

WILLIAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY TALKING POINTS

AUGUST 2023

PREVENT DISEASE AND INJURY. PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS. PROTECT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

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Register for the Trauma, Mental Health & Addiction Training

Dr. Gretchen Clark Hammond will be coming back to Williams County to host a second Breaking the Stigma: Mental Health, Addiction, & Trauma training. Dr. Hammond held a training for Williams County in January and the feedback from the event was so positive that the Williams County Health Department invited her back in October.

When: Friday, October 6, 2023 at 8am-11am

Register: bit.ly/TraumaMHEvent



Breaking the Stigma:

Mental Health, Addiction, & Trauma

October 6, 2023 8:00am - 11:00am

Back to School Vaccinations

WCHD is hosting back to school vaccination clinics through September. Clinics are available every Tuesday at the Montpelier office from 9am-4:15pm and on Thursdays from 9:30am-4pm. This year, WCHD is extending our clinic hours on the first Tuesday in August (1st) and September (5th) to better accommodate schedules.

Call to schedule an appointment for your child or ask questions about the vaccines at 419-485-3141.



WIC Farmers Market Coupons

Did you know that as an Ohio WIC participant you have access to use famers market coupons during the months of August to October? You can go to any WIC approved farmers vendor in the state of Ohio. Coupon books available offer 6 \$5 coupons for a total of \$30 to spend on local produce. The farmers market coupons are first come first served.

If you are interested in joining WIC, call the Williams County WIC office at 419-485-3141 to see if you qualify.



Paint Recycling Event

The Williams County Health Department is partnering with Williams County Soil & Water Conservation District to host a free paint recycling event. Latex paints and stains are accepted.

When: August 19th, 9am-1pm

Where: Williams County Soil & Water, 11246 OH-15 Montpelier, OH 43543

Questions? Call Shannon at 419-485-3141 ext. 109



WCHD Program Highlight: Vaccinations

VACCINE

Why do vaccinations matter?

In the early 1900s, around 10% of babies died before age one in the United States. If this were true today, it would mean that approximately 30 babies in Williams County would die each year. From 1915 through 1997, the rate of babies who died declined greater than 90%. Vaccines are one important reason why babies can live healthier and safer lives.

- 1. Disease Prevention: Vaccines help prevent the spread of infectious diseases and protect individuals and communities. This makes our schools and workplaces safer and healthier for all people.
- 2. Disease Control: Vaccines have put an end to diseases like smallpox and reduced how often we see other diseases like diphtheria, measles, and chickenpox.
- 3. Protection of Vulnerable Populations: Vaccines protect those who are more likely to have severe health complications from diseases.
- 4. Community Immunity: Vaccinations create a barrier against disease spread, benefiting those who can't be vaccinated and keep our community healthy.
- 5. Public Health and Cost Savings: Vaccines reduce healthcare costs and improve economic productivity. Every dollar spent on prevention can save up to \$5.60 in health spending. Spend a dollar to save more than a dollar.

What we do: Provide routine vaccination clinics at Bryan and Montpelier offices

What's the benefit to the community?

- Community members have access to all recommended vaccines for their age
- People are not turned away due to inability to pay
- Curbside service available for persons with mobility issue
- Phone interpreter service available

What we do: Provide offsite clinics and homebound vaccines

What's the benefit to the community?

- Partner with 7 Senior Centers to offer flu and COVID vaccines in each community
- Working age adults can receive vaccines at the job site
- Students can receive back-to-school shots at their school
- Homebound persons can receive flu and COVID vaccines

What we do: Conduct mass vaccine clinics during emergencies

What's the benefit to the community?

- One of the first to receive vaccine during emergencies
 - 2009 H1N1 flu clinics Gave 3,900 doses
 - 2018-2020 Hepatitis A Gave 1,343 doses
 - o 2021 COVID-19 Gave 12,105 doses

What we do: Maintain records and track vaccine coverage rates in the community

What's the benefit to the community?

- Identify areas where vaccination rates may be lower
- Target outreach efforts to improve coverage
- Use disease surveillance systems to watch for an increase of health-related conditions or cases
- Quick response to outbreaks and vaccine-preventable diseases

What we do: Participate in vaccine safety and adverse event monitoring

What's the benefit to the community?

- A local source for reporting vaccine safety and undesirable events following vaccination
- Investigate any reported concerns and work to maintain public safety
- Participate in national surveillance systems (tracking trends across the US) for the most up to date and accurate information

What we do: Foster collaborations and partnerships

What's the benefit to the community?

- Collaborate with healthcare providers, schools, community organizations to strengthen vaccine efforts
- Work together to reach groups with limited access to healthcare and conduct vaccination campaigns

Suicide Prevention Breakfast

WCHD is partnering with the Four County Suicide Prevention Coalition and several other mental health organizations to host the 3rd Annual Four County Suicide Prevention Breakfast. Prevent suicide through awareness and bring hope to our community. Learn about local resources and discover how you can make a difference.

When: September 13th, 8am-12pm

Where: NWO Educational Service Center

Register: bit.ly/2023SPCBreakfast



Breakfast begins at 8am. Presentations start at 8:30am. Register by Sept. 6th.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

At WCHD, we care about providing excellent service. Please take a moment to share your feedback about our programs and services.

Take our customer satisfaction survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCHDServices

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Tire Recycling Event

Mark your calendars. The Williams County Health Department is partnering with the Engineer's Office to host a tire recycling event. Each tire will cost \$1 to recycle and must be removed from the rim.

Questions? Call Shannon at 419-485-3141 ext. 109



When: September 21st | 9am - 5:30pm Where: County Engineer's Office 12953 County Road G, Bryan, OH 43506 Cost: \$1.00 per tire

Accepted Tires

- Cars
- Pick up trucks
- Lawn mowers
- Motorcycles
- All small tires

September 21st, 9:00am to 5:30pm

Where:

When:

County Engineer's Office,

12953

County Road G, Bryan, OH 43506

- **Not Accepted** • Large tractor
- Semi truck
 - Large vehicle
- Large farming equipment
- Tires must be removed from the rim before being recycled.





Talking Points Content Survey

We would like to hear from you. What would you like to learn about future Community Points? Share your feedback by taking the following survey: bit.ly/CTPInputSurvey





WCHD Community Talking Points are published on a monthly basis and posted on our website and social media. If you would you like to receive the community talking points directly, sign up by completing this form: bit.ly/WCCommunityTalkingPoints

For more information on WCHD programs and services, visit: williamscountyhealth.org

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