

## Health Department Staff

Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela DeRolph, Health Commissioner</li> <li>• Mindi Wycinski, Accreditation Coordinator</li> <li>• Carrie Williams, Director of Operations</li> <li>• Tina Watkins, Vital Statistics Registrar</li> <li>• Leann Hinkle, Special Projects Coordinator</li> </ul>
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Montgomery, Director</li> <li>• Susan Kinney, Environmental Administrative Assistant</li> <li>• Cary Bowers, Registered Environmental Health Specialist</li> <li>• Chad Cook, Registered Environmental Health Specialist</li> </ul>
Health Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah Raney, Director</li> <li>• Lesa Garey, Health Educator</li> <li>• Jenny LaRue, Health Educator</li> <li>• Chad Seurkamp, Health Educator, Asst. Fiscal Officer</li> </ul>
Public Health Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenna Cannon, Director of Nursing</li> <li>• Christy Wilson, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant</li> <li>• Ashley Hill, Public Health Nurse</li> <li>• Jane Moore, Part-Time Temporary Nurse</li> </ul>
Emergency Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Mickey, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</li> </ul>

**OUR MISSION**  
To improve Public Health in Perry County by preventing disease, promoting health and safety, and protecting our environment.

**OUR VISION**  
A motivated community uniting for health and prosperity where we live, work, and play.

## Our Core Values: WE CARE

- Willingness:** We are ready to respond and eager to promote and protect the health of Perry county residents where they live, work and play.
- Excellence:** We promote quality outcomes through learning and continuous quality improvement. We use scientific data and evidence-based strategies to build a strong foundation to address health needs and promote healthy living in Perry County.
- Collaboration:** We value the diversity and unique contributions of our employees and partners. We develop positive relationships, foster innovative solutions, and use teamwork to solve problems and achieve common goals.
- Accountability:** We operate with open communication, transparency, timeliness, and continuous quality improvement. We strive to do the right thing to achieve the best public health outcomes.
- Respect:** We uphold a standard of conduct that recognizes and values the contributions of all. We value our employees and treat our clients, partners, and those we serve with respect by listening, understanding, and responding to their needs.
- Education:** We are committed to empowering and enriching employees through workforce development in order to advance the practice of public health. We also strive to offer and promote quality programs for our community in an attempt to improve health outcomes.

### The Board of Health:

Timothy Cotterman, President  
James Clouse, R.Ph., Vice President  
Kyle Eveland  
Stephen Ulrich, MD  
Carol Schaumleffel, DNP, RN, LSN

### Medical Director:

Dr. Bradley Wilson



# ANNUAL REPORT



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
**Perry County**  
**Health Department**

# Greetings from your Perry County Health Commissioner!

Dear Perry County Residents:

Last year was a very busy year as the Perry County Health Department staff continued the COVID-19 response with a focus on vaccination and other mitigation efforts, such as patient monitoring and case investigation, contact tracing, and community education and guidance.

Throughout 2021, the health department has continued to provide needed health services and healthy living opportunities. We worked to prevent the spread of other communicable diseases in addition to COVID-19, enhanced our emergency preparedness response, worked to improve environmental health conditions within our county, and provided health promotion and prevention services to help make Perry County a healthier place to live, work, and play.

As you read through our annual report, you will see some of the highlights and accomplishments for each of our divisions within the health department. You will also see some of our other department-wide successes, including the progress made within the Perry County Health Department's Strategic Plan and the completion of the Perry County Community Health Assessment. However, our biggest accomplishment of 2021 was achieving National Public Health Accreditation on May 14.

National Public Health Accreditation is the measurement of a health department's performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidenced-based standards. The goal of the national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of Tribal, state, local and territorial public health departments. I am thankful and appreciative of our staff, partners, and community members who worked so hard to ensure we met the national standards and helped us achieve National Public Health Accreditation.

Our staff's dedication to public health has been evident as we responded to the pandemic, continued our core public health operations to serve our community, and worked to obtain National Public Health Accreditation. Achieving this milestone during this difficult time is a testament to the commitment and passion of the Perry County Health Department staff. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Perry County Board of Health, our community, and our partners for fully supporting our efforts in improving and sustaining the health of Perry County residents. May 2022 bring health and happiness to you, your family, and friends.

Sincerely,

Angela DeRolph, MPH



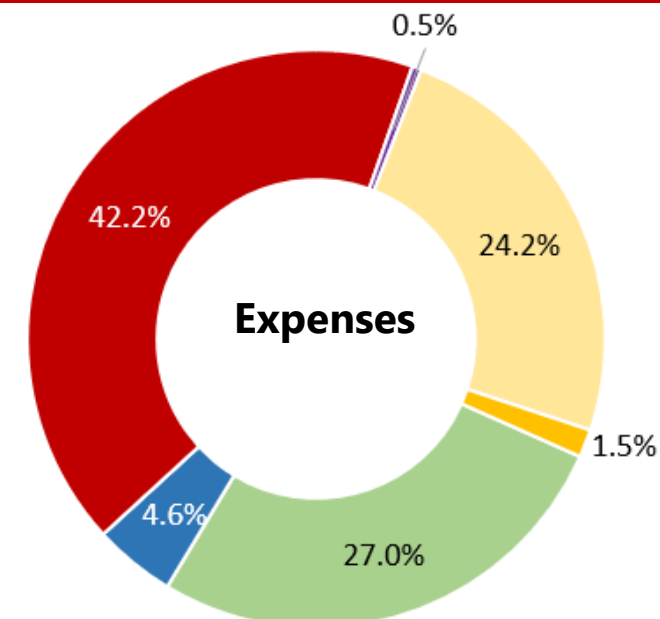
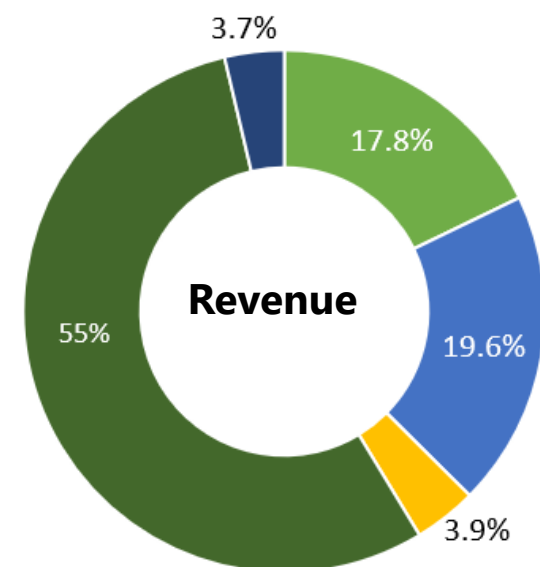
**Perry County Health Department Staff**

**Back row left to right:** Paul Montgomery, Cary Bowers, Jim Mickey, Jenna Cannon, Carrie Williams, Lesa Garey, Jenny LaRue, Cindy Dew, Debbie Raney, Chad Seurkamp, Christy Wilson, Chad Cook.

**Front row left to right:** Ashley Hill, Angela DeRolph, Tina Watkins, Susan Kinney, Mindi Wycinski, Leann Hinkle.

# FISCAL REPORTING

Local Funds:	\$	813,987	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
Federal & State Funds:	\$	894,644	<span style="color: blue;">■</span>
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:	\$	178,366	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
Charges for Service:	\$	2,509,646	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
Other:	\$	168,127	<span style="color: blue;">■</span>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$4,564,769</b>	

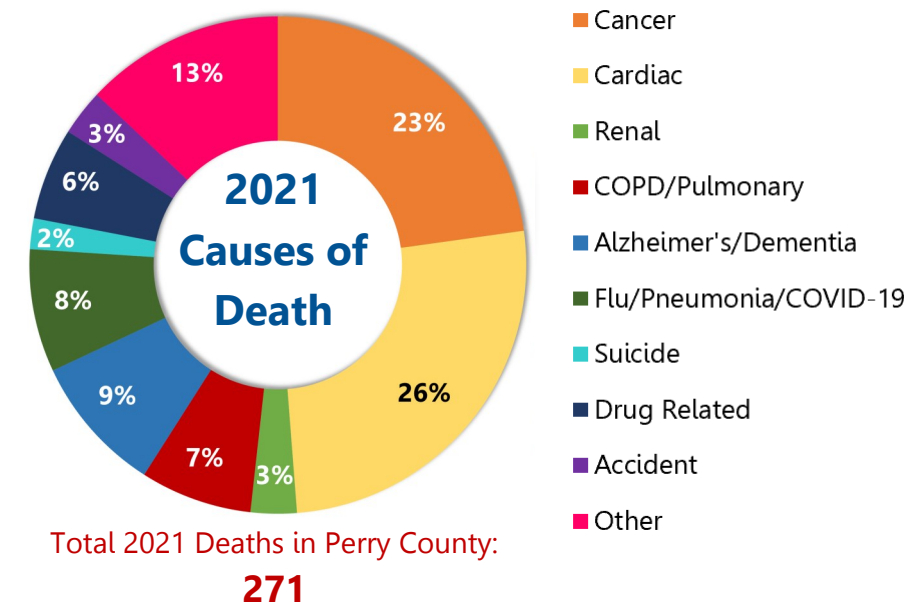


Salary & Benefits:	\$1,098,866	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
Supplies, Equipment, & Advertising:	\$186,538	<span style="color: blue;">■</span>
Remittances to State:	\$1,720,647	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
Utilities & Vehicles:	\$21,260	<span style="color: purple;">■</span>
Contracts for Services:	\$985,304	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
Other expenses:	\$63,559	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,076,174</b>	

# VITAL STATISTICS



The Perry County Health Department provides birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio and Death Certificates for deaths that occurred in Perry County.



\*Although more deaths may have occurred in Perry County, many individuals are transported to out-of-county hospitals before being pronounced dead.

# CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**History:** In November 2016, the Perry County Land Bank was awarded \$525,000 from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) to acquire and demolish abandoned, blighted properties and to return their parcels to productive, taxpaying use. Soon after, the Land Bank partnered with the Perry County Health Department to create the Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) Community Improvement Project. C&DD funding comes from the local landfills for collection of construction and demolition debris waste. In 2019 and 2020, Perry County Board of Health allocated \$402,200.74 of C&DD funding for demolitions throughout Perry County to remove blighted housing, making county neighborhoods healthier, safer, and stabilizing property values.

**Process:** Once a property is acquired by the Perry County Land Bank either from the county forfeiture list or by donation, and is identified for demolition, the Land Bank will order an asbestos survey. If the survey results indicate abatement is necessary, the Land Bank will contract with an asbestos contractor to comply with current EPA requirements. The Land Bank will prepare a detailed bid with specifications for demolition and solicit bids from qualified contractors. Properties are inspected to ensure that the contractor has fulfilled all contract requirements prior to release of the final payment.

Once a dwelling has been demolished and the lot reclaimed, the property is placed for sale. Adjacent neighbors are given first consideration, and then other neighbors in the area would be considered. The idea is that the properties will be remediated back to a state that can be used for residential, or even commercial use.



112 E. Main St., Shawnee  
Asbestos Inspection: \$975  
Demolition: \$53,900



126 Jones St.,  
Corning  
Asbestos Inspection:  
\$3,250  
Demolition:  
\$3,800



127 Jones St.,  
Corning  
Asbestos Inspection:  
\$1,560  
Demolition:  
\$5,400



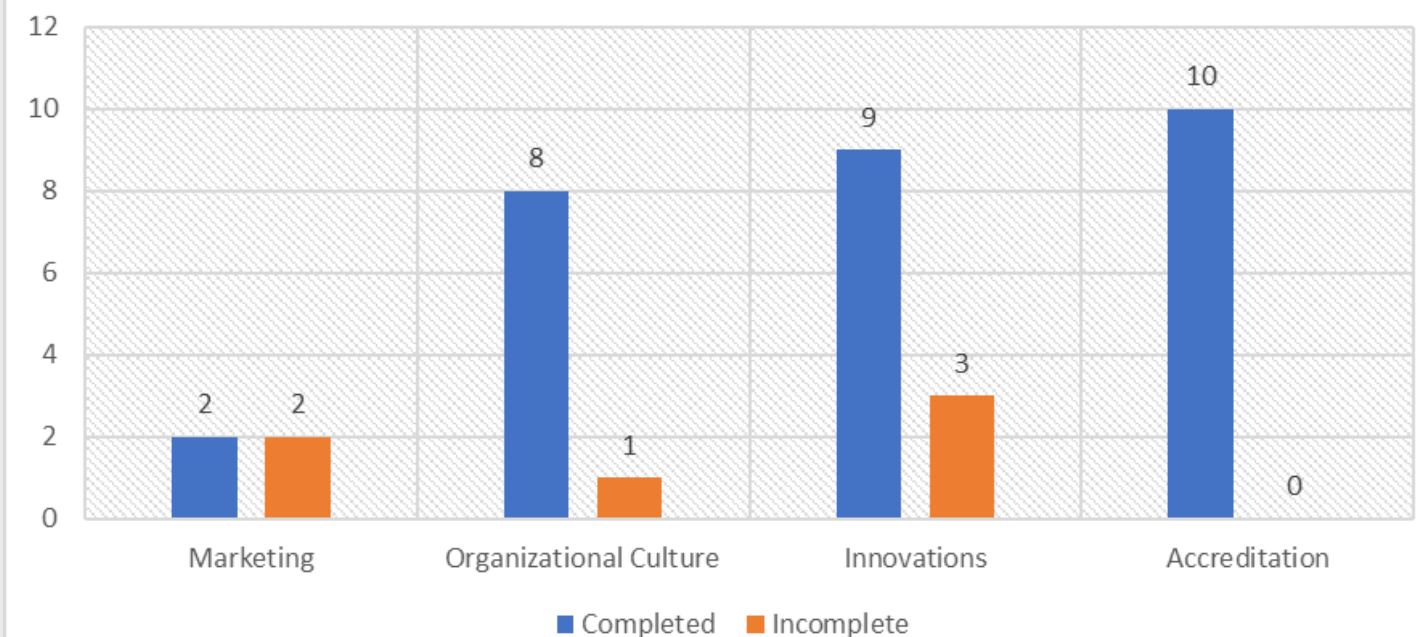
# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



The Perry County Health Department has started planning for the development of our next 5-year strategic plan with The Ohio State University Center for Public Health Practice. Our current strategic plan will conclude November 27, 2022, and it is our goal to transition to our new 5-year plan at that time.

The current Perry County Health Department Strategic Plan has served as a tool to help the health department promote a healthier Perry County by serving as our roadmap to drive organizational improvement from November 27, 2017-November 27, 2022. As part of the strategic plan, comprehensive internal workplans have been developed that detail the action steps, responsible party, and timeline for the objectives of each of our four strategic priorities: Marketing, Organizational Culture, Innovations, and Accreditation. The table below shows the progress we have made with completing the objectives in our workplan since the plan development in 2017 and the number we have left to complete this year.

PCHD 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Priorities:  
Key Measure Data - 2/2/2022



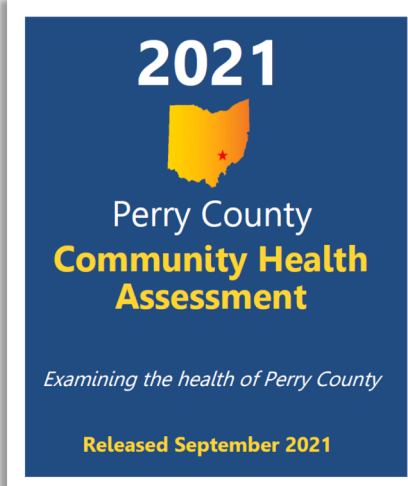
# 2021 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) UPDATE

In 2021 the Perry County Health Department released the new Perry County Community Health Assessment (CHA). This comprehensive health assessment is the result of a collaborative effort between the Southeast Ohio Health Improvement Collaborative, Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, researchers at the University of Toledo, and the Perry County Partners For Your Health who all worked together to complete the Perry County Community Health Assessment.

**Data Included in the Perry County Community Health Assessment:**

Health Care Coverage	Health Care Access and Utilization	Preventive Medicine
Women's Health	Men's Health	Oral Health
Health Status Perceptions	Weight Status	Tobacco Use
Alcohol Consumption	Drug Use	Sexual Behavior
Mental Health	Cardiovascular Health	Cancer
Arthritis	Asthma	Diabetes
Quality of Life	Social Determinants of Health	Environmental Conditions
Parenting		

The Perry County Community Health Assessment provides an overview of health-related data for Perry County adults (19 years of age and older). The CHA provides a snapshot of our community, as well as a comparison to the state and nation. Data within the CHA is intended to help community stakeholders better understand the health needs and health priorities of Perry County residents. The information included in this report provides valuable data that can be used for developing strategies, educating, and implementing services focused on acute and chronic health conditions, increasing access to care, addressing health disparities and health equity, overcoming barriers, and meeting unmet community health needs. The CHA report, which provides additional insight into our health status has the potential to play a significant role in influencing our course of action and helping to direct community resources where they will have the biggest impact.



# COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) UPDATE

In 2021 the Perry County Health Department worked with our Partners For Your Health to identify the top health priority areas: Access to Care and Chronic Disease which will be included in the new Perry County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

To identify the top health priority areas for the CHIP the partners utilized the Perry County definition, or vision, of health to guide planning. This vision of health in Perry County is:

**Perry County Adding More to Life!**  
**Value Strong - Community Focused – Health & Prosperity for All**

Using this vision to guide the planning process, the Partners For Your Health convened to examine the data included in the following assessments:

- Forces of Change Assessment
- Community Themes and Strengths Assessment
- Local Public Health Assessment focusing on Health Equity
- Community Health Assessment
- Quality of Life Survey

Additionally, the Partners For Your Health reviewed the information in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and the regional health priorities. Moving forward, work groups will be formed for each health priority area and workplans will be developed to identify initiatives each group will focus on over the next three years. These workplans will be included in the Perry County CHIP.

# HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education provides health promotion and prevention services that aim at improving the health of Perry County residents. The majority of the programs are funded by grants and create opportunities that make Perry County a healthier place to live, work and play.

**73**  
 Families received car seats through our partnership with Ohio Buckles Buckeyes and Job and Family Services.

**38**  
 families received a free pack-n-play

The Infant Safe Sleep program educates on creating safe sleep environments for babies. In 2021 the program continued using a remote process to continue safe sleep education while implementing COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

## Creating Healthy Communities

The Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) grant objectives are designed to *Make the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice*. The CHC Grant coordinator works to activate communities to improve access to and increase affordability of healthy foods, while creating more opportunities for physical activity where residents live, work, and play. 2021 goals included creating a new policy in Thornville for a Complete Streets and Safe Routes to Healthy Food. This will help to guide future road and sidewalk improvements in the areas near TC Market in Thorn Township. The CHC program continues to work on the Active Transportation Plan, where a team works on several objectives in the New Lexington Shopping District to improve mobility.



A new bike park for young riders opened in July 2021 to allow a safe area for kids to ride bicycles, scooters, etc.

**12**  
 cooking classes were held by CHC and partner staff to educate on healthy meal preparation.



*Tobacco Cessation*

**Secondhand Smoke Hurts Young Lungs**

Go Tobacco Free...  
 CALL THE  
**PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
  
**740-342-5179**

In 2021, the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation program (TUPC) worked on building relationships with schools and businesses to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. All four Perry County School Districts have a tobacco free campus policy, with Northern Local receiving an **A+** rating from the Ohio Department of Health. TUPC encourages businesses to refer their employees to:

**PCHD has**  
**4**  
 trained Tobacco Treatment Specialists!

**Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW**

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness program is funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CDC PHEP) grant. This program is responsible for ensuring that the Perry County Health Department is prepared to respond to various emergency events when needed. The purpose of emergency preparedness is to build and strengthen the ability to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including:

**Infectious Diseases**

**Natural Disasters**

**Biological, chemical, nuclear, & radiological events**

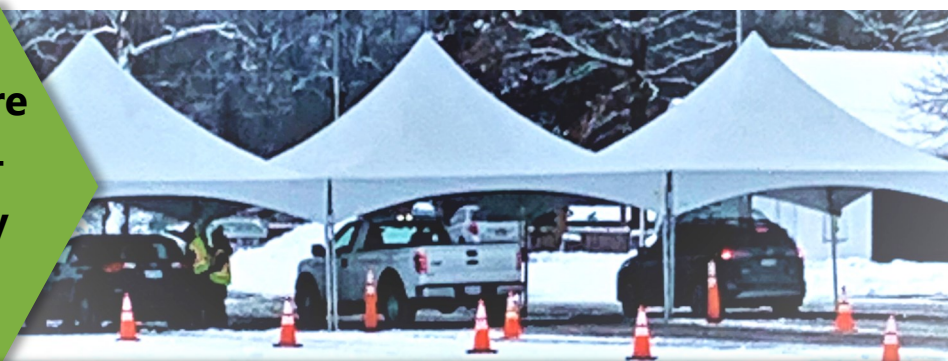


In 2021, the main focus was COVID-19 testing, vaccinating, and mitigation.

33 Perry County Developmental Disabilities staff were trained on workplace safety.

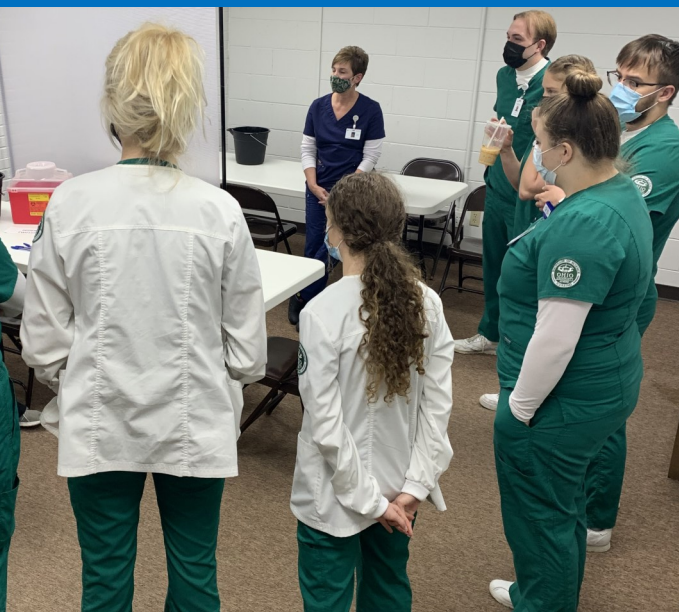
**Ohio Responds** The Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry is a system that registers, credentials, tracks, notifies, and informs willing individuals who are interested in volunteering in the event of a disaster or public health crisis. It is administered by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in conjunction with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA).  
**Perry County has 134 total volunteers registered. An increase of 46 since the beginning of the pandemic.**

**320 COVID-19 vaccines were administered at a two-day drive thru event at the Perry County Fairgrounds**



Perry County Sheriff deputies received AED/CPR training through a partnership with Fairfield Medical Center Community Heart Watch.

**9** AED units placed in patrol vehicles.



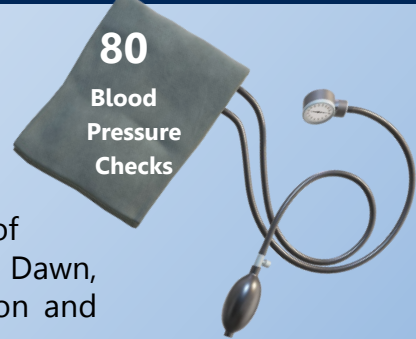
Students and Instructors from Ohio University School of Nursing, and Mid East Career Center, as well as staff and students from New Lexington School, and other partners assisted with COVID-19 vaccinations at our remote vaccine clinic, located in the former New Lexington Elementary.



# NURSING & IMMUNIZATIONS



Nursing Staff (left to right):  
 Ashley Hill, BSN, RN, Public Health Nurse  
 Jenna Cannon, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing  
 Christy Wilson, Certified Medical Office Assistant



PCHD distributed 36 doses of naloxone in 2021 as part of Project Dawn, Ohio's network of opioid education and naloxone distribution programs.

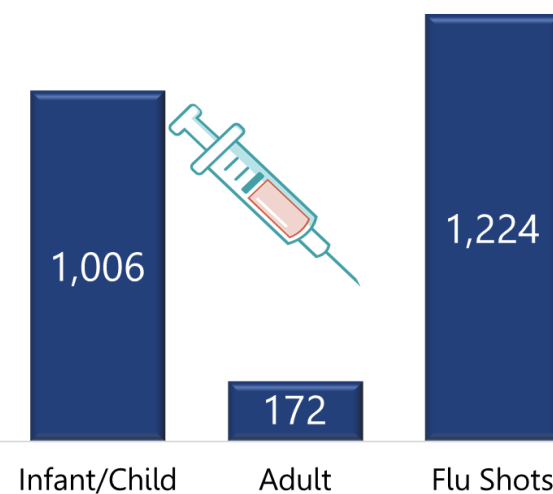
## Infectious Disease Reporting

Infectious Disease	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Campylobacteriosis	6	12	6	6	4
CP-CRE	0	0	1	1	2
Chlamydia	121	103	134	89	83
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	1	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	4	2	2	5	3
E. coli	1	2	2	2	3
Giardiasis	6	7	3	0	3
Gonorrhea	30	22	40	20	20
Haemophilus influenzae	1	2	1	0	1
Hepatitis A	5	8	31	0	1
Hepatitis B	21	15	20	6	12
Hepatitis C	86	53	51	31	32
Hepatitis E	0	0	0	0	1
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	20	29	48	31	3
LaCrosse Virus Disease	0	1	0	2	0
Legionnaires' Disease	1	4	4	0	1
Listeriosis	0	1	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	12	3	12	2	23
Meningitis, bacterial	0	2	0	0	1
Meningitis, viral	1	2	0	0	1
Pertussis	5	2	0	0	4
Salmonellosis	8	3	8	2	5
Shigellosis	0	0	2	0	0
Streptococcal Disease, Group A	1	1	3	3	7
Streptococcus pneumoniae	8	6	8	6	7
Syphilis	0	1	3	3	2
Varicella	5	4	0	2	3
Vibriosis	1	0	0	0	0
West Nile Virus	1	0	0	0	0
COVID-19	-	-	-	1935	4374

**2** Tuberculosis tests were administered for pre-employment or entry into a substance abuse or mental health facility.

**22** offsite flu and COVID-19 clinics provided wider community access to vaccines.

## Immunizations Provided in 2021

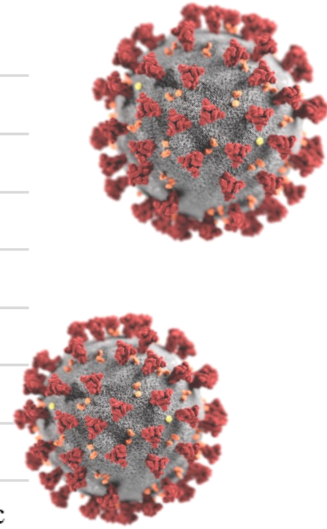
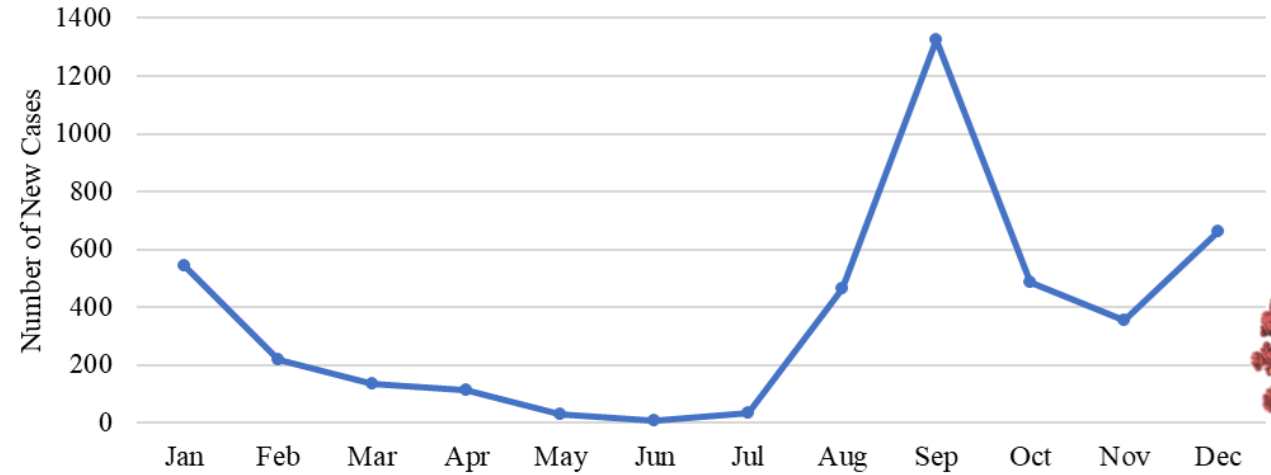


**96** women received mammograms through the James Cancer Center Digital Mammography Van during 5 visits to PCHD.



# COVID-19 UPDATE

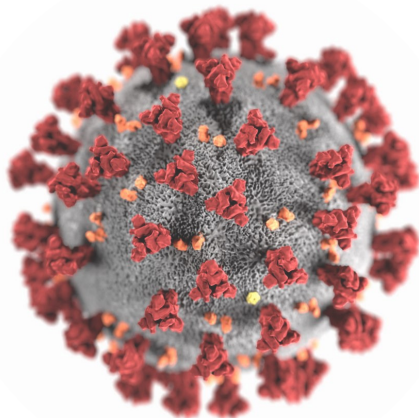
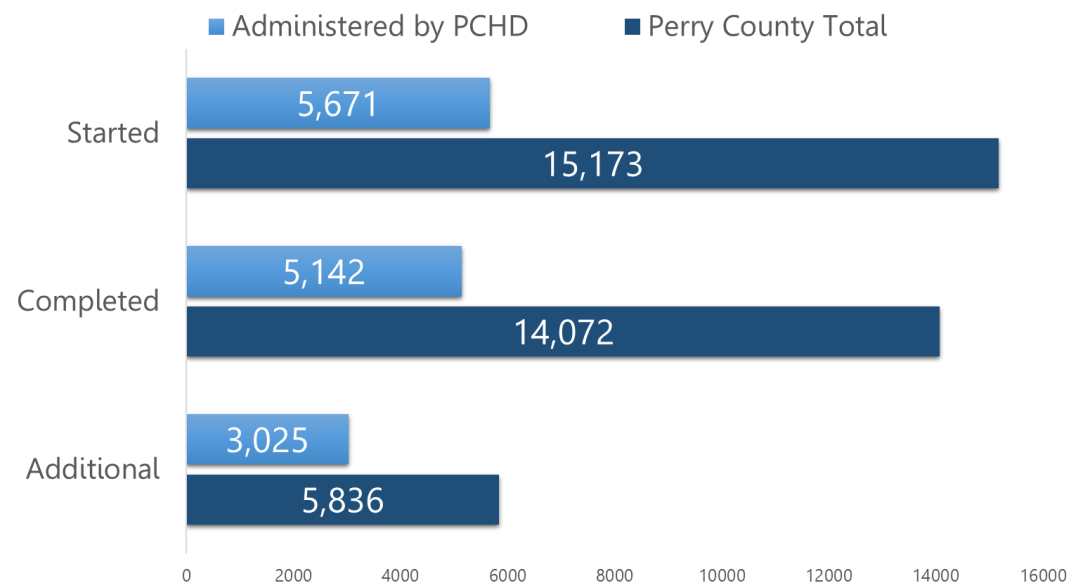
Monthly Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Perry County, Ohio, January - December 2021



**2021 COVID-19 Overview:** In 2021, Perry County, Ohio continued to be affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Rates of infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus fluctuated greatly over the course of the year. In January 2021, incidence rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection were high in Perry County following the holiday season with a monthly incidence rate of 1,602.7 cases per 100,000 persons reported to the Perry County Health Department. These rates fell gradually over time with 667.1 cases per 100,000 persons reported in February 2021 decreasing to 80.3 cases reported per 100,000 persons reported in May 2021. These low incidence rates continued through the summer months, maintaining rates of fewer than 100 reported cases per 100,000 persons in June and July.

In late August 2021, reported cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection again began to rise coinciding with the identification of a new variant of concern, named Delta. Incidence rates of reported SARS-CoV-2 infection in Perry County rose from 1,193.0 cases per 100,000 persons in August 2021 to 3,670.4 cases per 100,000 persons in September 2021. The number of reported cases then fell to 985.4 cases per 100,000 persons in November 2021. In late November 2021, the World Health Organization named a newly identified variant of SARS-CoV-2, called Omicron, a variant of concern. Rates of reported SARS-CoV-2 infection again began to rise in December 2021, with an incidence rate of 1,838.0 cases per 100,000 persons being reported in the final month of the year.

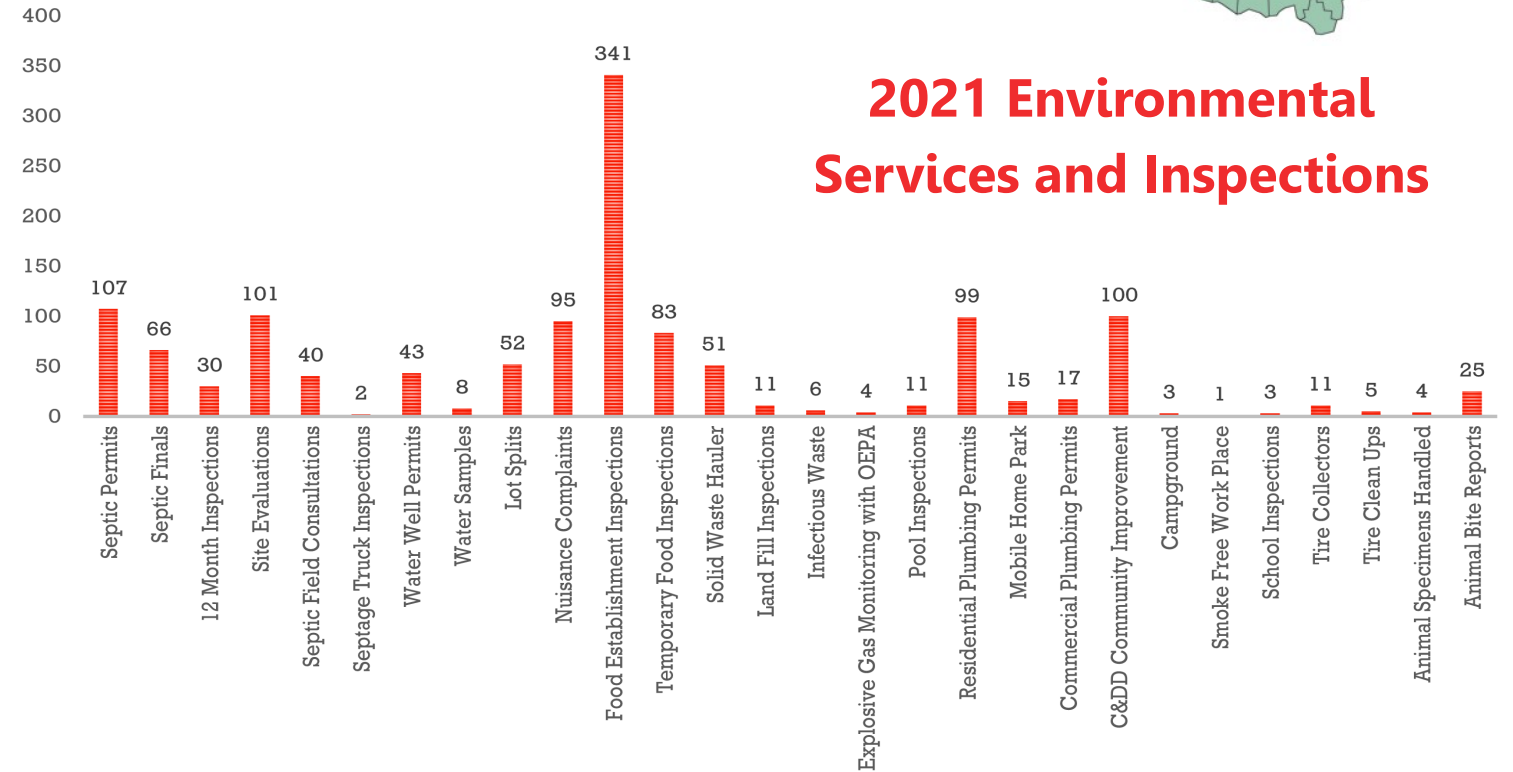
COVID-19 Vaccination Numbers



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

## The Environmental Health Division oversees:

- home sewage treatment systems
- private water systems
- plumbing installations and alterations
- solid waste licensing and inspections
- food service licensing and inspections
- campground licensing
- swimming pool licensing
- mosquito surveillance and control
- animal bites/rabies concerns



## 2021 Environmental Services and Inspections

## 2021 Perry County Scrap Tire Collection



The Perry County Health Department, in collaboration with Perry County Waste Reduction and Recycling, work every year to remove scrap tires from our community. In 2021, the Perry County Health Department utilized Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Mosquito Control Grant funding to remove approximately 5,000 scrap tires from Perry County residents. Four different collection events were held throughout the county in partnership with Perry Behavioral Health Men's Evolution program, Tyrex Resources of Ohio and Liberty Tire. The Perry County Health Department and Ohio EPA inspect automotive and tire shops throughout the county for compliance with the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes for scrap tire handling, storage, and proper disposal.