

2017 Annual Report

WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT



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



A message for WOOD COUNTY



I'm proud to present Wood County Health District's 2017 Annual Report, which represents an overview of our departments and services and should give you an idea of what public health is all about. Our mission is to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of everyone in Wood County, and our ultimate goal is to help our county be the healthiest in Ohio. I believe that over the last year, we both took action to benefit the health of individuals and to move Wood County forward as a leader in Northwest Ohio, and across the state and the nation.

Last June, Wood County Health District became the regional coordinator for public health emergency preparedness in Northwest Ohio. As the coordinating agency, we assist 17 other counties in preparing plans and response procedures for any potential public health emergency, and serve as a liaison between local health departments and the Ohio Department of Health. We're very proud of this accomplishment not only because it will further preparedness here, but because it's an example of the leadership that we know is found here in Wood County.

Also in 2017, Wood County Health District began working with six other health departments to create a council of governments that is now known as the Public Health Services Council of Ohio. By joining together, smaller health departments can gain combined leverage and efficiency on things like grants, research and purchases. This collaborative is the first of its kind in Ohio, and one that may be seen more in the future as some smaller health departments begin to consolidate and join forces.

Although our plans to add a five-chair dental expansion to the Community Health and Wellness Center were unexpectedly delayed last year, I believe we are on track to complete this project in 2018. Dental care is consistently identified as one of the largest gaps in health care availability across the country, and we're tremendously excited to be able to offer these services here in Wood County. Please watch for more information over the course of 2018 as we finalize and implement these plans.

Lastly, while this report should provide a glimpse of what we do at the health department, there's much more we did not have room to share with you. Please don't hesitate to contact us or visit www.woodcountyhealth.org if you have a question or would like to learn more about our many programs.

Wishing you the best of health!

Benjamin Batey RN, BSN, MPH
Wood County Health Commissioner

Wood County Board of Health



Board of health members include (front row): Thomas Milbrodt, Carolyn Rava, Sonja Apple-Chamberlain, Betty Woods; (back row): Dallas Ziegler, Richard Strow, Cathleen Nelson, Nilgun Sezginis, Frank McLaughlin, and DJ Mears (not pictured).

The 10-member board of health, in addition to appointing the health commissioner, oversees the Wood County Health District in order to provide for the protection and promotion of health for people in Wood County. The board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the health district, located at 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green. On the day of board meetings, the Finance Committee meets at 5 p.m., followed by the Personnel Committee at 5:30 p.m.

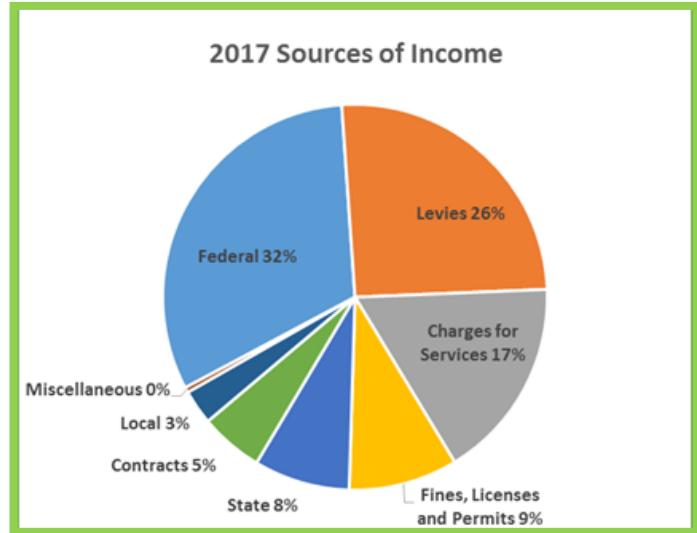
Personnel Committee members: Cathleen Nelson (chair), Betty Woods, Carolyn Rava, Dallas Ziegler and Sonja Apple-Chamberlain

Finance Committee members: Nilgun Sezginis (chair), Richard Strow, DJ Mears, Tom Milbrodt and Frank McLaughlin

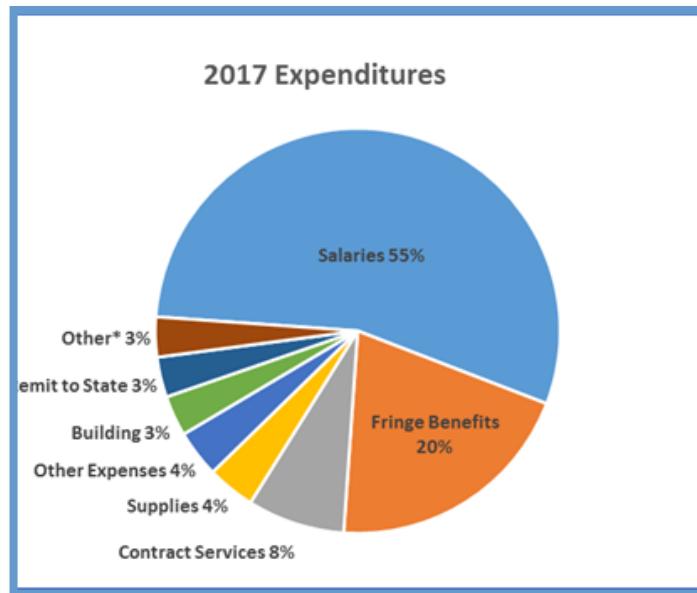
Finance Report

Wood County Health District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$581,268.60. This is \$215,678.08 higher than the original budgeted surplus of \$365,590.52. These financial figures have not yet been audited.

Cash Receipts	
Levies	\$1,278,320.90
Charges for Services	\$852,241.03
Fines, Licenses and	\$459,935.36
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	\$1,590,840.83
State	\$406,124.52
Local	\$146,250.00
Contracts	\$267,017.30
Miscellaneous	\$21,599.86
Total Cash Receipts	\$5,022,329.80



Cash Disbursements	
Salaries	\$2,431,117.28
Fringe Benefits	\$899,653.34
Supplies	\$170,048.16
Contract Services	\$345,494.50
Travel	\$51,706.62
Advertising and Printing	\$36,287.53
Capital Projects	\$17,443.00
Equipment	\$9,063.15
Other Expenses	\$167,228.90
Remit to State	\$142,403.38
Building	\$143,536.54
Worker's Compensation	\$27,078.80
Total Cash Disbursements	\$4,441,061.20



*Other includes Travel, Advertising and Printing, Equipment, Worker's Compensation and Capital Projects.

Grants Help Us Do More

Although the health levy provides essential support for much of what the health district does, and fees help offset program costs, other important sources of revenue are the numerous grants the health district receives.

Last year, numerous activities were supported by grants, including emergency planning, nutrition, mosquito surveillance and immunization education. Here's what we received in 2017:

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: \$104,072.63 grant from Ohio Department of Health for planning and preparing for public health emergencies, and for helping partners and people get prepared.

Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness: \$13,013.79 grant from Ohio Department of Health to coordinate preparedness efforts with 18 local health departments in Northwest Ohio.

Immunization Action Plan: \$32,340.39 grant from Ohio Department of Health to raise and maintain childhood and adolescent immunization rates and reduce coverage disparities by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status in Ohio. This is accomplished through working with Wood County health care providers to provide education to their staff regarding the importance of timely immunizations and effective strategies to improve their vaccination rates within their practice. This grant also allows a registered nurse to conduct an assessment and feedback of vaccination rates for providers in Wood County.

Maternal and Child Health: \$30,052.28 grant from the Ohio Department of Health, for promoting healthy eating habits in children. This includes addressing food security on the weekend by providing nutritious food to elementary-school students.

Ebola and Other Special Pathogens Planning: \$8,129.28 from the Ohio Department of Health to plan and prepare for possible Ebola and other uncommon contagious diseases. This included working with other health departments in the region to support each other if a case was identified.

Mosquito Control Program. \$34,500 from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide Wood County with mosquito surveillance, education and control.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC): \$354,840.07 grant to provide nutrition education and nutritional food supplements for income and risk eligible participants who are pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding moms and their children from birth to age 5. Funding also provides for breastfeeding education and support.



"At the Health and Wellness Center, patients join our team and are at the center of their care"

- Diane Krill, CEO



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- The health center received Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. This team approach focuses on the whole person, allowing patients to receive the necessary care when and where they need it, in a manner they can understand.
 - A Patient-Centered Medical Home model:
 - ◆ Allows health care providers to focus on patient care.
 - ◆ Integrates mental health services in a patient's routine care through improved communication and coordination among the health care team.
 - ◆ Helps patients stay healthy by improved care coordination and follow-up.
 - ◆ Fosters better communication with patients and their families/caregivers.
- A monitoring device is sent home with patients who are part of the High Blood Pressure Home Monitoring Program so they can check their blood pressure twice a day. The results are automatically recorded and sent to a member of the health care team. The care coordinator nurse monitors the results and works with the patient and the entire team on the best way to control their blood pressure.
- A full service pharmacy is available for use by patients for prescriptions, and is seeing increased use. As a member of the health care team, the pharmacist has immediate access to the providers. They work together with patients to ensure they are taking their prescribed medications, and that they can afford them.
- NextGen electronic health records and NextPen are being used to minimize the time patients need to complete forms. The pen helps complete forms, and the information is transmitted directly into the medical record. This allows important health information to be entered quickly by patients and viewed by the health care team.
- Patients have access to their personal health records with the NextGen Patient Portal. Patients can request an appointment, correspond with the health care team and request medication refills from the pharmacy.
- Full integration of behavioral health into patient's routine care began in July. Good mental health is an important part of overall health. The behavioral health specialist is a member of the health care team and shares responsibilities for patient care and outcomes.
- As part of the expansion of the Primary Care Workforce Initiative through the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers, medical, nurse practitioner and social work students from partnering colleges and universities come to the Community Health and Wellness Center as part of their clinical rotation. This allows our providers to teach, inspire, and put to work our next generation of primary care providers.

Health Center Board

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

Wood County Community Health and Wellness Board Members

George Ferguson	Ruthann House	Joanne Navin
Monica Gupta	Stephen Meredith	Deniese Niese
Thomas Hammett	Rosemarie Montague	Sharon Schaeffer

Grants Received by the Health Center

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act: \$950,048

The program provides comprehensive health care services to families regardless of income level or insurance coverage. All services are provided based on ability to pay through a sliding fee benefit program.

Ohio Department of Health Reproductive Health and Wellness Program: \$100,000

An important goal of this program in Ohio is to improve the overall health and wellbeing of women and men by promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging the establishment of a reproductive life plan. Priority is given to those with low income, 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 requirement that a person live in the area in order to receive services.

HRSA Health Infrastructure Investment Program: \$824,997

This program funded existing health center program grantees to increase patient volumes by providing more health services in one location to help better meet community needs. This funding is being used to build an addition to the health center to begin offering dental health services, and is expected to be completed by November 2018.

HRSA Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (AIMS): \$150,000

This funding allows health centers to expand mental health services and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse.

HRSA Quality Improvement Grant: \$14,328

Health centers receive these funds to continue improving 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.

Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention



Nurse Kathy Teeple (right) trained police officers from Pemberville on how to administer naloxone to halt the effects of an opioid overdose.

The drug addiction crisis in Ohio and across the United States has grown into one of the largest current public health problems. Wood County Health District is committed to helping fight this epidemic on all fronts, by encouraging treatment of people with substance abuse disorders, discouraging drug abuse and working with our partners to find effective solutions.

The health department distributes naloxone and trains law enforcement officers in using it to treat people who are experiencing drug overdoses. We participate in the Wood County Opiate Task Force, and in 2017, the health department and the Community Health and Wellness Center hosted a forum for community leaders. "Moving Toward Recovery: Joining Forces to Battle Opioid Dependency," included a panel of local experts speaking about the addiction crisis. Local groups continue to host public events and town halls to discuss the problem.



Reducing Access to Prescription Medications

Take expired or unused medications to one of six permanent drop off locations:

Bowling Green Police: 175 W. Wooster, Bowling Green 419-352-2571

North Baltimore Police: 203 N. Main St., North Baltimore, 419-257-2181

Perrysburg Police: 330 Walnut St. Perrysburg 419-874-8001

Perrysburg Township Police: 26611 Lime City Rd. Perrysburg 419-874-3551

Rossford Police: 99 Hillsdale Ave., Rossford, 419-666-7390

Wood County Sheriff's Office: 1960 E. Gypsy Lane Rd. Bowling Green, 419-354-9348



For at-home disposal of prescription medications

You can use Deterra drug disposal pouches, which are available **for free** to community members for smaller quantities of medications. Deterra deactivates drugs effectively, safely and quickly. The pouches contain activated carbon. When water is added to the carbon, it absorbs the chemicals in the medicines and makes them useless. The pouch will not pollute the environment. Deterra also works for liquid medication and comes in three different sizes, depending on the amount of pills or liquids that you need to dispose of.

The Wood County Prevention Coalition purchased pouches for our community through a grant, and they are available at the Wood County Educational Service Center, Wood County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, Lake Local Schools, Elmwood Local Schools, Penta Career Center, Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy, Children's Resource Center, and A Renewed Mind.

Real Men Wear Pink



Wood County Health Commissioner Ben Batey (middle) poses for a photo with the Wood County commissioners and other county officials in advance of his walk to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research.



Wood County Health Commissioner Ben Batey raised money during October for the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign. This event also presented an opportunity to highlight the important preventative services offered at the Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center.

Batey didn't anticipate such strong support when he announced he would walk 1 mile across Wood County for each \$100 donated to the campaign, but he made good on the pledge. After raising more than \$5,400, Ben and a group of friends started walking around Perrysburg at midnight on Nov. 4, then walked a path starting in North Baltimore and stretching all the way to Rossford. Ben completed the entire walk wearing a pink tutu as a way to reach his final fundraising goal.

Environmental Health



Above: Wood County Health District's sanitarians include (left to right) Paul Hagen, Jillian Bodey, Julie Nye, Stefen Pargeon, Tom Rutter, Sheila Nash and Jennifer Campos.

Mosquito surveillance

Active mosquito surveillance was initiated in 2017 thanks to grant funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a partnership with Bowling Green State University and the villages of Walbridge and Pemberville. Funding provided surveillance, education and outreach in Wood County, along with mosquito control through larvicide dunk distribution. The surveillance alone provided data to the Ohio Department of Health arbovirus program that had not been collected in years.

Water and sewage treatment

The private well and septic program made strides in 2017 with consistency in documentation, increased concentration on communication with homeowners and contractors, and overall education on the importance of proper sewage treatment, safe drinking water and the maintenance of home systems. The division also worked with five families to replace failed septic systems with funding offered through the Ohio EPA.



Left: Sanitarians perform a dye test to check the integrity of a well.

Right: Environmental health staff meet with contractors to discuss details of the home sewage treatment system program.

Private Water and Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Program

50 new private water system permits
28 new HSTS permits
15 HSTS alteration permits
24 replacement permits
71 site evaluations
181 water tests
10 alteration permits
32 point of sale inspections
43 soils/design
124 operation and maintenance
33 licensed septic tank cleaning vehicles
31 licensed HSTS installers
9 licensed septic service providers

Food Program

672 licenses issued
53 mobile licenses issued
141 temporary licenses
106 vending locations
29 micromarkets

Body Art Program

12 licensed facilities

Recreation Program

8 campgrounds, permanent
5 campgrounds, temporary
91 swimming pools and spas
3 bathing beaches

Other Services

238 animal bites or exposure
217 Bowling Green housing inspections
154 county housing inspections
54 FSO/RFE plan reviews



Pool/spa surveys

The Ohio Department of Health conducted an annual survey of the public swimming pool, special-use pool, and spa programs. The survey is done to determine the division's compliance with regulatory requirements. Julie Nye and Jillan Bodey, pool program sanitarians, were able to demonstrate their knowledge of the code and their ability to conduct inspections and document findings. This, along with proper administrative practice, found the program to be in good standing once again.

Sewage program surveys

In preparation for upcoming Ohio Department of Health sewage program surveys, Northwest Sewage Consortium meetings are again being hosted by the Environmental Health division. These meetings are a gathering of local health districts to determine best practices through active discussions and real experience. The division also hosts an annual sewage contractor meeting to provide continuing education credits for registered sewage contractors.

Soil scientist Frank Gibbs spoke at a sewage contractor meeting on Dec. 7.



Media Highlights

Media coverage included a presentation of the results of a housing survey to Bowling Green City Council in March; the Clean Plate Awards in May; the mosquito surveillance partnership in August; safe food handling practices in November; and restaurant inspection highlights throughout the year.



Dr. Dan Pavuk, insect biologist and professor with Bowling Green State University, examines mosquitos that were caught in a trap.



Clean Plate Awards

The 2017 Clean Plate Awards were presented to 34 licensed food service operations out of more than 800 food service operations in Wood County.

These restaurants and other food service operations have been dedicated to upholding excellent sanitation and food safety knowledge and going above and beyond the minimum requirements within their facility.

The winners received a certificate of excellence and a decal for recognition of excellent performance in food safety from Wood County Health District.

This was the seventh year that the Wood County Board of Health handed out the awards. The 2018 award-winners will be announced at the May Board of Health meeting.



Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

4,833 visits,
a 15-percent increase

1,285 average
total caseload of
participants.

Did you know?

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



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 available by phone 24/7 to WIC participants with any breastfeeding issues.

WIC provides:

- nutrition education
- breastfeeding education and support
- supplemental highly-nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole-grain foods, fruits, vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula, via an electronic benefit card accepted by approved vendors
- referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs such as Head Start, Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

WIC is located at 639 S. Dunbridge Road. Normal hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Satellite clinics are in Northwood and North Baltimore.

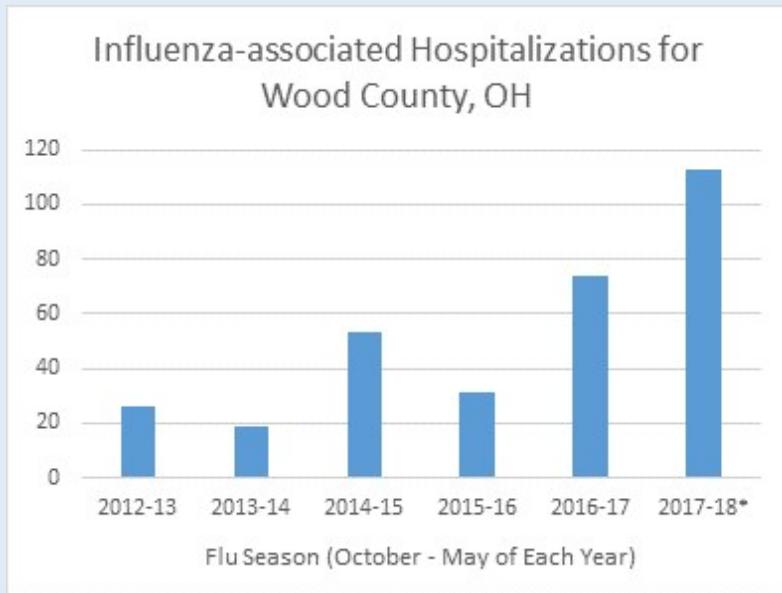
2017 Highlights

- WIC started a hospital visitation program in May with the Wood County Hospital Family Birthing Center. The WIC breastfeeding coordinator or peer helper visit new moms 1-3 times each week to provide information and support for breastfeeding, and applications for WIC services. Of the 100 new moms seen in 2017, 69 were breastfeeding and 33 were WIC participants.
- The new Farmers Market Nutrition Program gave \$20 in coupons for eligible participants to buy vegetables, herbs and fruit at three markets and two roadside stands in Wood County. This will continue in 2018 and was an appreciated addition for families that were pleased to take their children to a farmers market and purchase additional healthy food.



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Health Promotion and Preparedness



2017 Flu Season

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a respiratory illness that infects thousands of people each year. The very old, the very young and those with immune problems are at the highest risk for severe complications, which sometimes require hospitalization.

Like much of Ohio, Wood County's flu season has resulted in the most hospitalizations ever since influenza-related hospitalizations were first tracked, and those numbers are still growing as of this publication. Reduce your risk by getting a flu shot every year, washing your hands often, and staying away from people who are sick. If you get the flu, taking antiviral medicine your health care provider prescribes can help.

Infectious Disease Program

Community outbreaks and diseases are followed up on by our communicable disease nurse and epidemiologist to protect the citizens of Wood County. There are over 80 diseases that are required to be reported to the Wood County Health District per the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-3. Such diseases include hepatitis, sexually-transmitted diseases, norovirus and other foodborne illnesses. These diseases are required to be reported due to the potential for epidemic spread and/or due to significant public health concern.



Wood County Health Commissioner Ben Batey receives a flu shot.

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program is a healthcare program in 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 children need who meet the medical and financial eligibility criteria. CMH's mission is to assure that children with special health care needs and their families are able to obtain comprehensive care and services that are family centered, community based and culturally sensitive. In Wood County, 497 children received CMH services in 2017.

Immunization Action Plan Program

The Ohio Department of Health gives grant funds to support this program. The goal is to improve childhood and adolescent immunization rates and reduce disparities by race, ethnicity, disability status and socioeconomic status. Reaching this goal involves immunization assessment and education activities regarding the importance of timely immunizations and effective strategies to improve immunization rates. To that end, WCHD provides free education and training programs to Wood County health care provider offices. "Maximizing Office Based Immunization" and "Teen Immunization Education Sessions" focus on educating staff in evidence-based strategies to improve immunization rates.

Immunization Clinics

The goal of immunization is to protect children from preventable childhood illness and lead to improved health in all children. Conversations should be a part of the child's health care visit and should include vaccines. There are some providers who cannot or do not give vaccines. If yours is one, Wood County Health District can help. For infants and children from birth through age 18, WCHD provides those needed vaccines. Most insurance plans are accepted and the cost may be free or reduced if the child has no insurance or is on Medicaid. In 2017, 365 immunizations were provided to 134 children.

Personal Care Program

Through funding from Job and Family Services, the Wood County Health District provides personal care assistance to handicapped and/or elderly county residents. This assistance can include bathing, shampooing, and medication set-up if they have no one else to assist them. The visits are made by home health aides and registered nurses. The program is based on income and assets and medical need. In 2017, 113 Wood County clients were served in this program.

Grants in Action: Blessings in a Backpack

Using Maternal and Child Health grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health, Wood County Health District has partnered with Bowling Green City Schools for two years to offer supplemental nutrition for students at Crim Elementary School. Each week of the program, food is delivered to Bowling Green High School, where student volunteers package the individual bags for Crim students. Each Friday, Crim students who have not opted out receive a bag containing nutritious food for the weekend, including breakfast, entrées and snacks.

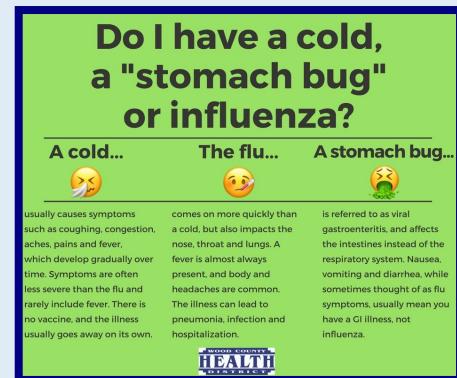
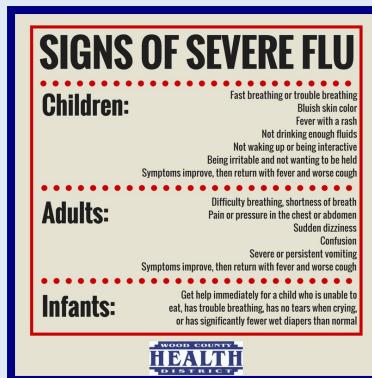
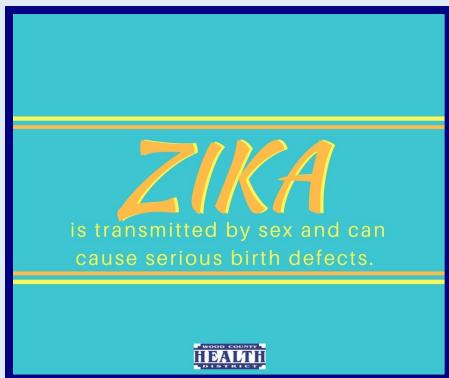


Outreach and Education

Engaging the public is an important part of the mission of public health. We want people to understand how and why we exist to protect the health of people in Wood County. We also believe in sharing information so the people we serve can take steps to protect and improve their individual health.

Wood County Health District and the Community Health and Wellness Center changed their outreach strategies in 2017, a step that has helped us to better communicate with the public. We began attending farmers markets across the county to not only promote our services, but to share information about healthy recipes, health department programs and services, and the overall value of the public health work we do. At some events, we've chosen to walk around and have conversations with people, engaging them first by giving away small items such as sunscreen, hand sanitizer and mosquito repellent. Not only do using these items have positive health benefits, the interaction we have with people who accept them is a great opportunity to encourage healthy behaviors.

In addition to sharing information with the people we serve, we spread our messages through advertising, social media, and media engagement whenever an important topic arises.



Emergency Preparedness



Connor Rittwage (left) and William Bryant-Bey lead a meeting of Northwest Ohio emergency planners. Rittwage was the regional preparedness coordinator for Northwest Ohio in 2017. Bryant-Bey, Wood County's emergency planner and back-up coordinator, will serve as regional coordinator in 2018.

Wood County Health District has emergency preparedness plans in place for many situations. Each year, employees participate in several drills and exercises to test those plans and prepare for possible incidents and potential disasters, such as a tornado, a hazardous materials spill, or an infectious disease outbreak. We also work and train with other local health departments and area agencies.

In addition to preparing plans for Wood County, the health district has become the regional coordinator for Northwest Ohio, helping to oversee planning for 17 other health departments.

In 2017, our planning activities included:

- Working with local partners to set up points of dispensing in Bowling Green and Perrysburg, so medical countermeasures can be better disbursed during a potential outbreak.
- Formed an agreement with a local business to serve as a regional drop site in the event medication must be disbursed.
- Creating a new emergency response plan for Wood County.
- Conducting training for emergency planners, epidemiologists and public information officers, as well as local exercises.
- Assisting with health screenings during Project Connect in Bowling Green.

2017 Vital Statistics

341 births

2,266 copies of birth
certificates issued

1,334 deaths

6,209 copies of
death certificates issued

388

Burial permits issued

Medical Reserve Corps

Expect to hear more about Wood County Medical Reserve Corps in 2018

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based, civilian volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide. Each MRC unit is organized and trained to address a wide range of challenges from public health education to disaster response.

The Wood County Health District started the Wood County MRC in 2006. The main mission of the Wood County MRC is to provide support during disasters. This can include helping with clinics, answering hotline calls or other public health needs. Wood County MRC accepts medical and non-medical volunteers.

Volunteers can also help to promote health in the community year round. In Wood County, MRC volunteers have helped with health screenings, vaccination clinics, community event support, and emergency readiness and response training.

Thanks to an award from the National Association of County and City Health Officers, Wood County MRC is stepping up activities in 2018. Wood County MRC plans to survey current volunteers to find out what activities and training they want to be offered. We will also use social media to find people interested in joining MRC.

Throughout the year, volunteers will be asked to be part of community events that help Wood County residents, such as Project Connect. We will invite volunteers to take part in exercises and training, like the Skywarn Weather Spotter's class in March. Wood County MRC is planning a workshop in the fall. We will also be asking volunteers to help with making a handbook and training manuals.

Wood County MRC is open to anyone 18 years and older, with or without medical experience. Potential volunteers register on a website and must complete some basic training on volunteering during an emergency. Volunteers must take part in some sort of training every three years.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Wood County MRC can go to www.woodcountyhealth.org/ep/mrc.html. To register as a volunteer, go to www.ohioreponds.odh.ohio.gov. For specific questions, contact Pat Snyder at psnyder@co.wood.oh.us or 419-352-8402 ext 3232.

What can MRC volunteers do?

- Support local public health initiatives and goals such as promoting disease prevention, improving health literacy and eliminating health disparities.
- Enhance public health preparedness
- Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.
- Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.
- Train with local emergency response partners.

Our Programs

Environmental Health

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, along with various 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 review and approve the food program regularly.

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 make 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 Programs

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 septic 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 per requirements of the 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 the cost of administering the program.

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.

Community Health & Wellness 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 Care Center (FQHC). Many fees are based on household size and income. The center also provides behavioral health/counseling 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 and Wellness Center Co-Applicant Board.

Women, Infants and 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.

Health Promotion and 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

Providing vaccines to insured and uninsured children 0 through 18 years.

Immunization Action Plan Program

A grant from Ohio Department of Health to raise and maintain childhood and adolescent immunization rates and reduce coverage disparities by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status in Ohio. It allows a registered nurse to conduct an assessment and feedback of vaccination rates for providers in Wood County. Also provides monies for educational sessions to be held with provider offices to provide techniques to staff to assist in improving vaccination rates. All providers in Wood County are eligible for assist with this program.

Personal Care Program

Providing personal care services to those 60+ in the Wood County community to keep seniors in their homes instead of nursing home. RN can provide medication assistance if no other resource available. Wood County residents are eligible based on age, health status, and financial situation.

Health Promotion

This program provides information about health risks, health behaviors, prevention, and wellness. This can come in the form of press releases, social media posts and radio interviews. Examples include chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, depression, and opiate 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 as well. This program additionally provides infectious disease investigations and epidemiology. Wood County is also the regional emergency preparedness coordinator for 18 local health departments in Northwest Ohio.

Maternal and Child Health

This program funds Blessings in a Backpack, which provides supplemental weekend nutrition for elementary school students in Bowling Green, including breakfast, entrées and snacks.

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.

Health Department Employees

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Ben Batey

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Administration and Finance

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Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

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