

2025 Annual Report



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An Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of Services Serving All Allen County Including the Cities of Lima & Delphos



MISSION:
To protect and promote
the health of Allen County

VISION:
Healthy people living, working, playing
and learning in a healthy environment



Pictured left to right:
David Pryer
Eric Kerner
G. Allen Bryant, MD
Wilfred Ellis, MD
Scott Shutt
Janis Sunderhaus
Claire Beckley, DO

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, administrative and support personnel at Allen County Public Health. The activities of the public health workforce are overseen by the Allen County Board of Health.

As established by 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 2025 included: Wilfred Ellis, MD, President; Eric Kerner, Vice President; Scott Shutt; G. Allen Bryant, MD; Janis Sunderhaus; David Pryer; and Claire Beckley, DO. Dr. Sherri Winegardner, Ph. D., and Ross Kauffman, Ph.D., also served the Board of Health in 2025, and ACPH thanks them for their service.

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.

2025 – A Year of Change

2025 was a year marked with several changes in operations at the agency. Changes in how grant funding was provided and the services that were covered impacted the agency greatly as there was an overall refocusing of priorities from the federal government.

Beyond these changes, the make up of the Board of Health changed with the departure of Drs. Sherri Winegardner and Ross Kauffman representing the Allen County District Advisory Council. These individuals were replaced by David Pryer and Dr. Claire Beckley.

After a number of years working off-site, our WIC clinic moved back into our main offices at 219 East Market Street over the summer.

Last, the CDC revised the childhood immunization schedule dramatically over the final weeks of 2025 and into the start of 2026.

Through all these changes, Allen County Public Health remains in place to assist the community in protecting and promoting the health and well-being of the citizens who live and work in the community.

While the funding streams, people, locations and recommendations may be different, we remain committed to providing you with a high level of service, access to immunizations that are safe, effective and prevent disease spread, and the knowledge necessary to protect and promote the health of you and those around you.

Brandon Fischer, MA, REHS
Health Commissioner



PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

| RECEIPTS | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| January 1 BALANCE | \$807,483 | \$962,889 |
| Grants & Contracts | \$2,606,104 | \$2,408,692 |
| Permit & Service Fees | \$1,073,115 | \$1,153,046 |
| Townships, Villages, & Cities | \$728,420 | \$728,420 |
| Medicaid/Insurance Reimb | \$626,344 | \$547,025 |
| State Subsidy | \$65,292 | \$65,466 |
| County Commissioners | \$38,341 | \$38,341 |
| TOTAL | \$5,137,616 | \$4,938,567 |
| BALANCE AND RECEIPTS | \$5,945,099 | \$5,903,879 |

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES

| EXPENSES | 2024 | 2025 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | \$3,582,445 | \$3,406,708 |
| Building/Occupancy Costs | \$297,372 | \$167,438 |
| Equip Service/ Repair | \$127,365 | \$93,270 |
| Environmental Services | \$170,967 | \$135,653 |
| Vitals Fees to State | \$155,189 | \$158,075 |
| Patient Ins. Reimb/Sundry Supplies | \$29,902 | \$344,889 |
| Grant Operation Expenses | \$560,195 | \$448,051 |
| Audit, Insurance | \$71,297 | \$74,960 |
| Clinic and General Supplies | \$383,842 | \$308,390 |
| TOTAL | \$5,378,574 | \$5,137,434 |
| December 31 BALANCE | \$962,889 | \$766,445 |

Nursing Services continue to offer quality, confidential and private family planning services to men and women in our Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic. Patients seen in our clinic receive a comprehensive physical examination as well as sexually-transmitted infection (STI) testing. Gynecological and contraceptive services are also provided. Immunizations are offered for children and adults by appointment. Our communicable disease nurses and epidemiologist investigated over 2,300 reportable diseases during 2025. Communicable disease staff follow up on each and every disease report that is received in order to decrease the spread of disease and protect the health of residents in our community.

Public Health

“The science and practice of protecting and improving the health of the community, as by preventive medicine, health education, control of communicable diseases, application of sanitary measures, and monitoring of environmental hazards.”

-The American Heritage Dictionary of Public Health

CMH, the Complex Medical Help program, is a health care program through the Ohio Department of Health that links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their child needs. Special health care needs may be caused by a condition a child is born with or develops later.

Diagnostic program:

CMH will help cover medical costs for diagnosis and establishing a plan of care for any child in Ohio age 21 or younger, including doctor visits with CMH an approved physician, testing, up to a 5-day hospital stay, and evaluations for therapy. Approvals last for 9 months.

Treatment Program:

Must have medical eligible diagnosis and be financially eligible.

Approvals last one year. CMH can help pay for doctor visits, meds, tests, medical equipment, surgeries, hospitalizations, therapies etc.

| Nursing Services | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Immunizations Given | 6,030 | 5,850 | 5,814 |
| Vaccines For Children | 2,609 | 2,359 | 2,257 |
| State Funded | 233 | 209 | 217 |
| Private Pay/Insurance | 3,031 | 2,282 | 3,340 |
| | | | |
| Family Planning Visits | 882 | 1,240 | 1,172 |
| New Patients | 302 | n/a | 404 |
| | | | |
| TB Skin Tests | 702 | 733 | 931 |
| | | | |
| CMH Caseload | 739 | 601 | 762 |
| CMH Contacts | n/a | n/a | 4,446 |
| *data source previously n/a | | | |
| Communicable Diseases | 5,426 | 3,814 | 2,305 |

The **Environmental Health Services Area**

is charged with protecting residents from public health nuisance conditions and hazards.

Environmental Services help protect our water, air, food and other resources from contamination while protecting the health of our residents. They have legal authority to enforce standards for sanitation and safety in housing, businesses, and public places.

Activities in these programs are conducted by Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3776. REHS are environmental health professionals who apply specialized knowledge and skills in the discipline of environmental health. Their challenge is to protect people from harm and illness that come from the environment. REHS possess the unique ability to link the science of public health with environmental health and protection.

Environmental Health Specialists and our Certified Plumbing Inspector conducted over 5,000 field inspections or consultations in 2025 in order to assure compliance with applicable sections of Ohio law. All the various types of inspections and investigations are shown in the table to the right.

| Environmental | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Inspections | | | |
| Water Systems | 204 | 167 | 156 |
| Sewage Systems | 1,779 | 1,522 | 1,291 |
| Recreational Camps/Parks | 28 | 30 | 31 |
| Manufactured Home Parks | 24 | 33 | 35 |
| Public Pools and Spas | 160 | 157 | 154 |
| Open Bathing Areas | 8 | 11 | 10 |
| Schools | 94 | 110 | 94 |
| Plumbing Systems | 779 | 730 | 920 |
| Food Service Operations | 1,665 | 2,064 | 1,697 |
| Food Vending | 134 | 75 | 51 |
| Tattoo/Body Piercing Service | 36 | 30 | 45 |
| | | | |
| Investigations | | | |
| Animal Bites | 332 | 293 | 270 |
| Environmental Complaints | 222 | 460 | 240 |
| Smoke-Free Complaints | 6 | 7 | 18 |

| Vital Statistics | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Births by County of Residence | 1,203 | 1,263 | 1,244 |
| Deaths by County of Residence | 1,178 | 1,204 | 1,180 |
| (*2025 Data may not be complete) | | | |

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Birth Certificates Issued | 5,601 | 5,272 | 6,214 |
| Death Certificates Issued | 6,186 | 6,369 | 6,729 |

The **Vital Statistics Service Area** can provide birth and death certificates as long as the following conditions are met:

- Individual was born in the state of Ohio from December 1908 to present
- Individual died in an Ohio County (not Allen) from 1971 to present; and/or
- Individual died in Allen County in 1908 to present
- For birth certificates you must have: full name at birth, date of birth, and parents' names (including mother's maiden name)
- For death certificates you must have: full name at time of death & date of death

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Prevention and Health Promotion Services provide programs that promote good health and reduce harm in our community. Programs and services available include:

- Creating Healthy Communities: Activities that encourage healthy eating and active living.
- Portable crib distribution to qualifying families to provide a safe sleep space for infants.
- Naloxone kit distribution to prevent death from an opiate overdose.
- Risk Assessment, contact tracing and providing education to slow the spread of HIV and syphilis.



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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Narcan Kits Distributed | 2,160 | 2,519 | 3,351 |
| Safe Sleep Spaces (cribs) | 337 | 314 | 314 |
| HIV Risk Assessments | 350 | 493 | 555 |



Department of Health

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Program) is a nutrition education program.

WIC provides nutritious foods that promote good health for pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants, and children up to age 5.

Who is eligible for WIC?

- Pregnant Women
- Breastfeeding Women (up to 1 year)
- Postpartum Women (up to 6 months)
- Infants
- Children Under 5

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| MONTHLY CASELOAD | 2,029 | 1,955 | 1,879 |
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| Children | 1,047 | 991 | 934 |

To qualify for services you must:

- Live in Ohio
- Meet WIC Income Guidelines
- Have certain nutritional or health risks

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Allen County Public Health Lima, Ohio

Reaccredited November 13, 2025

Meeting the national standards of public health department performance



Joneigh S. Khaldun
MD, MPH, FACEP
*President and
Chief Executive Officer*



Bruce Dart
*Chair,
Accreditation Committee*

In 2025, Allen County Public Health successfully achieved reaccreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for another five years. Allen County Public Health has demonstrated that it meets PHAB's quality standards and measures and has the capacity to continue to evolve, improve and advance to continue improving the health of the residents of Allen County.

The non-profit PHAB works to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB's accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

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