

Allen County Public Health Achieves National Accreditation from The Public Health Accreditation Board

On March 27, 2019, ACPH was pleased to announce that we have achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. This milestone accomplishment is official recognition that Allen County Public Health meets or exceeds the rigorous standards established by the non-profit, non-governmental Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, local, Tribal and territorial public health departments. Accreditation means that Allen County Public Health is committed to continuous quality improvement so that we can meet our community's needs as effectively as possible. PHAB accreditation demonstrates our accountability and credibility to everyone with whom we work.

To date, fewer than 300 health departments out of nearly 3,000 nationwide have achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011. Allen County Public Health is proud to be recognized by PHAB for demonstrating the capacity to protect and promote the health of our community. The achievement of national accreditation will help guide our work to better protect, promote and preserve the health of the people in our community.

Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. In cities, towns, and states across the nation, health departments provide a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.



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ACPH Staff Member Receives Award from the Ohio Department of Health

Becky Hartman, Lead Community Health Worker (CHW) at ACPH, recently received the CHW of the Year Award for 2018. The award was presented by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) on March 27, 2019 at the ODH Home-Visiting Summit in Columbus, Ohio. Becky has been a CHW for 15 years in the Moms & Babies First Program (previously known as Caring for Two) at ACPH.

Moms and Babies First seeks to reduce the infant mortality rate in the African American population through home-visiting services. In Ohio African-American babies die at rates 2-3 times that of white babies. Programs such as Moms and Babies First assist pregnant women during their pregnancy and through the first year of their infants' lives.



Sandy Oxley (right), Chief of the Ohio Department of Health's Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, presents ACPH staff member Becky Hartman with a 2018 Community Health Worker of the Year Award.

Allen County Public Health: Service Statistics

Clinic & Community Services	2018	2019 as of March 31st
Immunizations Given	6,661	1,281
Vaccines For Children	2,945	527
State Funded	176	80
Private Pay/Private Insurance	3,540	674
Family Planning Visits	1,102	265
Family Planning New Patients	381	82
BCMH Caseload	617	596
WIC Monthly Caseload	2,469	2,111
Moms & Babies First Home Visits	1,200	227
Communicable Diseases	1,473	441
TB Skin Tests	801	188
HIV Tests/ # of positive results	793/5	75/3
Chlamydia	615	164
Gonorrhea	299	93
Syphilis	2	5
Influenza Hospitalizations	204	109
Hepatitis C	112	25
Viral Meningitis	26	2
Project DAWN Kits distributed	310	105
Pack N Plays Distributed (Safe Sleep)	214	27

Communicable Diseases	2018	2019 as of March 31st
Class A: immediate response needed	0	1
Class B: timely response needed	1,399	427
Class C: response to outbreaks only	74	7

Environmental Health	2018	2019 as of March 31st
Inspections		
Water Systems	195	27
Sewage Systems	2,018	363
Recreational Camps/Parks	41	0
Manufactured Home Parks	31	0
Public Pools and Spas	125	8
Open Bathing Areas	8	0
Schools	114	15
Plumbing Systems	990	238
Food Service Operations	1,973	488
Food Vending	108	43
Tattoo/Body Piercing Service	37	9
Investigations		
Animal Bites	348	29
Environmental Complaints	552	23
Smoke-Free Complaints	30	11

Vital Statistics	2018	2019 as of June 30th
Allen County Resident Births	1,241	299
Allen County Resident Deaths	1,157	299
Birth Certificates Issued	6,410	2,048
Death Certificates Issued	6,277	1,877