by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Governor DeWine, the WCHD worked with agencies to guide them in their efforts to comply and provide safe environments for staff, students, and residents. Event and agency plans were reviewed by WCHD staff to ensure safety. PPE shipments, training for PPE fit testing and safe use, and allocation of state materials to local agencies were also conducted through the WCHD.



Williams County Pop-up Test Site

Testing to identify those with the disease, contact tracing to determine individuals exposed to the virus, and quarantine to stop the spread were also critical to slow the virus. Each of these strategies are scientifically proven methods to limit the impact of the virus. Contact tracing and the provision of supplies to families in quarantine and isolation required the involvement of nearly all health department staff.

The WCHD led the county in COVID-19 information and prevention efforts. Over the course of the pandemic, people were exposed to a large amount of false information about COVID-19, leading people to disregard what science has shown to limit the spread of the virus. To address misinformation in the community, WCHD partnered with trusted individuals outside of government and the medical community to appeal to local residents through informational campaigns. The WCHD also formed partnerships and disseminated information to local agencies and organizations using numerous channels. Billboards, signage, and messages were developed in partnership with local agencies. Data was presented to the public daily on the WCHD's website to maintain transparency over the course of the pandemic. Data from the Ohio Public Health Advisory System as well as local and regional data was presented to partners on a weekly basis. Using strong, science-based messaging and presenting local data to enable local leaders to make informed decisions was critical during the pandemic.



Protect yourself. Protect others. Protect our economy.



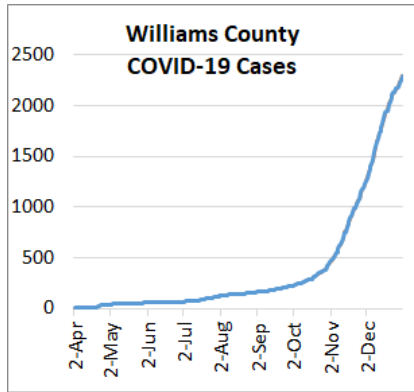
Rachel Aeschliman, Director of Nursing, & Wade Patrick with the first vaccine delivery

As 2021 approached, the WCHD shifted its focus to move even further upstream -- utilizing vaccines. Vaccine tiers and allocation plans were developed in preparation for vaccine approval. The WCHD participated in weekly calls with ODH to learn more about the next steps for vaccine distribution in Ohio. At the end of the year, the first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines were received in Williams County. Uptake by all members of society and the continuation of other COVID-19 preventative strategies will be important to continue Williams County's progress in slowing the spread, keeping our community safe, & ending the pandemic.

COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

COVID-19 Data

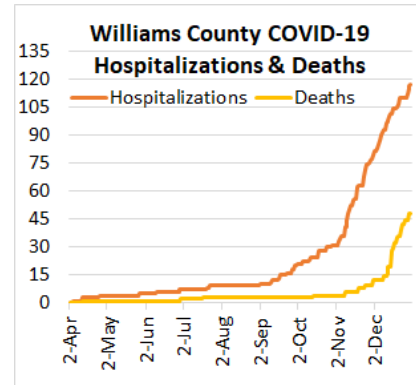
As 2020 progressed, the spread of COVID-19 significantly increased in Williams County. On April 2nd, Williams County's first case was reported, and by the end of the year Williams County reported a total of 2,290 COVID-19 cases. Hospitalizations and the number of deaths that occurred also continued to rise throughout the year. Unfortunately, there were 48 deaths due to COVID-19 in Williams County.



Cumulative number of COVID-19 cases from April to December 2020

2020 COVID-19 Data

2,290 cases
117 hospitalizations
48 deaths



Cumulative number of hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 from April to December 2020

ODH developed the Ohio Public Health Alert System (OPHAS), a color-coded system based on a data-driven framework to assess the degree of the virus' spread and to engage and empower individuals, businesses, communities, local governments, and others in their response and actions. Seven indicators were used to determine a county's status as yellow, orange, red, or purple based on the number of indicators met.

Indicators 1-3 focused on case data

1. New cases per capita
2. Sustained increase in new cases
3. Proportion of cases not in a congregated setting

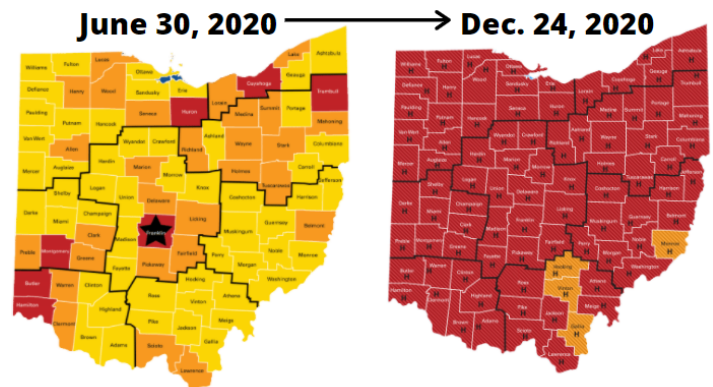
Indicators 4-5 focused on symptoms data

4. Sustained increase in Emergency Department visits for COVID-like illness
5. Sustained increase in outpatient visits for COVID-like illness

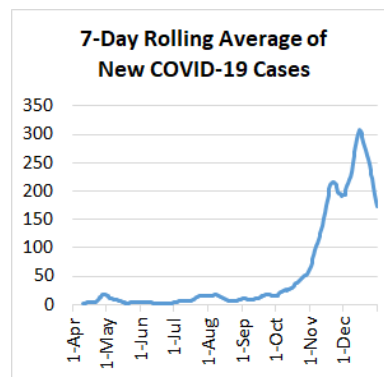
Indicators 6-7 focused on hospitalization data

6. Sustained increase in new COVID-19 hospital admissions
7. Regional Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed occupancy

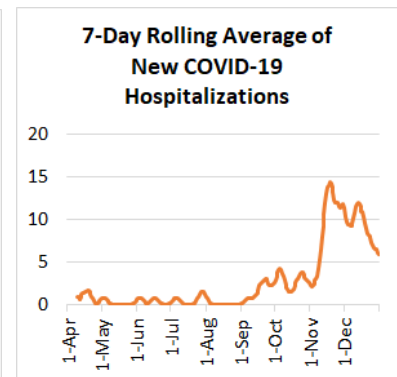
Williams County began as a "yellow" county and as spread increased and more indicators were met, moved up to "orange" in August then "red" in Nov. 2020.



OPHAS on June 30, 2020 and December 24, 2020. Williams County moved from level 1 (yellow) to level 3 (red) on the OPHAS.



Average number of COVID-19 cases per week from April to December 2020



Average number of hospitalizations per week from April to December 2020

COVID-19 KEY EVENTS TIMELINE

- January 28th - The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) hosted the first statewide call with LHDs regarding COVID-19.
- March 9th - First COVID-19 case identified in Ohio
- March 9th - Governor declared a State of Emergency
- **March 13th - First Williams County press conference with WCHD, CHWC, and PPG**
- March 14th - order to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings in the state of Ohio / Order the closure of all K-12 schools in the state of Ohio
- **March 19th - Changes in WCHD services due to COVID-19**
- March 22nd - Stay at Home order issued in Ohio - Businesses close to protect community health
- **March 31st - State of Emergency Declaration was signed by Williams County Commissioners**
- **April 2nd - 1st case in Williams County**
- **April 4th - 1st hospitalization in Williams County**
- **April 12th - 1st death in Williams County**
- **May 1st - 36 cases, 4 hospitalizations, 1 death**
- May 1st - Director's Order that Reopens Businesses, with Exceptions, and Continues a Stay healthy and Safe at Home Order
- May 14th - Director's Dine Safe Ohio Order and Director's Order that Reopens Person Services
- May 22nd - Order that Reopens Gyms, Dance Instruction Studios, and Other Personal Fitness Venues with Exceptions
- **June 1st - 55 cases, 5 hospitalizations, 1 death**
- **July 1st - 65 cases, 7 hospitalizations, 2 deaths**
- July 23rd - Statewide mask order
- **August 1st - 120 cases, 9 hospitalizations, 3 deaths**
- **September 1st - 160 cases, 10 hospitalizations, 3 deaths**
- **October 1st - 226 cases, 21 hospitalizations, 3 deaths**
- **November 1st - 452 cases, 31 hospitalizations, 4 deaths**
- **November 12th - COVID-19 Defense Team's first meeting**
- **December 1st - 1260 cases, 79 hospitalizations, 12 deaths**
- **December 10th - Pop-up testing site at Williams County Fairgrounds**
- December 11th - FDA Authorization of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine
- December 18th - FDA Authorization of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- **December 23rd - WCHD receives first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines**
- **December 31st - 2,290 cases, 117 hospitalizations, 48 deaths**

Key:

- *Williams County Dates*
- *State/Federal Dates*

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public health nurses strive to promote health and wellness within the Williams County community through a variety of services and programs. Public health nurses provide adult and childhood immunizations, investigate infectious diseases, provide lead consultations, and connect children with special health care needs and their families with comprehensive care and services through the Children with Medical Handicaps Program.

Immunizations

Due to COVID-19, the immunization program was adjusted to provide curbside vaccines for many of our clients. Community clinics for flu shots were held as drive through clinics in 2020 to avoid gathering in community spaces.

The WCHD also partnered with local schools to provide school vaccine clinics in the parking lots of school facilities to improve access for Williams County students.



Curbside immunization

GET YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Attention Parents & Caregivers

The Williams County Health Department and select school districts are hosting:

DRIVE THRU SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

These clinics will be available to make immunizations more accessible to students in a safe & convenient environment.

Locations: Please see locations listed below.

Call for Appointment: To decrease traffic and maintain safety, you must call the Health Department at 419-485-3161 to register and schedule a time slot/appointment for your child to receive immunizations at one of these clinics.

Who is eligible: School-age children needing immunizations.

Kindergartners who receive a vaccine will receive a free book & other students will receive a free snack.

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| <p>Bryan City Schools
Date: August 11th
1000 Fountain Grove Dr.
Bryan, OH 43506
(Use MS/HS Entrance)</p> <p>Edgerton Schools
Date: July 14th
111 E. River St.
Edgerton, OH 43517
(Use HS Entrance)</p> <p>Edon Schools
Date: July 30th
802 W Indiana St.
Edon, OH 43518
(Use Main Entrance)</p> | <p>Hilltop Schools
Date: July 28th
Memorial Park
West Unity, OH
(500 block of North Liberty St.)</p> <p>Montpelier Schools
Date: August 6th
1015 E Brown Rd.
Montpelier, OH 43543
(Use Main Entrance)</p> | <p>North Central Schools
Date: July 21st
400 E Baulstone St.
Pioneer, OH 43554
(Use North Entrance)</p> <p>Stryker Schools
Date: August 4th
400 S Defiance St.
Stryker, OH 43557
(Use Elementary Entrance)</p> |
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Face masks encouraged during appointments.

Questions?

Call the WCHD at (419) 485-3141



1441 Immunizations provided by WCHD 7 Drive Thru School Immunization Clinics



Drive thru immunization



Drive thru immunization

Narcan Distribution

30 doses of Narcan nasal spray distributed to law enforcement in Williams County

16 doses of Narcan were administered by law enforcement



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Children with Medical Handicaps

The Children with Medical Handicaps Program (BCMh) links families of children with special health care needs to a network of BCMh approved providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. BCMh promotes early identification of children with handicapping conditions and treatment of those children by BCMh approved health care providers.

83 children served in 2020 through the BCMh program

Infectious Disease

187 total cases of infectious diseases were reported to the Williams County Health Department in 2020. As in previous years, Chlamydia was the most reported infectious disease. Not included in this data are the number of COVID-19 cases. That data can be found on page five.

Childhood Lead Poisoning

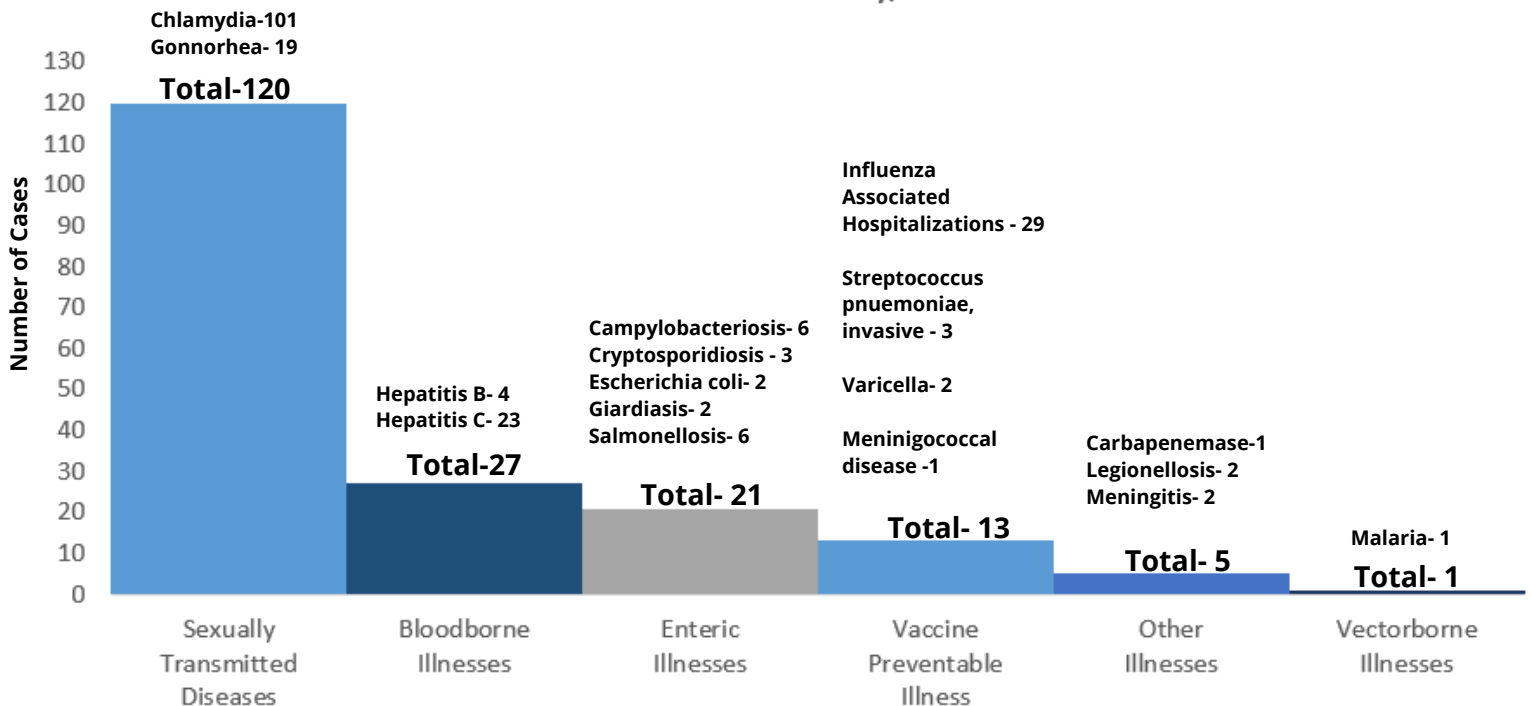
There is no “safe” level of lead in the blood – any confirmed level is an indication that the person has been exposed.

25 children followed in 2020 to monitor their elevated lead levels

- 7 cases of elevated blood lead levels 5-9 mcg/dL
- 3 cases of elevated blood lead levels 10-30 mcg/dL
- 1 case of elevated blood lead levels of 70 mcg/dL



Infectious Disease Reported in Williams County, Ohio 2020



Case counts include Williams County Residents. Includes probable and confirmed disease classifications. Data is preliminary and subject to change.

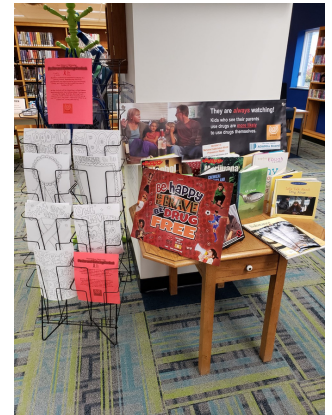
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

ECHO Coalition



Educating Communities on Healthy Opportunities (ECHO) collaborates with public and private agencies in order to create safer and healthier communities through substance abuse education, awareness, and prevention.

In October of 2020, ECHO partnered with area libraries to offer a coloring contest to youth during Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week focuses on bringing awareness to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention. Over 30 youth submitted coloring sheets.



ECHO Display and Coloring Sheets
October 2020

\$6,000 Grant awarded by United Way of Williams County for public awareness campaign and Hidden in Plain Sight

Hidden in Plain Sight is a free community initiative of the ECHO Coalition in Williams County to help educate parents, educators and community members on possible signs of drug and alcohol use by teens. A mock bedroom will display some everyday items that could be concealing substances that are "HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT".

Youth are leading the way in the Williams County community through Youth Led Programming and Awareness Teams. Four groups in local middle and high schools are actively looking at their surroundings, gathering information, and working to address community health topics that are relevant to their lives.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

W.I.C.: Women, Infants, and Children is a nutrition education program that has served families with children less than 5 years old and pregnant women for 37 years in Bryan and Montpelier. W.I.C. provides nutrition and breastfeeding education and support; supplemental, highly nutritious foods; referrals to prenatal and pediatric healthcare and other maternal and child health and health and human service programs; and immunization screening and referrals. Participants can also use a debit card to redeem benefits at local grocery stores.

667 clients each month

384 new certifications

37 breast pumps issued

40% of participants breastfeed

\$1,680 of coupons given to use at Local Farmers' Markets



New additions to the food list: Yogurt



Billboard displayed on Route 6 for Breastfeeding Awareness
August 2020

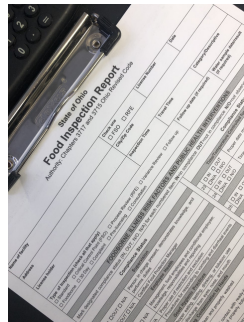
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Public Health (EPH) Division is responsible for implementing a broad range of programs that are designed to protect and promote public health throughout Williams County. Through inspections, investigations, consults and education the goal of the EPH Division is to maintain compliance with regulations while providing the best possible service to the residents of our county.

Food Safety Program

The Environmental Health Division is responsible for the licensing and inspection of food service operations, retail food establishments, and foodborne illness outbreaks.

500 food inspections were completed



Recreational Programs

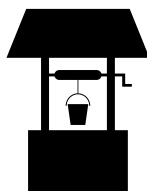
Public and commercial swimming pools and spas are a source of leisure, recreation, exercise, and therapy for many residents throughout our County. Each facility is licensed and inspected by the Environmental Public Health Division to assure pool safety for the public. Campgrounds, body art facilities, and schools are also inspected.



Private Water Systems (PWS)

The PWS program works to ensure that homeowners and businesses have properly constructed water sources that meet Ohio's sanitary regulations. The regulation of wells, springs, rain water cisterns, hauled water storage tanks and ponds that provide potable water to fewer than 25 people per day and have fewer than 15 service connections are required.

The Ohio Department of Health released revised rules, effective January 01, 2020. Environmental Health is working on compiling relevant changes and will send an informational letter to our registered contractors and other interested parties. One of the most significant changes is the clarification of language that requires any person working on a private water system to be a Registered Private Water Systems contractor.

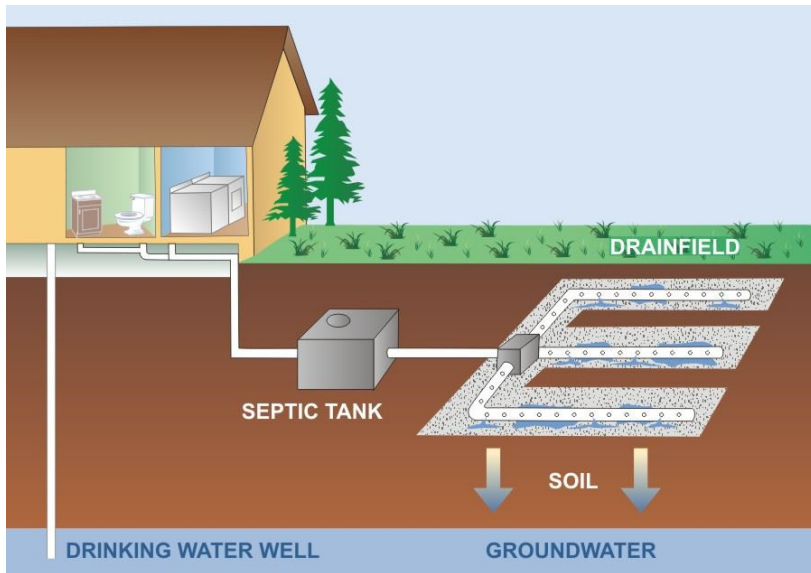


57 well permits issued

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

Williams County Health Department was again awarded \$150,000.00 in funds for 2021 through the Ohio EPA WPCLF Program. We have administered this program since 2016 to assist homeowners in replacing their failing septic systems. Additionally, with our past success in the WPCLF Program, we were awarded \$250,000.00 through the H2Ohio Program to continue replacing failing septic systems and improving water quality. To date, we have provided over \$675,000.00 in assistance to Williams County residents. By the end of 2022, we will be close to \$1,000,000.00 invested back into our county.



24 septic sites reviewed
23 septic systems designed
33 septic permits issued



Sewage Treatment System Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Program

2020 was the second year of the Williams County sewage treatment system Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Program. We issued 674 permits for septic systems in Jefferson and Springfield townships.



The next group in 2021 includes Brady, Superior, and St. Joseph townships, with an estimated 1300 properties. We also made a significant change to the program to help offset some of the initial economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The first change was to extend the due date for the second group to December 31, 2020; the second change was to extend the permit expiration date for the first group by a corresponding six months to December 31, 2024.

674 sewage treatment system operation permits issued in 2020

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

The Health Education and Preparedness division promotes health and wellness within the Williams County community by providing population-level services to prevent chronic diseases and unintentional injuries, provide health and education services, and to promote maternal, child, and youth health through evidence-based initiatives. The Health Education and Preparedness division also works to prepare Williams County for emerging public health concerns, to educate and increase public awareness on solid waste reduction and recycling, and to increase community involvement in order to achieve health equity. The Health Education and Preparedness division also oversees the coordination of partners and state agencies in order to collect and analyze local data for effectively designing, implementing, and evaluating community-wide health initiatives and programs.

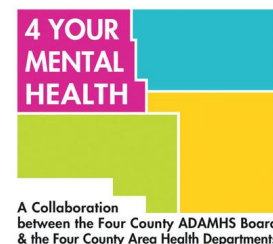
The Division has been working on the COVID-19 response by focusing on communications, analyzing data, managing and distributing personal protective equipment and planning COVID-19 test sites and vaccination clinics in Williams County.

4YourMentalHealth Campaign



The #4YourMentalHealth campaign was developed is to increase the community's understanding of how to achieve mental wellness. Mental health messages are promoted through various sources of advertising including social media, billboards, radio, etc.

In 2020, a social media ad campaign from September through December received about **50,000 impressions**. A YouTube video campaign also received **7,000 views per month** from September through November. In November and December, a TV ad campaign ran in four zip codes throughout Williams County on popular TV networks like HGTV and ESPN, reaching thousands of people monthly.



13 billboards in Williams County

47 WCHD social media posts

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Child Passenger Safety program works to prevent injury and improve the safety of all youth while in motor vehicles. Our certified child passenger safety technicians (CPST) have completed extensive training on the selection, use, and installation of car seats and work to educate caregivers on these topics. CPSTs provide free educational sessions and car seat checks to any individual transporting children in car seats. Through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program, free car seats and hands-on education are provided to families in Williams County.



29 car seats distributed for Williams County children

Hands-on car seats checks were suspended due to COVID-19, but education was still able to be provided virtually through emailed resources and phone education. Due to the change in the program, we are unable to estimate the misuse rate among checked car seats, but in 2019, the misuse rate was 67%.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

MyPlate Nutrition Programs

The 3rd Grade MyPlate Program is funded by the Four County ADAMhs board, in partnership with United Way, in order for the Williams County Health Department to educate children about healthy nutrition habits to reduce childhood obesity and improve mental health.

In Spring 2020, 2 schools' sessions were postponed due to COVID-19 and students did not get to complete all four sessions of the program. In the fall, the program was modified to be provided safely in third grade classrooms during the COVID-19 pandemic and offered to all Williams County schools. Third grade classrooms had the choice of in-person or virtual lessons.



750+ students participated in MyPlate

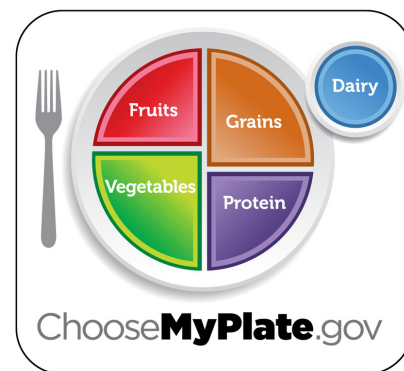
7 schools participated in the MyPlate Program

68 MyPlate sessions were taught to 17 third grade classrooms

The program included interactive educational sessions, a plate for students to utilize at meals, and a \$10 voucher to purchase produce at local grocery stores.

The K-6 MyPlate program is implemented by physical education teachers year-round at Montpelier Exempted Village Schools and North Central Elementary in Williams County.

The K-6 MyPlate curriculum provided by the Williams County Health Department and funded by CHWC.



Maternal and Child Health Program

The WCHD worked with local programs and organizations to assess the available resources and services for adolescents (ages 10 to 19) throughout the county. The project determined the gaps, barriers, and strengths of existing agencies to improve the access to health improvement programs for adolescents.



The grant changed in Fall of 2020 with a new focus is on vaping prevention among adolescents. The CATCH My Breath program, an evidence-based program, was selected for implementation in two area schools in the spring of 2021 and will reach about 125 students in Williams County. A team of eight advisory committee members are partnering with WCHD to review and provide input for the program.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Safe Communities

Safe Communities is a data driven initiative to save lives and reduce traffic related injuries by building collaboration between state, county and local community partners. Williams County Safe Communities focuses on the following five areas:

1. Increasing seat belt usage
2. Increasing seat belt awareness
3. Increasing impaired/distracted driving awareness
4. Increasing motorcycle safety awareness
5. Coalition building and fatal data review

Media Outreach:

- 14 news releases
- 2 public service announcements
- 81 social media posts

1,851 traffic safety materials distributed:

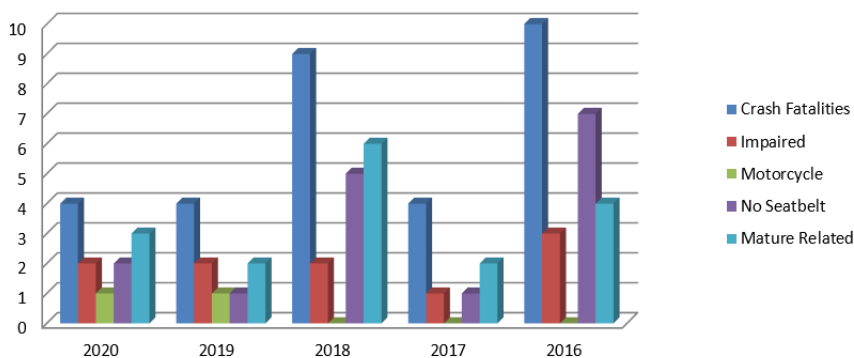
- fact cards
- magnets
- coasters
- banners
- flyers



4 fatal traffic fatalities in Williams County:

- 2 alcohol related
- 2 without seat belt use
- 1 motorcycle fatality
- 3 mature driver related

Williams County Crash Fatalities



89% of Williams County Residents use their seat belt restraints



Before COVID-19, collaboration with community partners enabled a CarFit Program for mature drivers to take place. The New Years Eve Safe Ride Home program was implemented and 28 potentially impaired drivers were given safe rides home.



The challenges presented by COVID-19 required Williams County Safe Communities to create new ways to promote traffic safety messages virtually. Williams County Safe Communities Coalition and Fatal Data Review met 4 times through virtual platforms. Williams County local media and radio station partnerships provided a means to communicate our traffic safety message outreach to our community where face-to-face engagement with the community was limited.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling

The Williams County Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Program is a comprehensive program designed to educate and increase public awareness about solid waste reduction and recycling. The program provides educational information and materials to promote the 3 "R's" Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle through media advertising such as newspaper, radio, and internet.

136,986 pounds of materials were recycled by the WCHD Recycling Program

15,750 pounds of material collected by the recycling trailer in all 10 collection sites

700+ plastic water bottles save because of the installation of water dispensers



Recycling through partnerships:

- 3,062 lbs of dry cell batteries in cooperation with Bryan City Recycling
- 550 lbs of Christmas Lights
- 1,500 gallons of motor oil through the Williams County Engineer's Office

Materials Collected:

- Paper
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Newspaper
- Cardboard

Newspaper Advertisements:

- Tire Recycling
- Christmas Light Recycling
- Recycling Trailer Placements
- Motor Oil Collection
- Design an Ad Contest



18 tons of tires collected at the Tire Recycling Drop Off Event

<p>DATE: September 18, 2020 TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM LOCATION: County Engineer's Office Parking Lot, 12953 Williams County G, Bryan, OH 43506 COST: \$2.00 per tire (cash or check)</p>		
<p>WHAT TO EXPECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons dropping off tires must stay in their vehicle • Tires must be off the rim 	<p>TIRES ACCEPTED FROM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars • Pickup trucks • Motorcycles • Lawnmowers <p>Other small tires will also be accepted</p>	<p>TIRES NOT ACCEPTED FROM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tractors • Large vehicles or implements <p>No more than 10 tires will be accepted</p>

For more information, contact Michael Shultz at 419-485-3141 ext. 123

FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

WILLIAMS COUNTY RECYCLING TRAILER LOCATIONS

- Millcreek Township
 - 310 Anderson Ave., Alvordton
- Superior Township
 - Riverside Cemetery, 10668 St. Rt. 107, Montpelier

Hours: Saturday 8:00 am - Sunday 6:00 pm

Accepted Materials: aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, #1 and #2 plastic bottles

For more information visit: <http://www.williamscountyhealth.org/health-education/recycling/>

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

MRC is a network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of the community by improving emergency response capabilities, and building community resiliency.

The MRC Volunteers have been assisting with COVID-19 response activities.



22 new members, 183% increase

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness program helps Williams County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to health-related emergencies by creating local plans and partnerships. Public health emergency planning encompasses all aspects of planning for health and natural emergencies and coordination of agency response to a wide variety of scenarios. The health department works to engage the whole community and its partners to create strong connections that make us all safer and build a state of community preparedness.

The COVID-19 response included the following activities:

- Assist Emergency Management Agency with the personal protective equipment management
- Coordinate pick up and transportation of personal protective equipment shipped by the State of Ohio
- Coordinate COVID-19 testing clinic with the National Guard and Community Partners
- Safety assessments for agency and vaccination sites
- Site visits for vaccination sites
- Site layout planning
- Work with Command Team to coordinate and operate COVID-19 clinics
- Assist with cold chain management resource ordering



Command Staff Meeting



Preparing PPE to be distributed to the community

4 Education/Outreach Courses:

1. Point of Dispense Essentials Course
2. FIT Testing/Respiratory Protection Course
3. Point of Dispense Operational Algorithm Training with Public Health Partners
4. Point of Dispense Training for Public Health Region 1

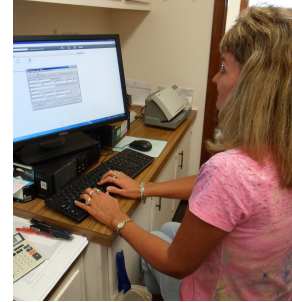
Community Outreach Events

Due to COVID-19, community outreach events were suspended. The Health Education & Preparedness staff focused much of their efforts on the COVID-19 response. Efforts were made to distribute information to the public regarding COVID-19 via our website, social media, radio ads, tv ads, newspapers, and signs in community spaces.



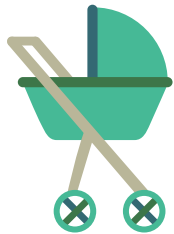
VITAL STATISTICS

The Williams County Health District maintains birth and death records occurring in Williams County beginning in 1909 to present. The Vital Statistics division is able to issue certified birth certificates for anyone born in the state of Ohio. Vital Statistics electronically maintains all birth records filed in Ohio after December 20, 1908 and an index of all death records filed in Ohio after January 1, 1964.



2020 Births

325 babies were born in Williams County in 2020



28 babies born to mothers aged 19 and under

Top baby names of 2020

Jackson / Jaxon
Carter
Daxton

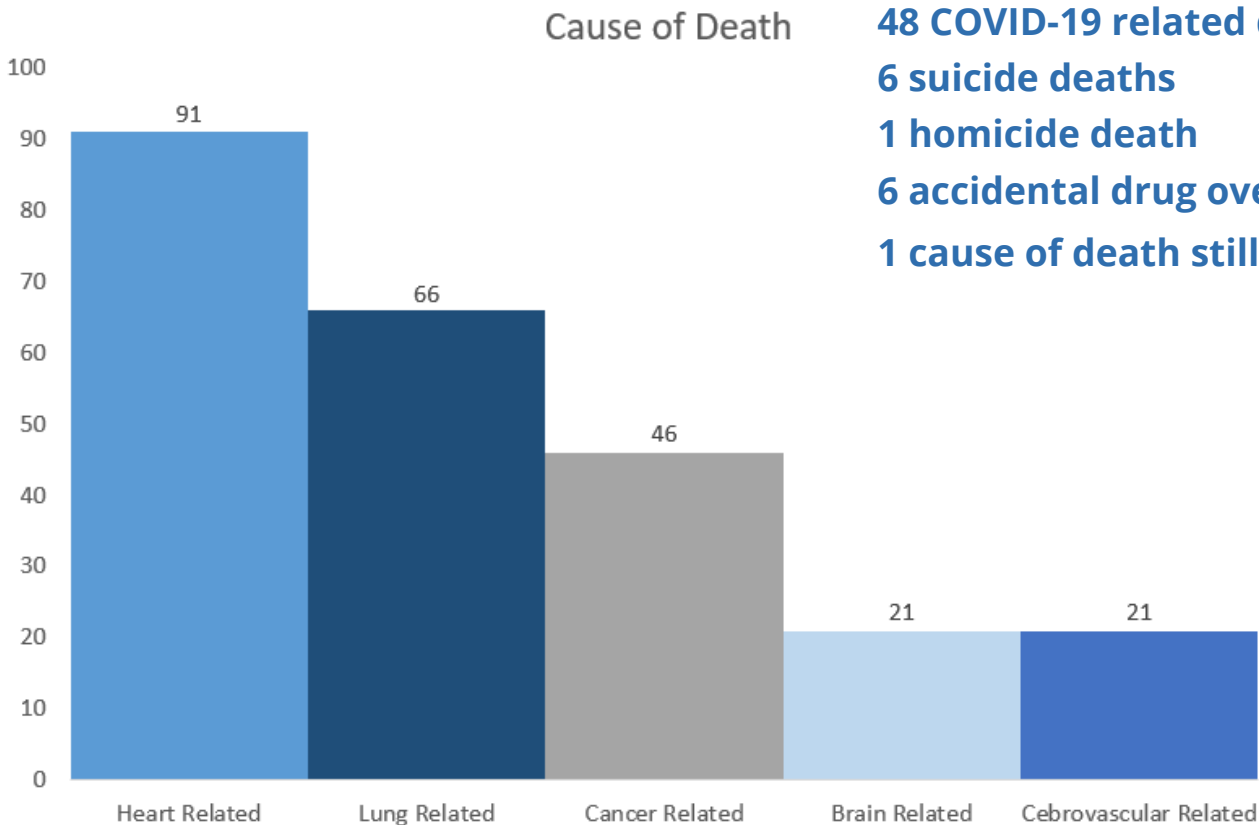


Amelia
Charlotte
Madelyn

2020 Deaths

300 people died in Williams County in 2020

The most common cause of death in Williams County was heart-related.



48 COVID-19 related deaths

6 suicide deaths

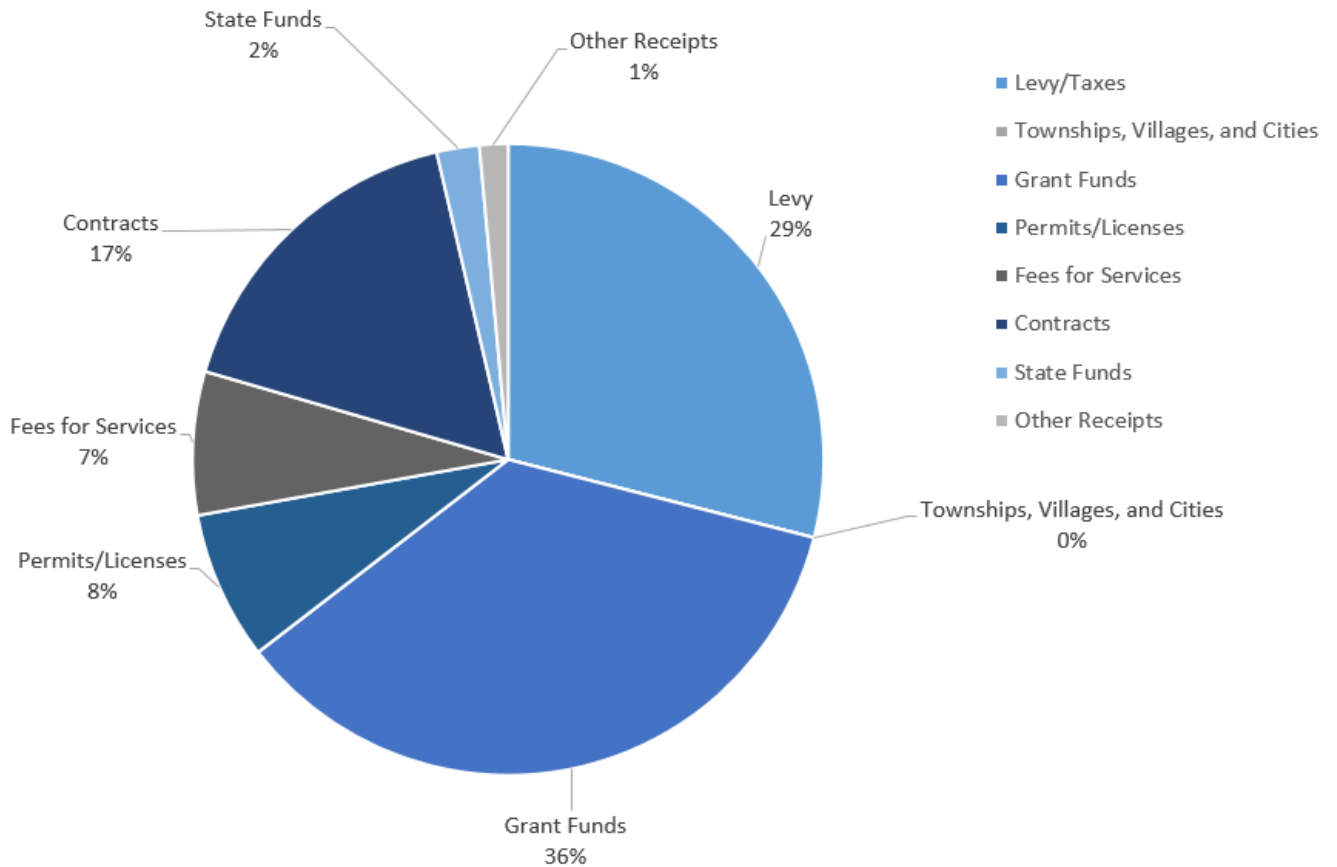
1 homicide death

6 accidental drug overdose deaths

1 cause of death still pending

FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 Revenue YTD



2020 Expenses YTD

