



Wood County
Health Department

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our mission is to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of everyone in Wood County.

2020 marked the Wood County Health Department's 100-year anniversary and the beginning of COVID-19, which is rivaled in its severity by only the 1918 pandemic. Since the first local cases were identified in March, the Health Department has:

- Provided reliable data on impacts throughout Wood County
- Educated the public how to prevent COVID-19
- Provided resources and guidance to help business and schools.
- Promoted and provided testing for COVID-19
- Coordinated a vaccine campaign with dozens of partners and hundreds of volunteers to provide immunization opportunities

The Health Department also continued to provide essential medical care through our Community Health Center, protected the county's food and water, and ensured women and children had access to nutritious food.

The commitment of Wood County residents to following the public health guidelines throughout the pandemic and the strong vaccination rates, especially among those at great risk for adverse outcomes, have positioned Wood County to continue to recover from COVID. Crises reveal character, and this pandemic has demonstrated the great care and concern for one another that exist in our communities.

I want to again express our sincere appreciation to our Wood County voters for passing the health department levy. We recognize the significance of your support, especially in these trying times. These funds will help us to ensure public health remains strong both now and in the years to come.

Thank you!

Public health is not the sole practice of the health department. Rather, it is the result of the combined efforts of every sector – education, industry, community organizations, volunteer groups, and communities of faith – working together to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be healthy. It is a privilege to see public health at work in Wood County, and we are honored to serve as your health department.



Benjamin Robison
Wood County Health Commissioner



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2020 Board of Health

The 10-member Board of Health, in addition to appointing the Health Commissioner, oversees the Wood County Health Department to protect and promote the health of people in Wood County. The board typically meets at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Health Department, located at 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green. For contact information and meeting minutes, go to www.woodcountyhealth.org/about-us



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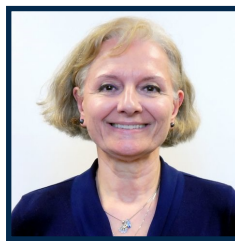
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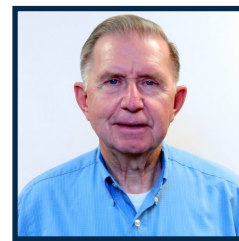
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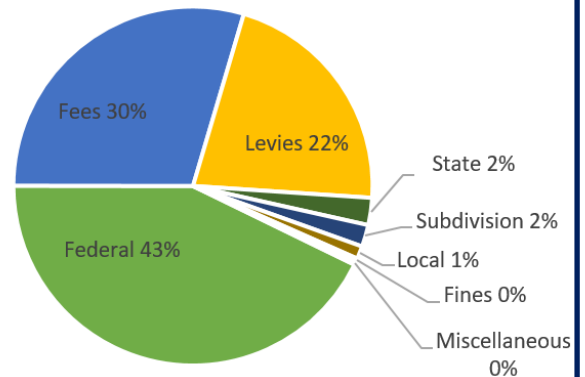
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Finance and Grants

Cash Receipts

Fees	\$2,190,978.09
Levies	\$1,592,916.92
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	\$3,174,754.72
State	\$181,144.07
Local	\$85,945.77
Subdivision	\$146,250.00
Fines	\$24,527.00
Miscellaneous	\$19,495.87
Total Cash Receipts	\$7,416,012.44

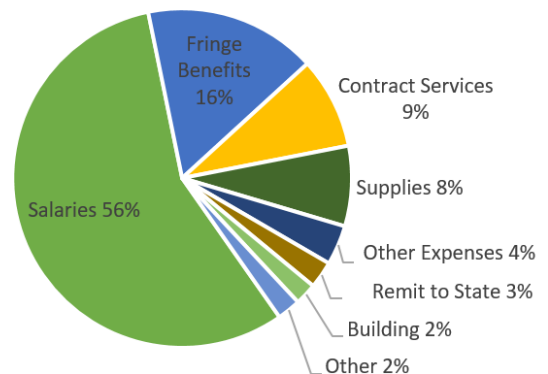
2020 Sources of Revenue



Cash Disbursements

Salaries	\$3,403,107.52
Fringe Benefits	\$989,140.07
Supplies	\$461,411.05
Contract Services	\$525,020.12
Travel	\$22,096.23
Advertising and Printing	\$40,222.33
Equipment	\$42,315.23
Other Expenses	\$228,497.61
Remit to State	\$155,561.70
Building	\$125,414.00
Worker's Compensation	\$29,579.99
Total Cash Disbursements	\$6,022,365.85

2020 Expenses



**Above information is based on unaudited financial figures*



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While the health levy provides essential support, and fees help us offset program costs, grants are another important source of revenue. Last year, numerous activities were supported by grants, including COVID-19 response, health care, mosquito surveillance and immunization education.

- Get Vaccinated Ohio: **\$43,003** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Mosquito Control: **\$17,500** from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- WPCLF Sewage Replacement: **\$148,029** from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness: **\$134,361** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness: **\$136,786** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Women Infants and Children: **\$346,651** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Reproductive Health and Wellness: **\$68,736** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Ohio Primary Care Workforce Initiative: **\$22,738** from Ohio Association of Community Health Centers.
- Federally Qualified Health Center: **\$1,254,452** from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Coronavirus supplemental funding for Health Centers: **\$42,730** from HRSA.
- Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding: **\$411,755** from HRSA.
- Expanded Capacity for Coronavirus Testing: **\$24,911** from HRSA.
- Coronavirus Response: **\$474,150** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- COVID-19 Contact Tracing: **\$98,688** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Coordination for Disaster Preparedness Mini-Grant: **\$7,500** from the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio.
- Medical Reserve Corps: **\$5,855** from the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

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2020 Vital Statistics

Hospital births	275
Home births	7
Birth certificates issued	2,367
Deaths	1,307
Death certificates issued	



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100 Years of Public Health in Wood County

The Wood County Board of Health met for the first time on Jan. 20, 1920, after legislation established municipal and general health districts across Ohio to ensure that the state could effectively respond to public health crises. View highlights from the last 100 years here:

<https://woodcountyhealth.org/Documents/WCHD%20centennial%20history%201-30-20.pdf>

Wood County Health Department celebrated its 100-year anniversary in January 2020. Historical displays promoted major accomplishments in public health over the last century. A short program included remarks from Ned Baker, who began a long and accomplished public health career in Wood County in the 1950s; Benjamin Batey, then Wood County Health Commissioner; and Philip Welch, associate professor and graduate coordinator of Bowling Green State University's Department of Public & Allied Health.



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100 years protecting public health



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2020 Highlights by Division



- We began offering a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, which combines medication with counseling and behavioral therapies to effectively treat addiction to smoking, drinking and other drugs. We have several specialists who are specifically trained to help with addiction.
- We welcomed two new providers, Dr. John Coates and Nurse Practitioner Sally Royston. Dr. Coates has practiced in the Bowling Green area for nearly 20 years. Sally Royston is a long-time registered nurse and has 10 years of experience as a nurse practitioner. Both are accepting new patients for primary care and chronic disease management. Sally is also a member of our MAT team. To schedule an appointment call 419-354-9049.
- We began offering telehealth visits and curbside prescription service through our on-site pharmacy to help our patients stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Health Center continued to be a place for individuals to seek care for dental emergencies.
- When possible, staff worked from home where they continued to have access to electronic health records to assist patients.
- We successfully demonstrated compliance with all Health Center Program requirements via a virtual site visit with the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.





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- While Wood County was shut down, we continued to conduct in-person inspections to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. This included food services, public swimming pools, private sewage and water systems, body art facilities, campgrounds and housing.
- We presented the 2020 Clean Plate Award to 33 food services that met strict guidelines to qualify for the award. They were honored for their food safety efforts in 2020 by submitting photos showing off their awards. These were made into a video shared with public and members of the Wood County Board of Health. We are thankful for our Wood County operators who strive for safe food for their customers!
- Two new staff members came on board just before and during the pandemic: Cindi Dennis (sanitarian) and Taylor Hall (environmental clerical staff member). Training posed quite a challenge with virtual meetings and distancing, but these two really stepped into their roles and have proven to be assets to the division, and to the Health Department as a whole.
- Wood County was awarded \$250,000 of H2Ohio funds for the repair or replacement of failing septic systems. These funds were offered by the Ohio EPA in addition to \$150,000 that was applied for and received through the Water Pollution Control Fund Act. This program has served more than 30 families since we first received funding in 2016.
- Our staff completed all mandated inspections despite many hours dedicated to pandemic response. The Environmental Health Division continues to assist with COVID-19 compliance complaints and investigations, and testing and vaccination efforts.
- Despite the pandemic, we were able to continue important partnerships including mosquito surveillance with BGSU; storm and septic investigations with the Wood County Engineer; sanitary sewer connections with various providers including Northwestern Water and Sewer District; and numerous joint efforts with Wood County Building Inspection, Job and Family Services, and local police, fire, zoning, and state partners such as the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.





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- Our division put into practice much of the training and exercises we perform every year to prepare for potential public health emergencies. Each division of the Health Department has supported aspects of our local COVID-19 response. This has included providing guidance and support for businesses and schools, information for individuals to make decisions about their health during the pandemic, and facilitating COVID-19 testing, performing contact tracing to reduce the spread of illness, and spearheading a robust community campaign with our partners to offer vaccination opportunities to the Wood County community.





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**Women, Infants &
Children (WIC)**

- WIC staff served Wood County participants every day with regularly scheduled hours. There were no closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We did have to adapt and provided curbside services in order to keep our staff and participants safe while we continued to help provide adequate food for their families.
- WIC also transitioned into a new computer system and new equipment in May of 2020. We also moved back home to the Health Department in September where we now reside in the clinic setting providing a one stop shop for nutrition education, medical and dental care.
- In 2020, we had 4,409 visits with participants, 943 walk-in visits and carried a caseload of 1,044.





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Contact us

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