

# Wood County Health Department



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

It is my privilege to provide this Annual Report, which highlights the activities and accomplishments of Wood County Health Department in 2022 as we worked to protect and improve the health of our community.

A major focus for our agency in 2022 was analyzing the results of the Community Health Assessment and working with partners from across a variety of sectors to develop our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which will guide the efforts of the Health Department and many other agencies and organizations to improve public health over the next three years. We are indebted to members of the community and representatives from partner agencies who helped identify priorities for the CHIP and to those who have committed to working with us to tackle significant challenges over the coming years. The strategies that were chosen are ambitious and seek to impact areas that are fundamental to the health and wellbeing of our community such as access to safe and affordable housing, transportation, healthcare and mental health services. Increasing awareness and reducing the occurrence of adverse childhood experiences will also be a focus.

In addition to these efforts, our agency continued to protect the health of our residents through infectious disease surveillance and response. While COVID-19 continued to impact our community, rates of serious illness were lower than 2021 due in large part to immunity established through vaccinations and recovery from illness, as well as the availability of antiviral medications. The agency continued to monitor COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths and report on local trends weekly throughout the year. The agency also worked to support community efforts to limit spread of COVID-19 by making vaccines and tests available for free.

Infectious diseases that affected our community went beyond COVID in 2022. Our epidemiology team identified an unusual increase in the number of Shiga-toxin producing E. coli cases in the county and quickly escalated the issue to state authorities in what was later identified to be part of a multi-state outbreak. Staff also supported efforts to monitor the impact of flu and RSV, conducted surveillance to monitor travelers who may have been exposed to Ebola and provided support in response to two cases of MPox that were identified in the county.



The efforts of our team impact our community every day. Our Health Center staff provide medical, dental and behavioral health care as well as pharmacy services to people across our community. The Environmental Health Division helps to protect our water, air, food and other resources from contamination through the administration and enforcement of many programs that cover private water systems, home sewage treatment systems, food safety, recreational swimming and camping areas, body art facilities, school and institution inspections, housing inspections and rabies prevention. Our staff also provide nutrition support through our WIC program, education to improve health and much more.

I welcome you to review this document to learn more about how Wood County Health Department served and supported our residents throughout 2022.

**Benjamin Robison, MPH**

*Wood County Health Commissioner*

## 2022 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. For contact information, meeting minutes, and dates and locations of meetings go to [woodcountyhealth.org/about-us](http://woodcountyhealth.org/about-us).



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## 2022-2025 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Wood County Health Department worked with Wood County Hospital and partners from across a variety of sectors to identify strategies for multi-year focus as part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Community Health Improvement Plan is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems and make sustainable improvements in the health and well-being of all people in Wood County. It is based on the results of the Community Health Assessment that was conducted in 2021, a data-driven examination of the health of adults, youth and children who live in Wood County. The health priorities identified for the CHIP reflect critical steps for improving health in Wood County and were selected through a series of facilitated workshops attended by leaders from many local organizations that impact community health.

### 2022-2025 CHIP Strategies

1. Expand and improve housing options for residents of Wood County.
2. Increase awareness, identification and intervention for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
3. Make public transportation more accessible to more people in more places for more purposes.
4. Reduce nicotine use among Wood County residents.
5. Increase the number of Wood County residents who have access to and regularly eat nutritious foods.
6. Increase the number of hours Wood County residents engage in regular physical activity.
7. Increase the number of individuals who receive recommended medical care.
8. Increase the number of individuals who receive recommended dental care.
9. Develop a multi-year plan to increase the number of mental health professionals available to serve Wood County residents.
10. Increase care-seeking behavior for mental health among Wood County residents.
11. Increase individual well-being among Wood County residents, including opportunities for self-care.
12. Develop a protocol/process for creating and maintaining alignment among agencies involved in improving health in Wood County.



In December, Wood County residents were invited to attend community meetings to learn about the most important health issues impacting the county, how CHIP priorities were chosen, and organizations that will be involved in developing plans to drive sustainable improvements in those areas. Meetings were held in Pemberville, Walbridge, Perrysburg and North Baltimore.



## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Infectious disease outbreaks are monitored by our epidemiologists. When a potential outbreak occurs, investigations are conducted to prevent further spread of a disease, determine its cause and reduce the likelihood that it will reoccur. There are over 80 diseases that are required to be reported to the Wood County Health Department per the Ohio Administrative Code. Several diseases were reported at elevated rates in 2022.

Communicable Disease Reports		Most Commonly Reported Diseases in 2022			
2022	15,827	COVID-19	13,925	Hepatitis C-Chronic	64
2021	15,350	Chlamydia Infection	420	Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	29
2020	9,314	Gonococcal Infection	99	Campylobacteriosis	25
		Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	98	Salmonellosis	22

### MPox (formerly called Monkeypox)



In 2022, an outbreak of MPox was identified that caused infection in numerous countries where it is not normally found. The epidemiology team at Wood County Health Department worked with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to investigate suspected MPox cases and helped align treatment and vaccination for both cases and contacts. Wood County reported two cases of MPox in 2022.

### Ebola Monitoring



In September, Uganda reported an outbreak of Ebola virus. The CDC and ODH provided guidance on monitoring for any individuals who traveled to the region during the outbreak. Wood County Health Department monitored two Wood County residents. Guidelines included interviewing the travelers to determine the level of risk for contracting Ebola virus and monitoring them for 21 days after leaving Uganda. No residents developed Ebola Virus Disease.

### Shiga-Toxin Producing E. coli (STEC)



A multi-state outbreak of shiga-toxin producing E. coli (STEC) infected multiple Wood County residents. STEC is a bacteria that spreads through the consumption of contaminated food or close contact with an infected person. Wood County staff worked together to interview nearly 30 STEC cases and investigate 50 food complaints. The county typically reports an average of four STEC cases per year. The investigation involved collaboration with several local health departments in Ohio and Michigan as well as the Michigan Department of Health, Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service and the CDC throughout the investigation. A source was never confirmed.

### RSV and Influenza



There were concerns from health agencies of a “tridemic” due to influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19 during late 2022. Wood County Health Department epidemiologists utilized surveillance software and worked with local healthcare agencies to monitor Influenza, COVID-19, RSV and other respiratory illness. The respiratory illness season showed increased activity in October, which was earlier than expected. Influenza hospitalizations in the fall and winter exceeded the several previous influenza seasons but had begun to decrease in December 2022.

## COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic remained to be a major cause of illness, hospitalization and death in 2022. The primary variant in the U.S. in 2022 was the Omicron variant, which spread more easily than prior variants. In 2022, we saw an overall decrease in the severity of illness, especially later in the year. Over half of cases, hospitalizations and deaths occurred in the first two months of 2022. Wood County Health Department continued to monitor COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths and reported on local trends weekly throughout 2022.

COVID-19	2021 – Full Year	Jan. - Feb. 2022	2022 March - Dec. 2022	2022 – Full Year
Cases	15,070	7,467	648	13,925
Hospitals	429	144	96	240
Deaths	153	51	35	86

Wood County Health Department continued to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics twice a week throughout 2022. In addition, mobile vaccine clinics were offered in Northwood, North Baltimore, Perrysburg and Bowling Green. Vaccines were administered as requested to individuals in their homes in partnership with Wood County Committee on Aging.

Wood County Health Department also partnered with the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio for their *Health and Wellness with a Twist* event, which provided COVID-19 vaccines and boosters to area seniors. WCHD supported the event by providing some of the vaccine that was administered. In addition, Health Department staff hosted a booth and provided information to attendees on services available through the Wood County Community Health Center as well as how to find treatment for COVID if they became ill. Health Commissioner Benjamin Robison also spoke at the event, providing information on why boosters are important in helping seniors prevent serious illness from COVID.

At-home COVID tests were available for free at Wood County Health Department throughout the year. Staff worked with local libraries and senior centers to make them available across the county. A hotline was established to support community members’ questions about COVID-19, fielding over 2,500 questions on issues related to COVID such as vaccination, testing, treatment and travel requirements.





## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness staff help Wood County prevent, prepare for and respond to health-related emergencies by creating local plans and partnerships. WCHD houses the regional public health emergency preparedness coordinator for Northwest Ohio, interfacing with other local health departments in Northwest Ohio and the Ohio Department of Health.

## MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS: CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH



Once again in 2022, the Wood County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) made a vital contribution to Wood County Health Department's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. When the county faced a surge of confirmed COVID cases in January, MRC volunteers rallied to our aid, giving their time to call affected individuals, reaching cases quickly after results were known to offer support and resources. In all more than 6,900 people were contacted. Volunteers also helped to staff an emergency preparedness booth at the Wood County Employee Safety Fair during the summer.

In the fall, volunteers called more than 1,700 seniors in the community, informing them about booster shots and providing information about where and when they could get them.

The Wood County Health Department is grateful for the support of MRC volunteers. Their commitment to the community's health and well-being made a significant impact in the fight against COVID-19. As we continue to move beyond COVID, we look forward to working with them in other ways to improve the health of Wood County.





## CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL/HEALTHCARE NEEDS



The CMH program helps ease the burden of medical costs for children with significant healthcare needs. Offered by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the program links eligible families to a network of quality providers and helps them obtain payments for necessary services for their child. Some of the eligible conditions covered by the program include AIDS, cancer, cerebral palsy, cleft lip/palate, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, scoliosis, hemophilia, hearing loss, juvenile arthritis, metabolic disorders, severe vision disorders, sickle cell disease, spina bifida, congenital heart disease and chronic lung disease. Eligible children must be permanent residents of Ohio under the care of a CMH-approved doctor (M.D. or D.O.).





## WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)



The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, most commonly known as WIC, is a USDA-funded program that provides:

- Nutrition education
- Breastfeeding education and support
- Supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as eggs, milk, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula
- Referrals to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs.

Income-eligible pregnant women, children under five years old and grandparents caring for their grandchildren under five years old can participate in WIC. Monthly food supplements are given with a WIC nutrition card that works at the store like a debit card. Packages can be tailored for children with allergies or special health needs.



WIC is located at 639 S. Dunbridge Rd. in Bowling Green.

**Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Satellite clinics are available three days per month in Northwood and one day per month in North Baltimore.



## WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

In 2022, the Wood County WIC program held nearly 3,847 appointments with clients and ended the year with a caseload of approximately 1,052 participants.

Breastfeeding promotes bonding between mother and child and provides food security to infants. It is the best source of nutrition for most babies and helps protect babies from some short and long-term illnesses and diseases. Mothers who breastfeed their babies are at a lower risk for breast cancer, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and ovarian cancer. WIC offered a free Latch-On event in August for WIC parents, which included free lunch, breastfeeding items and a raffle for a stroller.



The Wood County WIC program partnered with Toledo-Lucas County Health Department to supply Cribettes and Safe Sleep Kits to families who have no safe place for their baby to sleep. The goal of this program is to address sleep-related infant mortality in the region. WIC provided Cribettes to all families who qualify for WIC that presented a need for safer sleeping arrangements for their infants.

The Wood County WIC program partnered with the Ohio State University Extension office in Bowling Green to host a cooking course for WIC participants. The goal of the class, called "Cooking Matters," was to improve the nutrition knowledge, eating habits, cooking skills, food safety practices and food resource management skills of people at risk of hunger so they can better provide for themselves and their families. The course was composed of six classes, each of which included one hour of nutrition and food resource management education and one hour of hands-on practice. After each class, participants received groceries to take home so they could remake the lesson's recipe for their families. Participants received a gift card along with a guided grocery store tour so they could pick out their own nutritious ingredients and earned a small kitchen appliance upon completing the course. This added experience helped participants practice their new skills and encouraged healthy eating habits for families.

In 2022, Ohio and nearly every state across the county experienced infant formula shortages related to a recall on some Abbott Laboratories products. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) communicated directly with formula manufacturers, who worked to meet the demand and address the shortage. WIC infant formula alternatives were approved to meet the needs of WIC clients during the shortages.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health (EH) division helps protect our water, air, food and other resources from contamination through the administration and enforcement of many programs that cover private water systems, home sewage treatment systems, food safety, recreational swim and camp areas, body art, school and institution inspections, housing and animal bite/human rabies prevention.

- Residents can go to a restaurant and eat safe food because this division oversees the inspection and licensing of restaurants to prevent foodborne illnesses.
- Residents can enjoy a smoke-free environment in indoor public settings because this department enforces Ohio's Smoke-Free Workplace Act to prevent second-hand smoke exposure, which can lead to lung cancer.
- People with private water systems have clean water to drink because this department regulates, inspects and tests private drinking water systems such as wells, ponds and cisterns to ensure they are constructed properly and have required treatment systems. Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHSs) sample the water to make sure it is free from bacteria and other contaminants that could make people sick or affect their health.
- This division ensures household sewage treatment systems are working properly so they do not discharge raw sewage into storm sewers, ditches, creeks and rivers, which protects the physical environment and the public's health.

### 2022 Highlights



The Environmental Health division Retail Food Establishment (RFE) program was surveyed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture in May. These surveys are done every three years to verify that approved health districts are qualified and have the capacity to administer and enforce the food service operation law and rules. The process includes field evaluation of each individual in the environmental program. The retail food safety program received full approval once again. Congratulations to the EH staff for an outstanding job!



The 2022 Clean Plate Award was presented to 35 licensed food facilities in May. These food facilities have been dedicated to upholding excellent sanitation and food safety knowledge within their operation. There are over 800 licensed facilities in Wood County, and food facilities may only apply if strict criteria are met.





## 2022 Highlights *cont.*



The division applied for and received \$150,000 to be used for the repair and replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems (HSTs) in Wood County. These monies are available through the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Resource Fund, and we have received and used all available funding annually since 2016. With this program the EH division has been able to assist over 60 homeowners, including five in 2022. Repair and replacement of these systems reduces sewage nuisances and protects our waterways.



The Environmental Health division regulates private water systems in Wood County, and worked with Wood County EMA, Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health when a pipeline was compromised in Lake Township in April. The pipeline owner tasked its environmental team with completion of private water sampling based on approval from the Health Department. Fortunately, there were no detections of chemicals of concern over two consecutive months, and there have been no detections in the quarterly sampling that continues from monitoring wells that were installed. This is an example of the unexpected role that the EH team plays in protecting our natural environment. The Health Department presented information about the event and response at the annual Local Emergency Planning Committee/State Emergency Response Commission conference in September.



The Wood County Engineer often refers areas where sewage is found in storm water systems for investigation by the EH team. The Ohio Revised Code allows local health departments to refer unsewered areas deemed to be a sewage nuisance for investigation. One such referral led to an area in Lake Township being escalated by the Health Department to the Ohio EPA for further review. If the EPA finds the referred area to be a sewage nuisance, orders are sent to the sanitary sewer provider to begin the process of sewer installation.



Wood County Health Department was awarded funding through the EPA Mosquito Control Grant. The funding allowed for surveillance, outreach and education including continuation of our partnership with the BGSU biology department for mosquito surveillance activity under the direction of Dr. Daniel Pavuk. Dr. Pavuk and his team collected over 12,500 mosquitos in traps throughout the county for identification by the Ohio Department of Health. Outreach included digital and radio ads and social media posts that focused on educating community members about ways to avoid mosquitoes and mosquito bites, how to eliminate mosquito breeding areas in and around their homes and how to stop mosquitoes from coming indoors.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 2022

### Number of Permits/Licensed Facilities

#### Private Water System (PWS) Program

Water samples	144
PWS new system permits	53
PWS alteration permits	13
PWS sealing permits	8
Point of sale inspections	10

#### Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS)

New HSTS permits	34
HSTS alteration permits	36
HSTS replacement permits	75
Site evaluations	119
HSTS soil evaluations	39
HSTS design	40
Point of sale HSTS	0
Operation and maintenance permits	210
Licensed HSTS service providers	49

#### Food Program (FSO/RFE)

FSO/RFE licenses/inspections	721/1355
Mobile FSO/RFE licenses/inspections	46/46
Temporary FSO/RFE licenses/inspections	121/104
Vending licenses	79/52
FSO/RFE plan reviews	65
Mobile plan reviews	10

#### Recreation Program

Public swimming pool/spa/special use pool licenses	79
Campground licenses	2
Temporary campground licenses	7

#### Other Services

Bathing beach permits	2
Animal bites or exposures	214
Body art licenses	15
Bowling Green housing inspections	177
County housing inspections	227
School inspections	47
Jail inspections	6





## SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

Environmental Health staff support communities across Wood County. The chart below provides detail on the number of hours spent in 2022 in each of the county's townships, villages and cities.

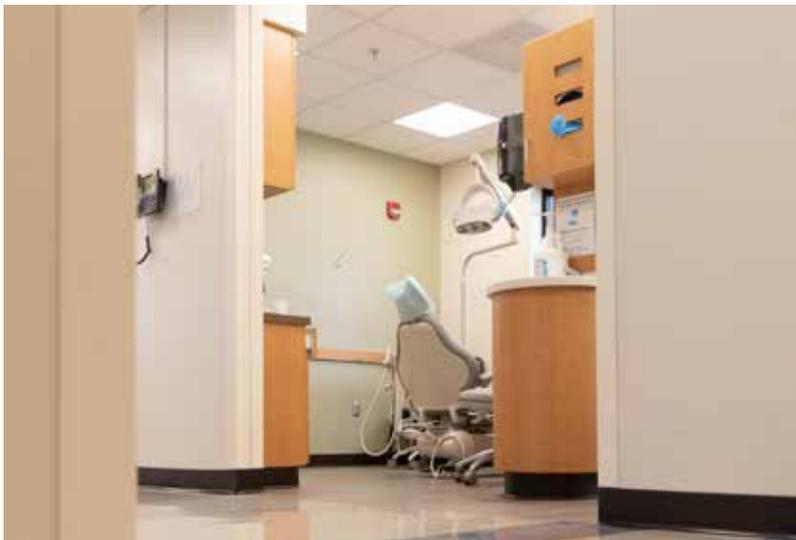
Community	Hours Worked	Community	Hours Worked
Bloom Twp.	34.75	Montgomery Twp.	75
Bloomdale	60	North Baltimore	134.25
Bowling Green*	21,595.75	Northwood	347
Bradner	23.5	Out of County	80
Center Twp.	45	Pemberville	177
Custar	44.75	Perry Twp.	79.75
Cygnnet	53.25	Perrysburg	465
Freedom Twp.	74.75	Perrysburg Twp.	224
Grand Rapids	72	Plain Twp.	48.75
Grand Rapids Twp.	69.75	Portage	7.25
Haskins	13.75	Portage Twp.	84.75
Henry Twp.	49	Risingsun	8.25
Hoytville	8.75	Rossford	275.25
Jackson Twp.	26.75	Tontogany	13.75
Jerry City	19	Troy Twp.	80.25
Lake Twp.	172	Walbridge	38.75
Liberty Twp.	243.75	Washington Twp.	42
Lucas County	2.5	Wayne	12
Luckey	54.5	Webster Twp.	45.25
Middleton Twp.	149.5	West Milgrove	1.25
Millbury	59.25	Weston	13.5
Milton Center	0.25	Weston Twp.	11.75
Milton Twp.	28.75	Wood	1

\*In addition to time spent in the community, time Environmental Health Staff spend on-site at the Wood County Health Department is also recorded as Bowling Green.



## WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Community Health Centers are a critical piece of the health care system and collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments and social, health and business organizations to improve health outcomes for people who are medically vulnerable. Community Health Centers provide care to people who disproportionately suffer from chronic disease and lack access to quality, affordable care. While our approach is community-based and local, collectively Community Health Centers help make up the backbone of the nation's primary care system.



The Wood County Community Health Center (FQHC) provides health care services for the entire family. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the Health Center accepts Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. Many fees are based on household size and income. In addition to primary care integrated with behavioral health, the Health Center provides dental care and offers a convenient on-site pharmacy that helps many people save on the cost of their prescriptions. Health Center staff can help people apply for insurance and other programs, and no one is turned away due to inability to pay.

### **Health Center Board**

As a public entity, the Wood County Board of Health collaborates with the Wood County Community Health Center Co-Applicant Board to oversee operations of the Wood County Community Health Center. The Board of the Community Health Center is composed of members of the community who are dedicated to the organization's mission to provide quality health services to improve the well-being of individuals and families.

The Health Center Board includes:

Steve Meredith, President

Ruthann House, Vice President

Jody Eaton, Secretary

Members Sharon Schaeffer, Joanne Navin, Earl McKinney, Kenzie Clouse, Adrianna Duconge, Kellee Downard, Jerry Crawford

*"The Wood County Community Health Center provides a wide range of health care services for all county residents regardless of their ability to pay. The dedicated and highly-skilled staff will ensure that your family will receive the best in health care services." - Steven Meredith, President, Health Center Board*



## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**4,418**  
 Medical Visits



**2,312**  
 Dental Visits



**2,721**  
 Patients Served



**689**  
 Mental Health Visits



**307**  
 Virtual Visits



**18,266**  
 Prescriptions Filled

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, Wood County Community Health Center received the following:

- Notice of award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to continue providing services for an additional three years.
- Notice of award from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for continuation of the Reproductive Health and Wellness program.
- Notice of award from ODH for the Dental Sealant program.
- Notice of continuation as a Patient Centered Medical Home with Behavioral Health Distinction.

## Renovations



Wood County Community Health Center began a renovation project in November 2022 that will allow for an expansion of services to better meet the needs of our community. The renovation will enable the Health Center to increase the number of exam rooms, add a behavioral health wing and expand the pharmacy and waiting room.

“We’re excited about the changes we are making in our facility, which will improve the experience our patients have in our center, allow us to serve more people and offer expanded services to our patients,” said Diane Krill, Health Center CEO.

Construction is being completed in phases, allowing the Health Center to continue to serve patients on-site throughout the renovation. The full remodel is expected to be completed by mid-2023.





## Dental Center

Routine dental care is a critical part of maintaining overall good health. The Dental Center provides cleanings, x-rays, fillings and many other dental services. It offers a sliding fee scale based on household income for people without insurance.

### Dental Center Awarded Materials from Delta Dental Foundation

The Dental Center was awarded numerous in-kind materials from the Delta Dental Foundation to further the mission to help improve the oral health of our community. The materials were utilized for school outreach efforts, where a dental center employee talked to kids about oral health, played a video, that highlighted the importance of taking care of your teeth and distributed brushing charts, toothbrushes and tooth paste to the kids to take home. The Dental Center also distributed toothbrushes and floss for the adult patients of the clinic.



## Chronic Care Management Program

Wood County Community Health Center offers a Chronic Care Management (CCM) program for our patients with two or more chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, kidney disease, diabetes, COPD, depression or anxiety. Shari Bockbrader, RN, Chronic Care Manager, provides support to people with chronic care needs, helping them manage and coordinate care between the providers in the Health Center, pharmacy, specialists, social workers and family members. Through the program, patients receive assistance in developing a plan for care and setting health goals. They also participate in regular check-ins to monitor progress. For example, Shari checks to see how they are doing, makes sure they are checking their blood sugar regularly if they are diabetic, or that they are checking their blood pressure regularly if they have high blood pressure. If they have problems such as losing insurance or SNAP benefits, she provides them with a list of places they can contact for assistance. Helping patients to manage their health enables them to have a better quality of life and it helps to prevent many urgent care and emergency room visits and hospitalizations.





## Behavioral Health and Dental Center Partner to Promote Mental Health

Wood County Community Health Center is a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) with Distinction in Behavioral Health Integration. Behavioral health conditions (mental illnesses and substance use disorders) are often under-diagnosed or diagnosed late, delaying treatment. This leads to poorer health outcomes and higher costs of care. These conditions can often be identified and treated in a primary care setting, providing seamless care. Coordination between the primary care physician or dental provider and the behavioral health clinician increases the likelihood that patients will be able to follow through with needed care and can potentially reduce the stigma that sometimes prevents patients from seeking behavioral health treatment on their own. This improves treatment of behavioral health conditions as well as other chronic medical conditions, leading to better health outcomes overall.

The Health Centers behavioral health and the dental teams worked together in 2022 to promote mental health wellness in our dental programs by participating in a learning collaborative with the National Network for Oral Health Access. The care teams implemented Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ) screenings. As part of these screenings providers routinely ask a series of questions that assess a patient's overall health, including potential mental health care needs.

"Being a Patient-Centered Medical Home with Distinction in Behavioral Health Integration allows our patients to address their physical and mental health conditions at the same time. Our patients like having these services under one roof. Our behavioral health, primary care and dental providers are able to coordinate and consult with each other and ensure all parties, including the patients, are working together to improve their overall health. It is amazing the impact we can have when everyone is working together for the whole person," said Fran Leass, LISW-S, LICDC-CS, Behavioral Health Specialist.

## Incentive Program

Preventative health screenings are important to maintain or improve a person's quality of life and prevent disability and even premature death. These screenings can help the patient's medical provider to recognize any early-stage health changes and use available treatments to improve longevity and quality of life. Wood County Community Health Center offered a preventative care incentive program in 2022 to encourage patients to take this important step to protect or improve their health.

Patients who scheduled recommended preventative care screenings were eligible for a \$50 gift card. In all, approximately 100 patients completed screenings and earned the incentive.

## National Health Center Week

In honor of National Health Center Week, Wood County Health Department staff collected food and personal items to donate to Brown Bag Food Project for people in need and participated in volunteer shifts at the food pantry. Volunteers passed out hygiene care kits and food packages, talked to participants about services available at the Health Center, and restocked shelves.





## HRSA GRANT FUNDING AREA

The chart below lists the ZIP Codes that make up the service areas for Wood County Community Health Center's HRSA grant funding and indicates the percentage of patients that come from each area.

Wood County Community Health Center accepts patients from outside the service area specified by HRSA grant funding. All patients are welcome, regardless of where they live.

City/Town/Township	ZIP Code	County	Percent of Patients	Total Patients
Bowling Green	43402	Wood	36%	996
Other			8%	221
North Baltimore	45872	Wood/Hancock	8%	219
Perrysburg	43551	Wood	6%	164
Weston	43569	Wood	5%	145
Wayne	43466	Wood	3%	99
Rudolph	43462	Wood	2%	64
Cygnnet	43413	Wood	2%	58
Pemberville	43450	Wood	2%	56
Bradner	43406	Wood	2%	54
Portage	43451	Wood	2%	53
Grand Rapids	43522	Wood	2%	50
Findlay	45840	Hancock	1%	50
Fostoria	44830	Seneca/Wood/Hancock	1%	46
Bloomdale	44817	Wood/Hancock	1%	38
Deshler	43516	Wood/Henry	1%	37
Luckey	43443	Wood	1%	36
Rossford	43460	Wood	1%	30
Custar	43511	Wood/Henry	1%	29
Northwood	43619	Wood	1%	30
Toledo	43614	Lucas	<1%	26
Maumee	43537	Lucas	<1%	23
McClure	43534	Wood/Henry	<1%	21
Rising Sun	43457	Wood/Sandusky/Seneca	<1%	21
Milton Center	43541	Wood	<1%	18
Swanton	43558	Fulton	<1%	18
Millbury	43447	Wood	<1%	19
Walbridge	43465	Wood	<1%	18
Gibsonburg	43431	Sandusky	<1%	16
Hoytville	43529	Wood	<1%	16
Jerry City	43437	Wood	<1%	15
Haskins	43525	Wood	<1%	13
Toledo	43612	Lucas	<1%	11
Toledo	43615	Lucas	<1%	11
<b>Totals</b>				<b>2,721</b>

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wood County Health Department and Community Health Center Staff engaged with residents from across the community in 2022. Here are a few of the ways the Health Department worked with our communities to offer services and share information about health.



BGSU Health Fair

Staff from Health Department vaccine clinics worked with the Wood County Committee on Aging's home-delivered meals program to make vaccines available to homebound individuals across the county.



Wood County Employee Safety Fair

WIC staff attended farmers markets in Bowling Green and Perrysburg to provide information about farmers market vouchers and other WIC services to eligible individuals.

As part of a Head Start Open House held for eligible families in August, staff met with parents to provide information on services available through the Health Department for children and parents, including WIC, Wood County Health Department's childhood vaccination program and healthcare and dental services for children and families available through Wood County Community Health Center.

WIC staff held a summer event called "Latch On" for parents in the breastfeeding support network, raising awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding and support services available through Wood County WIC.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In recognition of Health Center Week, several employees from Wood County Community Health Center volunteered at Brown Bag Food Project in Bowling Green, providing donated items for the food pantry and talking with patrons about services available on a sliding fee scale through Wood County Community Health Center.

Health Department staff shared information about Wood County's Community Health Improvement and Community Health Improvement Plan at community meetings in Bowling Green, North Baltimore, Perrysburg and Pemberville, as well as through Chamber of Commerce meetings in Rossford and Perrysburg.

Wood County Health Department provided vaccines for the Area Office on Aging's fall vaccine event, as well as information on Health Center services available for seniors.

Staff attended the annual BGSU Health Fair and Farmers Market to educate students about foodborne illness, the benefits of avoiding or quitting nicotine products and services available to them through the Health Center.

Health Department staff worked with the Ohio Department of Health to bring mobile vaccine clinics and health screens to Northwood, North Baltimore, Perrysburg and Bowling Green.

Mobile  
Health  
Screening

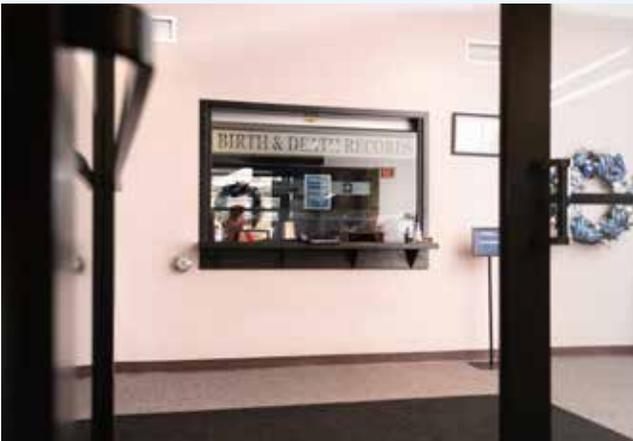


# VITAL STATISTICS



Vital statistics can provide birth and death records for anyone who was born or died in Ohio in 1908 or later.

## 2022 Statistics



Hospital Births	246
Home Births	16
Birth Certificates Issued	2,422
Wood County Deaths	1,056
Death Certificates Issued	5,195



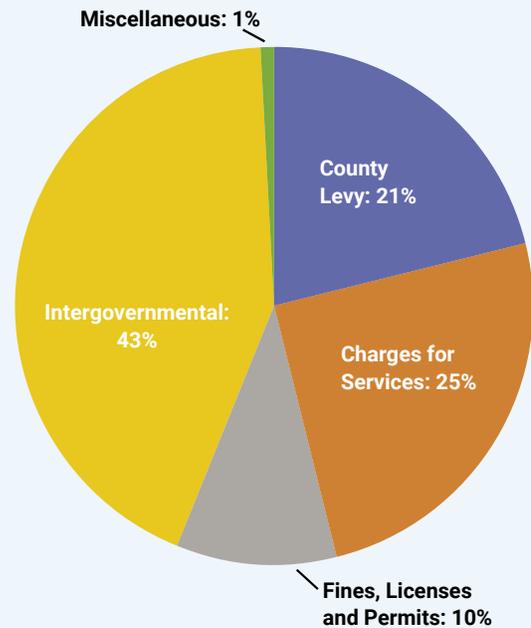
## FINANCE AND GRANTS

### 2022 Cash Revenues\*

Cash Receipts	Amount	Rev %
County Levy	\$1,605,232.90	21.2%
Charges for Services	\$1,909,644.90	25.2%
Fines, Licenses and Permits	\$772,339.08	10.2%
Intergovernmental**	\$3,248,952.06	42.8%
Contract		0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$52,860.23	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,589,029.17</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

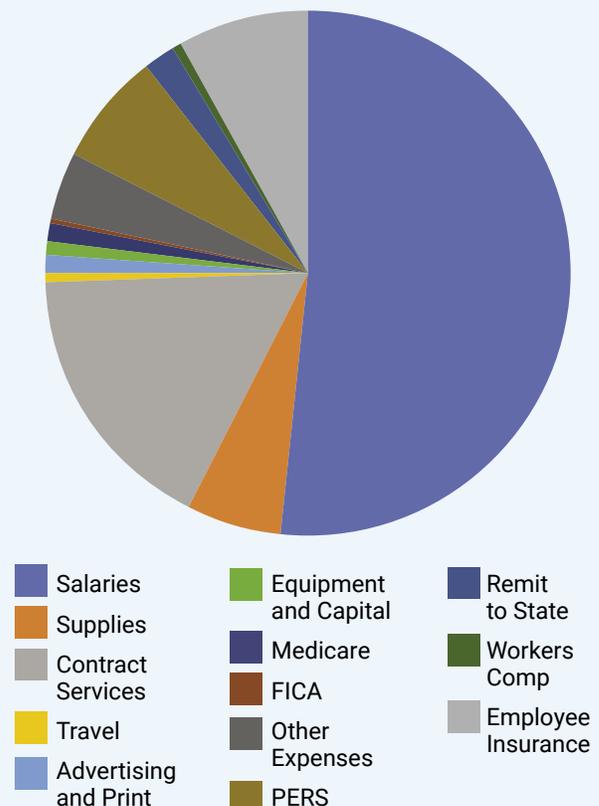
\* These revenues do not include reimbursements for 2022 activities that were received in early 2023.

\*\* Included with the revenues shown above under intergovernmental is where the health dept received various awards and grants that helped to fund operations of the Health Department for the community.



### 2022 Cash Disbursements

Cash Disbursements	Amount	Exp %
Salaries	\$3,978,309.88	52.2%
Supplies	\$430,046.85	5.6%
Contract Services	\$1,365,386.72	17.9%
Travel	\$29,910.28	0.4%
Advertising and Printing	\$73,008.02	1.0%
Equipment and Capital	\$80,870.44	1.1%
Medicare	\$55,956.60	0.7%
FICA	\$580.32	0.0%
Other Expenses	\$320,769.13	4.2%
PERS	\$541,590.56	7.1%
Remit to State	\$149,289.12	2.0%
Workers Comp	\$19,416.12	0.3%
Employee Insurance	\$581,951.38	7.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,627,085.42</b>	<b>100.0%</b>





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