

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

On March 27, 2019, ACPH was pleased to announce that we had 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.

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

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# Annual Report 2019

## PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION: COVID-19

**"We haven't faced an enemy like we are facing today in 102 years. We are at war."**

*Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, March 22, 2020*

On December 31, 2019, news spread of dozens of cases of pneumonia and severe respiratory disease with an unknown cause being treated in China. A novel (new) coronavirus was soon identified. The general public did not take much notice of the news, but officials at the World Health Organization (WHO) were monitoring it closely - there have been other novel coronavirus outbreaks in the past 15 years that affected thousands across the globe.

Within 3 weeks, on January 20th, the first case of the disease caused by the virus was confirmed in the United States. The disease was named COVID-19 by the WHO on February 11th and was then identified in 23 countries. Italy was one of the hardest hit countries, with cases being identified as early as February 23rd.

By the end of February the United States began issuing travel restrictions to areas most affected by the virus. On March 10th, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. announced the first positive cases in Ohio. A national emergency was declared by President Donald Trump on March 13th. Throughout March, Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton implemented several orders for the residents of Ohio, which culminated in a STAY AT HOME order effective for the period of March 24—April 6, 2020. The need for further orders in Ohio will be assessed as the disease spreads throughout the state. The battle continues as this annual report is being produced.

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, Allen County Public Health had plans to celebrate and recognize the achievements in public health in Allen County and the State of Ohio over the past century. Such a celebration of public health is directly linked to another pandemic—the Influenza Pandemic of 1918. The reaction to that pandemic at the national, state and local level established the need for a public health system that would be prepared to act in the event of future health emergencies. In 1919, the Hughes Law prompted the formation of municipal and general health districts across Ohio, including the Allen County General Health District, serving the villages and townships in Allen County. This law created a uniform structure for each health district, including Boards of Health and the creation of the District Advisory Council, which appointed people to the Board. The Allen County General Health District Advisory Council met on October 15, 1919 and appointed the first Board of Health. The Griswold amendment, passed in late 1919 required a reorganization for the Board of Health and on January 8, 1920, the District Advisory Council met to fill vacancies on the Board and consider a new budget, therefore completing the establishment of the Allen County General Health District.

Allen County Public Health planned to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Public Health in Ohio and Allen County throughout March of 2020, but realized in mid-February that plans would need to be postponed. ACPH staff have dedicated much of our public health resources to the COVID-19 response since March 16, 2020. A celebration of local public health will take place later in 2020.



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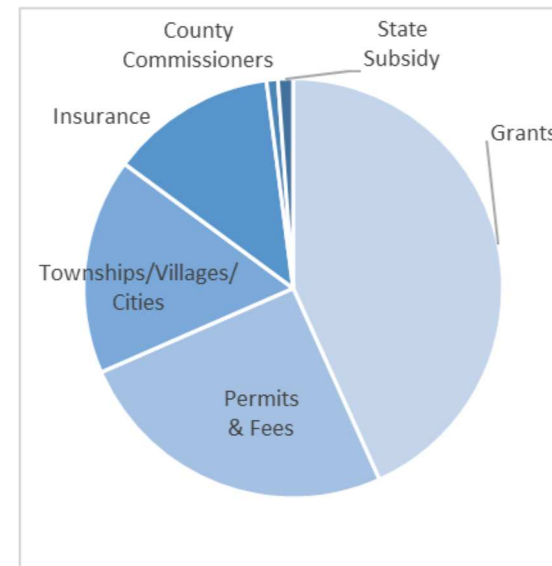
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS	2018	2019
January 1 BALANCE	\$764,250	\$728,020
Grants & Contracts	\$1,678,902	\$1,697,015
Permit & Service Fees	\$969,524	\$988,724
Townships, Villages, & Cities	\$644,306	\$653,971
Medicaid/Insurance Reimb	\$474,210	\$503,783
County Commissioners	\$33,911	\$34,420
State Subsidy	\$20,574	\$45,748
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,821,427</b>	<b>\$3,923,661</b>
BALANCE AND RECEIPTS	\$4,585,677	\$4,651,681

EXPENSES	2018	2019
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,694,679	\$2,689,573
Clinic Supplies	\$282,028	\$326,008
Payments to State**	\$202,692	\$216,951
Building/Occupancy Costs	\$249,754	\$173,623
Other: Insurance, Audit, etc.	\$183,694	\$157,990
Other Supplies	\$66,184	\$88,346
Equip/Equip Repair/Service	\$102,388	\$123,300
Transportation	\$34,843	\$28,589
Contractual Services	\$30,876	\$28,862
Training/Continuing Ed	\$6,306	\$4,442
Lab Expenses	\$4,213	\$4,214
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,857,657</b>	<b>\$3,841,898</b>
December 31 BALANCE	\$728,020	\$809,783

## PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING IN ALLEN COUNTY, 2019



## ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The health of Allen County residents depends upon the knowledge and vigilance of our public health workforce, which includes nurses, health educators, environmental health specialists, nutritionists, breastfeeding counselors, administrative and support personnel, a social worker and community health workers at Allen County Public Health. The activities of the public health work force are overseen by the Allen County Board of Health.

As established in Ohio law, the seven member Board of Health is our policy-making body with authority to adopt regulations and establish programs to promote public health within the district. Board members during 2019 included: Wilfred Ellis, MD, President, Eric Kerner, Vice President; Marva Cowan, Sherri Winegardner, Scott Shutt, Ross Kauffman and , Kevin Casey, DO.

Six of the Board members are appointed through the mayors, township trustees, and county commissioners of Allen County. The seventh member is a physician appointed by the other Board members. The Board meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, and meetings are open to the public.

# 2019 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2017	2018	2019
<b>Inspections</b>			
Water Systems	218	195	151
Sewage Systems	2,208	2,018	2,260
Recreational Camps/Parks	77	41	54
Manufactured Home Parks	40	31	29
Public Pools and Spas	116	125	122
Open Bathing Areas	5	8	9
Schools	100	114	107
Plumbing Systems	977	990	928
Food Service Operations	1,925	1,973	1,747
Food Vending	109	108	74
Tattoo/Body Piercing Service	37	37	36
<b>Investigations</b>			
Animal Bites	387	348	382
Environmental Complaints	475	552	250
Smoke-Free Complaints	11	30	22

Vital Statistics	2017	2018	2019
Births by County of Residence (Allen)	1,239	1,241	1,259
Deaths by County of Residence (Allen)	1,172	1,157	1,185
(2019 Data may not be complete)			

Vital Statistics	2017	2018	2019
Birth Certificates Issued	6,025	6,410	7,486
Death Certificates Issued	5,584	6,277	6,207

WIC PROGRAM	2017	2018	2019
MONTHLY CASELOAD	2,538	2,469	2,200
Women	607	600	557
Infants	814	817	764
Children	1,117	1,052	879

Prevention & Health Promotion	2017	2018	2019
Narcan Kits Distributed	219	298	316
Safe Sleep Spaces (cribs)	163	208	206
Moms & Babies First	1,116 visits	1,200 visits	85 clients
HIV Risk Assessments	n/a	n/a	373

Nursing Services	2017	2018	2019
<b>Immunizations Given</b>	<b>7,026</b>	<b>6,661</b>	<b>6,685</b>
Vaccines For Children	3,197	2,945	2,822
State Funded	180	176	320
Private Pay/Insurance	3,649	3,540	3,543
<b>Family Planning Visits</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,085</b>
New Patients	342	381	344
TB Skin Tests	798	801	798
CMH Caseload	630	617	614
Communicable Diseases	1,275	1,473	1,461

## Select Communicable Diseases

### Reported 2017-2019

