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Do you need a



Birth or Death Certificate?

Please visit Perry County Health Department
Administrative and Emergency Preparedness Divisions
at our new location:

2235 OH-13 New Lexington, OH 43764
(Previous PerCo Building)



We currently offer birth and death records, administration
and emergency preparedness services in this location.

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Welcome, Andrea Groves!



Andrea Groves has joined our staff at the Perry County Health Department as it's Vector Control Technician.

This part-time, temporary position in the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program will operate mosquito pesticide application equipment and trap mosquito's throughout the county to aid in the prevention of mosquito borne illnesses.



Need a mammogram?

The James Mobile Mammography unit of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) has been screening women for breast cancer since 1988. The unit crisscrosses Ohio, parking and setting up its mobile breast cancer screening practice at companies, county health offices, at festivals and many other places and events. The mobile unit will be at Perry County Health Department on July 16th. Call 740-342-5179 to set up an appointment.

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In April, PCHD staff participated in our annual professional development day while celebrating 30 years of National Public Health Week. Staff participated in team building exercises and received training on HIPAA, Ticks, Drone Usage, and Bringing Your "A-Game".

A special thanks to our presenters:

- * Jenna Cannon, Director of Nursing and Epidemiologist
- * Timothy McDermott DVM, Assistant Professor and Extension Educator, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University
- * Chad Cook, Registered Environmental Health Specialist
- * Lisa Russell, Senior Learning & Development Consultant, Kane Learning

Also a very special thanks to Rebecca Aber, Director of Administrative Services for organizing the PCHD Professional Development Day.

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Pictured from left to right: Brooke Howell, Ashley Champ and Hannah Dishon

**Congratulations to our Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belts:
Brooke Howell, Ashley Champ, and Hannah Dishon!**

These individuals have a working knowledge of the DMAIC model (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 within the health department.

Thank you to Brooke, Ashley, and Hannah and congratulations!

Rebecca Aber, Director of Administrative Services attended the LEHDS (Leadership Essentials for Health District Success) course in March sponsored by AOHC (Association of Ohio Health Commissioners). This training was created to provide Local Health Department employees with skill building techniques, networking and learning resources to better serve not only their fellow employees, but also to provide better service to their communities. A few of the topics that were presented at this training were Quality Improvement/Performance Management, Employee Engagement & Lifecycle, Workforce Development, Building Relationships with Ohio Legislators, and many other very important discussion points for Local Health Departments. All of these topics that were presented are in line with the process of our Reaccreditation adventure.

Many of the speakers at this training are highly respected Health Commissioners from all around Ohio. Their commitment to ensuring that the Workforce continues to gain experience and knowledge in Foundational Capabilities truly shows within the Agenda that was created.



The picture seen above shows a few of the attendees working on a Team Building activity. The purpose of the activity was to work together to lower the tubing without it touching the floor, with everyone on the team maintaining contact with the tubing. Like many of the projects and day to day activities that Local Health Department employees do, it takes a steady hand, trust in your team members and the knowledge of how to communicate to complete a task.

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Pictured: Josh McClure REHS, and Brooke Howell REHS

In April, PCHD Environmental Health Division staff attended the Southeastern Registered Environmental Health Special Soil Testing Training held in Hocking County. Our staff learned the soil history in our community, and how to detect any soil changes through accurate testing and reporting. Multiple speakers at the training provided expertise in reading test results, identifying different types of soil, and soil conditions in our area. Thank you to our Environmental staff for going the distance to stay on top of modernization of sciences in their field.

In April, PCHD's Child Injury Prevention grant held a distracted driving event at New Lexington High School. The event showcased our Fatal Vision Roadster Pedal Kart and our partnership with the New Lexington Police Department to create awareness of the dangers of driving distracted.



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The Perry County Health Department would like to thank the District Advisory Council (DAC) members that attended the DAC meeting held Wednesday March 12, 2025. The DAC meets annually in March as required by the Ohio Revised Code section 3709.03 and is made up of Perry County Township Trustees, Mayors, and County Commissioners. During the DAC meeting, members elect the DAC Chair and Secretary, make necessary appointments to the Board of Health, receive and consider the Perry County Health Department Annual Report or other special reports from the Board of Health, and make recommendations to the Board of Health and to the Health Department for the betterment of health within Perry County.

This year Chip Saxton, Pike Township Trustee was elected as the DAC Chair and Braxton Cannon, Clayton Township Trustee was elected as the DAC Secretary. During the meeting the DAC appointed Kyle Eveland as a Board of Health member, and he will serve a 5-year term. The DAC members also enjoyed staff presentations including a presentation on infectious diseases highlighting Avian Bird Flu (H5N1), Measles, and Lyme disease presented by Jenna Cannon, Director of Nursing and Epidemiologist. Deborah Raney, Director of Health Education and Grants Management, presented on health education and prevention, sharing how health education plays a crucial role in both disease and injury prevention while highlighting the services provided at the Health Department. Lastly, Cary Bowers, Director of Environmental Health, presented on the Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) Community Clean-up and Education Program, highlighting program accomplishments from 2024 and unveiling the new program guidelines for 2025. The 2026 DAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2026.

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Pictured: Chad Cook, REHS

A special thanks to Chad Cook, Registered Environmental Health Specialist who provided a demonstration and education on the newly acquired drone for The Perry County Health Department at our annual Professional Development Day held in April while celebrating 30 years of National Public Health Week.

Important Dates:

June 19th: Office closed - Juneteenth

July 4th: Office closed—Independence Day

July 14th - 19th: Perry County Fair

July 16th: James Cancer Center Mobile Mammography Van at PCHD

August 6th: Back to School Bash

Health Department Birthdays:

Lesa Garey, Health Educator—Jul 13th

Jake Baker, Public Health Nurse—Jul 19th

Chad Cook, Registered Environmental Health Specialist—Jul 25th

Haley Randolph, Health Educator—Jul 28th

Brooke Howell, Registered Environmental Health Specialist—Aug 4th

Ashley Champ, Registrar/Special Projects Coordinator—Aug 4th