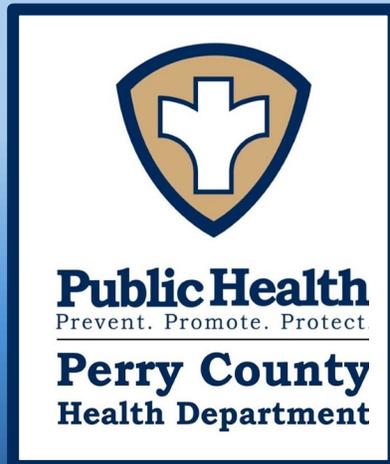


Annual Report



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Greetings from the Health Commissioner

It is my honor to introduce the Perry County Health Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report reflects the dedication, resilience, and commitment of our staff as we continued working to protect and promote the health of our community throughout the year.

Public health is a shared responsibility, and the progress highlighted in these pages would not be possible without the collaboration of our community partners, local leaders, healthcare providers, residents and the health department staff.

Together, we have made meaningful strides in strengthening programs, responding to emerging needs, and supporting the well-being of individuals and families across our county.

As I reflect upon the 2025 accomplishments, I do so with deep gratitude, as 2025 marks my final full-year serving as the Perry County Health Commissioner. After 15 years in this role, I am filled with appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and lead such an exceptional team.

Over the past decade and a half, I have witnessed the strength of Perry County in times of challenge and in moments of progress. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many dedicated professionals and community members who care deeply about public health and the future of our county.

I want to sincerely thank the Perry County Board of Health for your guidance and support, the health department staff for their unwavering commitment, our community partners for your ongoing collaboration, and our residents for placing your trust in the Perry County Health Department. I am confident that I leave the Perry County Health Department in a strong and stable position, supported by a skilled and dedicated workforce, a new health department building, and in sound financial standing, and I am certain it will continue to grow and thrive in years ahead.

Therefore, as you review the 2025 Annual Report, I hope you are inspired by all the achievements accomplished by the health department staff, encouraged by all the services provided, and excited to see the health department building that in 2026 will house all health department staff and services under one roof. Thank you for supporting our efforts in improving and sustaining the health of Perry County residents, and thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Health Commissioner! May 2026 bring health and happiness to you, your family, and friends.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Angela DeRolph

Angela Derolph, MPH
Perry County Health Commissioner



17 years of service at PCHD

Strategic Plan

The PCHD Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap detailing our goals and strategies that we plan to accomplish over the next 5 years.

The strategic priorities for 2023-2028 include:

Public Relations

Goal: Grow a positive perception of the health department and its services post-pandemic. Becoming a credible, trustworthy, knowledgeable, and dependable source of information.

In turn, becoming an authority on public health issues by educating and aiding the community.

The work of the Perry County Health Department will cultivate relationships with the community while promoting health equity.

Community Engagement

Goal: To strengthen community engagement by working to develop and maintain existing relationships that enable stakeholders to work together to address health-related issues and promote well-being to achieve positive health impact and outcomes.

Compliance/Reaccreditation

Goal: Achieve and maintain compliance with all regulating entities and public health laws and codes. Achieve reaccreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

CHIP Priorities

Goal: Implementation and Monitoring of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Build Health Equity

Goal: Foster a culture of inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism.

Progress and Monitoring of the PCHD Strategic Plan

The health department uses ClearImpact, which serves as PCHD's performance management system, to track the completion of the objectives within the strategic plan. Twenty-two (22) objectives have been completed since plan implementation began. The chart below shows that 71% of the total strategic plan objectives have been completed by the end of 2025.



We Want to Welcome You to the New Perry County Health Department

In 2025, the Perry County Health Department reached a major milestone with the revitalization of the former PerCo building, marking a transformative advancement in strengthening the public health infrastructure within our community.

This strategic investment reflects our continued commitment to accessibility, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability of public health services. The renovated facility has been thoughtfully redesigned to enhance service delivery, improve workflow, and provide a welcoming and professional environment for both staff and the residents we serve.

In late spring 2025, the Administration Division – including fiscal operations, vital statistics (birth and death records), Public Health Accreditation, and the Health Commissioner, along with the Emergency Preparedness Division, relocated to the new facility and began serving the public.

In early fall, the Nursing Division moved to the new building and commenced operations in the newly renovated clinical space.

In 2026, work continued on the building to prepare space for the Health Education and Environmental Health Divisions. These divisions should complete their move into the new health department building by the end of February 2026. This final phase will fully consolidate health department services into one centralized location. This consolidation will enhance accessibility for residents, strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration, streamline processes, and increase overall operational capacity. Additionally, updated technology, improved meeting and training areas, and enhanced security features have strengthened our ability to serve Perry County residents more efficiently and effectively. The revitalization of the PerCo building represents more than a relocation – it is a strategic investment in the future of public health in Perry County. By modernizing our facilities and centralizing services, the Perry County Health Department is better positioned to enhance customer service, expand program capacity to meet evolving community health needs, and support staff development and professional growth.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Perry County Board of Health and the Perry County Board of Commissioners for their leadership and support in making this project possible. We also thank the Perry County maintenance department and the numerous contractors whose expertise and work brought this vision to life. Most importantly, we are deeply grateful to our health department staff for their professionalism, flexibility, assistance, and patience throughout the renovation and transition process, as well as to our community for your continued trust and support.

We are excited to welcome you to the new Perry County Health Department building located at 2235 State Route 13 in New Lexington and look forward to serving you in our new home for many years to come.



Community Health Improvement Plan

CHIP Highlights

The Perry County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a long-term strategy created to address the public health issues in Perry County. The 2025-2030 CHIP was developed based on the issues outlined by the results from the 2025 Community Health Assessment (CHA). This plan aims to address access to care, chronic disease and maternal and child health with strategic goals set to be complete by 2030. To access the Perry County Community Health Assessment and the Perry County Community Health Improvement Plan, visit:

<https://perrycountyhealth.info/community-health-assessment/>



Pictured from left to right: Dispatcher Katana Loy, Community Heart Watch Teri Watson, Director of 911 Dispatch Sherry Emmert, and Dispatcher Shila Pargeon, and PCHD's Jim Mickey

Increasing Access to Care

In 2025, PCHD's Emergency Response and Preparedness Coordinator Jim Mickey completed interactive training using Avive Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with the Perry County 911 dispatchers. The Avive AED's newest capability alerts all Community Partners with calls concerning cardiac emergencies. This new feature will allow 911 Dispatchers to advise the first response teams responding to these active calls in our community with updates in real time.

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Mammograms provided in 2025

PCHD provides the opportunity for women to receive close-to-home mammography services through our partnership with The James Cancer Center. Increasing the proportion of females who get screened for breast cancer has been a primary objective for increasing access to care in our community.

Project Dawn in Perry County

Reducing drug overdose deaths by increasing access to Naloxone (NARCAN) was identified as a priority objective for Improving Access to Care within the county. The Perry County Health Department provided training while distributing **361** Naloxone (NARCAN) kits to our community partners within the county.

361

Naloxone (Narcan) kits distributed in 2025

Community Health Assessment Update:

In 2024, SOHIC contracted with Moxley Public Health, a public health consulting company, to facilitate the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process. SOHIC continued to work with Moxley Public Health to complete the CHA report for each of the county health departments with Genesis Healthcare System.

Southeastern Ohio Health Improvement Collaborative (SOHIC) Members:

- ◆ Perry County Health Department
- ◆ Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department
- ◆ Noble County Health Department
- ◆ Morgan County Health Department
- ◆ Genesis Healthcare System

Primary data for the Perry County CHA Report was collected through community member surveys, key informant interviews, and focus groups.

190

Community member surveys were completed

40

Community members participated in Focus Groups

11

Community leaders participated in Key Informant Interviews

The results of the Perry County CHA provided comprehensive information about the community's current health status, needs and issues. This information was used to develop the 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which includes strategies to address the health priority areas identified as access to care, chronic disease, and maternal and child health. This assessment will help justify how and where resources should be allocated to best meet the needs of the community.

The Perry County CHA and CHIP were both released in August 2025

QI Maturity Tool

In February 2025, a Quality Improvement Maturity Tool survey was sent to all PCHD staff to reassess the status of the department regarding continuous quality improvement. The same survey was conducted 10 years prior with results stating PCHD was in the beginning stage of quality improvement with a score of 99 (category range 0–99).

In March 2025, the Accreditation Team reviewed the results and produced a master copy based on majority vote. The results of the 2025 survey placed PCHD in the achieving stage of quality improvement with a score of 124 (category range 121–139). PCHD has grown significantly with continuous quality improvement, and it is anticipated that we will reach the excelling stage within the next five years.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) is a deliberate, defined process which is focused on activities that are responsive to community needs and improving population health.

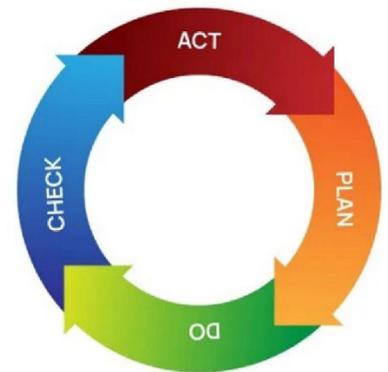
CQI is a continuous and ongoing effort to achieve measurable improvements in efficiency, effectiveness, performance, accountability, outcomes, and other indicators of quality in services or processes that achieve equity and improve the health of the community.



Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

The goal of CQI at the Perry County Health Department is to improve outcomes and performance by:

- Establishing a culture of CQI,
- Building CQI infrastructure and
- Applying CQI methods to daily practice.



Quality Improvement using Lean Six Sigma

Lean Six Sigma provides a structured, data-driven framework to improve efficiency, service delivery, and community outcomes in public health. This process helps health departments reduce waste, streamline processes, improve compliance, and enhance client satisfaction – all while maximizing limited resources. For agencies serving communities like Perry County, this approach supports safer, more efficient, and more impactful services.

The DMAIC Model applied to Public Health:

1. Define

Clearly identify the public health issue or process needing improvement.

Key Actions:

- Define the problem and target population
- Identify stakeholders (staff, clients, community partners)
- Develop measurable goals

Outcome:

Clear project scope aligned with community needs.

2. Measure

Determine the root causes of inefficiencies or quality gaps.

Tools Used:

- Process mapping
- Root cause analysis
- Pareto analysis

Outcome:

Evidence-based understanding of what is driving the problem.

3. Analyze

Determine the root causes of inefficiencies or quality gaps.

Tools Used:

- Process mapping
- Root cause analysis
- Pareto analysis

Outcome:

Evidence-based understanding of what is driving the problem.

4. Improve

Develop and implement targeted solutions

Examples in Public Health:

- Cross train staff
- Standardize inspection checklists
- Improve outreach messaging

Outcome:

Improved service delivery and efficiency

5. Control

Ensure improvements are sustained.

Public Health Control Methods:

- Updated standard operating procedures (SOP's)
- Ongoing data monitoring dashboards
- Staff training and accountability plans

Outcome:

Long-term, sustainable improvement

Quality Improvement using Lean Six Sigma

Six Sigma

In 2025, three PCHD staff members were given the opportunity to pursue Lean Six Sigma Green and Yellow Belt certifications. As part of the certification process, each participant was required to identify an existing challenge within their health department and apply Lean Six Sigma principles to develop a solution. Through this initiative, PCHD identified an opportunity to enhance processes within our recreational program.

Project Overview:

Problem Statement:	Disorganization and inadequate tracking of recreation program inspections have contributed to an increase in out-of-compliance findings. Over the past year, 27 of the 30 required inspections were completed and properly documented; however, 9 of the 30 were not finalized within the required timeframe. Inspections completed after their due dates result in a noncompliant status during the state survey process and require the development and submission of a corrective action plan.
Project Intent	Establish a coordinated and collaborative system among sanitarians to consistently track and log inspections, ensuring they are completed within required timelines – within 365 days of the previous inspection date for campgrounds, pools, and tattoo shops, and between July 1 and October 31 for mobile home parks.
Business Case/Objectives	Improve the tracking of the recreation program inspections to reduce time looking for inspection reports. Easily identify when the inspections need to be completed to ensure that the inspections are completed within the required timeframe.
Improve Goal	100% completion within the required timeframe and 30/30 inspections logged and filed

The team applied a variety of Lean Six Sigma tools, including SIPOC mapping, quantitative data analysis, and root cause analysis, to identify and implement a sustainable solution. Following the implementation of these process improvements, the department reported **0 out-of-compliance inspections in 2025**, demonstrating the effectiveness of the approach.



Recreation Program Tracking Project

Project Team: Ashley Champ, Brooke Howell, and Hannah Dishon
Perry County Health Department



DEFINE

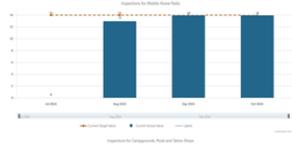
Problem: Lack of organization and tracking for the rec program inspections causing an increase in out of compliance inspections.

Project Intent: Ensure organization, collaboration in tracking/logging inspections among sanitarians, and ensure inspections are completed within the required timeframe.

Business Case/Objective(s): Improve the tracking of the rec program inspections to improve efficiency and avoid non-compliance.

PROJECT SCOPE:
Within Scope: Ensuring inspections are completed within the required timeframe to ensure inspection compliance.
Outside Scope: The timeframe requirements for inspections are set by the state and cannot be changed.

MEASURE Quantitative Analysis [Before]



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Chosen Solutions:

- Utilize support staff by having them log inspections in the spreadsheet and filing away once finished
- Ensure all fields in the electronic spreadsheet match the paper format to quickly determine which inspections have not been fully completed.
- Utilize support staff as reminder system to ensure inspections are completed within the required timeframe.

CONTROL PLAN

- Process Owner inputting inspection report information in the spreadsheet and filing away
- Process Owner sending out progress updates once a month and reminders for inspection dates starting two weeks prior to the deadline.
- Sanitarians give Kaylin the completed inspection reports within one business day to be inputted.
- Process Owner ensure all fields are completed on reports.
- Environmental Health Director will check the spreadsheet on the 1st Monday of each month to ensure sanitarians are completing inspection reports correctly.

MEASURE Baseline Measure of Problem

Operational Definition: Completed and logged inspection reports for pools, campgrounds, tattoo shops and mobile home parks for the years 2024 and 2025.

Current State: 27/30 inspections completed and logged

Goal: 30/30 inspections logged

Gap: 3/30 inspections required are missing, and 9/30 inspections were not completed by the deadline

ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

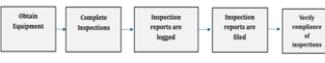
Root causes to be addressed:

- Lack of organization and recording system
- Lack of utilizing support staff and incomplete reports

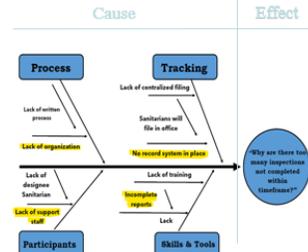
SOLUTION MATRIX

Eliminate/ Reduce a Root Cause	Cost	Stakeholder Acceptance	Implementation Time Frame	Year Score	
Utilize Support Staff and account	Costs Score	Costs Score	Costs Score	Costs Score	Year Score
Ensure all fields match	1	1	1	1	100
Utilize support staff as reminder	1	1	1	1	100
Ensure all fields are completed	1	1	1	1	100

Process:



Process



RESULTS

BEFORE:

79%

Inspections complete by deadline

AFTER:

100%

Inspections complete by deadline

REFLECTIONS

What worked well: (+)

- Creating a reminder system with the help of support staff

Areas for improvement: (-)

- Team meetings
- Staff knowledge of programs



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NURSING DIVISION IMPACT & REACH



A snapshot of services delivered, community engagement, and workforce development across the PCHD Nursing Division.

COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH NURSING SERVICES

- Breast Cancer Screenings: **63**
- Children with Complex Medical Needs Supported: **159**
- Head Lice Prescriptions Provided: **87**
- Immunizations Administered: **1,673**
- Tuberculosis (TB) Screenings Completed: **284**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Vaccine Outreach Clinics & Community Events
Attended by Nursing Staff: **20**

WORKFORCE & EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Ohio University Students Precepted: **4**
Professional Trainings Completed by Nursing Staff: **15**



Meet the Nursing Division



Jenna Cannon, MPH, BSN, RN

Director of Nursing & Epidemiologist

6 years of service with PCHD

Bailey Vandagriff, RN

Public Health Nurse &
Certified Breastfeeding Specialist

3 years of service with PCHD



Jake Baker, BSN, RN

Public Health Nurse

2 years of service with PCHD



2025 Disease Monitoring & Public Health Surveillance

Communicable Disease Reports Reviewed and Investigated in Perry County in 2025-308

Year to Date Totals by Disease in Perry County, Ohio

Disease	2025	2024	2023
C. auris	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	10	9	11
Chlamydia	43	46	63
CP-CRE	0	1	1
CPO	3	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	6	6	8
E. coli	1	1	3
Ehrlichiosis*	1	0	0
Giardiasis	2	1	2
Gonococcal	3	4	8
Haemophilus influenzae	1	2	2
Hepatitis B	4	7	14
Hepatitis C, chronic	17	23	26
Hepatitis C, perinatal	3	0	0
Influenza-associated hospitalization	65	27	10
La Crosse virus disease	3	0	1
Legionnaires' Disease	0	0	1
Lyme disease	118	80	90
Meningitis, bacterial	0	1	2
Pertussis	6	2	3
Salmonellosis	9	8	2
Shigellosis	0	2	0
Streptococcal Group A, invasive	2	2	6
Streptococcal Group B, in newborn	1	0	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	10	7	5
Syphilis	0	0	2
Varicella	0	1	3
Yersiniosis	0	1	1

What we do:

Reportable diseases are specific illnesses that healthcare providers and laboratories are required by law to report to the health department. These reports allow public health professionals to quickly identify potential outbreaks, monitor trends, and take action to protect the community.

PCHD's Epidemiologist investigates these reports, provides guidance to individuals and healthcare providers, and works to prevent further spread through education, follow-up, and coordination with state partners. Disease monitoring helps keep our community informed, prepared, and protected.

Disease Trends & Surveillance

Lyme disease (**118** cases) and influenza-associated hospitalizations (**65** cases) were the most reported conditions in Perry County in 2025. These numbers reflect the continued risk of tick-borne illness and seasonal respiratory illness activity. Sexually transmitted infections and bloodborne infections including Chlamydia, Hepatitis B, and Chronic Hepatitis C continue a multi-year downward trend, while most foodborne and gastrointestinal illnesses remain relatively stable with minor year-to-year variation.

Disease surveillance activities are conducted by trained public health professionals in coordination with healthcare providers and the Ohio Department of Health. Most reported cases are isolated and do not indicate an outbreak or an immediate threat to the public.

Health Education



Pictured: Community Garden located in New Straitsville

Creating Health Communities

Vision: Vibrant Ohio communities where everyone has access to healthy foods and opportunities for active living.

This program is managed by Jenny LaRue.

Healthy Eating Projects	Active Living Projects
Local Food Council – Established in 2026 and working with many organizations and schools	Renovation of the community park at Madison & Broadway Street with the Village of New Lexington
Promoting Community Gardens in Perry County	Work with New Lexington City Schools to create a Safe Route to school in New Lexington
Search for new grant opportunities for local food systems	Support the Local Bike Rodeo and Bike Lending Program through mobility management

Integrated Harm

Our Integrated Harm initiatives are designed to reduce overdose deaths, address stigma, and support both community members and frontline responders. Through education, intervention, and strategic partnerships, we are actively responding to the ongoing opioid crisis in our community.

361 Naloxone (Narcan) kits distributed in 2025

- Available free to individuals, families, and community members
- Provided during trainings and outreach events
- Training includes Anti-Stigma, focusing on barriers to care, and Compassion Fatigue designed for healthcare providers, first responders, educators and service organizations, addressing burnout, secondary trauma, and resilience-building.
- Stigma remains one of the greatest obstacles to recovery

Leave Behind Program

- Partnership with select local fire, EMS, and law enforcement departments within the community
- Provides Narcan and resource information left with individuals and families following an overdose response event

Naloxone (Narcan) is a lifesaving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose within minutes. Increasing community access equips individuals with the tools to respond immediately in emergency situations and helps reduce preventable overdose deaths.



Pictured: Health Educators Te'Lesia Spencer and Haley Randolph

PCHD's Health Education Division held an Amish Womens Health Event in December, which provided blood pressure and pulse checks, blood sugar screenings, self-breast exam education, car seat checks, pack-n-play registration, and non-hormonal birth control education to the Amish Communities in Perry County.

This event, along with other events hosted, shows the Health Education Division's dedication to serving all populations throughout our county.

Health Education



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

Health Education Coalitions

Are you interested in getting involved with Health Education?

Attend one of our coalition meetings!

The Perry County Local Food Council is led by **Jenny LaRue (740) 721-0864** and the Child Injury Prevention Coalition is led by **Haley Randolph (740) 721-0860**.



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Families were educated on safe sleep practices and received a portable crib through our Cribs for Kids grant program.



Deborah Raney
Director of Health Education
20 years of service with PCHD



Jenny LaRue
Health Educator
26 years of service with PCHD



Chad Seurkamp
Health Educator
10 years of service with PCHD



Lesa Garey
Health Educator
10 years of service with PCHD



Haley Randolph
Health Educator
2 years of service with PCHD

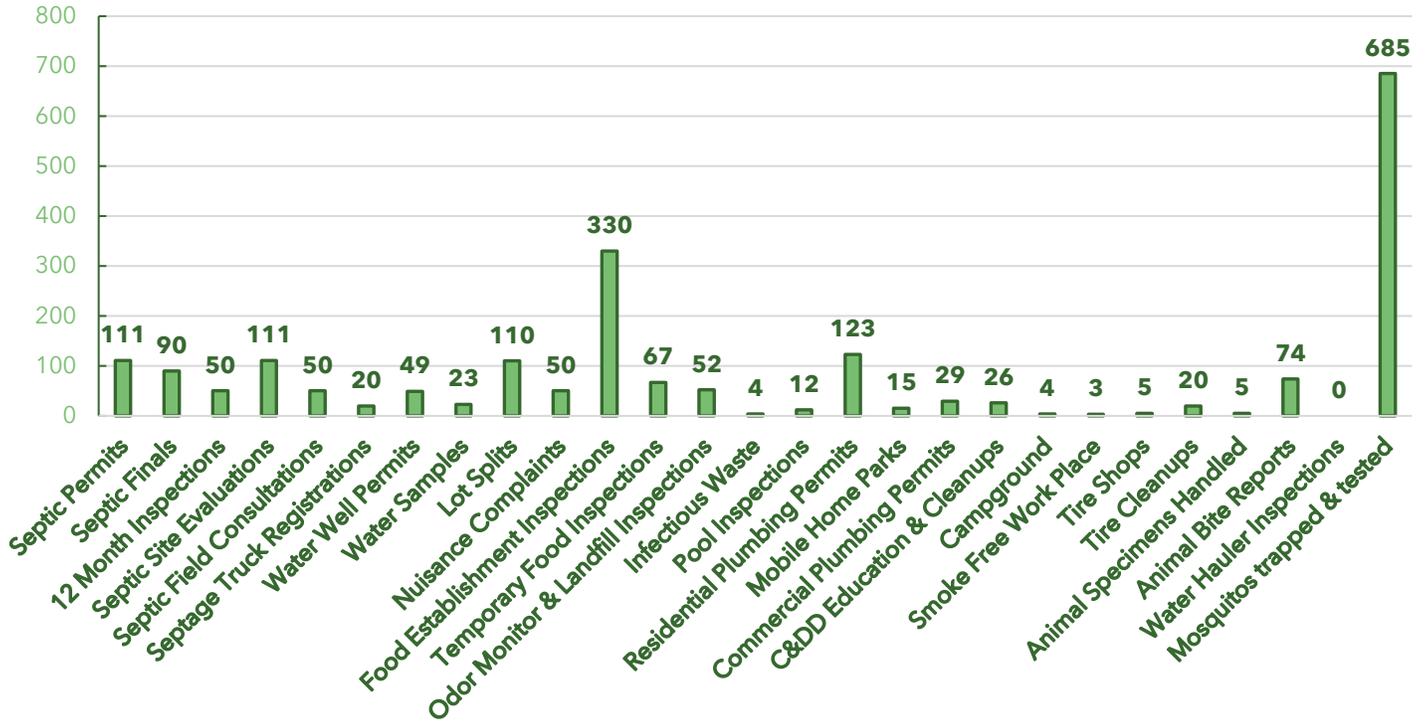
Youth Tobacco Prevention Education & Cessation

All four Perry County school districts participate in an alternative to suspension program that educates youth on the decision to stop using tobacco and vape products in lieu of traditional suspension.

Youth can call 855-891-9989 or visit www.livevapefree.com

Environmental Health

2025 Environmental Services and Inspections



Cary Bowers

Director of Environmental Health
14 years of service with PCHD



Chad Cook

Registered Environmental Health Specialist
26 years of service with PCHD



Brooke Howell

Registered Environmental Health Specialist
3 years of service with PCHD



Josh McClure

Registered Environmental Health Specialist
2 years of service at PCHD



Susan Kinney

Environmental Admin Assistant
27 years of service with PCHD



Kaylin Wellspring

Environmental Admin Assistant
1 year of service with PCHD

Environmental Health

In 2025, **330** inspections were completed on licensed food service establishments, including **54** mobile units, **154** brick-and-mortar locations, and **2** vending operations.

New Establishments in Perry County include:

- Old Town Pizza in Roseville
- Strong & Company in New Lexington
- Quick Stop 93 in Crooksville
- Happy Cones Ice Cream in New Lexington



Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Brooke Howell, during a food inspection in Perry County.

Working to keep you healthy where you live, work and play by overseeing:

- ⇒ **Home Sewage Treatment Systems** 
- ⇒ **Private Water Systems** 
- ⇒ **Plumbing Installations and Alterations** 
- ⇒ **C&DD Licensing and Inspections** 
- ⇒ **Food Service Licensing and Inspections** 
- ⇒ **Campground Licensing** 
- ⇒ **Swimming Pool Licensing** 
- ⇒ **Mosquito Surveillance and Control** 
- ⇒ **Animal Bites/Rabies Concerns** 
- ⇒ **Public Health Nuisances** 



Environmental Program Highlights

Construction and Demolition Debris (CDD) Program:

Enforcement and Monitoring: In 2025, the C&DD Program continues to utilize the Jerome-Hydrogen Sulfide Monitor during odor complaints. The meter helps detect H₂S particles to ensure gas levels in the air remain within the state requirements. Continued training has taken place to ensure the inspectors are properly handling the monitor, and annual recalibration of the machine has taken place.

Cleanup and Education: Our department during the 2025 program year approved and oversaw 21 community education and cleanup events in 12 jurisdictions, and approved 5 individual property education and cleanup events for completion in 2025.

We continue to look to grow the program in 2026, and encourage all Perry County communities to participate in the C&DD Community Cleanup and Education Program.

2025 Mosquito Surveillance Report

Recent mild temperatures and early spring weather increased mosquito activity in 2025. The mosquito control program for Perry County focuses on education and breeding source reduction, with the county being highly rural and hard to control for mosquitoes.

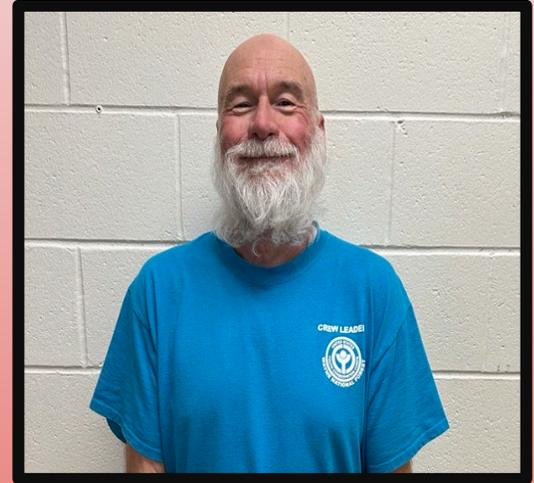
Our department also deploys larval control in the rainy breeding season and adult control methods late in the season when the adults and viruses are more prevalent in the environment.

We saw 3 cases of La Cross Encephalitis in humans and 1 positive West Nile Virus pool of mosquitoes tested. We continue to encourage proper scrap tire disposal by our department and vigilant preventative measures when mosquitoes are present in your area.

	<u>Mosquitoes Identified</u>	<u>Mosquitoes Pooled</u>	<u>Pools Pending</u>	<u>Pools Reported</u>	<u>WNV+ Pools</u>
Perry County Health Department	382	303	0	10	1

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator is responsible for providing disaster, emergency, and special events planning and operations to move forward our capabilities to coordinate our responses and recovery to natural disasters and human-caused emergencies. Plans were updated and developed, trainings and exercises were attended or held, and supplies and equipment were maintained at the ready to better assist with the next challenge.



Jim Mickey
Emergency Response Coordinator
9 years with PCHD



170 vaccinations were given and **28.7** pounds of unneeded medications were collected at the annual drive-thru clinic in October.

Training in CPR/AED use for cardiac emergencies was provided to **174** individuals at several events throughout Perry County in 2025



The health department coordinated efforts with the Perry County Fair to deploy and demobilize the Blu Med Emergency Facility. The Blu Med facility was used during fair week to offer an air-conditioned space, blood pressure checks, free bottled water, a changing/feeding station for infants, and training in CRP/AED use and airway obstructions.

Vital Statistics 2025

Certificates Issued

998 birth 952 death

11

Homebirths were registered
in Perry County

Perry County deaths*

289

0

Deaths were overdoses*

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



Ashley Champ

Registrar

1 year of service with PCHD



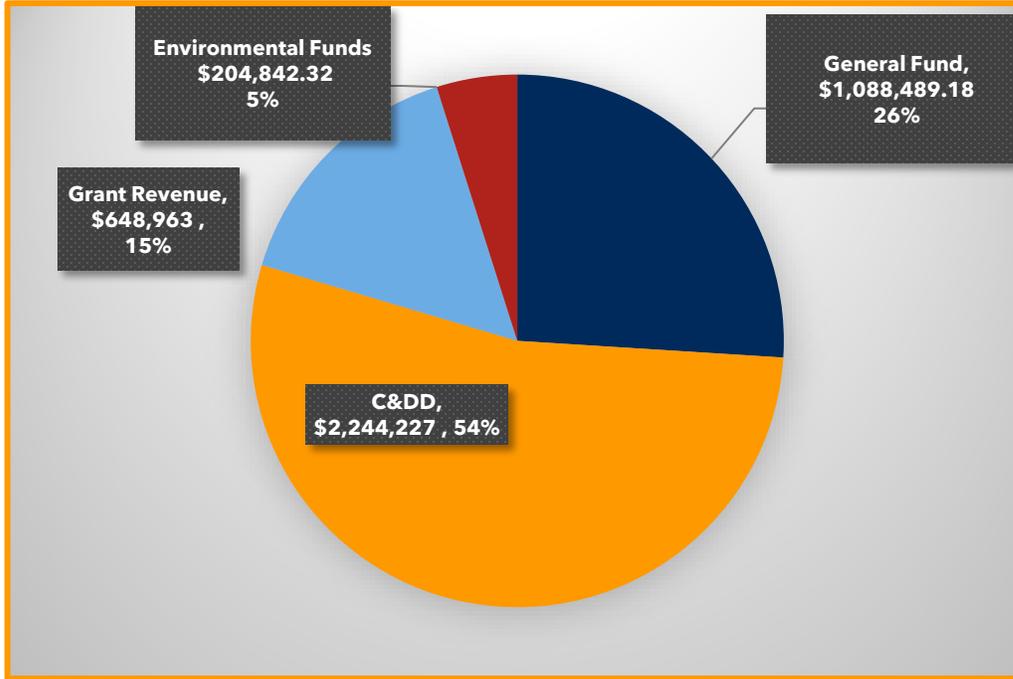
Te'Lesia Spencer

Deputy Registrar

1 year of service with PCHD

Fiscal Report

2025 Perry County Health Department Revenue



Revenue includes: intergovernmental (Ie: levy), contract charges for services (Ie: birth certificates), license/permit fees, grant funding and landfill tipping fees.

2025

Public Health Levy Income

\$862,658.24

Supports



Public Health Clinic

Vital Statistics



Environmental Support

Health Education & Promotion



Emergency Preparedness

Administration



Fund Breakdown

General Fund Costs include:

Personnel costs, operating costs, and mandated costs.

Environmental Health Costs include:

Costs associated with the food program, sewage program, plumbing program, and pool program. This would include expenditures such as personnel, operating costs, contracts, and mandated costs.

Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) Costs include:

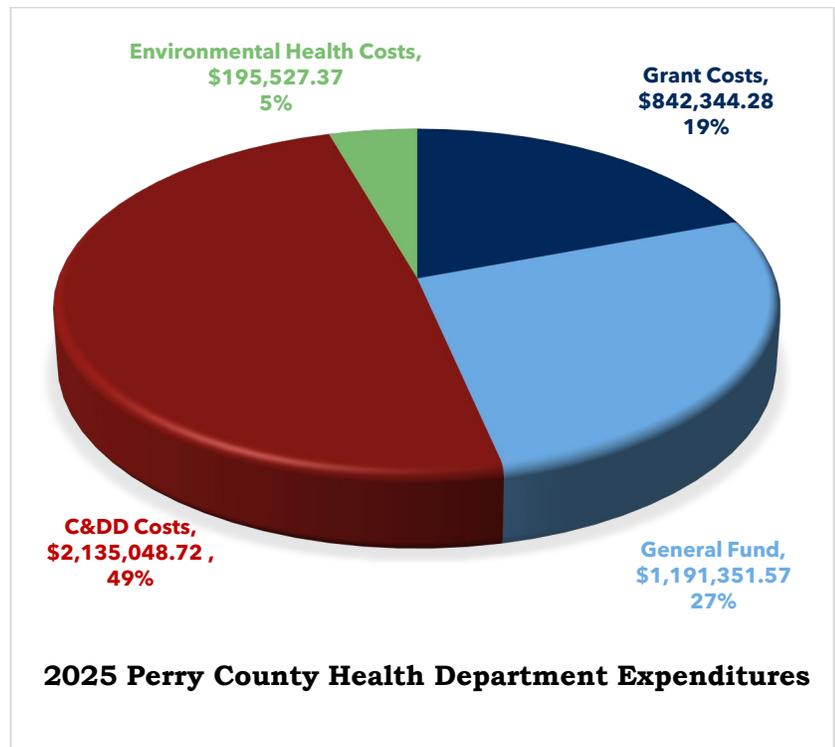
Cost associated with the C&DD Program would include expenditures such as personnel, operating costs, contracts, and mandated costs.

*C&DD fund balances are restricted by the ORC to be used solely for the purpose o the C&DD Program.

Grant Costs include:

Expenditures associated with all the PCHD grants and include items such as personnel, operating costs, and contracts.

*Grant funding must be used for purposes specified by the grant.



2025 Perry County Health Department Expenditures

PCHD in the spotlight

Congratulations to Jim Mickey!

PCHD would like to highlight our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Jim Mickey, as he received the Community Impact Award, which recognizes extraordinary efforts in making Perry County more heart safe! Jim has been an active and engaged member of Community Heart Watch for 7+ years and is a Champion for the "Smart AED" initiative in Perry County. Jim was instrumental in placing 45 Avive AED's and has trained 1,428 people at 14 events in 3 years with the Mobile CPR Training Unit. He has helped launch the first Heart Safe Park in Perry County (Somerset Memorial Park and assisted with the accreditation of Perry County District Library and Village of New Lexington as "Heart Safe Businesses". Jim is an ultimate Perry County advocate who assisted in 5 grants for AED's totaling \$21,955 and helped place 70 traditional AEDs in our community. We commend Jim on his sensational contributions to help our community thrive!



Pictured: Teri Watson and Jim Mickey



Congratulations to our Health Commissioner, Angela DeRolph! We are proud to share that Angela has been awarded the 2025 Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC), which was presented to her by Retired Health Commissioner Terry Allan, Cuyahoga County. This prestigious honor recognizes her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to advancing public health through the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners. Health Commissioner DeRolph was also honored to be reelected as the Vice President of the Association of the Ohio Health Commissioners during the AOHC Conference. Angela's vision, passion, and service continue to make a lasting difference across Ohio and in Perry County.

Congratulations to our Lean Six Sigma Green Belts: Hannah Dishon, Ashley Champ, and Brooke Howell.

These individuals have a working knowledge of the DMAIC (define, measure, analyze, improve, and control), and contribute to solving problems defined in the Quality Improvement (QI) projects.

They will continue to participate in team meetings, carry out assignments, and contribute knowledge, experience and expertise to successfully complete QI projects with the health department.

Thank you to Hannah, Ashley and Brooke!



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Big congratulations to our Public Health Nurse, Bailey Vandagriff, on achieving her Certified Breastfeeding Specialist Certification! This achievement reflects her ongoing dedication to supporting mothers, babies, and families in our community. We are so proud of her commitment to making a difference in the lives of those she serves.

Well done, Bailey!

Perry County Health Commissioner Angela DeRolph served as Chair of the 2025 Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) Fall Conference Planning Committee and co-presented a session titled: "Working Together Works: The History and Role of the BTeam in Public Health Emergency Preparedness." Health Commissioner DeRolph has chaired the AOHC Fall Conference Planning Committee for 2 years and has held leadership roles as Vice Chair or Chair of the BTeam for the past 8 years. The BTeam, a workgroup of local health commissioners, works with the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Health Preparedness to tackle critical emergency readiness challenges statewide.



Thank you, Health Commissioner DeRolph, for your leadership and dedication to advancing public health in Perry County and across Ohio!



VS Registrar/Special Projects Coordinator Ashley Champ, and Accreditation Coordinator Hannah Dishon attended the 2025 Open Forum Next Generation Conference with the National Network of Public Health Institute held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This conference offered creative and engaging opportunities for new public health workforce professionals, emerging leaders, and seasoned practitioners to learn, share, and innovate together to drive transformative impact through network-building, workforce development, and best practice modernization.

Thank you, Ashley and Hannah, for continuing to serve Perry County!

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

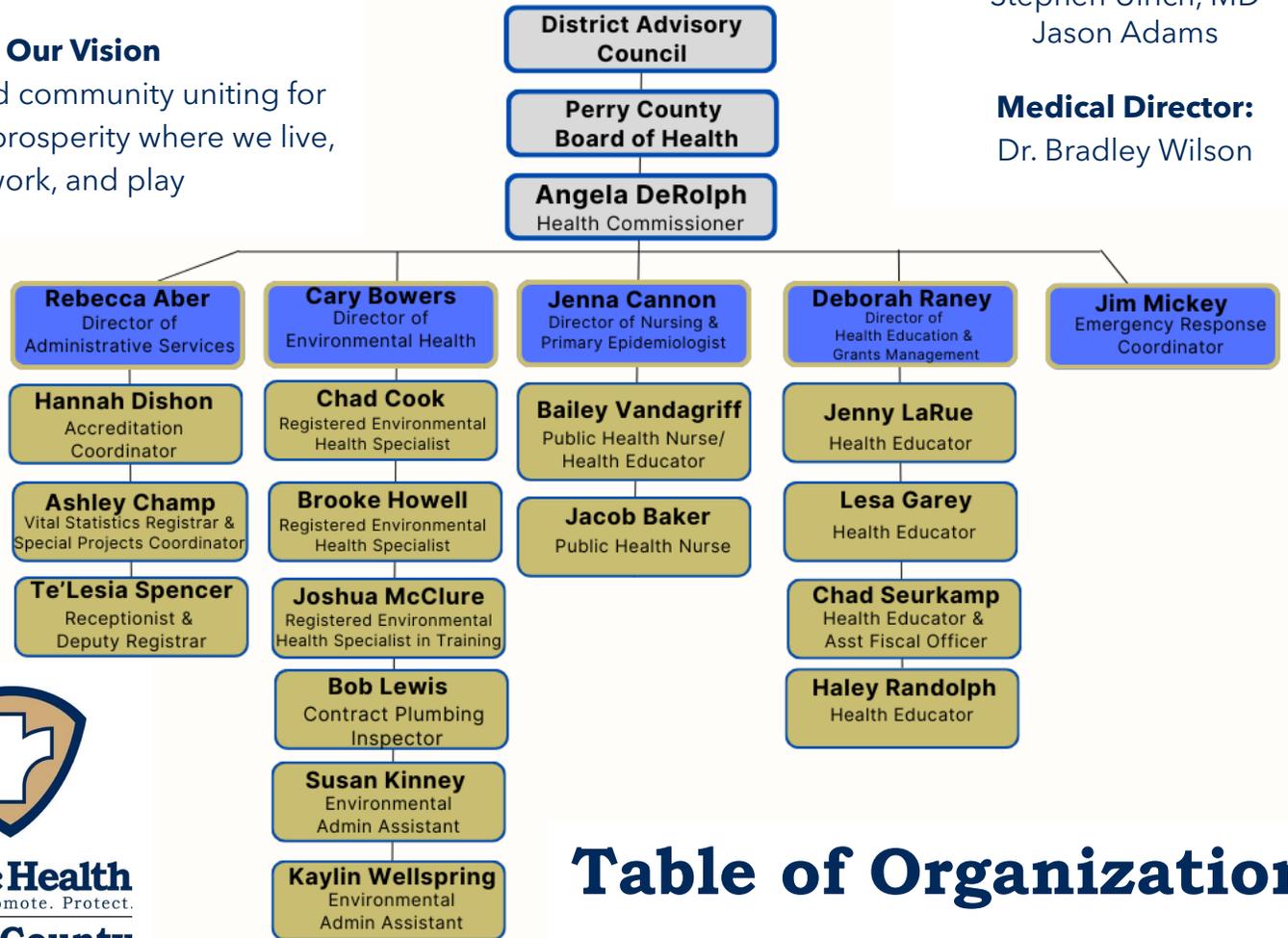
A motivated community uniting for health and prosperity where we live, work, and play

The Board of Health:

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Stephen Ulrich, MD
Jason Adams

Medical Director:

Dr. Bradley Wilson



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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, timeless, 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.

PCHD Staff working to keep you **healthy** where you **live**, **work**, and **play**



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