

Pike County General Health District

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*Serving the Citizens of
Pike County*

*Monday through Friday
8:00am until 4:00pm*

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2020 Annual Report

Pike County General Health District

Dear Citizens of Pike County,

On behalf of the Pike County General Health District Board of Health, it is my pleasure to present the 2020 Annual Report. The Pike County General Health District has safeguarded our community and protected our citizens for nearly 100 years. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in Pike county by preventing disease, promoting health, and providing environmentally safe surroundings.

The majority of 2020 was spent on COVID-19 response. Our response included consulting with businesses, schools, local government, fair board, and numerous other entities related to the numerous public health orders and everchanging guidance from the state. We also dealt with contact tracing along with isolation and quarantine of those who tested positive or who were exposed. We were able to secure several grants to assist with overtime, supplies, equipment, and a few contract employees. At the end of December, we started our 1st COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

According to the Ohio Revised Code, the health district is currently funded through inside millage from the townships and villages since we are not supported by a health tax levy. This will continue until a health levy can be passed. We have not received any levy funds since 2015. Our last building payment from the county commissioners was received in February, so it is crucial to get a health levy passed in the fall of 2021 to prevent a substantial increase in inside millage in 2022 and especially 2023. It is my hope that if we work together toward reaching the above mentioned goals and receive your full support that we can get a levy passed in the future to alleviate the financial burden from the townships and villages. Hopefully, the positive feedback we have received from our COVID-19 response and vaccination clinics will translate into votes and support from the public for a health levy.

Please take a few moments to review the 2020 Annual Report of the Pike County General Health District. This report demonstrates the hard work and effort shown by our dedicated staff. We welcome the opportunity to serve you and your family throughout the upcoming year. Thank you for your support and please join our efforts to see Pike County as a healthy community living, working, playing, and learning in a safe environment.



Matthew D. Brewster
Health Commissioner



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Pike County General
Health District

Financial Report

2020 Revenue and Expenses

To provide public health services in Pike County, the financial support of the community is necessary. Funding sources for the health district include: grants, contracts, fees for services, and the most important being a potential tax levy to remove the financial burden from the municipalities. A one mill health tax levy would generate approximately \$392,112.00, a .75 mill levy would generate \$275,703.75, and a .5 mill levy would generate \$196,056.00.

| Fund: | Revenue: | Expenses: |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General Health | \$491,919.68 | \$448,499.98 |
| PHEP | \$62,820.40 | \$52,000.30 |
| Hospital Disaster | \$15,895.75 | \$14,008.72 |
| Safe Community | \$24,347.70 | \$23,413.26 |
| Environmental | \$273,625.09 | \$194,616.01 |
| WPCLF | \$135,331.74 | \$157,242.72 |
| TOTAL | \$1,066,760.76 | \$889,780.99 |

The Role of the Pike County General Health District

The health district is truly the only county agency that is directly involved in the lives of our community from the cradle to the grave – we issue the birth certificate, provide childhood immunizations, provide a car seat if you can't afford one, make sure that the food you and your family eat and the water you and your family drink is safe, make sure your waste is properly disposed, ensure that the roadways are safer while you are on your way to work or taking your kids to school, make certain that the school your child attends is free of safety hazards, make sure the city pool your kids are swimming in all summer and the campground you frequently visit is safe, help you to enjoy the outdoors without worrying about mosquitos biting, monitor that dog for rabies that bit you while you were taking a walk, ensure that the produce you bought on your way home from work at the farmer's market is safe, provide that TB test for your new job, provide the meningitis vaccine for you to go to college, design your septic system for your new house, make certain that the rural road you live on doesn't become a tire dump or that your new neighbor doesn't litter the neighborhood with trash, set up a shelter during the power outage from the ice storm so you and your family can stay warm, provide adult immunizations, and then we issue your death certificate.

Public Health

The Public Health Division of the Pike County General Health District remains dedicated to promoting and protecting the health of our community. To achieve this goal, our public health nurses focus on disease prevention, wellness promotion, and risk factor reduction. The Public Health Division also works in collaboration with other disciplines and agencies such as Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Pike County Job and Family Services, Help Me Grow, Community Action, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Pike County Drug Abuse Prevention and Re-entry Coalition, Pike Health Lifestyle Initiative, OSU Extension, Ohio Department of Health, and local schools to ensure that the citizens of Pike County receive the resources they need to achieve optimal health and wellness.

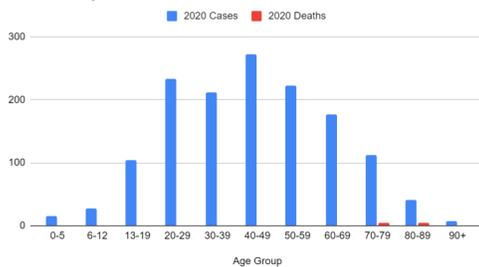
The Public Health Division includes Mona Minor, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing, who coordinates the day-to-day operations and administrative duties. Linda Rigsby, LPN and Autumn Osborn, LPN, help with our Immunization and Communicable Disease Investigation Programs. Sara Ehrhart, LPN was hired to assist with disease investigations and contact tracing. Mona Minor continues to manage our BCMH program with the help of Sarah Spradlin, RN to provide public health nurse services to children with special needs.

The year 2020 brought COVID-19 and changed our day-to-day operations to an emergency response disease focus. As part of the response to COVID-19, our nurses investigated 1,424 cases of COVID-19 including 9 outbreaks. Contact tracing was completed on 3,112 individuals.

The Public Health Division continues to offer an array of services to the community. We still participate in the Vaccines for Children Program, so no child is ever refused vaccines due to the inability to pay or a lack of insurance — no insurance, no problem. Our clinic is currently open on Mondays by appointment only. In 2020, we administered 1,419 immunizations with 589 of those being flu shots and 64 being COVID-19 vaccines. We gave out 38 car seats through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program. We continue to provide Naloxone to local law enforcement and EMS.

If you have questions regarding any of our services or need more information regarding health matters, our staff is dedicated to connecting you with the answers or resources you need.

Pike County 2020 COVID Cases and Deaths



Accreditation

According to the Ohio Revised Code, each local health district in Ohio must become accredited by July 1st, 2020. Failure to become accredited can result in loss of state and federal funds. Nichole Smith, BSH, is our Accreditation Coordinator.

The health district submitted over 220 documents to the Public Health Accreditation Board on 2/29/20. The next step is for the accreditation specialist to conduct the pre-site visit review and then the actual site visit. The accreditation process is a very time demanding, labor intensive, and expensive process that will require a total team effort to become accredited.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Division is a team of professionals who work to protect you and your families from external hazards that negatively affect human health. This division includes: Ryan Williams, RS, Director of Environmental Health, who oversees the day to day operations, administrative duties, and environmental inspections, Nichole Smith, SIT, who is responsible for inspecting all food service operations, retail food establishments, mobiles, and temporary licenses, and Kayla Hartley, RS, who oversees our Solid Waste Nuisance Abatement Program.

This division facilitates numerous programs required by the state that are essential to the public health of the county. These state-mandated programs include the inspection of food service operations and retail food establishments, residential sewage and septic systems, small flow commercial sewage systems, private water systems and wells, parks and camps, manufactured home parks, farmer's markets, schools, pools and spas, tattoo and body piercing establishments, animal bites and vector control, solid waste facilities, construction and demolition debris facilities, and public health nuisances. Every housing, sewage, and solid waste complaint is investigated to safeguard the community and environment.

The Environmental Health Division not only issues permits and conducts inspections, it is your local resource for advice, information, and services pertaining to all things environmental. From water pollution to subdivision planning, you can be assured our staff is here to serve and protect our county. We strive every day to make Pike County a healthier and safer place to live.

The Environmental Health Division continues to work on the household sewage system repair grant and received an additional \$150,000.00 for 2021. This division also reapplied for the mosquito control grant for 2021. These are strictly pass-through funds that cannot be used for salaries or other expenses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Health Division was in charge of enforcement of the rules set in place by Gov. DeWine and Ohio Department of Health. This included investigation of mask complaints and indoor dining rules. Environmental Health Division has supported the Public Health Division during the pandemic. The staff assisted with positive COVID-19 cases, contact tracing, answering COVID-19 calls, scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations, and working our vaccination drive-thru clinic. Even with all the extra workload, the Environmental Health staff completed all state mandated inspections by their deadlines.

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Program is funded through a grant administered through the Ohio Department of Health, to ensure the county is prepared and can effectively respond in the event of bioterrorism, communicable disease, chemical emergencies, mass fatality events, or any other public health emergency including natural disasters.

Ginny Dickerson, Emergency Response Coordinator, is responsible for managing the program. In the event of a serious or catastrophic event, the Pike County General Health District's emergency response plan has instructions to execute functions not typically planned for by other agencies.

Vital Statistics

The health district maintains birth records for those who were born in Ohio from 1908 to present and death records for those who died in Pike County from 1919 to present.

Tabatha Tong, BA, is the registrar and is responsible for recording and managing birth/death records for those who have been born in or passed away in Pike County.

Grants

The health district manages the following grants: Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness, Mosquito Control, and Sewage Treatment System Repair. Emily Hines is the coordinator for our Safe Communities Grant.

Communicable Diseases Investigated

| | |
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| Babesiosis..... | 0 |
| Campylobacter..... | 7 |
| Chlamydia..... | 101 |
| COVID-19..... | 1424 |
| CP-CRE..... | 1 |
| Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease..... | 0 |
| Cryptosporidiosis..... | 0 |
| E. coli..... | 1 |
| Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis..... | 21 |
| Giardiasis..... | 0 |
| Gonorrhea..... | 2 |
| Group A Streptococcal Disease..... | 1 |
| Haemophilus influenza..... | 0 |
| Hepatitis A..... | 0 |
| Hepatitis B..... | 18 |
| Hepatitis C..... | 89 |
| Influenza..... | 27 |
| LaCrosse Virus..... | 0 |
| Legionellosis..... | 0 |
| Listeriosis..... | 1 |
| Lyme Disease..... | 4 |
| Meningitis - Aseptic/Viral..... | 0 |
| Mumps..... | 1 |
| Mycobacterial Disease Other than TB..... | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever..... | 6 |
| Salmonellosis..... | 2 |
| Shigellosis..... | 0 |
| Streptococcus pneumoniae..... | 6 |
| Tuberculosis..... | 0 |
| Varicella..... | 0 |
| West Nile..... | 0 |
| Yersiniosis..... | 0 |

Clinic Services

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| TB Testing..... | 164 |
| Immunizations..... | 1419 |
| BCMh Units..... | 351 |
| Pregnancy Tests..... | 12 |
| Head Checks..... | 40 |
| Project Period..... | 64 |
| HIV Testing..... | 1 |
| Car Seats..... | 38 |
| Birth Certificates Issued..... | 1267 |
| Death Certificates Issued..... | 910 |

Environmental Health Inspections

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|------------------------------|-----|
| Animal Bite Reports..... | 66 |
| Food Protection..... | 387 |
| Lot Splits/Subdivisions..... | 13 |
| Nuisance Complaints..... | 112 |
| Pools..... | 24 |
| Parks & Camps..... | 9 |
| Tattoo..... | 5 |
| Sewage Certifications..... | 38 |
| Sewage Permits..... | 64 |
| Site Evaluations..... | 72 |
| Schools..... | 16 |
| Private Water..... | 4 |
| Water Samples..... | 6 |
| Solid Waste Hauler..... | 25 |
| Septage Hauler..... | 16 |