



Wood County Health Department

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Wood County Health Department

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

I'm always proud to present Wood County Health Department's Annual Report, because it gives the public so much information about our programs and services. Our ultimate goal is to help Wood County become the healthiest in Ohio, and we're committed to getting there despite any challenges that might stand in the way.

Among many other projects, we spent part of 2018 updating our Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. Simply put, the assessment measures the health of our Wood County community, and the plan outlines the many strategies that the health department and other agencies will take to improve people's health over the next three years. This plan focuses on two main priorities: mental health and addiction, and chronic disease, including obesity. You can read more about these documents later in this report.



We also expanded the health department's footprint last year to add a five-chair dental expansion to our Community Health Center. We have welcomed a chief dental officer, Dr. Vipul Singhal, who is working quickly to get things up and running. I'm thrilled that our team has been able to finally address one of Wood County's greatest unmet health needs.

Last and certainly not least, we updated the health department's image with a new logo and branding materials. The logo, with individual shades of blue and green, helps represent the four main divisions of the health department, which was previously known as Wood County Health District. We have been pleased with these updates to our appearance and hope you like the new look as well.

Although this report contains lots of information, it can't possibly express every detail of what we do to protect and promote public health in Wood County. Please don't hesitate to contact us or visit www.WoodCountyHealth.org if you have a question or would like to learn more.

Wishing you the best of health,

Benjamin Batey, RN, BSN, MPH
Wood County Health Commissioner



Wood County Health Department

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 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the health department, located at 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green. Prior to board meetings, the Finance Committee meets at 5 p.m., followed by the Personnel Committee at 5:30 p.m. For contact information and meeting minutes, go to www.WoodCountyHealth.org/boh/board.html



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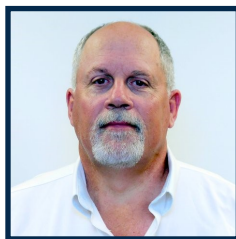
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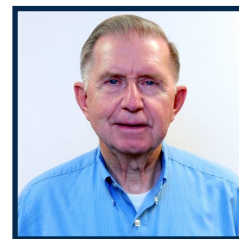
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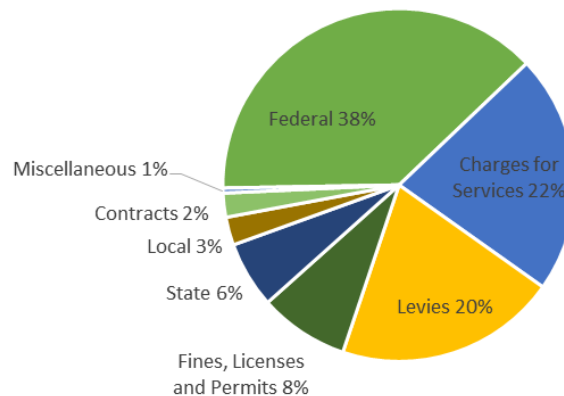
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Finance and Grants

Cash Receipts

Levies	\$1,296,268.49
Charges for Services	\$1,395,313.56
Fines, Licenses and Permits	\$523,664.57
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	\$2,429,292.83
State	\$387,694.36
Local	\$163,922.45
Contracts	\$139,901.00
Miscellaneous	\$28,955.97
Total Cash Receipts	\$6,365,013.23

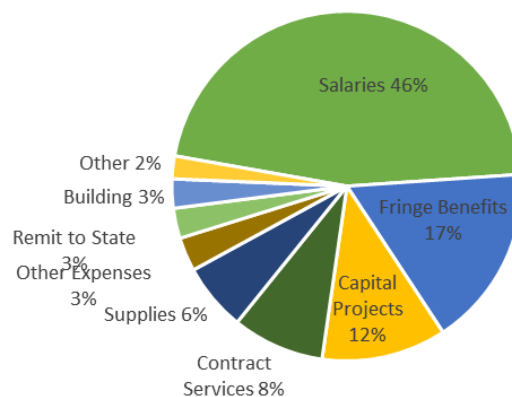
2018 Sources of Revenue



Cash Disbursements

Salaries	\$2,488,203.94
Fringe Benefits	\$907,249.24
Supplies	\$336,692.53
Contract Services	\$459,380.80
Travel	\$41,544.95
Advertising and Printing	\$23,075.01
Capital Projects	\$621,889.61
Equipment	\$24,604.74
Other Expenses	\$169,528.24
Remit to State	\$150,529.62
Building	\$145,268.54
Worker's Compensation	\$24,512.53
Total Cash Disbursements	\$5,392,479.75

2018 Expenses





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Finance and Grants

While the health levy provides essential support for much of what the health department does, and fees help us offset program costs, grants are another important source of revenue. Last year, numerous activities were supported by grants, including emergency planning, nutrition, mosquito surveillance and immunization education. Here's what we received in 2018:

- Immunization Action Plan: **\$45,025.61** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Mosquito Control: **\$18,500** from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- State Subsidy: **\$62,295** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- WPCLF Sewage Replacement: **\$93,835.06** from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness: **\$119,355.13** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness: **\$82,043.48** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Women Infants and Children: **\$370,698.24** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Registrar: **\$10,820.07** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Reproductive Health and Wellness: **\$85,006.27** from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Ohio Primary Care Workforce Initiative: **\$29,537** from the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers.
- Federally Qualified Health Center: **\$990,239.96** from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Dental Expansion: **\$626,733.52** from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Child and Family Health Services: **\$54,574.14** from the Ohio Department of Health.



2018 Vital Statistics

Hospital births	326
Home births	15
Birth certificates issued	2,506
Deaths	1,307
Death certificates issued	5,956
Burial permits issued	433



Wood County Health Department Community Health Center

We provide health care services for the entire family. We accept Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. The health center is a Federally Qualified Health Center. Many fees are based on household size and income. Behavioral health is part of our patients' primary care, and the health center has added dental services and has an on-site pharmacy. We can help you apply for insurance and other programs to help pay for care, including prescriptions. The health center is governed by the Wood County Community Health Center Co-Applicant Board.

2018 Highlights

For years, dental services has been consistently identified as one of the top unmet health needs in Wood County. We expanded the health center's footprint in 2018 to add a five-chair, 2,050-square-foot dental clinic that will increase opportunities for people to address their oral health.



We also began having a morning huddle last year, which helps our staff build team culture, improve communication and plan for patients who may require extra attention. Huddles help our team provide the best care possible to our patients by proactively and efficiently working together throughout the day. We also added a new behavioral health specialist, and mental health services are now integrated into patients' routine care in coordination with the rest of our health care team.

As our services have grown, so has our need to share information about who we are and what we do. We've increased our outreach efforts, connecting with more than

1,000 people during 2018 and visiting events like farmers markets, fairs and festivals. We also upped our media advertising to make sure everyone learns about the great services we offer.

Finally, in 2018 we continued several projects focused on our patients' needs. Our on-site pharmacist is a member of the health care team, having immediate access to health care providers. Together they work with patients to make sure they are taking and can afford their medications.

“At the Community Health Center, patients join our team and are at the center of their care.”

-Diane Krill, CEO





Wood County Health Department **Community Health Center**

As a public entity, Wood County Board of Health collaborates with the Wood County Community Health Center Co-Applicant Board to oversee operations of the Community Health Center. The health center board meets at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the board room of the Wood County Health Department. Meetings are open to the public.

Members of the health center board include George Ferguson, Thomas Hammett, Ruthann House, Joanne Navin, Denise Niese, Stephen Meredith, Sharon Schaeffer, Mark Sperry, Robert Walker and Cora Zickel.

2018 Grants

\$1,014,543 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. Project period is Nov. 1, 2013 to Jan. 31, 2022. The program provides comprehensive health care services to entire families regardless of income level or insurance coverage. All services are provided based on ability to pay through a sliding fee benefit program.



Health Resources and Services Administration FY 2018 Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services funding. This funding allows health centers to expand mental health and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention and awareness of opioid abuse.

Health Resources and Services Administration Quality Improvement Grant. Health centers receive these funds to continue improving their services based upon high levels of performance in one or more of the following categories: Improving Quality of Care, Increasing Access to Care, Enhancing Delivery of High Value Health Care, Addressing Health Disparities, and Achieving Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition.



\$145,569 from the Ohio Department of Health Reproductive Health and Wellness Program. An important goal of the RHWP in Ohio is to improve the overall health and well-being of women and men by promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging the establishment of a reproductive life plan. Priority is given to those with low incomes and those with no insurance or insurance that does not cover reproductive health services. Fees for services are based on family size and income, and no one is denied services if they cannot pay. There is no residency requirement to receive services.



\$824,997 from the Health Resources and Services Administration Health Infrastructure Investment Grant Program. Project period is May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019. This program funds existing health center program grantees to increase their patient volume by providing more health services in one location to help better meet the needs of the community. This funding has been used to build an addition to the health center to begin offering dental health services.



Wood County Health Department **Environmental Health**



Wood County Health Department's sanitarians include (back row, left to right) **Jennifer Campos**, sewage, water and institutions; **Sheila Nash**, sewage and water; **Jodi Cline**, food; **Matt Vaillant**, sewage operation and maintenance and county housing; (front row) **Kendra Wise**, food, campgrounds, bathing beaches and Bowling Green housing; **Jillan Bodey**, food, pools and body art; and **Julie Nye**, food and pools.

2018 Highlights



For the third year we offered financial assistance to Wood County homeowners with failing septic systems through the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. This program will cover 50 to 100 percent of the replacement cost to homeowners (or tap to sanitary sewer when applicable), depending on financial status. Since 2016, the program has helped 28 homeowners.



The Property Improvement Permit Program, which began last year, allows us to verify through records and inspections that any proposed new construction, remodeling or demolition on a property does not negatively impact existing wells or septic systems. This is also part of an Operation and Maintenance Program that has been mandated by the Ohio Department of Health, possible through a partnership with Wood County Building Inspection. We worked out details with Wood County Building Inspection, then invited township trustees to an informational meeting in 2018.



The division completed a quality improvement project in 2018 involving water sampling at licensed food service operations with private water supplies. The project found all sources to be within drinking water standards for bacteria. It also allowed operators to further protect their water sources by replacing broken or improper well caps and following other recommendations of our sanitarians.



Wood County Health Department **Environmental Health**

Food Safety Program

The Environmental Health Division is responsible for the licensing and inspection of roughly 850 food service operations and retail food establishments. Fairs, festivals and special events added another 149 inspections in 2018. The division staff also investigates consumer complaints and suspected foodborne illness outbreaks. Education is an important part of this mandated inspection program because it helps ensure that food operators understand the importance of safe food handling. The Ohio State University Extension Wood County office has been a



Kendra Wise participates in food inspection training offered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

valuable partner, offering required food safety programs for area food service operators. Our sanitarians participate in these trainings by offering information about the local health department. In 2018, the division offered the Clean Plate Award to 30 food service operations. The recipients have shown dedication to consistently safe food handling and have met stringent requirements.



2018 Clean Plate Award recipients

Mosquito Surveillance

2018 was the third year that the Environmental Health Division has applied for and received mosquito control funds from the Ohio EPA. This money is used for education and outreach, as well as mosquito surveillance, which is performed through a partnership with the Bowling Green State University's Department of Biological Sciences. Dan Pavuk, along with student interns, trapped and submitted 11,325 mosquitoes during the 2018 mosquito season using equipment provided by the Ohio Department of Health and purchased with Ohio EPA funds. The mosquitoes were pooled into 197 testing batches, 34 of which tested positive for West Nile Virus. The virus was detected in June, which is earlier than normal. This allowed us to share information using social media, press releases and radio advertising, reminding people of ways to discourage mosquito breeding and prevent mosquito bites. The Environmental Health Division continues to offer mosquito larvicide to homeowners with standing water problems.



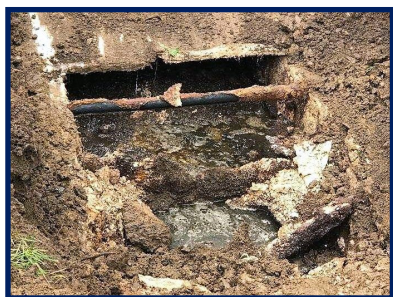
Wood County Health Department **Environmental Health**



A new private well is installed.

Private Water and Home Sewage Treatment System Program

This program allows our staff to work directly with homeowners. It is estimated that roughly 20 percent of Wood County households are on private water and/or sewage treatment systems. Homeowner education, proper location and design, permitting, inspection and enforcement are all necessary to protect public health and prevent contamination of our waterways and drinking water.



A collapsed septic tank.



A dye test confirms raw sewage surfacing above ground.



Final inspection of a new septic system.

Recreational Programs



A sanitarian uses a kit to test a pool.

Inspections of all public pools, spas and special-use pools in Wood County are done twice each year to help ensure a safe swimming environment for residents and guests. This program offered its fourth-annual pool operator training in 2018. This free class provides basic pool operation and regulatory information for those who attend. Pool inspection staff work closely with the Ohio Department of Health on new construction and renovations. ODH surveys the program annually to confirm compliance as an approved health district.

Compliance inspections are also conducted annually at all campgrounds. Temporary campgrounds are inspected during the event. The National Tractor Pull in August is the largest temporary campground with more than 2,100 sites in 2018.



Wood County Health Department Environmental Health

Housing Program

We provide inspection of housing from a public nuisance perspective using our local housing code. The Environmental Health Division continues to provide survey and complaint response under contract with the city of Bowling Green. We work closely with local officials in this program, where services can sometimes overlap.

Training

Providing our staff with current training remains a priority of the Environmental Health Division. Sanitarians participated in-field trainings provided by the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Agriculture food safety staff per request of the division. We regularly hosts in-house training in partnership with local agencies as well as other health departments. In 2018, various staff members had training opportunities in food safety, smoke-free workplaces, animal bites and rabies, septic systems and wells, and overall environmental enforcement updates. These opportunities provide our staff with program updates, allow for sharing of ideas and help achieve consistent and beneficial services to the public, as well as our regulated community. Monthly division staff meetings are also used to share and discuss information.



Water sampling.



By the numbers...

Private Water System (PWS) and Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Program

Water tests	214
PWS permits	41
PWS alteration permits	15
PWS sealing permits	12
Point of sale inspections	19
New HSTS permits	37
HSTS alteration permits	19
HSTS replacement permits	31
Site evaluations	87
HSTS soil evaluations	34
HSTS design	39
Point of sale HSTS	8
Operation and maintenance permits	150
Licensed septage hauler vehicles	28
Licensed HSTS installers	30
Licensed septic service providers	7

Food Program

Licenses issued	677
Mobile licenses issued	56
Temporary licenses	149
Vending locations	108
Micro-markets	30
FSO/RFE plan reviews	66
Mobile plan reviews	15

Recreation Program

Permanent campgrounds	7
Temporary campgrounds	3
Swimming pools and spas	91
Bathing beaches	3

Other services

Animal bites or exposure	232
Licensed body art facilities	12
Bowling Green housing inspections	225
County housing inspections	100
School inspections	43
Jail inspections	6



Wood County Health Department **Health Promotion & Preparedness**



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Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

A New Look

We freshened up our image in 2018 and reverted to the name many still know us by – the health department. Starting in the fall of 2017, we worked with Bowling Green State University design students to come up with ideas for a new logo. One of those students, Zach Nelson, then worked with us as an intern and helped refine our concept.

The new logo includes shades of blue and green, and an icon with sections that represent each of the health department's four main divisions. We spent the spring redesigning all of our documents, forms and other branded materials to share our new look with the community. We hope you like it!

Planning for a Healthy Future

Every three years, we perform a Community Health Assessment of local health data and trends and come up with a new plan of how we're going to impact the items that our community decides should be a priority. In 2018 we created an updated Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. This process identified chronic disease and mental health as Wood County's two general areas of focus. Both documents are available at www.WoodCountyHealth.org under Reports and Publications.

This project is in partnership with Wood County Hospital, as well as many other agencies and organizations that coordinate or provide health-related services in Wood County.

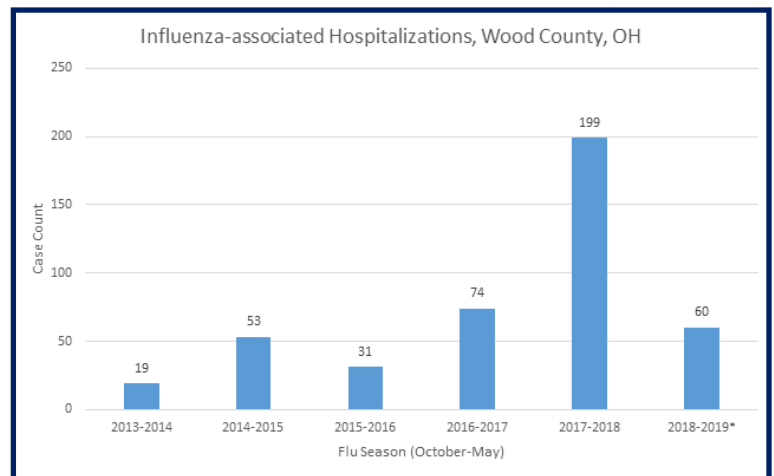




Wood County Health Department Health Promotion & Preparedness

2018-2019 Flu Season

Fortunately, 2019's influenza season has been more mild than what we saw in 2018. Starting in January 2019, there was a slow but steady increase in influenza-like illnesses as well as outpatient and hospitalized influenza cases. Don't forget that because flu season typically continues into April or May, it's usually never too late to get a flu shot. Cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often and stay home if you are sick.



Emergency Preparedness

We help Wood County prevent, prepare for and respond to health-related emergencies by creating local plans and partnerships. We are also the regional public health emergency preparedness coordinator for Northwest Ohio, serving as a link between 17 other local health departments and the Ohio Department of Health. Every year we organize and participate in emergency preparedness exercises that help test our plans and response capabilities.

Medical Reserve Corps

In an emergency, local resources get called upon first. Wood County's Medical Reserve Corps is made up of volunteers who have a wide range of experience and skills. As a member, you can help bolster our emergency planning and response capabilities.

With our MRC unit, you will be part of an organized and trained team. No special skills or medical experience are required as long as you're 18 years old, and roles can be tailored to take advantage of your own background. For more details or to apply, go to <http://woodcountyhealth.org/ep/mrc.html>.



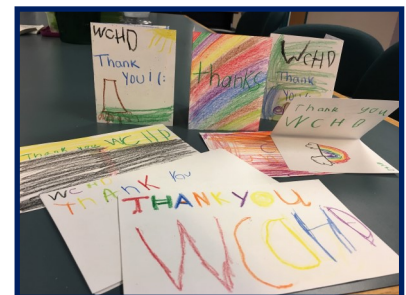


Wood County Health Department Health Promotion & Preparedness



Community Outreach

We pride ourselves on staying in touch with the Wood County community and offering information about our services at many fairs, festivals, farmers markets and other events. Last year we added a handful of holiday parades as a way of promoting our services and the dental expansion we added to the Community Health Center. Watch for us again this summer and fall – we may have mosquito repellent, hand sanitizer or other giveaways that help us emphasize the importance of healthy behaviors.



Immunizations

Vaccine-preventable disease levels in the United States are at or near record lows, but this is not the case around the world. Even though most infants and toddlers in the United States have received all recommended vaccines by age 2, many under-immunized children remain, creating the possibility of disease outbreaks.

Children who have not had all of their infant immunizations are at risk for getting these diseases from the people who care for them. Many teens and adults are missing the chance to protect not only themselves, but also children under the age of two against deadly diseases such as Hepatitis B, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza and pneumococcal disease.

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about the vaccines recommended for their age. If they do not offer immunizations, contact Wood County Health Department at 419-354-8402.



Wood County Health Department **Women, Infants & Children (WIC)**

WIC is a nutrition education program that provides foods that promote good health for income-eligible pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants and children up to age 5. Research shows that breastfeeding provides a healthy nutritional foundation for infants to grow and thrive, and WIC plays an important role in fostering and supporting breastfeeding. A breastfeeding peer helper is always available by phone to WIC participants with any breastfeeding issues. In 2018, we had 4,623 visits with clients and carried a total caseload of 1,158 participants.

Did you know?

- WIC helps pregnant women see doctors earlier and receive timely prenatal care.
- WIC children are better immunized, have better vocabulary and are more likely to have a regular source of health care.
- Children ages 2-4 who participate in WIC are less likely to be obese.
- WIC participation improves the length of pregnancy and birth weight, improves the diets of women and children, and reduces late fetal deaths.



WIC is located at 639 S. Dunbridge Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Satellite clinics are available three days per month in Northwood and one day per month in North Baltimore.

2018 Highlights

Working parents told us that early morning and evening appointments would be helpful, so the WIC office in Bowling Green expanded its hours. Tuesday hours now start at 8 a.m. and continue until 7 p.m. We also no longer close for lunch and can serve clients all day.

In 2018, WIC completed the first full year of a hospital visitation program in partnership with Wood County Hospital's Family Birthing Center. The WIC breastfeeding coordinator and breastfeeding peer visit new moms up to three times per week, depending on their needs.

With a laptop, we can help moms complete the entire certification process at the hospital, so they can leave with full WIC benefits loaded onto their nutrition cards. This helps moms enjoy the first few days at home with their babies, without having to make an appointment. Of the 109 moms we saw last year, 62 were breastfeeding and 37 were WIC participants. Our efforts to promote and support breastfeeding moms and babies have been successful, as the breastfeeding rate grew from 37 percent to 46 percent in 2018.

We partnered with OSU Extension to offer a Cooking Matters class last June and July. WIC participants were able to take six weeks of cooking classes, where they prepared a meal and learned how to budget and make the most of their benefits. They also took home a free bag of groceries so they could cook for their families the meal they learned about each week. WIC participants also got \$20 per family in coupons to use at farmers markets and learned new ways to use fresh produce.

Our Programs



We provide health care services for the entire family. We accept Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. The health center is a Federally Qualified Health Center. Many fees are based on household size and income. Behavioral health is part of our patients' primary care, and the health center has added dental services and has an on-site pharmacy. We can help you apply for insurance and other programs to help pay for care, including prescriptions. The health center is governed by the Wood County Community Health Center Co-Applicant Board.



Food Safety Program

This program includes licensing food service operations, retail food establishments, and mobile and temporary food facilities to make sure they are following the food safety code. Sanitarians inspect the facilities and investigate complaints. This includes complaints of food safety, improper food handling and possible food-related illnesses. If necessary, legal action is taken against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. The division takes pride in educating food service operators and other groups on the importance of food safety. License fees are set to cover the cost of the program using a method set by state rules. The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture regularly review and approve the food program.

Public Swimming Pool, Spa, Special Use Pool Program; Campground/Temporary Campground Program

All public pools, spas, special-use pools, campgrounds and temporary campgrounds are licensed and inspected for compliance with the Ohio Administrative Code. Complaint investigations are also conducted, and legal action is taken as necessary against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. These programs are approved through regular surveys conducted by the Ohio Department of Health.

Animal Bite and Rabies Prevention Program

State rules require law enforcement, animal control

and health care employees report all animal bites to the health department. To make sure no one was exposed to rabies, the division makes sure the biting animal is quarantined, has had a rabies vaccine and/or is tested. This program is funded with levy dollars.

School Inspection Program

All K-12 schools in Wood County are inspected biannually per the Ohio Administrative Code. Although this is required, the program is unfunded and relies on levy dollars.

County Housing and General Nuisances Programs

Inspections are conducted on a complaint basis. Orders are issued for properties that do not comply with the Wood County Housing Code. This program is funded with levy dollars.

City of Bowling Green Housing Program

This program is funded and conducted according to a contract with the City of Bowling Green. Both complaint inspections and routine exterior housing surveys are a part of this program.

Private Drinking Water and Home Sewage Treatment System Program

All private water and home sewage treatment systems are permitted through the Environmental Health Division. Permit fees are set to cover the cost of the program using a method set by state rules. The division is responsible for ensuring that all work on these systems is done in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code. The program includes new and replacement septic design and installation approval, and nuisance complaint investigations. It also includes registering and inspecting septage haulers, sewer contractors and water haulers. New water systems are inspected and approved. When needed, sanitarians will sample water or wastewater effluent. The Ohio Department of Health routinely reviews and approves the program.

Part of this program is to ensure that home sewage treatment systems are properly maintained. This is done by complaint inspections, real estate transfer inspections, and with the property improvement program, designed to ensure that new additions, and buildings do not infringe on existing water or sewage treatment systems. The division provides an annual sewage contractor meeting each December, which allows contractors to get required continuing education credits.

Body Art Program

All facilities that perform tattoos or piercings are licensed and inspected as required by Ohio Administrative Code. Tattooing includes permanent cosmetics. Only piercings done with a disposable piercing gun are exempt from licensing, but those must abide by standards set forth in the code. License fees are determined by a state prescribed cost methodology and cover administrative costs.

Bathing Beach Program

This program ensures safety and water-quality standards are met based on a local code. Program fees are based on cost methodology.

Institutions and Jails

The Environmental Health Division conducts annual sanitation inspections of jails and local police holding facilities. This program is funded with levy dollars.

Smoke-Free Workplace Enforcement

Investigations are conducted per agreement with the Ohio Department of Health based on complaints to ODH. Partial program costs are reimbursed by ODH.



Wood County Health Department

Health Promotion & Preparedness

Children with Medical Handicaps Program

This is an Ohio Department of Health program that links families of children with special health needs to a network of quality providers. It also helps families who meet medical and financial eligibility criteria pay for the services their children need. CMH's mission is to assure, through the development and support of high-quality, coordinate systems, that children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family centered, community based and culturally sensitive.

Immunization Program

We offer vaccines to insured and uninsured children ages 0-18 whose doctors don't offer them.

Immunization Action Plan Program

This grant from the Ohio Department of Health is meant to raise and maintain childhood and adolescent immunization rates and reduce coverage disparities by race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status. It allows a registered nurse to conduct an assessment and feedback of vaccination rates for providers in Wood County, and provides funds for educational sessions with provider offices to offer techniques to assist in

improving vaccination rates. All providers in Wood County are eligible for this program.

Infectious Disease

This program helps prevent and reduce disease transmission through a system of surveillance, control and education. Certain reportable communicable diseases are required by law to be reported to the local health department. Disease investigation and prevention of outbreaks are an important part of protecting the public's health.

Health Promotion

This program provides information about health risks, health behaviors, prevention and wellness. This can come in the form of news releases, social media posts and radio interviews. Examples include chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, depression and addiction.

Emergency Preparedness

This program provides opportunities for planning and preparing for public health emergencies such as outbreaks and manmade or natural disasters. This can include trainings and supply stockpiling. This program also provides infectious disease investigations and epidemiology. Wood County is also the regional emergency preparedness coordinator for 18 local health departments in Northwest Ohio.

Branding and Outreach

This program educates the public on important health topics and shares information about the mission of public health. It also works to make people aware of our roles, processes, programs and interventions to improve the health of people in Wood County.



Wood County Health Department

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

WIC is a food program for income-eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, and women who recently had a baby. Families with infants and children up to age 5 who may not be able to afford nutritious food are also eligible. WIC provides nutrition education and breastfeeding education and support. WIC helps people buy nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole-grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula.



Wood County Health Department

Our Team

Administration

Ben Batey, RN, MPH, *Health Commissioner*
Tracy Henderly, *Director of Finance*
Deb Hostottle, *grants and accounting manager*

Donna Foster, *registrar*
Julie Kauffman, *human resource coordinator*
Patty Kolozy, *accreditation coordinator*

Community Health Center

Diane Krill, RN, BSHSA, *CEO*
Leslie Madaras, RN, *COO*
Lexie Jacobs, *billing manager*

Annette Bensman, CPhT, *pharmacy technician*
Brittany Schumaker, *clinic services assistant*
Francesca Leass, LISW-S, LICDC, *behavioral health specialist*
Jeanette Knaggs, *clinic services assistant*
Jenny Mannin, *billing specialist*
Jessica Firsdon, *dental health program coordinator*
Kami Wildman, *outreach and enrollment specialist*
Katie Barricklow, RN, MSN, CFNP, *family nurse practitioner*
Lisa Fork, RN, *FQHC public health nurse*
Paul Bogner, PharmD, *pharmacist in charge*
Rhonda Stoner, LSW, *social worker*
Shannon Irick, *clinic services assistant*
Shari Bockbrader, RN, *FQHC public health nurse*
Steve Dood, MD, *chief medical officer*
Tammy Twining, RDH, *dental hygienist*
Vipul Singhal, DMD, *chief dental officer*

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